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***Employment***

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| 2012 onwards  | Honorary Research Fellow, Department of Archaeological. Geographical and Environmental Sciences. University of Bradford.  |
| 2005 onwards | Archaeological consultant to the University of Bradford |
| 2008 onwards | Archaeological Consultant (Forensic) to theIndependent Commission for the Location of Victims’ Remains. |
| 2001 onwards | Freelance Archaeologist |

***Profile***

Since graduating from the University of Bradford in 2001 Robert has maintained strong links with the department, collaborating in a number of regional, national and international projects with the majority of this work centred on the North Atlantic Region.

During this time Robert has undertaken various fieldwork roles in such projects as ‘The Old Scatness Broch and Jarlshof Environs Project’, (surveyor, excavator/supervisor) Shetland 1999-2006 and ‘The Viking Unst Project’ (surveying supervisor and assistant site director) Shetland 2006-2009. Robert has also collaborated in the international ‘Heart of the Atlantic Project’ on Sandoy, Faroe Islands, with involvement at Undir Junkarinsfløtti 2005-2007, (surveyor and excavator), Søltuvik 2005-2007 (surveyor and excavation director) and Við Kirkjugarð 2008-2009, (surveying supervisor and excavation co-director).

Robert is currently collaborating within a multi disciplinary team in ‘The Shetland Islands Climate and Settlement Project’, Shetland 2010-present (surveyor and digital recording specialist) and the ‘Gateway to the Atlantic Project’, on Rousay Orkney 2010-present (fieldwork and community outreach project; surveying supervisor, digital recording specialist and excavation supervisor).

One of Robert's research interests is the archaeology of conflict and occupation; he has undertaken such projects as the primary phase of the Shetland Military Remains Project for the Shetland Amenity Trust 2002 and a research and feasibility study for the Vágar Kriegssavnið (war museum) Project on Vágar, Faroes.

Robert is actively involved in community and outreach archaeology, successfully delivering a number of projects on behalf of the University of Bradford including a series of school-based projects: ‘Our Street’, '21st Century City’ and ‘Bradford in the First World War’. These projects were designed to address the key themes of inclusion and diversity, whilst also developing the participant’s research, survey, excavation and audiovisual skill bases. Robert has also been active in the promotion of community involvement during his work in the Shetland Islands, the Faroe Islands and presently Orkney.

Robert is interested in the development of traditional and evolving survey methods and technologies combined with the integration of the resultant digital data sets and the various methods of both professional and public presentation and decimation. He actively develops and promotes the use of both open source and freeware software packages.

From 2008-present Robert has provided consultant archaeological services to the Independent Commission for the Location of Victims’ Remains, carrying out forensic search and recovery under the remit of the ‘Good Friday Agreement’

***Academic qualifications***

2005 - 2007: MA Archaeology and Heritage, University of Leicester

1998 - 2001: BSc (Hons) Archaeology, First Class. University of Bradford

1987 - 1989: B.Tech. HND Building Studies, Leeds Polytechnic

1985 - 1987: B.Tech OND Land Use, Coleraine Technical College N.I.

***Professional activities***

Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland

Member of the North Atlantic Biocultural Organisation (NABO)

Member of the Sandhurst Foundation.

Member of the Western Front Association.

***Research interests***

The development of topographical survey and digital recording techniques within a combined approach to landscape investigation.

The development of building technology throughout the North Atlantic region.

The archaeology of Viking expansion across the North Atlantic region.

The archaeology of Conflict and Occupation.

***Relevant publications***

Arge, S.V. & Friel, R. 2008. Víkingaaldarbúseting í Søltuvík. *Kvørnin* nr. 11.

Arge, S.V. & Friel, R. 2009. Fornfrøðiliga rannsóknin, Við Kirkjugarð heima á Sandi 2009. *Kvørnin* nr. 12.

Bond, J.M., Dockrill, S.J., Outram, Z., Batey, C.E., Summers, J., Friel, R., Brown, L.D., Cussans, J., Cook, G., Legg, R., Mustchin, A., and Church, M. *in prep*. Excavations at Hamar and Underhoull. In Bond, J.M., Turner, V.E., and Larsen, A.-C. (eds.) Viking Unst: Viking Settlement in the Extreme North of Britain. Shetland Heritage Publications.

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***Project related reports***

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Arge, S.V., Friel, R., Cussans, J.E., and Mustchin, A.R.R. 2009. Excavations at Við Kirkjugarð: Interim Report Number 1. (Data Structure Report) Field Seasons 2008-2009. Føroya Fornminnissavn.

Armit, I., McCarthy, M., Gaffney, C., and Friel, R.M. 2008. *A Survey of Isle Head Fort, Isle of Whithorn, January 2008: an interim report.* Division of Archaeological, Geographical & Environmental Sciences. University of Bradford.

Christianson, C., and Friel, R. 2002. *Pre-development Survey of Catfirth Seaplane Base*. Shetland Amenity Trust. Lerwick.

Dyer, C., and Friel, R. 2009. *Report on the Penmap survey of multi period landscape at Vinstrick Ness, Westing, Unst, Shetland.* Shetland Amenity Trust, Lerwick.

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Friel, R., 2009. *Vágar Military Remains Assessment Report .*Føroya Fornminnissavn

Friel, R., and Outram. Z. 2011. *Shetland Islands Climate Change and Settlement Project. Excavations at Broo: Field Season 2011. The survey and site recording.* Unpublished report produced for Prof. G.Bigelow (Bates College U.S.A.).

Friel, R., and Outram. Z. 2012. *Shetland Islands Climate Change and Settlement Project. Excavations at Broo: Field Season 2012. The survey and site recording.* Unpublished report produced for Prof. G.Bigelow (Bates College U.S.A.).

Maher, R., Friel, R.M. and Arge, S.V. 2005. *The Sandoy Survey Project, Preliminary Results for 2005 Pilot Study.* A report for Føroya Fornminnissavn.

Maher, R., Friel, R.M. and Michelsen, H.D. 2009. Report on Penmap Surveys and GIS Studies of Archaeological Sites in Sandur, Sandoy, Faroe Islands,2006: The Heart of the Atlantic Project. A report for Føroya Fornminnissavn.

Outram, Z. and Friel, R.M. 2012. The archaeobotanical remains recovered from the excavations at Við Kirkjugarð, Sandur, Faroe Islands. Unpublished report for the NABO ‘*Heart of the Atlantic* Project’. University of Bradford.

Outram, Z. and Friel, R.M. 2012. The palaeobotanical remains from the excavations at Broo II, Shetland. Unpublished report produced for Prof. G.Bigelow (Bates College U.S.A.) and the ‘Shetland Islands Climate Change and Settlement Project.’

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Dockrill, S.J. and Bond, J.M. (eds.) *Orkney Gateway to the Atlantic: Archaeological work in Rousay 2010. Interim report No.1 (Data Structure Report). Excavations at the Mound of Brough (South Howe), the Ditch Northeast of Midhowe and the Knowe of Swandro*: 32-34. Bradford Archaeological Sciences Research 21. University of Bradford/ Orkney College/ University of the Highlands and Islands.

***Posters and presentations***

Friel, R.M. and Dyer C. *Viking Unst: The Role of Landscape Survey.* Poster presented at the Viking Unst Conference Lerwick -Shetland. 16/6/09.

Friel, R.M. *Fortress Vágar: The Archaeology of an Occupation*. Poster presented at the Archaeological Futures: A Research Agenda for the North Atlantic Conference, Bradford. 29/08/08-01/09/08.

Friel, R.M. *Fortress Vágar: The Archaeology of an Occupation.* Presentation to the local community members, given at the Hotel Vágar, Faroe Islands. 08/04/08.

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Friel, R.M. *Introduction to On-Site Survey Techniques and Digital Recording.* Presentation given to Staff and Students from Bates College Maine U.S.A. as part of ‘The Shetland Islands Climate and Settlement Project’. 16/05/12

Friel, R.M. *Survey on Sandur*. Presentation given at the ‘Heart of the Atlantic’ meeting Bradford. 2006.

Friel, R.M., and Outram, Z. *Survey and contouring of House 1, Hamar, Unst.* Poster presented at the Viking Unst Conference, Lerwick, Shetland. 16/6/09

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