

Curriculum Vitae

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2 Personal Details

Born January 22, 1960, Biloxi, Mississippi, USA. Icelandic Citizenship. Languages: Icelandic (native), English (fluent), Danish (basic).

3 Research Interests

I have had a longstanding interest in folkloristic, specifically *magic, symbols and the use of this both in the past as well as present*. Why do people take a heathen magic ceremony like the „Níðstöng of Egil Skallagrímsson“ from the past and use in protests against Aluminum and other international companies for „better future“.

4 Academic Qualifications

BA in folkloristic february 24, 2007, from the Department of Social Science at the University of Iceland.

Ba Thesis *Legends of Magicians from the Eastern Fjords of Iceland*

I systematically researched stories about magic and magicians from the east coast of Iceland. I compared these stories with well researched stories from the west coast.

5 Publications

1. 22 desember 2007. Aðventukransinn og kertanöfnin. *Lesbók Morgunblaðsins*. Reykjavík. (Article about Adventcircle and the candlenames. Published in Lesbók Morgunblaðsins).
2. Apríl 2006. Um ennislínuspá. *Slæðingur: Rit þjóðfræðinema*. Reykjavík. (*About Metoposcopy*. Published in Slæðingur).
3. Svarað spurningu fyrir vísindavefinn. Vor 2006 A question answered for *Icelandic Web of Science*.
<http://www.visindavefur.hi.is/svar.asp?id=5710>
4. Erindi fyrir Jólblað Ásatrúarfélagsins. Des 2005. *A paper published in the „Jólblað“ Asatrúarsociation of Iceland*.
5. Niðjatal Valgerðar Tómasdóttur frá Bollakoti í Fljótshlíð. 2003 Háskóla-fjölritun. *Genealogy of Valgerðar Tómasdóttur*. (Sold out)
6. Niðjatal Jóhanns Jónssonar bónda í Gøtu í Landsveit. 2003 Háskóla-fjölritun. *Genealogy of Jóhanns Jónssonar*. (Sold out)
7. Særingar og böl-bænir. 2001 Háskóla-fjölritun, ISBN:9979-9298-4-7. *Verbal Charms and Prayers*. (sold out)
8. Finnmerkurseiður. 1998 Háskóla-fjölritun, ISBN:9979-9298-3-9. *The Finn Seid*. (sold out)
9. Íslenskar spárúnir. 1998 Háskóla-fjölritun, ISBN:9979-9298-2-0. *Icelandic prophecy by Runes*. (sold out)
10. Rúnir. 1996 Háskóla-fjölritun, ISBN:9979-9298-0-4. *Icelandic Runes*. (Sold out).

6 Referees

6.1 Academia

- Dr. Valdimar Hafstein, my MA thesis adviser.
Telephone +354 525-4198 (work).
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- Dr. Terry Gunnell, my BA project adviser.
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- Dr. Kári Bjarnason, Head of the Public Library of Vestmannaeyjar, M.A. in Icelandic medieval literature.
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6.2 The field

- A couple of research trips to Faroe Islands. Main purpose was to investigate the man-dress of the national costumes at the “Ólafsvaka“ 2005 and 2007.
- Dísir í bæjar og örnefnum á Íslandi. *The „Disir“ in the names of farms and placenames in Iceland*(Unpublished).
- Collection of musical documents on the behalf of „Reykjavíkur Akademiá“ (Kára Bjarnasonar, see above). Traveled around Iceland to search for documents who referred to handwritten notes, song’s and the culture of singing in Iceland. 1999-2000. <http://tf.is:8080/truararfur/staff.asp>

7 Interests

Folklore: Migratory legends, legends, jokes, folktales, food, ceremonial activity, symbols. Magic of all kinds. Prophecy: Reading hands, cards, leaves and etc. RPG Computer games, Good books.