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EDUCATION

- 1982 Bachelor of Science in Biology, University of Iceland. Double minor in geography and social anthropology
1986 Masters of Arts in Anthropology, University of Arizona. Major in cultural anthropology; minor in physical anthropology
1995 Ph.D. in Anthropology, University of Arizona. Major in cultural anthropology; minor in social history.

Ph.D. DISSERTATION

Of Sagas and Sheep: Toward a Historical Anthropology of Social Change and Production for Market, Subsistence and Tribute in Early Iceland (10th to the 13th Century). 355 pages.
Published by UMI Dissertation Information Services. Ann Arbor: A Bell & Howell Company.
Dissertation Directors: Richard N. Henderson, Robert M. Netting, Thomas K. Park
Other graduate and dissertation advisors: John W. Olsen, Hermann Rebel, Tessie Liu

POSITIONS AND EMPLOYMENT

- 2004- Associate Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Akureyri, Iceland
2002- Faculty Associate, Ph.D. Program in Anthropology, Graduate School and University Center, City University of New York.
2005-06 Acting Director, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Akureyri, Iceland.
1998- Senior Scientist, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Akureyri, Iceland.
1997-98 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bucknell University.
1995-97 Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, Hunter College, C.U.N.Y.
1995-12/96 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of

Arizona
1994-95 Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona
1993-94 Resident Scholar with Weatherhead Dissertation Fellowship at the School of
American Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico
1991-92 Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, University of Iceland

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate:

Economic Anthropology (Iceland)
Anthropology of the Icelandic Sagas (Iceland)
Human Ecology (Iceland)
Cultural Anthropology (Arizona)
Ecological Anthropology (Arizona)
Current trends in Cultural and Historical Ecology (Arizona)
Introduction to Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology (Arizona, Bucknell)
Anthropology of the Environment (Bucknell)
Anthropological Analysis (Akureyri)
Qualitative methods (Akureyri)
Introduction to the Circumpolar World (Akureyri and the University of the Arctic)
Peoples and Cultures of the Arctic I (Akureyri and the University of the Arctic)

Graduate:

Anthropological Research Methods and Design (Arizona)
Cultural Ecology Seminar (Arizona)
Foundation of Cultural Anthropology - co-taught with another instructor (Arizona)
Qualitative Methods - co-taught with other instructors (Akureyri)
Arctic Societies and Cultures (Akureyri – Polar Law Program)
Arctic Human Development (Akureyri – Polar Law Program)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2010 Comparative-historical analysis of farming systems and agricultural intensification in medieval and early modern Iceland. In *Political Economy of Northern Regional Development*. Gorm Winther and Rasmus Ole Rasmussen, ed. Copenhagen: Nordic Council of Ministers Publication.
- 2007 *The Borderless North*. Proceedings of the Fourth Northern Research Forum (NRF) Open Meeting, held in Oulu, Tornio-Haparanda and Luleå in October 2006. Editor, with Embla Eir Oddsdóttir og Guðrún Rósa Þosteinsdóttir. On-line publication: <http://www.nrf.is/index.php/publications/the-borderless-north>. Akureyri: Northern Research Forum Secretariat.
- 2005 *The Resilient North – Human Responses to Global Change*. Proceedings of the Third Open Meeting of the Northern Research Forum, held in Yellowknife and Rae Edzo, Canada, September, 2004. Editor, with Embla Eir Oddsdóttir. On-line publication:

<http://www.nrf.is/index.php/publications/the-resilient-north>. Akureyri: Northern Research Forum Secretariat.

- 2004 *Northern Veche*. Proceedings of the Second NRF Open Meeting, held in Veliky Novgorod, September 2002. Editor. (Book in both English and Russian, and Andrei Golovnev is editor of the Russian translation). Akureyri: Stefansson Arctic Institute and University of Akureyri.
- 2001 Northern Farming in a Long-Term Perspective. In *Arctic Flora and Fauna: Status and Conservation*. CAFF (Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna) publication. Helsinki: Edita. (with Thomas H. McGovern)
- 2001 *North Meets North*. Proceedings of the First Northern Research Forum, held in Akureyri and at Bessastaðir, November 2000. Editor, with Thorleifur Stefan Bjornsson and Lara Olafsdottir. Akureyri: Stefansson Arctic Institute and University of Akureyri.
- 1997 Interdisciplinary Investigations of the end of the Norse Western Settlement in Greenland. *The Holocene* 7(4):489-499. (with L.K. Barlow, J.P. Sadler, A.E.J. Ogilvie, P.C. Buckland, T. Amorosi, P. Skidmore, A.J. Dugmore, and T.H. McGovern)
- 1996 Raiding the Landscape: Human Impact in the Scandinavian North Atlantic. *Human Ecology* 25(3):491-518. Special Issue: *Islands and Laboratories*. Ben Fitzhugh and Terry Hunt, guest editors. (with Thomas Amorosi, Paul Buckland, Andrew Dugmore, and Thomas H. McGovern)
- 1992 Spinning Goods and Tales: Market, subsistence and literary productions. In *From Sagas to Society: Comparative Approaches to Early Iceland*. Gisli Palsson, ed. Pp. 217-230. Middlesex: Hisarlik Press.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATION

“Agricultural Intensification, Diversification and Conservation in View of Climate Change: the Case of Iceland and Prospects for the Circum-Arctic Region.” A presentation in the theme session “Polar lessons: Arctic and Antarctic governance and economics.” International Polar Year Oslo Science Conference. Oslo, June 8-12, 2010.

“Vilhjálmur Stefansson.” A presentation in the roundtable session “Arctic visionaries – past and present.” International Polar Year Oslo Science Conference. Oslo, June 8-12, 2010.

“A bilateral marriage between two men and a Woman: Gender relations and transformations in Laxdæla saga and Bjarnar saga Hítðlakappa.” Presentation in the a workshop of *Medieval Gender History – a Nordic Research Network*. Stockholm University, April 15-16, 2010.

“Iceland, climate change and The Friendly Arctic.” An invited public lecture during Norway’s *Forskningsdagene*. Nordkapp Museet, Honningsvåg, September 24, 2009.

“Sustainable Icelandic Livelihoods – looking beyond the current crisis.” Presentation at the 2nd Workshop of the IPY consortium on The Political Economy of Northern Regional Development (POENOR). Akureyri, November 14-16, 2008.

“Masculinities, Class, and Secular and Spiritual Careers in Bjarnar saga Hítðalakappa.” Invited presentation in the workshop “Masculinity and the Medieval North”. University of Gothenburg, Department of History, October 16-18, 2008.

“Sustainability Indicators for Icelandic Agricultural Development in View of Climate Change and Prospects for the Circum-Arctic Region.” Presentation at the 6th International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VI). Nuuk, Greenland, August 22-26, 2008.

“Northern agricultural development and farming systems: the case of past and present Iceland, and prospects for the circum-arctic region.” Presentation at ICECAP 2008 – Workshop of the Icelandic-Canadian Network for Comparative Studies of the Cumulative Impacts of Arctic Climate Change. Borgir, Akureyri, March 10-11, 2008.

“Comparative Historical Analysis of Northern farming Systems and Market, Subsistence and Tribute Production: The case of Iceland and Prospects for the circum-arctic Region”. Invited presentation in the 1st Workshop of the International Polar Year project “Political Economy of Northern Regional Development.” Skagen, Denmark, November 1-3, 2007.

“Male gendered careers and figurative-female establishments in medieval Iceland: Testimonies and memories in Bjarnar saga Hítðalakappa”. Presentation at the conference *Mannfræði á 21. öldinni*. University of Iceland, Reykjavík, August 16-17, 2007.

“Heilbrigði, lífsgæði, menning og menntun.” Invited lecture at „Málstofa um Ísland og Norðurljóðir,“ organized by The Icelandic Centre for Research. Reykjavík, November 29, 2005.

“Northern Political Ecologies: The case of agricultural development and community viability in contemporary Iceland.” Presentation in the theme-session “The State of Human Development and the Impacts of Globalization in the Eurasian North.” Calotte Academy 2005. Inari, Finland, May 26-28, 2005.

“The Friendly Arctic: Vilhjalmur Stefansson’s Legacy and Vision.” A lecture and a guided tour of *The Friendly Arctic Exhibition*. Scandinavia House – The Nordic Center of America, New York City, January 31, 2004.

“Culture and Long-Term Community Viability.” Roundtable presentation in during the visit by Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada, to Akureyri, Iceland, October 12 -14, 2003.

“Northern Education and Autonomy in an Era of Integration: The University of the Arctic from a West-Nordic Perspective.” Presentation on the panel “Education in the North” of the International Colloquium: *The North*. University of Alberta, Edmonton, May 27-28, 2000.

“Haskoli Nordursloda og Rannsoknarthing Nordursins”. Presentation on the “Day of the Arctic,” February 19, 2000. Nordic House, Reykjavík, Iceland.

“Economic Transformations and Environmental Thresholds in Medieval Iceland and Norse Greenland.” Presentation at the Conference of the Polar Libraries Colloquy, Akureyri, September 19, 1999.

“Economic Transformations, Climatic Thresholds, and Ecological Succession in Medieval Iceland.” Presentation in the Invited Session which I chaired, “Population, Production and Environmental Change in North Atlantic Islands.” 97th Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, December 2-6, 1998. (with Astrid E. J. Ogilvie)

“Climatic Change, Socio-Economic Transformation, and Ecological Succession in the Late Twelfth to Fourteenth Century in Iceland.” Presentation at the 28th Annual Arctic Workshop: “Arctic and Alpine Environments, Past and Present.” Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research (INSTAAR), Boulder, Colorado, March 12-14, 1998. (with Astrid E. J. Ogilvie)

“Northern Farming Ecologies: A historical anthropology of social formation and production for market, subsistence and tribute in medieval Iceland.” Open invited lecture in the colloquium series on “Animals and Human Society: Medieval and Early Modern Europe.” The Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, October 24, 1997.

“Political economies, environmental change, and strategies of terrestrial and marine resource use in medieval to modern Iceland.” Presentation at the 1st International Workshop of the North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO) in Iceland, “Nature & Society: Human-Environment.” University of Iceland, Reykjavík, August 7, 1996.

“Political Ecology, Historical Ecology.” Special invited presentation in conjunction with the 1st Human Dimensions of the Arctic System (HARC) Workshop, organized by the Arctic Research Consortium of the United States (ARCUS) and funded by the Arctic System Science Program (ARCSS) of the US NSF. Tucson, Arizona, October 22, 1995.

“Icelandic farming systems, past and present.” A public lecture presented at the Institute of Arctic and Alpine Research, University of Colorado at Boulder, May 8, 1995. In conjunction with participation in a meeting of the Climate and Northern Farming Ecology working groups of North Atlantic Biocultural Organization.

“*Huldufolk* and Memories of Sisterhood, Class, and Emigration in 19th Century Icelandic Folktales and 20th Century Oral Histories.” Open invited lecture at University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, sponsored by the Department of Icelandic Language and Literature. Winnipeg, February 2, 1995.

“Of sagas and sheep: Social change, and exchange, subsistence, and tribute production in early Iceland.” In the session which I chaired “The Dynamics of Viking Age and Early Medieval Scandinavia: A New Look at Sources and Societies,” organized by E. Paul Durrenberger and Thomas Hakanson. 92nd Annual American Anthropological Association Meeting, Atlanta,

November 1994.

“Conflicting agro-ecological factors in the production of meat, milk and commercial wool in northern and alpine farming systems;” “Agricultural intensification and subsequent disintensification coupled with growth in fishing in medieval Iceland.” Two presentations during the 2nd Meeting of the North Atlantic Biocultural Organization hosted by University of Glasgow and Edinburgh University, September 16-20, 1994.

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA ORGANIZED

“The Borderless North.” The 4th Northern Research Forum Open meeting organized by the Northern Research Forum Steering Committee and Secretariat (Jón H. Ingimundarson, Director). Oulu, Tornio, Haparanda and Luleå in Finland and Sweden, October 5-8, 2006.

“The Resilient North – Human Responses to Global Change.” The 3rd Open Meeting of the Northern Research Forum, organized by the Northern Research Forum Steering Committee and Secretariat in cooperation with the Canadian Polar Commission. Yellowknife and Rae Edzo, Canada, September 15-18, 2004.

“Northern Veche – The Second NRF Open Meeting,” organized jointly by the Northern Research Forum Steering Committee and Secretariat and the Northern Research Forum of Russia. Veliky Novgorod, Russia, September 19-22, 2002.

“The 4th Circumpolar Agricultural Conference: Legacy and Vision in Northern Agriculture,” organized by the Secretariat of the Circumpolar Agricultural Organization in collaboration with the Iceland Agricultural Research Institute and other Icelandic organizations concerned with agriculture. Akureyri, August 27-29, 2001.

“North Meets North – The First Northern Research Forum,” organized by the Northern Research Forum Steering Committee and Secretariat. Akureyri and Bessastadir, November 4-6, 2000.

“Historical Dimensions of Human Adaptability and Environmental Changes in North Atlantic Regions.” The 3rd International Workshop of the North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO) in Iceland, organized by Jón H. Ingimundarson and Astrid E. J. Ogilvie, sponsored by the Stefansson Arctic Institute and the North Atlantic Biocultural Organization, and hosted by the University of Akureyri. Akureyri, Iceland, July 16-21, 1999.

“Political Ecology & Ecological Politics.” The 2nd International Workshop of the North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO) in Iceland, organized by Jon Haukur Ingimundarson, University of Arizona, hosted by the Department of Anthropology at University of Iceland, and funded by the US National Science Foundation. University of Iceland (Oddi), Reykjavík, Iceland, August 1-3, 1997.

“Nature & Society: Human-Environment interactions.” The 1st International Workshop of the North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO) in Iceland, organized by Jon Haukur

Ingimundarson, University of Arizona, hosted by the Department of Anthropology at the University of Iceland, and funded by the US National Science Foundation. University of Iceland (Oddi), Reykjavík, August 6-7, 1996.

SELECTED SERVICES: ACADEMIC COMMITTEES & GRADUATE STUDENT ADVIZING

- Thesis supervisor of Dagbjört Ásgeirsdóttir, who received the degree of Master of Education from the University of Akureyri in May 2008. (Thesis: “*Þegar tungumálið kemur, þá kemur allt*” – *Reynsla kvenna af Kosovo-albönskum uppruna af að búa á Íslandi*. 142 pages. 30 units).
- Thesis supervisor of Halla Magnúsdóttir, who received the degree of Master of Education from the University of Akureyri in August 2007. (Thesis: *Hugmyndir, reynsla og viðmið tengd kennslu barna með dyslexíu*. 175 pages. 30 units).
- Member of the Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies program development team, University of the Arctic. (1998-present). Served as the first Chairman of the BCS PDT, from 1998 to 2002, and was lead author of the BCS program’s founding document, *A Preliminary Plan for a Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies*, which was published in 1999 by the University of the Arctic Circumpolar Coordination Office, Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland. The Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies (BCS) is a comprehensive curriculum program that provides a solid understanding of northern issues with a circumpolar perspective, an integrative approach that includes social and natural sciences, and local knowledge, and at the same time reaches a broad base of students.
- Promotional Committee: Applications for a promotion to the position of an Associate Professor (in 2002 and 2004) and to the position of a Full Professor (in 2007) at the University of Iceland.
- Committee for establishing a Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Akureyri, appointed by the University Rector. (2002)
- External reviewer of M.A. thesis by Kristin Erla Hardardóttir, who received an M.A. degree in anthropology from the University of Iceland, 2002.
- Selection Committee – Appointment of an assistant professor of Anthropology at the University of Iceland. (2000)
- Thesis supervisor of Holmfrídur Kristjansdóttir, who received the degree of Master of Science in Nursing from the Royal College of Nursing Institute, London, in 1999.
- Selection Committee – Appointment of a director for the University of Iceland Anthropology Institute. (1997-98)
- Advisory Committee for the Human Dimensions of Arctic System Science (HARC)

Initiative, Arctic System Science Program (ARCSS) of the U.S. National Science Foundation. (1995-97)

- Ph.D. Qualifying Examination Committee of Kenneth Lizzio, University of Arizona. (1995-1996)

OTHER SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND MAJOR PROJECTS

- Congress Convener of The Seventh Congress of the Arctic Social Sciences (ICASS VII), to be held in Akureyri on June 22-26, 2011. Member of the Secretariat for the International Arctic Social Sciences Association (IASSA) hosted by the Stefansson Arctic Institute.
- Contributor and reviewer. The Arctic Social Indicators project, endorsed by the IPY and the Arctic Council, and funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers. (2007-2009)
- Research partner with the *Icelandic-Canadian Network for Comparative Studies of the Cumulative Impacts of Arctic Climate Change* (ICECAP). (2008-present)
- Research partner in the International Polar Year project *Political Economy of Northern Regional Development* (POENOR). (2007-present)
- Member of the Icelandic national committee for International Polar Year 2007-2009. (2006-2009)
- Member of the University of the Arctic's internal advisory team for project *Higher Education in the International Polar Year 2007-2008*. (2005-2008)
- Member of a Steering Group for the Advancement of Arctic Research in Iceland, a project was coordinated by The Icelandic Center for Research. (2005-2007)
- Member of the Working Group on Arctic Science in the Public Interest, as part of the Second International Conference on Arctic Research Planning (ICARP II). (2004-2007) The goal of ICARP was to prepare Arctic research plans to guide international cooperation over the next 10-15 years.
- Advisor and contributing expert for the Arctic Human Development Report (AHDR), published in November 2004 by the Stefansson Arctic Institute under the auspices of the Icelandic Chairmanship of the Arctic Council. (2002-2004)
- Director and Co-director of the Northern Research Forum (NRF) Secretariat. (1999-2006)
- Curator, supervisor and co-author, *The Friendly Arctic Traveling Exhibition: Vilhjalmur Stefansson's Life, Legacy and Vision*. The Exhibition is produced by the Stefansson Arctic Institute, Akureyri and Visionis ehf, Reykjavik, Iceland, in collaboration with Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, USA. It has opened in the Akureyri Art Museum (2000),

Reykjavík Art Museum (2001), Montshire Museum of Science in Norwich, Vermont (2002), Scandinavia House in New York City (2004) and the North Atlantic House in Copenhagen. Small-scale versions of the Exhibit have been on display in Gimli, Winnipeg, Minneapolis, Iqaluit, Akureyri and Honningsvåg. Venues of proposed further openings include the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa (October 2010-January 2011).

- Member of the Council of the University of the Arctic (UArctic), representing the University of Akureyri and the Stefansson Arctic Institute. (1998-present). The UArctic is a cooperative network of about 110 universities, colleges, and other organizations committed to higher education and research in the North. www.uarctic.org
- Secretary, Circumpolar Agricultural Association (CAA). (1999-2003) The CAA is a non-governmental organization concerned with northern agriculture science, practice and policy.
- Project manager for the North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO) secretariat in Iceland, and chair of the NABO working group on Northern Farming Ecology.(1999-2004)
- Co-author and co-director of the *Human Dimensions of Arctic Environments* web-based information project. This project, www.thearctic.is, includes introductory essays in 5 languages and was developed by the Stefansson Arctic Institute and individual authors in partnership with the EU Raphael Programme. (1999-2001)