

Paul R. Peterson – Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Minnesota - Twin Cities** 4/2015
Germanic Medieval Studies
Dissertation: Old Norse Nicknames
- M.A. University of Iceland** 10/2012
Medieval Icelandic Studies
Fellow of the Leifur Eiriksson Foundation (2011–12)
- M.A. University of Minnesota - Twin Cities** 5/2010
Germanic Medieval Studies
- B.A. University of Minnesota - Twin Cities** 8/2008
Scandinavian Studies

EMPLOYMENT

- Swedish Instructor** 9/2021 – present
American Swedish Institute
Courses taught:
Beginning Swedish, fall 2021, winter 2022
Continuing Beginning Swedish I, winter 2022, spring 2022
Continuing Beginning Swedish II, spring 2022
- Grant Writer** 1/2021 – present
North Hennepin Community College
Grant & technical writer for the college
- Director of Graduate School; Lecturer; Preceptor** 8/2017 – present
Signum University (Online)
Director of M.A. program since 4/2019
Courses taught:
Old Saxon: Heliand and Genesis (advanced preceptor), spring 2022
Beowulf in Old English (advanced preceptor), fall 2021
Introduction to Old English (preceptor), summer 2021
Introduction to Gothic (preceptor and guest lecturer), spring 2021
Eddic Poetry (advanced preceptor), fall 2018, fall 2020
Introduction to Old Norse (preceptor), summer 2018, summer 2020
Germanic Myths and Legends (lecturer and preceptor), fall 2019
Germanic Philology II (preceptor and guest lecturer), spring 2018, spring 2020
Germanic Philology I (preceptor and guest lecturer), fall 2017, fall 2019
- Lecturer and NASNTI Post-Doctoral Fellow** 8/2017 – 08-2019
University of Minnesota - Morris
Beowulf and Beyond: The Northern Heroic Tradition (HUM 2062)

Historical Linguistics (ANTH/HUM 3004)
History of German (GER 4101)
Norse Saga (HUM 1002)
Scandinavian Mythology (HUM 1005; taught online)
Swedish Language and Culture (HUM 1007)

Postdoctoral Research Scholar 8/2016 – 6/2017

University of Iowa

Graduate College, Office of Graduate Development: Funding and Career Advisor

Teaching Fellow in Scandinavian and German 8/2014 – 5/2016

Augustana College

Swedish: beginning Swedish (SCAN 101-103), intermediate Swedish (SCAN 211)

Scandinavian Studies: Old Norse Sagas (SCAN 330)

German: beginning German (GRMN 101-103)

Instructor, Pre-Doctoral Diversity Fellow 8/2013 – 7/2014

University of Minnesota - Morris

beginning German (GER 1001)

Norse Saga (HUM 1002)

Scandinavian Mythology (HUM 1055)

Instructor 1/2013 – 5/2013

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

beginning Swedish (SWED 1002)

Teaching Assistant 8/2012 – 12/2012

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

German Folklore (GER 3614)

Instructor 8/2008 – 5/2011

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

beginning Swedish (SWED 1001, 1002)

PUBLICATIONS

“Old Norse Nicknames: Origins and Terminology.” *Names* 67.2: 89-99. 2019.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/00277738.2018.1452886>

“An Annotated Edition and Translation of *The Older Law of Västergötland: The Rightless Code*.” *The Heroic Age* 18 (2018). <http://www.heroicage.org/issues/18/peterson.php>
Old Norse Nicknames. University of Minnesota Digital Conservancy. Minneapolis, MN. 273 pp.

2015. <http://conservancy.umn.edu/handle/11299/172669>

“An Old Problem in Etymology Revisited: The Origin of Germanic Nouns with the Suffix
-ster.” *Amsterdamer Beiträge zur älteren Germanistik* 70: 1-20. 2013.

“New Approaches in Saga Scholarship: A Case for Material Philology.” *Vellum. Tidsskrift om
Vikingtid og Middelalder* 7: 27-35. 2012.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

“Children of Men: Appositional Variation in Old Germanic Verse.” Texmoot: The 2nd Annual
North Texas Language & Literature Symposium, Waco, TX. 1/19/2019

- “*Með níðum skal land byggja*: Insulting Nicknames and the Law.” The 17th International Saga Conference, Reykjavík, Iceland. 8/7/2018.
- “Evidence of Language Contact in Old Norse Names.” The 53rd International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. 5/11/2018
- “The Downfall of Royal Houses in Germanic Heroic Legends.” TexMoot: The 1st Annual North Texas Language and Literature Symposium, Fort Worth, TX. 1/13/2018
- “Some Rare and Obscure Nicknames in *Landnámabók*.” The 16th International Saga Conference, Zürich, Switzerland. 8/12/2015
- “The History of Icelandic: Phonological and Other Motivations for Linguistic Change.” The 49th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. 5/9/2014
- “Old Norse Nicknames as Linguistic Evidence.” 2014 American Name Society Annual Conference (at the 88th Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America), Minneapolis, MN. 1/3/2014
- “The Roles of Old Norse Nicknames.” The 48th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. 5/10/2013
- “An Introduction to Old Norse Nicknames and What Makes Them Special.” The 4th Skeiron Synod, Minneapolis, MN. 4/5/2013
- “Old Norse Nicknames and their Narratives.” The 15th International Saga Conference, Aarhus, Denmark. 8/6/2012
- “Old Norse Nicknames: Beyond the Narrative.” The 47th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. 5/11/2012
- “Germanic Oaths: A Short Survey.” The 46th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. 5/15/2011
- “An Investigation of Oaths in *Beowulf* from a Pan Germanic Perspective.” The 2011 Skeiron Synod, Minneapolis, MN. 4/30/2011
- “Derivations of the Germanic Suffix *-ster*: Its Origin and Survival in Germanic Languages.” The 45th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. 5/14/2010
- “An Investigation of Pre-Christian Icelandic Custom and Belief in *Gísla saga*, *Egils saga*, and *Njáls saga*.” The 2010 Skeiron Synod, Minneapolis, MN. 3/26/2010

Invited Talks

- “Introduction to Swedish.” Scandinavian Hjemkomst and Midwest Viking Festival, Moorhead, MN. 6/22/2018 and 6/23/2018
- “My Academic Success Story.” Got Grit panel, University of Minnesota - Morris. 10/5/2017
- “How Historical is Sigrid Undset’s Novel *Kristin Lavransdatter*?” Global Gathering Norway, Bettendorf Public Library, IA. 09/15/2015 and 10/20/2015
- “The Bittersweet Relationship between Sweden and Norway.” Sons of Norway, Storelva Lodge, The Viking Club, Moline, IL. 4/20/2015
- “An Introduction to Iceland and Icelandic.” American Scandinavian Foundation *Lutfisk* Dinner, Rock Island, IL. 11/17/2014
- “An Introduction to Old Norse Nicknames.” Scandinavian Hjemkomst and Midwest Viking Festival, Moorhead, MN. 6/28/2014
- “Introduction to Icelandic.” World Languages Day, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. 5/20/2014
- “Why Would a Germanic Philologist Research Old Norse Nicknames?” University of Minnesota - Morris, Faculty Seminar Special Event. 4/9/2014

“Introduction to Icelandic.” World Languages Day, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.
5/21/2013

“Germanic Philology: What It Is and Why It Matters.” University of Minnesota - Morris, the
Department of German Studies Lecture Series. 2/6/2013

AWARDS

- 2018 International Travel Grant Award, Global Programs and Strategy Alliance, University of
Minnesota, \$1000
- 2018 Faculty Research Enhancement Fund, University of Minnesota - Morris, \$400
- 2015 NEH Seminar for College and University Teachers, The Materiality of Medieval
Manuscripts: Interpretation through Production, University of Iowa, \$3300
- 2013–14 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Diversity Pre-Doctoral Teaching
Fellowship at the University of Minnesota - Morris, \$22,500
- 2013 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, CLA Dissertation Research Grant to participate in
the 10th International Arnarnagnæan Summer School in Manuscript Studies,
Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2012 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, CLA Dissertation Travel Grant to present at The
15th International Saga Conference, Aarhus, Denmark
- 2012 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Nils and Patricia Hasselmo Fellowship in
Scandinavian Studies, spring semester, \$2500
- 2011–12 Leifur Eiríksson Foundation Fellowship for study at the University of Iceland,
\$25,000
- 2011 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Graduate Research Partnership Program (GRPP)
with Professor Anatoly Liberman, \$4500
- 2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship to Sweden: Uppsala
International Summer Session, advanced Swedish language study
- 2008–09 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Nils and Patricia Hasselmo Fellowship in
Scandinavian Studies, \$7000
- 2008 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, Summer Course in Modern Icelandic, GSD
department; Learning Abroad Center Scholarship
- 2008 University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, GSD department, Scandinavian Major Senior
Project Award, “An Annotated Edition of Old Swedish *Äldre Västgötalagen:
Rætløsaæ Bolkaer*”

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Signum University, faculty board member. 2018–present
- American Scandinavian Association at Augustana, board member. 2015–16
- University of Minnesota, Old Norse Reading Group. 2010, 2012
- University of Iceland, President of Kvasir, Association of Medieval Icelandic Studies. 2011–12
- University of Iceland, Old Norse Reading Group. 2011–12
- University of Minnesota, GSD Library Committee. 2010–11, 2012–13
- University of Minnesota, Old English Reading Group. 2010
- University of Minnesota, Medieval and Early Modern Research Group. 2009–2015

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Near-native speaker of Swedish and advanced proficiency in German
- Advanced proficiency in reading Norwegian, Danish, and Icelandic
- Advanced reading of Latin and all Old Germanic languages (Old Norse, Gothic, Old and Middle English, Old Saxon, Old Frisian, Old and Middle High German, and Middle Dutch, Middle Low German)

WORKSHOPS

- 2020 Summit on Teaching the Humanities (July 25th), online conference and workshop, led panel on Language, hosted by Signum University
- 2018 NACADA eTutorial: Theory & Practice of Advising, 3.5 weeks, certificate earned
- 2015 National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar for College and University Teachers, The Materiality of Medieval Manuscripts: Interpretation through Production, University of Iowa
- 2013 The Tenth International Summer School in Manuscript Studies, Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, Reykjavík, Iceland
Project: facsimile, diplomatic, and normalized XML transcription of two manuscript variations of 17th century *Egils rímur Skallagrímssonar*, a retelling of *Egils saga* by Jón Guðmundsson in the form of *rímur*
- 2012 The Ninth International Summer School in Manuscript Studies, Arnarnáttúrufræðingastofnun, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2011 The Eighth International Summer School in Manuscript Studies, Árni Magnússon Institute for Icelandic Studies, Reykjavík, Iceland

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Medieval Germanic Studies 8/2013–present
- The International Council of Onomastic Sciences 11/2010–present
- American Name Society 9/2010–present
- Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies (SASS) 9/2008–present