

Global Careers and Education Archaeology

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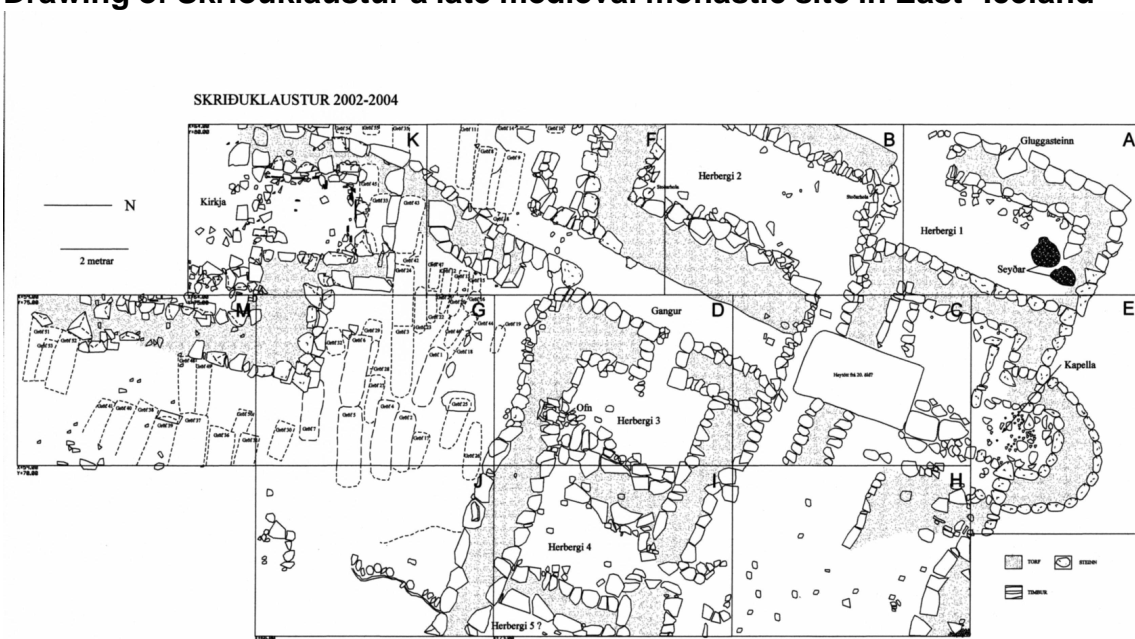
The Graduate Center <http://web.gc.cuny.edu/anthropology/archaeology.html>

The City University of New York www.cuny.edu

Hunter College <http://maxweber.hunter.cuny.edu/anthro/>

Brooklyn College <http://depthome.brooklyn.cuny.edu/anthro/>

Drawing of Skriðuklaustur a late medieval monastic site in East- Iceland





Iceland – www.iceland.is

- 300,000 inhabitants, 39,756 square.miles
- We speak Icelandic which is a Germanic language like English
- Our currency is the Icelandic krona
 - All the coins have pictures of fish on them



- We use the metric system
- Iceland was settled by Vikings from Scandinavia around 874
- Alþingi at Þingvellir is the oldest parliament in the world founded in 930 AD
- We depended on farming, mostly sheep, until the mid 20th century
- The modern economy is based on fishing, tourism and information technology
- Icelandic music
 - Björk – the singer in the swan dress
 - Jón Leifs – 20th century classical composer
 - Sigur ros – had a song in Vanilla Sky and The Life Aquatic
 - Emíliana Torrini – Gollum's song in The Lord of the Rings
 - Quarashi – rap band
 - Mugison – a guy with a guitar
- Icelandic literature
 - The Sagas of the Icelanders – classic literature

- Halldór Laxnes – Nobel Prize winner
- Icelandic movies
 - 101 Reykjavík
 - Noi the Albino
 - Children of Nature – Oscar nomination for best foreign film 1991
- We have active volcanoes, black sands, glaciers, no real forests, hot springs
- Winter temperature similar to New York but the summers are cooler and there is no humidity
- We don't have roaches, trains, subways or Wal-Mart
- We do have McDonalds, lots of cars, shopping malls
- The Icelandic horse special – <http://www.imh.org/imh/bw/iceland.html>
- We don't have last names, but are called after our father's (and today sometimes mother's) first name adding dottir (daughter) or son (son)
- You can learn Icelandic online for free at <http://www.icelandic.hi.is/>

Archaeology (Anthropology)

- Spans from around 100,000 years BC to the modern day
- You can do archaeology everywhere in the world
 - Europe
 - North & South America
 - Africa
 - Asia
 - Australia
- Archaeology has many subfields such as
 - Zooarchaeology – the study of animal bones from human habitation sites (the best!)
 - Medieval archaeology – Europe 500 AD – 1500 AD
 - Egyptology – the study of Ancient Egypt
 - Forensic anthropology – studying human bones and burials
 - Classical archaeology – the study of Ancient Greece and Rome
 - Paleoetomology – analyzing bugs from archaeological sites
 - Archaeobotany – study if pollen and plant remains
 - Archaeological illustration – drawing artifacts
 - Conservation – conserving artifacts
- Archaeology is very interdisciplinary and it unites the best from the hard sciences, the social sciences and the humanities
- You get to work inside during the winter when the weather is nasty and cold but outside in the mud when it's sunny and hot
- Therefore, archaeology is the best

Interesting archeology links

<http://www.geo.ed.ac.uk/nabo/>

<http://www.harappa.com>

<http://www.anth.ucsb.edu/faculty/walker/Iceland/mosfell.html>

<http://www.instarch.is/instarch/english/>

<http://www.cr.nps.gov/archeology.htm>

<http://www.saa.org>

The timeline of my studies

Graduate Student in Zooarchaeology The Graduate Center, The City University of New York. Commenced the fall of 2005 and plan to graduate in 2011 to 2012.

BA in Archaeology University of Iceland in Reykjavík, 2002-2005
Major: Archaeology *Minor:* Gender studies.
Thesis: Shielings in Iceland.

High School, The Reykjavík High School (Menntaskólinn í Reykjavík), 1998-2002. Graduated in May 2002 with 1st grade from the Natural Science Department. The studies emphasized biology and mathematics, as well as chemistry, history, physics and languages.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Skriðuklaustur: Excavation at Skriðuklaustur in East Iceland for 9 weeks the summers of 2003, 2004 and 2005. In the summer 2004 I also worked on a project concerning bookmaking in the monastery at Skriðuklaustur which was funded by the Icelandic Students Innovation fund.

The EVACHE-project: Took part in building a reconstruction of a shieling in Cashell forest by Loch Lommond in Scotland in June 2005. The shieling reconstruction was part of a larger multinational project funded by the European Union.

Hólar: Attended an archaeology field school in the excavation at Hólar in North-Iceland.

Research assistant: In the winter 2002-2003, I worked as a research assistant to Dr. Orri Vésteinsson, lecturer in archaeology at the University of Iceland.