

“Nordic Whiteness
Export of and Assimilation into the Ideal in a Comparative Historical
Perspective”

Organizers: National Library of Norway and the Norwegian-American
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Venue: National Library of Norway, Oslo

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08.00 am -08.30 am Registration/ Coffee

08.30 am - 09.00 am Welcome

- Deputy of the Department for Research and Dissemination, the National Library of Norway Hege Stensrud Høsøien
- NAHA-Norge chair Nils Olav Østrem

- Introduction by Jana Sverdljuk, Archives Curator, the National Library, Oslo & Terje M. Hasle Joranger, Lecturer, University of Oslo and Østfold University College

PART I: Integration of Migrants from the Nordic Countries in the USA in the 19th and 20th Centuries¹

09.00 am-11:00 am: Part I Session 1:

White Identity in a Diverse Society

Moderator: Hans Petter Grav

¹ Each presentation lasts for 20 minutes followed by 10 minutes of questions from the participants. Consequently, each presenter has 30 minutes at his or her disposal.

Allyson Hobbs, Stanford University, History Department, USA: “A Chosen Exile: A History of Racial Passing in American Life”

Betty A. Bergland, University of Wisconsin-River Falls, USA: “Dispossession, Possession and Whiteness: Indigenous Peoples and Norwegian Immigrants in the Upper Midwest”

Terje Mikael Hasle Joranger, Oslo University, Norway: “Migration, Regionalism and the Ethnic Other”

Lunch 11 am – 12 noon

Part I Session 2: 12 noon – 1:30 pm

Export of Whiteness? Nordic Migrants in the American Matrix

Moderator: Terje M. Hasle Joranger

Odd Lovoll, Saint Olaf College, Minnesota, USA: “In the American Matrix. Norwegians in Chicago in the Nineteenth Century”

Aleksi Huhta, University of Turku, Finland: “Appropriation, Rejection, and Indifference: Finnish Migrant Responses to “Whiteness” as an Identification Category in the Early-Twentieth-Century United States”

Hans Petter Grav, Washington State University, Vancouver

“Our Chiefest Pride and Glory: Citizenship, Race, and Whiteness among Second-Generation Norwegian Americans in Seattle, 1900-45”

1.30 pm-2.00 pm Coffee Break

PART II Contemporary Migration and Integration in the Nordic Countries

2.00 pm-3.30 pm Part II Session 1:

Nordic Whiteness, Citizenship and Migration in National Contexts

Moderator: Jana Sverdljuk

Tobias Hubinette, Sweden “Nordic whiteness at play in a contemporary Swedish context”

Stine Helene Bang Svendsen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway: “Nordic Whiteness as Property? Racial Entitlement and the Norwegian Oil Economy”

Aino Saarinen, Aleksanteri Institute, for Russian and Eastern European Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland: “AGAINST ROMANOPHOBIA AND RACISM, FOR DIVERSITY AND EQUALITY: a new social movement in Finland”

3.30-4.00 pm Coffee Break

4 pm-5 pm: Part II Session 2:

Whiteness, Race and Gender

Moderator: Stine Helene Bang Svendsen

Linda Lund Pedersen, Aalborg University, Denmark: “Danish Citizenship, Racial Normativity, and Family Migration”

Jana Sverdljuk, National Library of Norway: “Political and professional discourses on inclusion in Norway: gender, cultural difference and whitewashing the nation”

5 pm – 5:30 pm: Conclusion

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