

2017 ISA Election Candidate biographies

For President:

Olivia Noble Gunn is Assistant Professor of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Washington. Her research areas include Norwegian literature and culture, comparative literature and performance studies, feminism and queer theory. She has published articles on Ibsen in *Ibsen Studies* and *Modern Drama*. Her current book project addresses reproduction in Ibsen's late plays, especially through nursery space and the figure of the child. She served as ISA's Graduate Representative from 2011 through 2013.

For Vice-President:

Dean Krouk is Assistant Professor of Scandinavian Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he teaches Nordic literature and history, including a course on Ibsen. His research focuses on modern and contemporary Norwegian literature. He is the author of *Fascism and Modernist Literature in Norway* (University of Washington Press, 2017), and has also published an article about the Austrian novelist Thomas Bernhard's use of *The Wild Duck*. He has served as Member-At-Large for one term.

For Treasurer:

Gergana May is Senior Lecturer in Germanic Studies and directs the Norwegian Program at Indiana University – Bloomington, IN. She teaches all levels of Norwegian language, as well as courses on various topics of Scandinavian Literature and Culture, including *Ibsen and Strindberg*, *The Multicultural North*, *The Modern Breakthrough*, etc. Her dissertation dealt with Ibsen's oeuvre as illuminated by French post-Hegelian theoretical thought. She has translated several of Ibsen's and Jon Fosse's plays into Bulgarian, written reviews of theatre productions and books, and has worked as script consultant on an independent feature film based on *Hedda Gabler*. Gergana has previously served as Graduate Student representative on the ISA Council and just concluded serving her first term as Treasurer for the ISA.

For Secretary:

Maren A. Johnson is Assistant Professor of Nordic Studies at Luther College. Her research interests include contemporary Norwegian literature, cultural studies, and the genius theory and Henrik Ibsen. Her 2014 dissertation for the University of Washington was titled "Staging the Genius: Henrik Ibsen and Biographical Theater." The article "Jon Fosse's Suzannah: Illuminating Henrik Ibsen's Genius Partner," appeared in *Scandinavian Studies* that same year. This will be her first term serving the ISA.

For Member-At-Large:

Benjamin Bigelow, currently a doctoral candidate at University of California, Berkeley, has been appointed as Assistant Professor of Scandinavian Studies at University of Minnesota, Twin Cities starting in August 2017. His research focuses on the intersections between literature, media studies, visual culture, and intellectual history in nineteenth- and twentieth-century Scandinavia. Besides his dissertation on vitalism in Norwegian literature in the 1890s, he has also authored articles on Danish and Norwegian film history. This would be his first term as Member-At-Large.

For Member-At-Large:

Arne Lunde is Associate Professor of Scandinavian and Cinema and Media Studies at UCLA. He teaches courses on Scandinavian cinema and literature, including classes on Ibsen, Hamsun, and the Modern Breakthrough. At prior Ibsen International Conferences, he has presented papers on the films of Ibsen's grandson Tancred Ibsen, as well as "Don't Go in the Water: How *An Enemy of the People* Turned into *Jaws*." He most recently served one term as VP of the ISA and two terms as Treasurer before that. This would be his first term as Member-at-Large.

For Member-At-Large:

Mark B. Sandberg is Professor of Scandinavian and Film & Media at the University of California, Berkeley. His research ranges over topics in Ibsen studies, Norwegian literature, silent film history, and contemporary television. He is the author of *Ibsen's Houses: Architectural Metaphor and the Modern Uncanny* (Cambridge University Press, 2015) and numerous other articles on Ibsen. He has served as ISA President in the most recent two terms; this would be his first term as Member-At-Large.
