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EDUCATION

- *Cornell University, Ithaca, New York*
Doctor of Philosophy, Medieval Studies Program (History / Archaeology), 2000.
Dissertation: *Monstrous Fishes and Bones 'of No Small Bigness': The History and Archaeology of Whale Exploitation in Late Iron Age, Pictish, and Viking Orkney, Scotland* (Advisor: Robert T. Farrell).
- Master of Arts, Medieval Studies Program, 1996.
Fields of Study: Medieval Archaeology, Medieval History, Anthropology
Languages (reading): Old Norse, Old English, Latin
- *Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan*
Bachelor of Arts, with High Honors, History Department, 1992.

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

- *Monstrous Fishes and the Mead-Dark Sea: Whaling in the Medieval North Atlantic*. Leiden: Brill Academic Publishers, 2008.

Peer-Reviewed Articles:

- "Bad to the Bone? The Unnatural History of the Monstrous Medieval Whale."
The Heroic Age: A Journal of Early Medieval Northwestern Europe. 8 (June 2005).
<http://www.mun.ca/mst/heroicage/issues/8/szabo.html>
- "Whaling in Early Medieval Britain." *Haskins Society Journal*, ed. C. P. Lewis, 9
(Boydell Press, 1997): 137-157.

Book chapter (peer-reviewed):

- "Subsistence Whaling and the Norse Diaspora: Norsemen, Basques, and Whale Use in the Western North Atlantic, ca. AD 900-1640," in *Studies in the Medieval Atlantic*, ed. Benjamin Husdon (under contract with Palgrave, New Medieval World series, 2012).

Reviews:

- Chet VanDuzer, "Sea Monsters on Medieval and Reianssance Maps," for *Journal of Nautical Archaeology*, July 2013.
- Sebastian Sobceki, ed., "The Sea and Englishness in the Middle Ages;" for *International Journal of Nautical Archaeology*.

- Richard Gorski, “Roles of the Sea in Medieval England;” for *Bryn Mawr Medieval Review*.
- Arne Kalland, “Unveiling the Whale: Discourses on Whales and Whaling,” and Jun Morikawa, “Whaling in Japan: Power, Politics, and Diplomacy,” for *H-Environment*, August 2011.
- Barry Cunliffe’s *Europe Between the Oceans: 9000 BC-AD 1000*, for the *Journal of World History*, December 2010.
- Joe Flatman, “Ships and Shipping in Medieval Manuscripts,” for the *Journal of Nautical Archaeology*, August 2010
- Helge Ingstad and Anne Stine Ingstad’s *The Viking Discovery of America*, in *The American Neptune: Maritime History and Arts* (Winter 2002): 120.
- Choice Reviews, Sarah Foote’s *Aethelstan* (November 2011); David Nicholas’ *The Northern Lands: Germanic Europe, c. 1270-1500* (August 2009).

Other:

- “Whaling,” in *Trade, Travel and Exploration in the Middle Ages: an Encyclopedia*. Ed. John Block Friedman and Kristen Mossler Figg. New York: Garland Publishing, Inc., 2000: 643-643.

Unpublished Reports:

- *Bretta Ness, Rousay, Whale bone analysis for species identification*. Unpublished report produced for Headland Archaeology and Paul Sharman, ORCA / UHI, August 2010.
- *L’Anse aux Meadows whale bone analysis*. Unpublished report produced for Parks Canada, June 2006. This survey analyzes the whale bone assemblage from the first European-North American contact site in Newfoundland, Canada.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Creighton Sossoman Endowed Professorship in History, 2011-2013
- L. Byrne Waterman Award, presented at the New Bedford Whaling History Symposium, 2009, in "recognition of outstanding contributions to research and pedagogy in the arts, humanities and sciences. The award is customarily made to recognize a large body of work or for lifetime achievement."

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, FUNDING - EXTERNAL

- American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant, Supplement. 2010-2009 – \$5,000.
- Fulbright Distinguished Scholar, UK, 2009 - \$12,500.
- Society of Antiquaries of London, William Lambarde Memorial Travel Grant, 2004 - \$2,000.
- American Association for the Advancement of Science, Women’s International Science Collaboration Grant (AAAS-WISC), 2004 - \$4,000.
- Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research, 1998 - \$1,000.
- Society of Antiquaries of Scotland Research Grant, 1998 - \$1,500.

ACADEMIC FUNDING - INTERNAL

- History Department, Research Fund, Western Carolina University, 2010 - \$1,000.
- Chancellor's Faculty Research Presentation Travel Fund, Western Carolina University, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2004 - \$1,000-1,200 per award (approx).
- Scholarly Development Program, Western Carolina University, 2009 – full salary, one semester leave / sabbatical.
- Faculty Research Grant, Western Carolina University, 2009, 2003 - \$5,000 / award.
- Mellon Doctoral Finishing Fellowship, Cornell University, 1999 - \$ NA
- President's Council of Cornell Women Research Grant, Cornell University, 1998 - \$3,000.
- Hirsch Fellowship for archaeological fieldwork, Cornell University, 1998, 1997 - NA
- Michelle Sicca Fellowship for European research, Cornell University, 1996 - NA

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND CONSULTATIONS

- Peer Review, CIES Fulbright United Kingdom Distinguished Scholar Review Committee, Washington DC, 2010-2013.
- Manuscript / article reviewer: McGill press (2012); *History Compass* (2011).
- Guest Manuscript Editor, *Journal of the North Atlantic*. Coordinated reviews from 3 external reviewers for manuscript on Anglo-Saxon whaling, 2009.
- Half-Day Session Chair, *Postgraduate Zooarchaeology Forum (PZAF)*, Cardiff University, 14th Nov. 2009.
- Consultant on medieval whaling for: CEFE (Centre d'Ecologie Fonctionnelle et Evolutive) for MORSE project; Basque Watchtower Project, 2009; Red Bay National Historic Site, Labrador, Canada, 2008; Hebridean Whale and Dolphin Trust, 2006.
- AAAS-WISC Project Workshop, Washington DC, 17-18 Sept. 2007. Workshop participant on women in the sciences.
- BBC Radio Orkney, Whale Research interviews, 2001, 1997, 1996.

PAPERS, POSTERS, AND PRESENTATIONS

- Global Human Ecodynamics Alliance (GHEA) workshop, University of Maryland, November 2013. Invited paper: "Norse Use of Marine Mammals in the Medieval North Atlantic."
- North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO) meeting, University of Akureyri, Iceland, July 2013. Invited paper and poster: "Sagas, Science, and Sea Mammals: New Approaches to Whales, Archaeology, Ancient DNA, and Icelandic Literature"
- Inscribing Environmental Memory (IEM) workshop, University of Aberdeen, Feb. 2013. Invited paper: "Whales, Archaeology, Ancient DNA, and Icelandic History and Literature"
- European Society for Environmental History, Turku, Finland, July 2011. "Right whales and wrong approaches: changing whaling strategies in the medieval North Atlantic and Arctic, ca. 800-1500."
- International Medieval Congress, May 2010. Paper presented: "Looking for Medieval Environmental Consciousness: Popular Protest and Peasant Moral Ecology in Late Medieval Britain."

- International Medieval Congress, May 2010. Session presider, Environmental History III: Hopes and Hazards of Agropastoralism
- Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, Norway, 3 Dec. 2009. Invited lecture: “Norse and Basque Whalers of the Medieval North Atlantic: Comparing Strategies, Opportunities and Successes, ca. 1100 – 1615.”
- Complex and Literate Societies Research Group, Institute of Archaeology, University College, London, 24 Nov. 2009. Invited lecture: “Monstrous Fishes & ‘Bones of No Small Bigness’: New Approaches to Cetacean Zooarchaeology and Medieval Whaling.”
- Cardiff Archaeological Research Seminar, Cardiff University, 19 Nov. 2009. Invited lecture: “Bones of Contention: New Ways of Assessing Archaeological Whale Bone & Premodern Whaling.”
- 33rd Annual New Bedford Whaling History Symposium, 16-18 October, 2009. Invited lecture: “Viking Whalers as Venture Capitalists? Strategy, Risk-Benefit Analysis and Medieval North Atlantic Whaling.”
- AAAS-WISC Project Workshop, Washington DC, 17-18 Sept. 2007. Poster presented: ORCA: Online Resource for Cetacean Archaeology - Phase One, Pilot project.
- Eighth Cologne Whaling Meeting. Cologne, Germany, 11 November 2006. Invited paper: “The Archaeology of Medieval Whale Use: New Approaches.”
- University of Virginia Medieval Studies Colloquium. 7 April 2006. Invited lecture: Viking Roadkill: Medieval Whaling in the North Atlantic.
- University of Southern Denmark, Maritime History Seminar, Esbjerg, Denmark, January 2005. Session Chair: “Imperial Rome and the Black Sea.”
- International Maritime History Association, Fourth International Congress, Corfu, Greece 23 – 27 June, 2004. Paper presented: “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cetacean Exploitation Strategies.”
- International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University, May 2004. Paper presented: “Did you Catch my Drift? Hidden Harpoons and Disputed Drift Whales in Icelandic Laws and Sagas” in “Human Economy and Natural Environment in Medieval Europe I-V”
- American Society for Environmental History / National Council on Public History, 2004 Annual Meeting. Victoria, British Columbia, 31 March – 4 April, 2004. Paper presented: “North Atlantic Whaling from the Medieval Norse to Modern Norway.”
- International Medieval Congress, Western Michigan University, May 2002. Paper presented: “Monstrous Fishes and Medieval Mariners: The Unnatural History of Medieval Whales” in session “Traders, Saints, and Pirates: The Sea in Early Medieval Northwestern Europe.”
- Kendall Whaling Museum, 26th Annual Whaling History Symposium. Sharon, MA, Oct. 2001. Invited lecture: “From the Sagas to the Shoreline: Whaling Strategies of North Atlantic Norsemen.”
- New York State Archaeological Society, Norwich, NY. April 2001. Invited lecture: “Viking Archaeology at the Millennium: Raiders, Travelers and Traders.”

- Charles Homer Haskins Society Conference, Cornell University, November 1998. Paper presented: "Poached Whale? The Ownership and Theft of Stranded Cetaceans in Medieval Britain and Scandinavia."
- Orkney Heritage Society and the Orkney-Norway Friendship Association. Kirkwall, Orkney, Scotland, July 1998. Invited lecture: "Whaling in the Norse North Atlantic."
- British Museum, Inaugural Seminar of Research Group for the Study of Objects and Waste of Bone, Antler, Ivory and Horn. London, England, February 1997. Paper presented: "Whales in Early Medieval History and Archaeology."
- Scottish Archaeological Forum, University of Glasgow, Scotland, September 1995. Paper presented: "Whaling in Early Medieval Britain and Scandinavia."

CURRENT AND ONGOING RESEARCH PROJECTS

- "Whales, Archaeology, Ancient DNA, and Icelandic History and Literature," a consortium pilot project, and subject of 2013 NSF Arctic Social Science Research grant submission (co-PI, Dr. Tom McGovern, CUNY-Hunter, and Dr. Cia Anderung, Uppsala Univ).

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- *Western Carolina University, Department of History (Cullowhee, NC)*
Associate Professor of Ancient and Medieval History; August 2007-present.
Assistant Professor of Ancient and Medieval History; August 2001-2007.

Courses taught:

- History 152 – Biography in European History
- History 182 – Ancient Empires / Ancient Empires, Honors
- History 221 – European History to 1517
- History 308 – Rome: Republic and Empire
- History 311 – Ancient Greece and Rome
- History 312 – The Heroic Age: Early Medieval Europe
- History 313 / 593 – The High Middle Ages
- History 322 – British History to 1608
- History 421 / 521 – Romans, Christians, Barbarians: Topics in Late Antiquity
- History 493 / 593 – Sex & Gender in Pre-modern Europe
- History 493 / 593 – World Wars, Ancient and Modern (summer)
- History 621 - Seminar in Environmental History
- Environmental Science 250 – Seminal Readings in Environmental Science

Departmental / College / University service at Western Carolina University

- Chair, History dept., Undergraduate Committee, 2010-2011.
- Chair, History dept., Strategic Planning Committee, 2005-2009; member, 2001-2005; 2011-present.
- Chair, History dept., Search Committee for 2 tenure-track positions.
- Member, History dept., Graduate Committee, 2002-2009.
- Member, History dept., Search Committee, 4 tenure-track, 4 visiting positions.

- Member, Arts and Sciences Collegial Review Committee, 2008-2011.
- Member, Arts and Sciences Committee on Committees, 2008-2011.
- Member, Arts and Sciences Student Recruitment committee, 2004 – 2007.
- Member, Arts and Sciences Strategic Planning Committee, 2003 – 2006.
- Co-Chair, Academic Program Prioritization Task Force, 2012-2013.
- Co-Chair, 'Investing in Faculty and Staff' Subcommittee, 2020 Commission, 2012.
- Member, University Collegial Review Committee, 2011-present.
- Chair, Faculty Senate Collegial Review Council, 2010-present.
- Chair, Library Advisory Committee, 2004-2008; member, 2003-2004.
- Member, Faculty Senate, 2009-present.
- Member, Faculty Senate Academic Policy Review Council, 2009-present.
- Member, University Scholar/Hunter Scholar Award Committee, 2009-10.
- Member, Academic Problems Committee, 2008-2010.
- Member, Advisory Committee for UNC-EP Øresund and Nordic Programs, 2001-2005.

Student advisement / activities:

- Director, History MA thesis: Matthew Baker, 2012; Kristi Redding, 2007
- Reader, MA theses: Jennifer Gardner, English, 2006; Jacob Babb, English, 2005; Chris Mangianello, History, 2003.
- Director, BA senior thesis, Jenny Jessup, 2010; Kasey Wilson, 2009.
- *Colgate University, Department of History (Hamilton, NY)*
Visiting Assistant Professor of Medieval History; 2000-2001.
- *Cornell University, Medieval Studies (Ithaca, NY)*
Instructor, Medieval Studies; 1999-2000.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Fellow (Elected) - Society of Antiquaries of Scotland
- Member – International Council for Archaeozoology, Society of Environmental Archaeology, Society for Medieval Archaeology, Marine Mammal Society, American Society for Environmental History, Medieval Academy of America

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND MATERIAL CULTURE FIELDWORK

- Artifact coordinator.
 - Westray archaeological project, Westray, Orkney, 1997. Director: Dr. James H. Barrett, Cambridge University.
- Field archaeologist.
 - Westray archaeological project, Westray, Orkney, 1997. Director: Dr. James H. Barrett, Cambridge University.
 - Whithorn Dig, Whithorn, Scotland, 1991. Director: Peter Hill, Whithorn Trust.

- Colonial Fort Michilimackinac, Mackinaw City, MI, June-Sept. 1993-1989.
Director: Dr. Donald P. Heldman, Michigan State Historic Parks, Michigan State University.

REFERENCES:

Available upon request.