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## EDUCATION

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PhD in Anthropology (Archaeology emphasis), City University and Graduate Center, NY, NY,  
(2004 - present). Level II

MA in Anthropology (Archaeology emphasis), Hunter College (CUNY), *magna cum laude*, (2005).

BS in Mechanical Engineering (Minor/Business Administration), Wichita State University,  
*cum laude*, (1997).

## PRESENTATIONS

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“Viking Age Trade in the North Atlantic,”

North Atlantic Biocultural Organization Conference, Bradford, UK, September 2008 and  
Quebec City, Canada, September 2006.

\*Received award for 2<sup>nd</sup> best poster presented at conference

“Material Culture and Viking Age Trade: Comparison of Artifacts from Icelandic Farm Sites,”

Society for American Archaeology Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, April  
2008.

“Material Culture and Viking Age Trade: Comparison of Artifacts from two Viking Age Farm  
Sites,” Society for American Archaeology Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, April 2006.

## COURSES TAUGHT

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Queens College, CUNY

Introduction to Archaeology (Spring 2007 to present)

I am currently teaching two sections of Introduction to Archaeology. This lecture course traces the major developments in human history and illustrates the methods archaeologists use to study the past. The origins of cultural behavior, the invention of agriculture and its consequences, and the development of civilization are examined.

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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C.L. Vebaek Student Travel Fellowship for Greenland Research (2008)

City University and Graduate Center Fellowship (2004 – present).

City University and Graduate Center Doctoral Student Research Grant (2006).

The American-Scandinavian Foundation Thor-Thors Memorial Grant (2005).

Hunter College Anthropology Department M.A. Research Grant (2004).

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Society for American Archaeology (SAA).  
North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO).

## FIELDWORK

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July 2008 – August 2008

Greenland, Vatnahverfi

Participated in graveyard and midden excavations at ø64 and exploratory midden excavation at ø68. I was involved in all phases of survey, coring, test trenches, and excavation. The field season resulted in the recovery of numerous early Norse skeletons from a lesser known church graveyard. Also, numerous sites were cored in order to discover locations with good bone preservation for future midden excavations.

June 2008 – July 2008

Iceland, Möðruvellir & Skutustaðir

Participated in midden excavations at two medieval Norse sites in north central Iceland. Möðruvellir was a large monastery site that had ties to the previously excavated trade center of Gásir. Excavations at Skutustaðir were successful in building a continuous chronology connecting the early settlement period sites already excavated in the Mývatn region with later medieval sites.

July 2006 – August 2006

Faroe Islands, Sandur

Continuation of excavation participated in the previous year. In addition to completing the excavation of medieval and Viking Age structures, I carried out a coring study of the field surrounding the trench. Also responsible for opening two test trenches in the village of Sandur where the foundations of a series of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century buildings are to be investigated.

July 2005 – August 2005

Iceland, Hreisheimer

Participated in excavation of a Viking Age farm site in the Lake Myvatn area. This site likely represents the largest Viking Age iron production activity discovered in Iceland. Post-excavation work consists of analysis of the artifacts and a preliminary report.

June 2005 – July 2005

Faroe Islands, Sandur

Participated in excavation of a medieval structure on a site being eroded by the sea. From a trench dug into the erosion face it was discovered that this site was occupied continuously from the early Viking Age well into the Middle Ages. Post-excavation work consists of analysis of the artifacts and a preliminary report.

May 2004

New York, Brooklyn College Field School

Volunteer with the Marine Park (Brooklyn) excavation offered by Brooklyn College. Excavated three 2x2m trenches to determine if shell deposits were indication of prehistoric activity.

July 2003 – August 2003

NABO Icelandic Field School

Participated in Viking Age excavation at Hofstaðir in the Lake Myvatn region of northeast Iceland. Introduced to single-context recording and open area excavation of turf structures.

June 2002

Wichita State University Field School

Cimarron National Grasslands, SW Kansas

Survey of Paleoindian sites recorded in the 1970's. Responsibilities included: plotting transects using GPS, inputting data into GIS applications, shovel testing, and recording of relevant finds.

## **LAB EXPERIENCE**

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July 2006

Institute of Archaeology, Reykjavik, Iceland

Lab Research for PhD

Analyzing, documenting and cataloguing of artifact collections excavated from Hreisheimar, a Viking Age farm site in northern Iceland.

Summer 2004

Institute of Archaeology, Reykjavik, Iceland

Lab Research for M.A. Thesis

Analyzing, documenting and cataloguing of artifact collections excavated from Hofstaðir and Sveigakot, two Viking Age farm sites in northern Iceland.

Fall 2003

Brooklyn College, NY

Lab Technician

Zooarchaeology Lab. Analyzing faunal remains from excavation at Sandoy, Faroe Islands.

Fall 2003

Brooklyn College, NY

Lab Technician

Archaeology Lab. Analyzing, documenting and cataloguing of material artifact collection excavated from Van Cortlandt Park.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Forensic Technician – Stormriders Inc., Brooklyn, NY, March – December, 2007

Part of the World Trade Center Recovery Project beginning in 2007. Project consisted of sieving through material recovered from the World Trade Center site in search of possible human remains as well as personal objects and other material of archaeological significance.

Airframe Designer – Raytheon Aircraft, Wichita, KS, 1997 - 2002

Designed mechanical installations for mid-sized business jets modified for special missions. Involved in all structural and systems related modifications for numerous foreign projects. Organized and led meetings with technicians, sales representatives, planning, and business managers, as well as assist in FAA certification procedures for certain critical installations.

## **COMMUNITY, VOLUNTEER, AND SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

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American Red Cross certifications:

Wilderness First Aid

Adult CPR w/ AED

Bloodborn Pathogens

Active blood donor with the American Red Cross and the New York Blood Center since 2000.

## **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

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Dr. Tom McGovern, PhD.

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