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| **Current post** | Lecturer in Environmental and Medieval History, Director of the Research centre for Environmental History and Policy, School of History and Politics, University of Stirling |

### Education

MA (joint honours in History and Celtic) 1st class, 1995-1999.
University of Aberdeen.

PhD, 1999-2002. Title: The Province of Moray, *c*.1000-1230.

University of Aberdeen (fully funded SAAS).

### Small Grants Awarded

The Strathmartine Trust, £1000 to pay for monograph illustrations (2008)

The Higher Education Academy, £3000 for the development of an on-line essay writing skills module in Environmental History (2007)

Scottish Natural Heritage, £7000 to pay for research on historic British grasslands.

The Strathmartine Trust, £2000 to pay for book illustrations (2006)

The Higher Education Academy, £1250 towards conference expenses (2006)

**2004-2007 (all University of Stirling)**

* Lecturer in Environmental and Medieval History, (October 2007-).
* Post-doctoral Research Assistant in AHRC Research Centre for Environmental History and Policy, (September 2003-September 2007).

**2003-2004 (University of Aberdeen)**

* Dept. of Celtic, teaching fellow (0.5 FTE).

### Recent Conference Papers

Copenhagen, August 2009, First World Congress of Environmental History, *Sustaining Historical Grazing Regimes in Scotland: Common Good versus Common Greed* (submitted and accepted for a panel including Professor Richard Oram and Dr Paul Adderley)

Groam House Museum Lecture, July 2009, *Vernacular Buildings and Woodland Sustainability in 16th Century Scotland* (invited).

Kalamazoo, 44th International Congress on Medieval Studies, May 2009, *Monkish Fishings and Damage to River Systems in Medieval Scotland*, (submitted and accepted).

University of Lancaster, AHRC Sustaining the Commons Project, ‘*Sustainable Souming on Scottish Commonties, 1400-1800*’, July, 2008 (invited).

University of Reading, Early Modern Environmental History Research Group, ‘*What Happened When Improvement Failed?*’, June 2008 (invited).

Edinburgh, Medieval Settlement Research Group and AHRC sponsored workshop entitled, ‘Perceptions of Medieval Landscapes and Settlement’, April 2007: *Townships and managing forest resource in sixteenth-century Scotland* (invited).

Stirling, Inexhaustible Abundance? Environmental History, Educators and Sustainable Development, April 2007: *The Cairngorm Uplands: a pristine wilderness or post-industrial wasteland?* (submitted and approved).

### Publications

**EDITED VOLUMES**

*Skye and Barra: Two Hebridean Perspectives* (Northern Studies, 2006), co-editor (with Arne Kruse).

*The Exercise of Power in Medieval Scotland, c.1200-1500* (Four Courts Press, 2003), co-editor (with Stephen I. Boardman) and contributor.

**ARTICLES**

Scottish Natural Heritage Commissioned Report 313, *Literature Review of the History of Grassland Management in Scotland* (2010): <http://www.snh.org.uk/pdfs/publications/commissioned_reports/313.pdf>

‘Economic Determinants of Biodiversity Change Over a 400 Year Period in the Scottish Uplands’, in *The Journal of Applied Ecology* 45 (2008), 1557-1565 (co-authored).

'Moray, Ulster, and the MacWilliams', in Sean Duffy (editor), *The World of the Galloglass: Kings, warlords and warriors in Ireland and Scotland, 1200-1600*, (Four Courts Press, 2007), 24-44.

“The Identity of the ‘Prisoner of Roxburgh’: Malcolm son of Alexander or Malcolm Macheth?”, in S. Arbuthnot and K. Hollo (editors), *Fil súil nglais – A Grey Eye Looks Back: A Festschrift in honour of Colm Ó Baoill* (Ceann Drochaid, 2007), 269-82.

‘Scottish Environmental History and the (mis)use of Soums’, in *The Agricultural History Review* 54.2 (2006), 213-28.

‘The Bannatyne Club and the Publication of Scottish Ecclesiastical Cartularies’, in *The Scottish Historical Review* 85 (2006), 202-33.

'The dabhach in Moray: a new look at an old tub', in Alex Woolf (editor), *Landscape and Environment*, St Johns House Papers No.11 (St Andrews, 2006),57-74.

'*Transhumance in Stratha'an during the early-modern period*', Report No.3, AHRC Research Centre for Environmental History, (Stirling, 2005).

‘The lords and lordship of Glencarnie’, in Stephen I. Boardman and Alasdair D. Ross (editors), *Native Kindreds* (Four Courts Press, 2003), 159-74.

‘The Parentage of St Kentigern’, in Colm Ó Baoill and Nancy MacGuire (editors), *Rannsachadh na Gáidhlig 2000* (Aberdeen, 2002), 213-220.

‘Men for all seasons? The Strathbogie earls of Atholl and the wars of independence, c.1290-c.1335: Part 2: Earl David IV’, in *Northern Scotland* 21 (2001), 1-15.

‘Men for all seasons? The Strathbogie earls of Atholl and the wars of independence, c.1290-c.1335: Part 1: Earl John and Earl David III’, in *Northern Scotland* 20 (2000), 1-30.

‘Pictish Matriliny ?’, in *Northern Studies* 34 (1999), 11-23.

‘The Treaty of Edinburgh and the Disinherited (1328-1332)’, in *History* 84 (1999), 237-56 (co-authored).

‘Harps of Their Owne Sorte? A Reassessment of Pictish Chordophone Depictions’, in *Cambrian Medieval Celtic Studies* 36 (Winter 1998), 37-60.

**BOOK REVIEWS (most recent)**

T.C. Smout, Alan R. MacDonald, and Fiona Watson, *A History of the Native Woodlands of Scotland, 1500–1920*, for *Environmental History* (<http://www.historycooperative.org/journals/eh/13.4/br_3.html>)

A. Woolf, *From Pictland to Alba, 789-1070* for *H-Net Review* (<http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=22957>).

**FORTHCOMING (BOOKS)**

**MONOGRAPHS**

*Land Assessment and Lordship in Medieval Scotland* (forthcoming 2011).

*Kings of Alba* *during* the *Eleventh Century* (forthcoming January 2011).

**FORTHCOMING (ARTICLES)**

“What happened when improvement failed?” (forthcoming 2011).