

AARON CHRISTIAN KENDALL

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Anthropology (Archaeology emphasis), The CUNY Graduate Center,
2004-Present. Level II
o Certificate: Interactive Technology and Pedagogy

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

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

COURSES TAUGHT

Queens College, CUNY

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.

World of the Vikings

This course explores all aspects of early Norse culture, migration, and settlement across the North Atlantic c. 750 – 1050 AD. Issues relating to Viking raids, shipbuilding, social organization and integration, agriculture, and religion are explored through both archaeological evidence and historical references. This region and period are of particular interests in light of recent changes in global climate and thus historical ecology is addressed as it relates to Norse adaptations to varied environments.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

North Atlantic Biocultural Organization, International Polar Year Fellowship (2009-10)

Hreiðar Karlsson Memorial Student Travel Award (2009)

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

Society for American Archaeology (SAA).

North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (NABO).

PRESENTATIONS

“Material Culture and Viking Age Trade: Comparison of Artifacts from Icelandic Farm Sites,”
Society for American Archaeology Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, April
2008.

“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 2nd best poster presented at conference

“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.

FIELDWORK (SELECTED)

June 2009 – July 2009

Iceland, Skuggi, Oddstaðir, and Myrkadalur

Participated in midden excavations at three medieval Norse sites in north central Iceland. These sites are thought to have supported the medieval trade center of Gásir. Excavations at Skuggi and Oddstaðir were successful in providing large faunal collections that will allow for the study of the Gásir hinterlands, which would have likely provided agricultural support to the burgeoning trade settlement.

June 2008 – August 2008

Greenland, Vatnahverfi & Iceland, Möðruvellir & Skutustaðir

Participated in graveyard and midden excavations in Greenland. 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. In Iceland, I participated in midden excavations at two medieval Norse sites. 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.

Summer 2005 and 2006

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. 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 17th and 18th century buildings are to be investigated.

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

Summer 2004 & 2006

Institute of Archaeology, Reykjavik, Iceland

Lab Research for PhD

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

Fall 2003

Brooklyn College, NY

Lab Technician

- Zooarchaeology Lab: Analyzing faunal remains from excavations at Sandoy, Faroe Islands
- Archaeology Lab: Analyzing, documenting and cataloguing of material artifact collection excavated from Van Cortlandt Park, The Bronx

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Criminalist – OCME, NY, NY, March 2010 - present

Phase III of the World Trade Center Recovery Project that began in 2007. Project consists of a continuation of the sieving operation, this time being carried out at Fresh Kills Landfill in Staten Island, NY.

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

Phase II 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.