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**Research Interests**

Historical and Political Ecology, Coastal and Aquatic Adaptations, Northern Cultures, Prehistoric Technology, Cultural Interaction

**Education**

2008 Ph.D. in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Dissertation: *The Study of the Evolution of Maritime Archaic Households in Northern Labrador.*

Co-chairs: David Meltzer and Torben Rick. Committee: Michael Adler, Lisa Rankin

2005 M.A. in Anthropology from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

2004 M.A. in Anthropology from Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland.

Thesis: *Middle Dorset in Southern Labrador: An Examination of Three Small Sites in the Porcupine Strand Region.*

Chair: Lisa Rankin. Committee: James Tuck, Eric Damkjar

2001 Graduated cum laude with a B.A. in Anthropology from Portland State University, Portland, Oregon.

Senior Honor Thesis: *Háls: A Settlement Farm in Iceland*

Supervisors: Kenneth Ames and Kevin Smith

**Teaching Experience**

Fall 2011-Present Assistant Professor, SUNY-Plattsburgh, Plattsburgh, NY

Spring 2011 Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Spring 2010 Lecturer, University of Maryland, College Park, MA

Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Fall 2009 Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Spring 2009 Adjunct Professor, American University, Washington, DC

Summer 2008 Adjunct Lecturer, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

2006-2007 Teaching Assistant, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

2003-2005 Lab Instructor, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

Fall 2001 Lab Instructor, Memorial University, St. John’s, Newfoundland

**Publications**

2011 Wolff, Christopher B., John Erwin, Donald H. Holly, and Tatiana Nomokonova.

Preliminary Analysis of Paleoeskimo Subsistence at the Stock Cove Site (CkAl-3), Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. *North Atlantic Prehistory* Vol. 2.

2011 Wolff, Christopher B.

The Effects of European Maritime Economics on Newfoundland’s Indigenous Peoples. *Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society Newsletter*, Vol.22, No.1: 12-15.

2011 Holly, Donald H., Christopher B. Wolff, and John Erwin

Excavations at Stock Cove West (CkAl-10). *PAO Archaeological Review*, Vol. 9.

2010 Holly, Donald H., Christopher B. Wolff, and John Erwin

The Ties that Bind and Divide: Encounters with the Beothuk in Southeastern Newfoundland. *The Journal of the North Atlantic* 3:31-44.

2010 Wolff, Christopher B., John Erwin, and Donald H. Holly, Jr.

Settlement and Subsistence in Southeastern Newfoundland: Stock Cove Revisited. *PAO Archaeological Review*, Vol. 8:172-175.

2009 Wolff, Christopher B.

A Review of *Caribou and the North: A Shared Future* by Monte Hummel and Justina C. Ray. *The* *Northern Review*, No. 31 (Fall 2009).

2009 Wolff, Christopher B.

Recognition of the Potential of Archaeology in Environmental Decision-Making: An Example from Newfoundland, *Anthropology News*, Vol. 50, No. 9.

2009 Wolff, Christopher B.

Studies into the Social Organization of the Maritime Archaic of Newfoundland and Labrador. *Arctic Studies Center Newsletter* *No. 16*, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC.

2009 Wolff, Christopher B., Meghan Negrijn, Lindsay Swinarton, and Eric Tourigny

New Research at Stock Cove, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland. *PAO Archaeological Review*, Vol. 7:156-160.

2008 Wolff, Christopher B.

Snack Cove 2: An Examination of Middle Dorset Activity in Southern Labrador. *North Atlantic Prehistory* Vol. 1:43-62.

2008 Rick, Torben C., Jon M. Erlandson, Christopher B. Wolff.

Sex and Symbolism: A Middle Holocene Phallic Artifact from Santa Rosa Island, California*. Pacific Coast Archaeological Society Quarterly* 40(1):47-52. Pacific Coast Archaeological Society, Costa Mesa, CA.

2007 Wolff, Christopher B.

Review of *From the Arctic to Avalon: Papers in Honour of Jim Tuck*. *Journal of Island & Coastal Archaeology* Vol. 2:270-272.

2007 Wolff, Christopher B.

Recent Investigations of Maritime Archaic Structures at White Point, Northern Labrador. *PAO Archaeological Review*, Vol. 5:7-12.

2007 Wolff, Christopher B., Amanda Aland, Torben C. Rick.

Coastal Subsistence and Landscape Evolution on Eastern Santa Rosa Island, California: Perspectives from CA-SRI-667. *Proceedings of the Society for California Archaeology* 20:53-54.

2007 Wolff, Christopher B., Torben C. Rick, Amanda Aland.

Middle Holocene Subsistence and Land Use on Southeast Anchorage, Santa Rosa Island, California. *Journal of California and Great Basin Anthropology* Vol. 27, No. 2:172-184.

## Fellowships and Grants

2010 National Science Foundation EAGER grant, **Project Title:** *The Beginning of the End: The Social Dynamics of Early Beothuk-European Relations in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland* ($30,671). Co-PI with Dr. Donald H. Holly of Eastern Illinois University.

National Science Foundation Research Grant, **Project Title:** *Collaboration to Investigate the "Old Whaling" Culture and the Origins of Whaling in Chukotka* ($48,125)

National Park Service, Shared Beringian Heritage Grant, **Project Title**: *Old Whaling Culture in Chukotka* ($45,124)

2009 Provincial Archaeology Office of Newfoundland and Labrador Research Grant, St. John’s, NL, **Project Title:** *Subsistence, Settlement, and Succession at Stock Cove, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland* ($5000)

2008 Smithsonian Post-doctoral Fellowship, National Museum of Natural History and Museum Conservation Institute, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. ($40,000)

Provincial Archaeology Office of Newfoundland and Labrador Research Grant, St. John’s, NL, **Project Title:** *Subsistence and Settlement at Stock Cove, Newfoundland*($3800)

Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. ($7500)

2007 Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. ($7500)

2006 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, **Project Title:** *The Evolution of Maritime Archaic Households in Northern Labrador*. ($11,872)

Nunatsiavut Government Research Grant, Nain, NL. ($5,670)

Provincial Archaeology Office of Newfoundland and Labrador Research Grant, St. John’s, NL. ($4500)

The Institute for the Study of Earth and Man Research Grant, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. ($1,884)

Combined Prehistoric Expedition Research Fellowship for fieldwork in Egypt. ($2,000)

2002 Institute for Social and Economic Research Grant, Memorial University, St. John’s, NL. ($10,000)

Provincial Archaeology Office of Newfoundland and Labrador Research Grant, St. John’s, NL. ($4,500)

J.R. Smallwood Foundation Research Grant, St. John’s, NL. ($3,500)

1999 Portland State University Honors Program Fellowship (Tuition and Stipend).

**Presentations**

Upcoming Wolff, Christopher B., Thomas Urban, and Luke Brown

(2012) A Geophysical Investigation of the Old Whaling Site, Cape Krusenstern, Alaska

Poster to be presented at the 77th meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Memphis, TN.

Upcoming Holly, Donald H., Christopher B. Wolff, and John C. Erwin

(2012) The Beothuk Indians of Newfoundland & the Archaeology of Abandonment:

Perspectives from Southeastern Newfoundland and the Stock Cove West Site. Paper to be presented at the 77th meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Memphis, TN.

2011 Wolff, Christopher B. (Session Co-Organizer), Donald H. Holly, and John C. Erwin

*Stock Cove Revisited: Resent Research and Reevaluation of the Dorset Occupation of the Stock Cove Site, Southeastern Newfoundland.* Session Title: *Current Archaeology on the Island of Newfoundland*. Paper presented at the 2011 Canadian Archaeological Association Meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

2011 Holly, Donald H., Christopher B. Wolff (Session Co-Organizer), and John Erwin

*Stock Cove West: A Little Passage/Beothuk site in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland*. Session Title: *Current Archaeology on the Island of Newfoundland*. Paper presented at the 2011 Canadian Archaeological Association Meeting, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

2010 Holly, Donald H., Christopher B. Wolff, and John Erwin

*The Ties that Bind and Divide: Encounters with the Beothuk in Southeastern Newfoundland*. Paper presented at the 2010 American Society for Ethnohistory Meeting, Ottawa, Ontario.

2010 Wolff, Christopher B.

*Exploration, Exchange, and Extinction: The Effects of the Expansion of European Maritime Economics on Newfoundland’s Indigenous Peoples*. Paper presented at the October 2010 Maritime Archaeological and Historical Society Meeting.

2010 Wolff, Christopher B., Robert J. Speakman, William W. Fitzhugh

*Assessment of Portable X-ray Fluorescence Analysis for the Evaluation of Slate Procurement and Exchange: A Study from Newfoundland and Labrador*. Poster presented at the 38th International Symposium of Archaeometry, Tampa, FL.

2010 Wolff, Christopher B. (Session Co-Organizer), William W. Fitzhugh, Robert J. Speakman

*The Utility of pXRF in the Assessment of Slate Procurement and Exchange by the Maritime Archaic of Newfoundland and Labrador*. Session Title: *Archaeological Science 2010*. Poster presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, St. Louis, MO.

2010 Holly, Donald H., Christopher B. Wolff, John Erwin

*Interactions and Encounters with the Beothuk in Southeastern Newfoundland*. Paper presented at the 75th annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, St. Louis, MO.

2009 Wolff, Christopher B.

*Pithouses and Ideology: Examining Socio-cultural Elements in Northern Dwellings.* Paper presented at the 74th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Atlanta, GA.

2008 Wolff, Christopher B. (Session Organizer)

*Why Such A Longhouse?: The Evolution of Maritime Archaic Domestic Structures and its Underlying Socio-Cultural Implications*. Session Title: *The Other Coast: Coastal Economies and Social Organization in the Western North Atlantic*.Paper presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Vancouver, B.C.

2008 Wolff, Christopher B., Torben C. Rick, John A. Robbins, Lauren M. Willis.

*Site Structure, Taphonomy, and Chronology on East Anacapa Island, California*. Paper presented at the 7th California Islands Symposium, Oxnard, California.

2007 Wolff, Christopher B.

*Maritime Archaic Households and Ritual: A View from Northern Labrador*. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association, St. Johns, Newfoundland.

2006 Królik, Hanna, Maciej Jórdezcka, Miroslaw Masojc, Christopher Wolff, Romuald Schild.

*Badania Combined Prehistoric Expedition, W Afryce Pólnocno-Wschodniej, Nabta Playa 2006*. Poster for Institute of Archaeology, Warsaw, Poland.

2006 Wolff, Christopher B., Jason Theuer, Michael A. Adler, Neil Tabor.

*Analysis of Ceramic Source Materials from the Chaves-Hummingbird Site Using X-Ray Diffraction*. Poster presented at the 71st Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2005 Wolff, Christopher B. (Session Chair)

*The Early Colonization of Northern Labrador*. Paper presented at the 70th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Salt Lake City, Utah.

2005 Wolff, Christopher B., Rick, Torben C., Amanda Aland.

*Coastal Subsistence and Landscape Evolution on Eastern Santa Rosa Island, California: Perspectives from CA-SRI-667*. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society of California Archaeology.

2004 Wolff, Christopher B.

*Middle Dorset in Southern Labrador*. Poster presented at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Society of American Archaeology, Montreal, Quebec.

2003 Wolff, Christopher B.

*Middle Dorset in Southern Labrador: An Examination of Three Small Sites in the Porcupine Strand Region*. Paper presented at the 2003 Meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association, Hamilton, Ontario.

**Reports**

In review Wolff, Christopher B., and Sarah Feinstein

*Inventory and Assessment of Human Remains Requested for Repatriation by the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, Alaska, in the Collections of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution.* Repatriation Report for the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, Alaska. On file at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

In review Wolff, Christopher B.

*Assessment of Kaigani Haida Human Remains and Funerary Objects Requested for Repatriation in the Collections of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution*. Repatriation Claim Report for the Hydaburg Cooperative Association Case. On file at National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.

2011 Holly, Donald H., Wolff, Christopher B., and John C. Erwin

*Excavations at CkAl-10: the Stock  Cove West Site*. Interim Report on file at the

Provincial Archaeology Office, St. John’s, NL.

2009 Wolff, Christopher B.

*Interim Report for the Stock Cove Archaeology Project*. On file at the Provincial Archaeology Office, St. John’s, NL.

2008 Wolff, Christopher B.

*Final Report on Recent Investigations on White Point, Northern Labrador*, *Permit No. 06.02*. On file at the Provincial Archaeology Office, St. John’s, NL.

2007 Wolff, Christopher B.

*Interim Report for White Point Archaeology Project*. On file at the Provincial Archaeology Office, St. John’s, NL

**Multimedia**

2011-present Creator, Author (Blogger), Co-editor of *Magnetic North: Arctic Studies at the Smithsonian*. A blog discussing Arctic/Subarctic research at the Smithsonian Institution.

2011 Creator, Editor, Primary Author (Blogger) of the *Aleutian-Pribilof Islands Repatriation Blog* at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution. A blog designed to facilitate consultation with remote tribal communities of the Aleutians and Pribilofs.

**Current Research**

I am co-directing a multi-year, interdisciplinary research project in Southeastern Newfoundland to examine the human-environment interaction of various cultures (prehistoric through historic). This includes archaeological excavation at sites along the southeastern coast of Newfoundland and extensive systematic survey of the region; environmental research to obtain proxy data to reconstruct past climatic, ecological, and geological conditions; and ethnohistoric research focusing on contact between groups, post-contact relationships and adaptations, and their correlation to environmental change and demographic shifts.

Conducting new research at the Old Whaling site at Cape Krusenstern, Alaska. This research is an investigation of the settlement history of the Old Whaling beach ridge and adjacent ridges in order to evaluate the origins and historical relationships of the Old Whaling people. It will also include systematic lithic analyses on existing collections at the Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology at Brown University.

I also continue to collaborate with researchers on the Northern Channel Islands of California, the Chesapeake Bay, and the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands examining human-environment interaction in coastal ecosystems.

**Research Experience**

2010-2011 Archaeologist/Case Officer working with Pacific Northwest and Alaskan Native groups in assessing collections housed at the National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC for cultural affiliation and repatriation.

2010-2011 Conducting faunal analyses of remains from a shell midden site on Agattu Island of the Aleutian Islands with Stephen Loring of the Smithsonian Institution to examine the historical ecology of that island and compare it with evidence documented from other parts of the island chain and northern Pacific.

2005-2011 Conducting historical ecological research in the Chesapeake Bay and California Channel Islands with Dr. Torben Rick of the Smithsonian Institution investigating shellfish procurement and impact by prehistoric and historic indigenous peoples.

2008-2010 Conducting collections-based XRF analyses through a joint research fellowship between the National Museum of Natural History and Museum Conservation Institute at the Smithsonian Institution, examining sources of slate used by the Maritime Archaic peoples of Newfoundland and Labrador.

2009-present Design and direct a field research project at the Stock Cove site, Trinity Bay, Newfoundland examining the dynamics of the Paleoeskimo to Recent Indian transition, and the early contact period between Beothuk and Europeans, through an historical ecological perspective.

2009 Conducted excavation in Iceland on a farm (Gilsbakki) containing historic, Medieval, and Viking Age materials, directed by Kevin Smith of the Haffenreffer Museum at Brown University and Michele Smith from the Rhode Island School of Design.

2008 Directed test excavation and survey at the Stock Cove site on the northeastern coast of Newfoundland to determine research strategies and potential for a multi-year, interdisciplinary project in that region.

2006 Designed and directed a project that involved the excavation of three Maritime Archaic structures at White Point, Northern Labrador as part of my Ph.D. project at Southern Methodist University.

2006 Conducted excavation of an Early Neolithic site at Nabta Playa, in the Western Desert of Egypt, and survey of the desert margins along the east and west banks of the Nile between Aswan and Kom Ombo with Drs. Fred Wendorf and Romauld Schild of the Combined Prehistoric Expedition.

2003-2006 Conducted research on several Paleoindian (Folsom) sites in West Texas and Southern Colorado with Dr. David Meltzer of Southern Methodist University.

2002 Designed and directed a project that included the excavation of three Paleoeskimo sites on Huntingdon and Horse Chops Islands off the coast of Central Labrador as part of my M.A. research project at Memorial University.

2001 Conducted survey of the Porcupine Strand region of southern Labrador with Dr. Lisa Rankin of Memorial University.

2000 Worked for the Háls Archaeological Project directed by Kevin Smith of the Haffenreffer Museum at Brown University excavating an iron production site and an associated pithouse from the early Settlement Period of Viking Age Iceland.

1999 Interned at the Arctic Studies Center of the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, where I conducted research focused on the analysis of Maritime Archaic lithic materials and preparing them for repatriation to Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Professional Affiliations**

Associate Member of the Center for the Study of Canada

Research Associate, Arctic Studies Center, Smithsonian Institution

Research Associate, Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Brown University

Society for American Archaeology

Canadian Archaeological Association

American Anthropological Association

Arctic Institute of North America

World Archaeological Congress

Global Human Ecodynamics Alliance

**Other Service and Achievements**

2011 Grant Reviewer for National Science Foundation’s Arctic Social Sciences Program.

2010-2012 Member of the Society of American Archaeology’s Committee on Curriculum

2011 External Committee Member for Graduate Students at Memorial University of Newfoundland

2008 Certified in GIS

2007-2008 Graduate student representative for SMU Anthropology Department

2004-2008 University Library committee member at SMU