

Curriculum Vitae

Mathias Nordvig

Personal data

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Education

PhD.	Aarhus University, Denmark Scandinavian languages and literature. Old Norse mythology.	4/14 2014.
MA.	Aarhus University, Denmark Scandinavian languages and literature. Viking archaeology and history.	9/1 2011.
B.A.	Aarhus University, Denmark Scandinavian languages and literature. Viking studies.	1/29 2009.

Employment

Head of Nordic studies, Instructor.	University of Colorado-Boulder, USA Nordic program, GSLL.	8/17/2020–present.
Visiting assistant professor Interim head of Nordic studies: 2016–17.	University of Colorado-Boulder, USA Nordic program, GSLL.	8/17/2015–7/31/2020.
Project manager	Lemvig City Hall, Denmark Office of municipal development.	9/1 2014–6/30 2015.
Adjunct teacher	Lemvig High School, Denmark Danish language and literature.	8/5 2014–1/7 2015.
Project assistant	Lemvig City Hall, Denmark Office of municipal development.	6/10 2014–7/7 2014.

Instructor	Aarhus University, Denmark The Viking Mythology and Religion Summer School.	9/1 2013–8/31 2014.
Lecturer	Nørre Nisum Senior Education Center (Seniorfolkehøjskole, Denmark).	10/3 2014–5/5 2014.
Serial lecturer Courses and single lectures.	Aarhus Open University (Aarhus Folkeuniversitet, Denmark)	2010–2015. (Recurring)

Consultation

Academic liaison	Wardruna (band)	2020.
Academic liaison	NEBALA (band)	2019–2020.
Academic liaison	Fire in the Mountains (festival, Wyoming)	2019–2020.
Academic consultant	“Luna and the World,” PBS USA	2/7–2/12 2019.
Academic consultant	The Canadian Armed Forces	2018.
Academic consultant	Denver Museum of Nature and Science	1/28 2016–3/1 2016.
Ghost writer	Lindhardt & Ringhof publishers	10/1 2013–11/1 2013.

Grants and other funding

2020:	c. \$13,500 in online teaching and summer school grants, University of Colorado-Boulder.
2019:	c. \$19,000 in online teaching, course development, summer school, and incentive grants, University of Colorado-Boulder.
2018:	c. \$19,000 in online teaching, course development, summer school, and incentive grants, University of Colorado-Boulder.
2017:	c. \$7,000 in summer school grants, University of Colorado-Boulder.
2016:	c. \$8,000 in summer school grants, University of Colorado-Boulder.
2015:	c. \$7,500 for tourist event development, Lemvig City Hall, Denmark.
2013:	c. \$2,000 special travel grant, Dept. of Scandinavian languages and literature, Aarhus University, Denmark.

Peer-reviewed monographs, articles, and book chapters

- “Aggressive Masculinity and Environment in the Icelandic *Landnám*.” In *Limes. Studies and materials from the history of middle-east Europe: Grettis Little Sword. Constructing Masculinity in Old Norse Culture*, Remigiusz Gorgosz and Ásdís Egilsdóttir (eds.). Rzeszów: University of Rzeszów Press. Pp: -- (forthcoming) / Nordvig, Mathias, 2021.
- “Myrkur as Mother North: Feminist Digressions in Black Metal Culture.” In *Digressions*, Morten Nielsen (ed.). Aarhus: Aarhus University Press. Pp: -- (forthcoming). / Nordvig, Mathias, 2021.
- *Myth and Environment in Early Iceland*. Leeds: Arc Humanities Press. (currently Covid suppressed) / Nordvig, Mathias, 2020.
- “Chapter 37: Cosmogony.” In *Pre-Christian Religions of the North. Histories and Structures*, Anders Andrén, Jens Peter Schjødt, and John Lindow (eds.). Turnhout: Brepols. Pp: 989–1000. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2020.
- “Chapter 38: Cosmology.” In *Pre-Christian Religions of the North. Histories and Structures*, Anders Andrén, Jens Peter Schjødt, and John Lindow (eds.). Turnhout: Brepols. Pp: 1001–1016. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2020.
- “Katla the Volcanic Witch: A Medieval Icelandic Recipe for Survival.” In *American/Medieval Goes North: Earth and Water in Transit*, Gillian R. Overing and Ulrike Weithaus (eds.). Göttingen: V&R Unipress. Pp: 67–86. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2019.
- “Nature and Mythology.” In *Handbook of Old Norse Memory Studies: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, Pernille Hermann, Stephen A. Mitchell, and Jürg Glauser (eds.). Berlin: De Gruyter. Pp: 539–548. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2018.
- “Neo-paganism.” In *Handbook of Pre-Modern Memory Studies: Interdisciplinary Approaches*, Pernille Hermann, Stephen A. Mitchell, and Jürg Glauser (eds.). Berlin: De Gruyter. Pp: 728–733. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2018.
- “Are There Echoes of the AD 536 Event in the Viking Ragnarok Myth? A Critical Appraisal.” In *Environment and History*, 24,3. Pp: 303–324. / Nordvig, Mathias and Riede, Felix, 2018.
- “Creation from Fire in Snorri’s Edda. The Tenets of a Vernacular Theory of Geothermal Activity in Old Norse Myth.” In *Old Norse Mythology in Comparative Perspectives*,

Pernille Hermann, Stephen A. Mitchell, and Jens Peter Schjødt, with Amber Rose (eds.). Cambridge Massachusetts and London: The Milman Parry Collection on Oral Literature, Harvard university. Harvard University Press. Pp: 269–289. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2017.

- “Learning from the Past – Teaching Past Climate Change and Catastrophes as Windows onto Vulnerability and Resilience.” In *Teaching Climate Change in the Humanities*, Stephen Siperstein, Stephanie Lemenager, and Shane Hall (eds.). New York: Routledge. Pp: 126–135. / Riede, Felix, Nordvig, Mathias, et al., 2016.
- “At fange havets ånd. Økoviden i den nordiske mytologi.” In *Chaos. Skandinavisk tidsskrift for religionshistoriske studier*, 64. Pp: 77–98. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2016.
- “What Happens When ‘Hider’ and ‘Screamer’ Go Sailing with ‘Noisy’? Geomythological Traces in Old Icelandic Mythology.” In *Past Vulnerability. Volcanic Eruptions and Human Vulnerability in Traditional Societies Past and Present*, Felix Riede (ed.). Aarhus: Aarhus University Press. Pp: 75–88. / Nordvig, A. Mathias Valentin, 2015.
- “Skjaldemjødens betydning i den oldnordiske kulturkreds. Belyst i to litterære fremstillinger fra middelalderens Island.” In *Drikkekultur i middelalderen*, Kasper H. Andersen and Stefan Pajung (eds.). Aarhus: Aarhus University Press. Pp: 27–48. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2014.
- “A Method for Analyzing World-Models in Scandinavian Mythology.” In *Approaching Methodologies, 2nd Revised Edition with Introduction by Ulrike Wolf-Knuts*, Frog and Pauliina Latvala with Helen F. Leslie (eds.). Sastamala: Annales Academiae Scientiarum Fennicae. Pp: 377–398. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2013.
- “A Method for Analyzing World-Models in Scandinavian Mythology.” In *RMN Newsletter. Special Issue: Approaching Methodologies no. 4, May 2012*. Helsinki: University of Helsinki. Pp: 196–208. Nordvig, Mathias, 2012.

Book reviews and service as editor

- “Norse Greenland: Viking Peasants in the Arctic by Arnved Nedkvitne.” In *Scandinavian Studies* 92, no. 4, 2020: Pp. 543–46. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2020.
- *The International Saga Conference. Sagas and the Use of the Past. 5th-11th August 2012. Aarhus University. Preprint Abstracts*. Aarhus: Department of Aesthetics and Communication, and Department of Culture and Society, Aarhus University. / Nordvig,

Mathias, and Torfing, Lisbeth H., with Pernille Hermann, Jens Peter Schjødt, and Ulla Loumann (eds.), 2012.

- *RMN Newsletter 3*, December 2011. Helsinki: University of Helsinki. / Frog, Leslie, Helen F., and Nordvig, Mathias (eds.), 2011.
- *RMN Newsletter 2*, May 2011. Helsinki: University of Helsinki. / Frog, Leslie, Helen F., and Nordvig, Mathias (eds.), 2011.
- *RMN Newsletter 1*, December 2010. Helsinki: University of Helsinki. / Frog, Leslie, Helen F., and Nordvig, Mathias (eds.), 2010.

Service as peer reviewer

- *Chaos. Skandinavisk tidsskrift for religionshistoriske studier.*
- *Religions. Open Access Journal. MDPI publishing.*
- *SCAN-CAN Journal.*

Non-peer reviewed books, non-academic books, and other publications

- *Ásatrú for beginners.* Berkeley: Rockridge Press. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2020.
- *Norse Mythology for kids: Tales of Fearless Gods, Mighty Goddesses, Monstrous Creatures & Legendary Quests.* Berkeley: Rockridge Press. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2020.
- “Klimakrisen kalder: kan elver, trolde, havfruer og nisser være en del af løsningen?” In *Politiken*, 8/31 2018. Op-ed. / Hjarnø Rasmussen, Rune, Herbener, Jens-André P., and Weber Pedersen, Benjamin, Nordvig, Mathias, 2018.
- “Højrefløjens skærpede blik for de nordiske guder.” In *Information*, 6/18 2016. Op-ed. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2016.
- “Vestjyden der råbte: ulven er kommet.” In *Jyllandsposten*, 4/27 2013. Op-ed. / Nordvig, Mathias, 2013.

Teaching portfolio

University of Colorado-Boulder, USA.

Fall 2020

- Vikings SCAN 2202-010, online.
- Old Norse Mythology SCAN 3202-001, synchronous remote.
- Old Norse Mythology SCAN 3202-002, synchronous remote.

Summer 2020

- Vikings SCAN 2202-001, online.
- Medieval Icelandic Sagas SCAN 3204-001, online.

Spring 2020

- Vikings SCAN 2202-001.
- Arctic Culture and Society SCAN/IAFS 3631-001.
- Intermediate Danish II DANE 2020.

Fall 2019

- Vikings SCAN 2202-001.
- Medieval Icelandic Sagas. SCAN 3204-001.
- Intermediate Danish I DANE 2010.

Summer 2019

- Vikings SCAN 2202-001, online.
- Medieval Icelandic Sagas SCAN 3204-001, online.

Spring 2019

- Vikings SCAN 2202-001.
- Arctic culture and Society SCAN/IAFS 3631.
- Danish beginner II DANE 1020.

Fall 2018

- Vikings SCAN 2202-001.
- Vikings SCAN 2202-002.
- Danish beginner I DANE 1010.

Summer 2018

- Vikings SCAN 2202-001.
- Medieval Icelandic Sagas. SCAN 3204-001, online.

Spring 2018

- Arctic Culture and Society SCAN/IAFS 3631.
- 19th and 20th Century Nordic Literature SCAN 3202.
- Danish Intermediate II DANE 2020.

Fall 2017

- Old Norse Mythology SCAN 3202-001.
- Old Norse Mythology SCAN 3202-002.
- Danish Intermediate I DANE 2010.

Summer 2017

- The Vikings SCAN 2202-001.
- Old Norse Mythology SCAN 3202-001.

Spring 2017

- Nordic Folk Narrative SCAN 3205-001.
- Arctic Culture and Society SCAN 3631/IAFS 3631.
- Danish beginner II DANE 1020.

Fall 2016

- The Vikings SCAN 2202-010.
- Introduction to Modern Nordic Culture and society SCAN 2201-001.
- Danish beginner I DANE 1010.
- Independent study: Tolkien's use of Nordic Sources SCAN 4000.

Summer 2016

- The Vikings SCAN 2202-001.

Spring 2016

- Introduction to Modern Nordic Culture and SCAN 2201-001.
- Tolkien's Nordic Sources SCAN 1202-001.
- Tolkien's Nordic Sources SCAN 1202-002.
- Independent study: Remediated Nordic Literature in the 20th Century SCAN 3000.

Fall 2015

- 19th and 20th Century Scandinavian Literature SCAN 3203-001.
- Introduction to Modern Nordic Culture and Society SCAN 2201-001.

Supervision at University of Colorado-Boulder

- PhD comprehensive exam, Dept. of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures, CU Boulder. Defendant: Taylor Budde, 4/14 2020.
- MA. Thesis (committee chair), Dept. of Germanic and Slavic Languages and Literatures, CU Boulder. Defendant: Taylor Budde, 4/15 2018.
- MA. Thesis, Dept. of English, CU Boulder. Defendant: Aaron Hull, 5/5 2016.
- Teaching assistant supervision in Vikings SCAN 2202, Fall 2020.
- Teaching Assistant supervision Vikings SCAN 2202, Fall 2016.

Aarhus University, Denmark.

Fall 2014

- Catastrophes and Cultures, Dept. of Archaeology.

Summer 2014

- Viking Mythology and Religion, Dept. of Aesthetics and Communication.

Spring 2011

- Old Norse Myths in Medieval and Modern Times, Dept. Scandinavian Studies.

Individual lectures, guest lectures

- The Viking Summer School, Aarhus University, 2013.
- Old Norse Summer School, Aarhus University, 2012.
- Old Norse Myths in Medieval and Modern Times, Aarhus University, 2009–2013.
- Harvard Viking Summer School, Aarhus University/Harvard, 2012.

Lemvig High School (Lemvig Gymnasium), Denmark.

Spring 2015

- 2 classes in Danish Language and Literature.
- 1 class in Danish Language and Literature (business line).

Fall 2014

- 2 classes in Danish Language and Literature.
- 1 class in Danish Language and Literature (business line).

Conference papers, seminars, invited lectures

- 9/30 2020: *The Cultural History of Greenland: Why It Matters to Modern Geopolitics*. National Snow and Ice Data Center: Cryospheric and Polar Processes Seminar. University of Colorado-Boulder, Boulder CO, USA.
- 6/4 2019: *The Viking as a White Male Patriarch in Contemporary Media*. Association for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies in Canada: Annual Conference 2019. University of British Columbia, Vancouver BC, Canada.
- 3/8 2019: *The Ásatrú Folk Assembly and Their Racial Ideology*. Vikings and White Nationalism in the Classroom Workshop. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana IL, USA.
- 8/17 2018: *Assholes in the Íslendingasögur*. The 17th International Saga Conference. University of Iceland, Reykjavík Iceland.
- 3/29 2018: *Mother North: Scandinavian Black Metal in the Globalized World*. Scandinavian Smorgasbord Series. University of Texas, Austin TX, USA.
- 10/30 2016: *Paganism Past and Ideas of Authenticity*. The Old Norse Mythology Conference: Paganism Past. University of California, Berkeley CA, USA.
- 4/29 2016: *The Rise of Neo-nationalism in Danish Ásatrú*. Society for the Advancement of Scandinavian Studies: Annual Meeting 2016. New Orleans LA, USA.
- 11/14 2014: *Knowledge of Volcanic Eruptions in Old Norse Myths: The Case of Þórr's Duel with Hrungrnir*. The Old Norse Mythology Conference: Myth and Knowledge. Aarhus University, Aarhus Denmark.
- 6/6 2014: *The Cultural Memory of Disasters: Þórr and Hrungrnir's Duel in Snorri's Edda*. Cultural Memory in Old Norse Literature and Society Seminar. University of South-Eastern Norway, Borre Norway.
- 5/24 2014: *Om verdens skabelse og laksens flugt: økoviden i den nordiske mytologi*. Chaos Symposium. University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen Denmark.

- 11/2 2013: *A Hot Topic: Volcanoes in Old Norse Mythology*. The Old Norse Mythology Conference: Old Norse Mythology in Comparative Contexts. Harvard University, Boston MA, USA.
- 10/24 2013: *What Happens When Fjalarr and Galarr Go Sailing with Gillingr?* Strengleikar Seminar. University of Iceland, Reykjavík Iceland.
- 1/15 2013: *Conceptions of Volcanoes and Geological Phenomena in Medieval Iceland*. Past Vulnerability Conference. Aarhus University, Aarhus Denmark.
- 7/8 2012: *En Route to Giantland: The Structure of Gods' Journeys in Scandinavian Mythology*. The 15th International Saga Conference. Aarhus University, Aarhus Denmark.
- 5/30 2012: *Vulkaner i islandsk middelalderlitteratur*. Laboratory for Past Disaster Studies Seminar. Aarhus University, Aarhus Denmark.
- 12/8 2011: *Tjazi og heksen*. Center for Viking Age and Medieval Research Seminar. Aarhus university, Aarhus Denmark.
- 5/10 2011: *Guddommeligg drik*. Center for Viking Age and Medieval Research Seminar. Aarhus university, Aarhus Denmark.
- 12/13 2010: *Odin: gud eller uhyre?* Center for Viking Age and Medieval Research Seminar. Aarhus university, Aarhus Denmark.
- 8/11 2010: *Old Norse Cosmology in Poetry and Prose*. Nordic Center for Medieval Studies Seminar. University of Bergen, Bergen Norway.

Organizational leadership

Board member	The representation of Danish language teachers abroad, The Danish ministry of education and science.	8/8 2016–7/31 2020.
Board member	CU steering committee for UArctic	5/1 2018–1/15 2019.
Board member	The cooperative board at the Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University, Denmark.	3/1 2012–9/25 2013.

Board member	The cooperative board at the Department of Aesthetics and Communication, Aarhus University, Denmark.	3/1 2012–9/25 2013.
Board member	The PhD network at the Faculty of Arts, Aarhus University, Denmark.	3/1 2012–9/25 2013.
Board member	Center for Viking Age and Medieval Research, Aarhus University, Denmark. Alternate: 9/1 2011–1/31 2012.	2/1–2011–9/1 2011.
Junior organizer	The 15 th International Saga Conference, Aarhus University, Denmark.	9/1 2011–8/11 2012.

Affiliations

- National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC), University of Colorado-Boulder, USA.
- Environmental Humanities Collaborative, multiple universities.
- Center for Environmental Humanities, Aarhus University, Denmark.
- The Network for examining white nationalism in Old Norse studies classrooms, multiple universities.

Media

Podcast	The Nordic Mythology Podcast (available on all major channels).	
YouTube	The Nordic Mythology Channel (under Mathias Nordvig) and The Nordic Mythology Podcast.	
Facebook page	The Nordic Mythology Channel.	
Instagram	Mathias Nordvig	

Personal Facebook and LinkedIn: Mathias Nordvig.

Online learning environments and platforms:

Mass Open Online Course (MOOC) with Coursera: Old Norse Mythology course.

Online courses on Canvas since 2018.

Interviews

- Weird Web Radio Podcast, “Dr. Mathias Nordvig Talking Heathenism and Norse Mythology,” 9/16 2020.
- Around Grandfather Fire Podcast, “3 Heathens and a Bus,” 9/9 2020.

- Newsweek, “Powerful Male Vikings Were Buried with Their Powerful Male Horses,” 1/7 2019.
- The History of the Vikings Podcast with Noah Tetzner, “Yule, the Norse Winter Holiday,” 12/6 2019.
- Politipeeps, “Greenland, Colonization, and Crisis: A Conversation with Aka Niviâna,” 11/11 2019.
- Politipeeps, “The Greenland Icesheet is Melting,” 9/24 2019.
- Politipeeps, “Which Genre of Music is Most Libertarian?” 9/4 2019.
- The History of the Vikings Podcast with Noah Tetzner, “Old Norse Death Poetry,” 7/10 2019.
- The History of the Vikings Podcast with Noah Tetzner, “Viking Age Iceland,” 1/7 2019.
- The History of the Vikings Podcast with Noah Tetzner, “The Sagas of Icelanders: Migration to a New World,” 8/31 2018.
- Umgås Magazine, “Studying the Nordic Culture in College,” 5/20 2016.
- Science Nordic, “Were the Vikings Scared of Volcanoes?” 6/13 2014.

Events

Organizer of speaking event with Einar Selvik from Wardruna at The Music Theater, CU Boulder, 9/23 2018.

Languages and countries

Danish	native.
Norwegian	near-native (nynorsk and bokmål).
English	fluent.
Swedish	high proficiency.
German	conversational.
Icelandic	basic conversational.

Academic proficiency in Old Norse, Old Nordic, Rune-Nordic, Old Saxon, Old High German, Gothic, Anglo-Saxon, Gutnish, Latin.

Lived in Denmark, Greenland, Iceland, USA.

Other skills and activities

Volunteer recruit at the Nederland Fire Department, Nederland, Colorado, USA, since 10/1 2020.