

Curriculum vitae with track record

Personal information

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Education

Year	Faculty/department - University/institution - Country
2019	Ph.D. Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver, USA
2014	M.Phil. Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo, NO
2012	B.Sc. Faculty of Life Sciences and Environmental Sciences, University of Iceland, IS

Positions - current and previous

Year	Job title – Employer - Country
2025-	Researcher, PhD – RURALIS Institute for Rural and Regional Research – Norway
2021-	Senior Researcher – Nordland Research Institute - Norway
2019-2021	Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
2018	Guest Researcher, Centre for Development and the Environment, University of Oslo, NO
2008-2012	Tour Operations & Logistics, Icelandic Mountain Guides, Reykjavík, IS

Project management experience

Year	Project owner - Project - Role - Funder
2025-2028	Nordland Research Institute – Urgency and pressures in critical mineral extraction – Potentials and pitfalls for just mining in Norway – Project Leader – Norwegian Research Council (Grant no. 358475)
2023-2026	Rare Earths Norway AS – REEsilience – Sustainable production of Rare Earth Elements and other products from the Fen Carbonite Complex – Researcher – Norwegian Research Council

Experience from international research projects.

Year	Project owner - Project - Role - Funder
2024–2025	Kapasitetsløft for bærekraftig besøksforvaltning i Vesterålen. Prosjekteier: Andøy kommune – Regionalt forskningsfond Nordland
2021-2024	Nordland Research Institute – Sustainable Tourism in Svalbard: A Balancing Act – Researcher – Norwegian Research Council
2021-2024	University of Bremen – The future of Arctic coastal ecosystems – Identifying transitions in fjord systems and adjacent coastal areas (FACE-IT) – Researcher – European Union Horizon 2020
2021-2024	Tourism Risks – TourRISK – A resilient low-carbon, high-yield tourism model for Norway – Researcher – Norwegian Research Council
2021-2023	Delft University of Technology – Enabling Positive Tipping Points towards clean-energy transitions in Coal and Carbon Intensive Regions (TIPPING+) – Researcher – European Union Horizon 2020
2019-2021	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Contesting Carbon Democracy: The politics of the Dakota Access Pipeline – Postdoctoral Research Associate – USDA Hatch Grant

Other relevant professional experiences

Year	Description - Role
2022-2023	The Norwegian Scientific Academy for Polar Research Summer School planning committee member
2020-2023	Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG), board member (2020-2023)
2018-2023	Censor/Examiner, master theses Centre for Development and the Environment at the University of Oslo .
2015-2017	Latin American Specialty Group (LASG) of the American Association of Geographers, Graduate Student Director (2015-2017)

Teaching experience

Year	Name of institution/country
2019	Illicit Markets (Graduate Teaching Assistant). Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. Upper-level undergraduate course. Main responsibilities included: creating assignments, quizzes and grading rubrics; grading of assignments, classroom management; office hours and assisting students as needed.
2018	Environmental Conflicts & Natural Resource Extraction in the Global South. Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver. Upper-level undergraduate seminar. Full responsibility for curriculum development and teaching.
2014-2017	People, Places and Landscapes (Graduate Teaching Assistant). Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Denver. Entry-level undergraduate course. Main responsibilities included: creating assignments, quizzes and grading rubrics; grading of assignments, classroom management; office hours and assisting students as needed.

Fellowships, awards, and prizes

Year	Name of institution/country
2021	Norwegian Research Council, KLIMAFORSK programme, Funding for Research Stay in Norway for Visiting Researchers (NOK 428 000), Project No. 322965: The Rural dimensions of energy transitions in the Global North
2019	Dr Robert D. Rudd Memorial Award for Outstanding Graduate Student, University of Denver
2015-2018	Laurence C. Herold Memorial Fund in support of field research in Geography, University of Denver (\$3750 USD)
2017	University of Denver Graduate Studies Spring Dissertation Fellowship (\$1500 USD)
2014-2015	University of Denver Graduate Studies Doctoral Fellowship (\$4500 USD)
2013-2014	The Norwegian Association for Development Studies Master thesis award (\$650 USD)

Track record

Peer reviewed publications

Aguilar-Støen, M., & **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.** (2024). Punching above their weight: Opposition to mining and Xinka politics in Guatemala. *Geoforum*, 148, 103661. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2022.11.003>

Dannevig, H., Søreide, J. E., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.**, Olsen, J., Hovelsrud, G. K., Rusdal, T., & Dale, R. F. (2023). Coping with rapid and cascading changes in Svalbard: The case of nature-based tourism in Svalbard. *Frontiers in Human Dynamics*, 5, 1178264. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3389/fhumd.2023.1178264>

Johnson, M. F., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.**, & Guske, E. L. (2021). The Dakota Access Pipeline in Illinois: Participation, power, and institutional design in United States critical energy infrastructure governance. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 73, 101908. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2021.101908>

LaVanchy, T., Taylor, M., Alvarado, N. A., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.**, & Aguilar-Støen, M. (2020). *Tourism in Post-revolutionary Nicaragua: Struggles over Land, Water, and Fish*. (SpringerBriefs in Latin American Studies). Springer International Publishing. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-55632-7>

Lebel, J., **A.G. Sveinsdóttir**, B. P. Kaltenborn, and G. K. Hovelsrud. 2025. Advancing Sustainable Tourism in Svalbard by Assessing and Prioritizing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). *Sustainable Development* 1–31. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1002/sd.70282>.

Løseth, K., Dannevig, H., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.**, Hovelsrud, G. K., Schlegel, R., & Descamps, S. (2025). Putting brakes on Expedition Cruise Tourism in Svalbard: exercising power at the expense of legitimacy? *Polar Geography*, 1–24. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/1088937X.2025.2506374>

Sareen, S., Girard, B., Lindkvist, M., **Sveinsdóttir, A.**, Kristiansen, S., Laterza, V., Aguilar-Støen, M., & Langhelle, O. (2023). Enabling a just energy transition through solidarity in research. *Energy Research & Social Science*, 101, 103143. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.erss.2023.103143>

Sveinsdóttir, A.G., Ren, C.B., Olsen, J., Hovelsrud, G., Dannevig, H., Bjørst, L.R., & Dale, R.F. (2025) Navigating a changing Arctic: Toward adaptive governance in Greenland and Svalbard. *Tourism Geographies*. DOI: 10.1080/14616688.2025.2515098

- Sveinsdóttir, A.G.** and Aguilar-Støen, M. and Bull, B. (2021). Resistance, repression, and elite dynamics: Unpacking violence in the Guatemalan mining sector. *Geoforum*, 118, 117-129. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2020.12.011>
- Sveinsdóttir, A. G., & Dale, B.** (2024). Realizing Alternative Energy Futures: From the Promise of a Petroleum Future to Imagining Lofoten as the Green Islands. In *Positive Tipping Points Towards Sustainability: Understanding the Conditions and Strategies for Fast Decarbonization in Regions* (pp. 169-191). Cham: Springer International Publishing. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-50762-5_9
- Sveinsdóttir, A.G.** and Johnson, M.F. (2022). Doubling down on DAPL: the contentious politics of pipeline governance in Illinois, *Environmental Politics*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09644016.2022.2144027>
- Sveinsdóttir, A. G. (2020).** [Review of the book *Energopolitics: Wind and Power in the Anthropocene* by Dominic Boyer, and: *Ecologics: Wind and Power in the Anthropocene* by Cymene Howe, and: *Renewing Destruction: Wind Energy, Conflict and Resistance in a Latin American Context* by Alexander Dunlap]. *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 19(3), 347-350. DOI: 10.1353/lag.2020.0059
- Vogel, K. D., Johnson, M. F., & **Sveinsdóttir, A. G.** (2023). Communities at Risk for Mobilization: Neoliberal Governance and the (un) Contentious Politics of the Dakota Access Pipeline in Rural Illinois. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 99, 134-143. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2023.02.013>

Reports

- Antonsen, K.M. & **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.** (2025). Bærekraftig besøksforvaltning i Vesterålen. Rapport fra forprosjekt. Handle: <https://hdl.handle.net/11250/3203942>
- Sveinsdóttir, A.G.** (2025). Social Responsibility and Community Engagement. (Report in NRC IPN project: REEsilience – Sustainable production of Rare Earth Elements and other products from the Fen Carbonite Complex. Project # 340985). Handle: <https://hdl.handle.net/11250/5273089>
- Sveinsdóttir, A.G.,** Bragtvedt, S. and Jolly, S. (2024). Preliminary assessment of the social impacts of mining in the Fen Carbonite Complex in Nome municipality. (Report in NRC IPN project: REEsilience – Sustainable production of Rare Earth Elements and other products from the Fen Carbonite Complex. Project # 340985). Handle: <https://hdl.handle.net/11250/5273083>
- Dannevig, H., Løseth, K., Dale, R., Simonsen, M., Hovelsrud, G., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.,** Ren, C. and Bjørst, L. (February 2024). Deliverable D5.3. Report on coupled socioecological systems and livelihoods. (Report in EU Horizon 2020 Project: The Future of Arctic Coastal Ecosystems – Identifying Transition in Fjord Systems and Adjacent Coastal Areas. Grant no. 869154).
- Hovelsrud, G., Bjørdal, S., Gonzales Lindberg, H., Risvoll, C., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.,** Dannevig, H., Olsen, J., Ren, C. & Bjørst, L. (June 2024). Deliverable D6.2. Report from scenario workshops. (Report in EU Horizon 2020 Project: The Future of Arctic Coastal Ecosystems – Identifying Transition in Fjord Systems and Adjacent Coastal Areas. Grant no. 869154).
- Veland, S., **Sveinsdóttir, A.G.,** Nogueira, L. (2022). D1.2: T+. Svabard and the Lofoten islands, Norway. (Report in EU Horizon 2020 Project: Enabling Positive Tipping Points towards clean-energy transitions in Coal and Carbon Intensive Regions (TIPPING+). Grant no. 884565).