

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Hunter College Research Associate/ CUNY & NSF CIE Post-doctoral Fellow

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EDUCATION

Ph.D./Anthropology – September 2013, CUNY Graduate School/NY

M.Phil./Anthropology – September 2008, CUNY Graduate School/NY

MA/Anthropology – January 2006, Hunter College, CUNY

BA/Anthropology - June 2001, Hunter College, CUNY Minor/English

TEACHING

Adjunct Lecturer, Hunter College, CUNY, Anthropology Department

Spring 2013: World of the Vikings, Undergraduate Course

Spring 2011: World of the Vikings, Undergraduate Course

Spring 2009: Introduction to World Prehistory/Prehistoric Archaeology, Undergraduate Course

Fall 2008: Introduction to World Prehistory/Prehistoric Archaeology, Undergraduate Course

NSF-funded Teaching Assistant, CUNY Graduate Center, Anthropology Department

Fall 2007: Seminar: Introduction to Zooarchaeology, Graduate Course

RECENT HUNTER COLLEGE BIO-CULTURAL LABORATORY EMPLOYMENT

2007 – 2013 Lab Supervisor

NORSEC (Northern Science and Education Center) - Hunter College, NY

Previously funded through US National Science Foundation, Office of Polar Programs (Arctic Social Sciences Program), Archaeology Program, International Polar Year Program (IPY), and Human and Social Dimensions of Global Change Program

2004 – 2006, REU Supervisor

NORSEC (Northern Science and Education Center) - Hunter College, NY

Zooarchaeology Lab. Responsibilities included zooarchaeological training and supervision of Students participating in the NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates.

FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY EXPERIENCE

January – May 2007 & March – June 2010, **Forensic Criminalist**

World Trade Center Recovery Work at 11 Water Street, Manhattan, and Freshkills, Staten Island. This Facility was operated by the City of New York and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. As Forensic Technician, I was involved in the recovery of human, faunal, and artefactual remains from the World Trade Site destruction.

MOST RECENT MUSEUM EMPLOYMENT

September 2002 – May 2004, American Museum of Natural History

After School Program Assistant

Responsible for hiring instructors, administrating the program, budget management, and continuous development and improvement of after school program offered to High School Students Grades 9-12.

GRANTS & AWARDS

US NSF Arctic Sciences Division, Office of Polar Programs, Dissertation Improvement Grant (0809033), 2008 & 2009 - Gásir Hinterlands Project: Northern Communities and Early Globalization. Funding 2008 and 2009 (total of USD \$30,000) to conduct research on various deeply stratified midden deposits associated with medieval farm sites in Hörgárdalur, Eyjafjörður, NE Iceland.

Hreiðar Karlsson Memorial Student Travel Award – Summer 2009. Award presented to NABO students involved in archaeological research in Iceland.

Sigurður Vigfússon travel award - Summer 2008. Award presented to NABO students involved in archaeological research in Iceland.

Leifur Eiríksson Foundation Scholarship, 2006

USD \$14,400 granted for a six-month scholarly project, completed in Iceland. Archaeological research included test excavation at Möðruvellir as part of the primary investigation of the Gásir Hinterlands Project, and subsequent analysis of faunal materials recovered from that midden trench.

American Scandinavian Foundation – Thor Thors Fund, Scholarship, 2006

USD \$10,000 was granted for a six-month scholarly project, carried out in Iceland. Archaeological research included test excavation at Möðruvellir as part of the primary investigation phase of the Gásir Hinterlands Project.

BOOK PUBLICATION

Harrison, R. & Maher, R. (eds.). (*in press*). *Long-Term Human Ecodynamics in the North Atlantic: An Archaeological Study*. Lexington Publishers, Lanham, Maryland. Target date of publication: Fall/Winter 2014.

RELEVANT RECENT PAPER PUBLICATIONS (Peer-reviewed)

Harrison, R. (*under review*). Fishbones, Fisheries and Trade in the medieval North Atlantic: The Zooarchaeology of Siglunes and Gásir in Eyjafjörður. In N. Mehler, E. Elvestad, and M. Gardiner (eds.); *Hanseatic Trade in the North Atlantic 1400-1700*.

Harrison, R (*in press*). Gásir Archaeology – International Exchange and Eyjafjörður Ecodynamics in Medieval Iceland. In Harrison, R. & Maher, R. (eds.). (*in press*). *Long-Term Human Ecodynamics in the North Atlantic: An Archaeological Study*. Lexington Publishers, Lanham, Maryland.

McGovern, T.H., **R. Harrison**, K. Smiarowski, (*in press*). Sorting Sheep & Goats in Medieval Iceland and Greenland: Local Subsistence or World System? In Harrison, R. & Maher, R. (eds.). (*in press*). *Long-Term Human Ecodynamics in the North Atlantic: An Archaeological Study*. Lexington Publishers, Lanham, Maryland.

Smiarowski, K., **R. Harrison**, S. Brewington, M. Hicks, F. J. Feeley, C. Dupont-Hebert, B. Prehal, G. Hambrecht, J. Woollett, T. H. McGovern. (in press). Zooarchaeology of the Scandinavian Settlements in Iceland and Greenland: Diverging Pathways. In Albarella, U., H. Russ, K. Vickers & S. Viner-Daniels (eds.), *Handbook of Zooarchaeology*. Oxford University Press.

Harrison, R. 2013. *World Systems and Human Ecodynamics in Medieval Eyjafjörður, North Iceland: Gásir and its Hinterlands*. (Ph.D. dissertation, CUNY).

Harrison, R. & M. Snæsdóttir. 2012. Urbanization in Reykjavík: Post medieval Archaeofauna from the Downtown Area. In *JONA (Journal of the North Atlantic)* 19, pp. 1-17. Eagle Hill Foundation.

Harrison, R. 2010. Small Holder Farming in Early Medieval Iceland: Skuggi in Hörgárdalur. In Gavin Lucas (ed.). *Archaeologica Islandica*, pp.51-76, Reykjavik, Iceland.

T. H. McGovern, S. Perdikaris, I. Mainland, P. Ascough, V. Ewens, A. Einarsson, J. Sidell, G. Hambrecht & **R. Harrison**. 2009. The Archaeofauna in: Hofstaðir: *Excavations of a Viking Age Feasting Hall in North-Eastern Iceland*. Gavin Lucas (ed.), pp 194-278. Publisher: FSÍ, Iceland.

Harrison, R., H. M. Roberts, W. P. Adderley. Gásir in Eyjafjörður: International Exchange and Local Economy in Medieval Iceland. 2008. *Journal of the North Atlantic* 1 (1):99-119. Publisher: Eagle Hill Foundation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Lárusdóttir, B., H. M. Roberts (eds), S. Þorgeirsdóttir, **R. Harrison** and M. Á. Sigurgeirsson. 2012. *Siglunes: Archaeological investigations in 2011*. Fornleifastofnun Íslands, FS480-11121, Reykjavík

R. Harrison (edt.), with G. A. Gísladóttir, S. Guðmundsdóttir-Beck, S. J. Hansen, E. Ó. Hreiðarsdóttir, G. Lucas, & H. M. Roberts. *Gásir Hinterlands Project 2009: Midden Prospection and Excavation*. FS440-06384, February 2010, FSÍ, Reykjavík and NORSEC, New York.

Roberts, Howell M. (edt), O. Vésteinsson, T. Brorsson, H. Konráðsdóttir, **R. Harrison**, S. Ólafsson, G. A. Gísladóttir & M. Snæsdóttir. *Gásir Post Excavation Reports – Volume 1. 2009*, FS423-010712, Fornleifastofnun Íslands, Reykjavík.

R. Harrison. *Midden Excavation at Möðruvellir, and Prospection in Hörgárdalur: Interim Field Report, Gásir Hinterlands Project 2008*. FS402-06383, November 2008, FSÍ, Reykjavík and NORSEC, New York.

R. Harrison with Howell M. Roberts. *The Midden at Möðruvellir 2007: Preliminary excavation report of the Möðruvellir Midden, 2007*. FS365-006382 Fornleifastofnun Íslands, Reykjavík.

R. Harrison with Howell M. Roberts. *The Midden at Möðruvellir 2006. Preliminary Excavation Report*, FS338-06381 Fornleifastofnun Íslands, Reykjavík 2006

RELEVANT LABORATORY REPORTS

R. Harrison 2013. The Siglunes 2011/12 Archaeofauna. Interim Report on the Fishing Station's Sampled Faunal Remains. NORSEC/HERC Zooarchaeology Laboratory Report No. 62.

R. Harrison 2011c. Harrison, R. 2011b. Oddstaðir in Hörgárdalur, N. Iceland: Preliminary Report of the 2009 Archaeofauna. NORSEC/HERC Zooarchaeology Laboratory Report No. 58.

R. Harrison 2011b. Möðruvellir in Hörgárdalur, N. Iceland: General Overview of the Faunal Remains Analyzed from the 2006-08 Midden Mound Excavations. NORSEC/HERC Zooarchaeology Laboratory Report No. 59.

R. Harrison 2011a. *Myrkárdalur in Hörgárdalur, N. Iceland: Brief Summary of the 2008/2009 Archaeofauna.* NORSEC & HERC Zooarchaeology Laboratory Report No. 57.

R. Harrison. *Skuggi in Hörgárdalur, N. Iceland: Preliminary report of the 2008/2009 archaeofauna.* August 2010, NORSEC lab report Nr. 50. Download at www.nabohome.org

Konrad Smiarowski & **R. Harrison.** *Establishing Age and Season of Death from Incremental Annual and Seasonal Dentine and Cementum Layers of Phocid Teeth - A Practicum at the Laboratory for Prehistory and Bioarchaeology at Laval University, Québec City, Canada, December 2009.*

R. Harrison. *The Gásir Area A Archaeofauna: An Update of the Results from the Faunal Analysis of the High Medieval Trading Site in Eyjafjörður, N Iceland.* March 2009, NORSEC lab report Nr. 44. Download at www.nabohome.org

R. Harrison, with NORSEC laboratory volunteers: M. Hicks, P. Colligan, A. Schreiner: *Preliminary Assessment of the faunal remains from the 2007 Midden Excavation in Eyri, Westfjords, NW Iceland.* May 2008, NORSEC lab report 42. Download at www.nabohome.org

R. Harrison, with students from the 2007 Zooarchaeology Seminar. *Interim Report of Faunal Analysis from the 2005 Excavation at Aðalstræti Nr. 10. Reykjavík, Iceland.* December 2007, NORSEC lab report Nr 40. Download at www.nabohome.org

R. Harrison. *Interim Report of faunal analysis from the 2006 Midden excavation at Möðruvellir, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland.* 2007, NORSEC lab report No. 37 Download at www.nabohome.org

R. Harrison. *The Church at Gásir, Eyjafjörður, N. Iceland Interim Report of faunal analysis from the 2006 Excavations.* 2007, NORSEC lab report No. 38. Download at www.nabohome.org

R. Harrison. *The medieval trading station at Gásir, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland: Interim Report of faunal analysis from the 2006 Excavations.* NORSEC lab report # 30. Also in: *Excavations at Gásir 2006: An Interim Report/Framvinduskýrsla.* Lilja Björk Pálsdóttir and Howell Roberts (eds). FS355 -010710, July 2007, Reykjavík, Iceland.

RELEVANT RECENT & FUTURE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

September 2014, 12th International Council for Archaeozoology (ICAZ), San Rafael, Argentina

Scheduled Presentations: 1) From Early Icelandic Fisheries to North Atlantic Enterprise

Long-term Investigations of Marine Economy in Eyjafjord, Iceland

2) Combining Zooarchaeological and Isotopic Analyses in the Research on the Nature of Domestic and International Exchange in Medieval Iceland (Harrison, Ascough & Sayle).

April 2014, The Anthropocene in the Longue Durée - University of Texas at Austin

S. Brewington, M. Hicks, **R. Harrison**, Á. Edwald, Á. Einarsson, K. Anamthawat Jónsson, G. Cook P. Ascough, K. Sayle, M. Church, J. M. Bond, S. Dockrill, A. Friðriksson, S. Arge, T. H. McGovern. Islands of Change vs. Islands of Disaster: Managing Pigs and Birds in the Anthropocene in the North Atlantic.

November 2013, GHEA Workshop – U Maryland, USA.

Presentation: From Gásir Hinterlands Project to Study of Human Ecodynamics in Eyjafjörður

July 2013, NABO – Akureyri, Iceland

Presentation: Gásir Hinterlands Project: Study of Human Ecodynamics in Eyjafjörður.

June 2013, Hanseatic Trade in the North Atlantic New Discoveries from Archaeology and History, Avaldsnes, Norway

Presentation: Fish bones and Fisheries in the North Atlantic: Some Approaches and Results (Harrison, Feeley, Perdikaris & McGovern).

April 2012, Society of American Archaeology, Memphis, USA.

Session organizer for: North Atlantic Island Ecodynamics: A Global Human Ecodynamics Alliance Program. Presentation: Gásir Archaeology – A Trading Site and its Connections to a Medieval World System

March 2011, Socio-Environmental Dynamics over the Last 12,000 Years: The Creation of Landscapes II, Open Workshop, Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel, Germany.

Presentation: Gásir and its Hinterlands?

November 2010, 18th Arctic Conference, Bryn Mawr College, PA, USA.

Presentation: Gásir and its Hinterlands – Zooarchaeological analysis as part of an emerging multidisciplinary investigation of long term human eco-dynamics in Eyjafjörður, Northeast Iceland.

August 2010, 11th International Council for Archaeozoology (ICAZ), Paris, France

Poster Presentation: Marginal Exchange? Gásir and its Hinterlands.

April 2010, *Association for Environmental Archaeology*, University of Aberdeen, UK

Presentation: Gásir and its Hinterlands – Zooarchaeological analysis as part of an emerging multidisciplinary investigation of long term human eco-dynamics in Eyjafjörður, Northeast Iceland.

EXCAVATION EXPERIENCE

August 2013

Siglunes, Siglufjörður, N Iceland

Co-PI and part of the Siglunes project management team. Continued registration and planning of eroding fishing structures. Excavation and analysis of structural and faunal remains from the site. 2013 was the third consecutive season of this small-scale rescue project. Project management and analysis of the Siglunes archaeofaunal remains collected in 2011 - 2013 are the focus of the NSF CIE Postdoctoral Fellowship.

July 2013

Skuggi, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland

Project Co-Director of the NSF CIE sponsored Skuggi midden and structural excavation in continuation of the Eyjafjörður Ecodynamics Project. Project administration, post-excavation management, and collection and organization of the Skuggi faunal materials as part of the NSF CIE Postdoctoral Fellowship.

July 2011, 2012

Siglunes Siglufjörður, N Iceland

Project co-PI and part of the excavation and erosion survey team at this heavily endangered coastal fishing site. Establishment of chronology and documentation of the endangered structures and the midden mound, as well as collection of well-dated and well-preserved faunal remains.

September 2010

Pitschedboden, East Tyrol, Austria

Part of an excavation team involved in a high alpine archaeological project directed by U Innsbruck, Austria. This site/area may have experienced transhumance from as early as the Late Bronze Age until the Early Middle Ages. Focus of this year's project was to excavate remains of potential ceremonial activities associated with Late Bronze Age Urnfield culture.

July – August, 2009

Vatnahverfi Region, South Greenland

Archaeological excavation at the Greenlandic Norse ruin site, E172 Tatsip Ataa. Participant at this international excavation directed by Jette Arneborg from the Danish National Museum in collaboration with the Greenland National Museum and Archives (NKA) and NORSEC/CUNY.

June – July, 2009 - **Gásir Hinterlands Project, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland**

P.I. and director of excavations of the second year part of the project funded by a dissertation Improvement grant from the US National Science Foundation. Midden prospection and excavation resulted in faunal collections from three sites: Skuggi, Myrkárdalur, and Oddstaðir.

June & Aug. 2008 - **Möðruvellir & Gásir Hinterlands Project, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland**

Continuation of the farm midden (Öskuhóll) trench excavation started in 2006. Responsibilities included co-directing the excavation, and retrieval of faunal materials and artefacts.

July 2007 & July 2008 - Vatnsfjörður, West Fjords, NW Iceland

Supervisor at the NABO Field School and instructor of the Zooarchaeology component of this four- week long course in excavation practices.

August 2007 - Eyri, Ísafjörður, NW Iceland

Coring and locating the extent of the Eyri farm midden in the town of Ísafjörður. Excavation of a midden trench that resulted in the retrieval of a considerable quantity of well-preserved archaeofauna.

August 2007 - Möðruvellir, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland

Continuation of the farm midden (Öskuhóll) trench excavation started in 2006. Responsibilities included retrieval of faunal materials and artefacts.

June 2007 - Mývatnssveit, NE Iceland

Part of midden survey team; activities involved coring and test trenching of potentially well stratified midden deposits from as recent as the 18th and 19th centuries and reaching as far back as the middle ages. Collaboration between FSI, CUNY, New York, and the Mývatn Research Station.

September 2006 – Skálholt, S Iceland/University of Iceland, Reykjavík

Supervisor and teacher at the one-week field component as part of the University of Iceland introductory course to Archaeological methods. Supervision and instruction of Icelandic University Students in basic single unit excavation practices.

August 2006 – Litlu-Núpar and Suður-Pingeyjarsýsla, N Iceland

Participated in Phase 1 investigation of potential Viking Age graves and structural remains.

July & August 2006 – Gásir, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland

Participated in the excavation of a medieval seasonal trading post (total of six weeks). Post-excavation work to be carried out at the NABO and NORSEC laboratories at the Hunter College and Brooklyn College Campuses at CUNY. Involved with the six-year excavation project since 2004, both as excavator and faunal specialist.

July 2006 – Möðruvellir Eyjafjörður, N Iceland

Week-long excavation of midden evaluation by test trench. Post-excavation work consists of analysis of the faunal remains and a preliminary excavation report by the excavator. Post-excavation work to be carried out at the NABO and NORSEC laboratories at the Hunter College and Brooklyn College Campuses at CUNY.

June 2006 - Þingvellir, Iceland

Participated in excavation of a potential Viking-Age burial (Kuml).

July 2005– August 2005 – Gásir, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland

Participated in excavation of a medieval seasonal trading post. Post-excavation work consists of analysis of the faunal remains and a preliminary report.

July 2005 – Vatnsfjörður, NW Iceland

Midden survey at a medieval long house site in the West Fjords of Iceland. Survey included coring and test excavation of midden materials.

June 2004 – August 2004 – Gásir, Eyjafjörður, N Iceland

Participated in excavation of a medieval seasonal trading post. Post-excavation work consists of analysis of the faunal remains and a preliminary report.

May 2004 – Sandur, Faroe Islands

Initial excavation of a Viking Age/medieval building. Assisted in excavation work and processing of finds.

July 2003 – August 2003 - Mývatnssveit, NE Iceland - NABO Icelandic Field School

Participated in Viking Age excavation at Sveigakot, Lake Mývatn area. Introduced to single-context method and excavation of turf structures.

June 2003 New York, USA - Brooklyn College Field School

Volunteer with the Van Cortlandt Park (Bronx) excavation offered by Brooklyn College. The main tasks included test pitting, and trenching.

August 2002

Százhalombatta, Hungary - Home and Hearth in the Bronze Age

Responsibilities at this Bronze Age site included: excavation, screening, preparing material for lab, taking soil samples, recording data, and all other activities associated with archaeology.

July 2002 – Antigua - Archival Research

Assisted in documentary research on eighteenth-century artist Lydia Byam.

MOST RECENT MUSEUM EMPLOYMENT

September 2002 – May 2004, American Museum of Natural History

After School Program Assistant

Responsible for hiring instructors, administrating the program, budget management, and continuous development and improvement of after school program offered to High School Students Grades 9-12.

LANGUAGES

German – fluent, English – fluent, Icelandic – reading/basic conversation, French – reading/basic conversation, Danish – reading, Italian – reading

COMPUTER SKILLS

AutoCAD, Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, File Maker.

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

Conference Organization

2013 Co-organized the 2013 NABO General Meeting at the Stefansson Arctic Institute in Akureyri, Iceland.

2012 Organized the session “North Atlantic Island Ecodynamics: A Global Human Ecodynamics Alliance Program.” at the 2012 Society for American Archaeology Meetings, Memphis.

AFFILIATIONS

GHEA - Global Human Environmental Association (www.gheahome.org)

GHEA - Coastal Erosion Working Group, Member

EAA – European Archaeological Association

ICAZ – International Council for Archaeozoology

SAA – Society of American Archaeology

NABO - North Atlantic Biocultural Organization (www.nabohome.org)

IHOPE – Integrated History and Future of People on Earth affiliated via **Circumpolar Networks** (<http://ihopenet.org/circumpolarnetworks/>)

Graduate (thesis) Advisors:

T.H. McGovern - CUNY, S. Perdikaris - CUNY, O. Vésteinsson U Iceland, A.J. Dugmore - U Edinburgh, G. Lucas (external advisor) – U Iceland