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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Professor of Law, University of Akureyri, Iceland

(Professor: Jan. 2013; Senior Lecturer: Mar. 2009; Lecturer: July 2004; Adjunct: July 2003)

Professor of Law, Arctic Oil and Gas Studies, University of Greenland (January 2016-present)

Director, Arctic Oil and Gas Research Centre, University of Greenland (March 2016-present)

EDUCATION

Doctor of Juridical Science, University of Toronto, Canada, June 2004

Main areas of study: international human rights law; feminist theory; discrimination law; tax and benefit law

Thesis: "Human Rights Working for Women"

Master of Arts, Polar Law, University of Akureyri, June 2014

Main areas of study: law of the sea; environmental law; Arctic peoples, security, economies, development, and governance; indigenous rights; and Antarctica.

Thesis: "Risk and Responsibility: Hydrocarbon Extraction in the Arctic Ocean under International Law"

Master of Laws (Magna Cum Laude), European Academy of Legal Theory, Belgium, October 2000

Main areas of study: legal theory; philosophy of law

Thesis: "The Methodology of Adjudicative Reasoning"

Bachelor of Laws (Hons), (Upper Second Class), University of Glasgow, Scotland, July 1999

Main areas of study: international law; legal theory; and medical law

Dissertation: "Taking Crofting into the 21st Century"

MAIN UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Akureyri

Human Rights Law; International Law; Common Law; Comparative Law; Moot Court; Theses supervision.

University of Greenland

International Law; Human Rights Law; The Arctic in the 21st Century

Exchange & Visiting Teaching

University of Genova, Italy, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2017 (International Law & Human Rights).

Marco Polo – ZHENG He Academy, South China Sea Institute, Xiamen University, China, 2016 (Management of the Arctic: International Law and Policy)

University of Greenland, Nuuk, Greenland, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015 (International Law and Human Rights).

University of Bifröst, Iceland, 2010 (Comparative Law).

European Academy of Legal Theory & University of Palermo, Italy, 2010 (Human Rights).

University of Catania, Italy, 2007 & 2009 (International Law).

China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing, China, 2006 (Common Law and Human Rights).

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MAIN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Head of Faculty of Law, University of Akureyri Feb. 2014-Jan. 2016
Curriculum and Credit Transfer Committee, Chair: Nov. 2009 – July 2011; Member Aug. 2011-present.
Coordinator of Legal Studies, July 2004 – July 2007; Acting Coordinator of Undergraduate Legal Studies, Jan. – Feb. 2009.
University Senate, 2009-2014.
University Promotion Evaluation Committee, Alternative Member, Feb. 2014-present.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COOPERATION AND CONSULTANCY

Member of the International Law Association.
Member of Arctic Law Thematic Network, University of the Arctic.
Member of the Board for the Equality Fund of Iceland, Alþingi (Parliament of Iceland).
Member of the Advisory Board, Polar Research and Policy Initiative.
Member of Steering Committee, Northern Research Forum, 2017.
Member of expert working group on preparing a national human rights action plan, Icelandic Ministry of Interior, February 2012 - April 2013.

LANGUAGES: EUROPEAN LANGUAGE PASSPORT (SELF-ASSESSMENT)

English – mother tongue
Italian – understanding: C2; speaking: C2; writing: B2
Icelandic – understanding: C2; speaking: C1; writing: C1
French – understanding: B1; speaking: A2; writing: A1
Danish – beginner

PRINCIPAL CURRENT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

Global Arctic: International, interdisciplinary research network on the links between the Arctic and wider international communities. 25 university and research institutions.
<http://www.globalarctic.org/>

The Arctic in the 21st Century: Book contract with Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc, to write manuscript, *The Arctic in the 21st Century*. Co-written with Mary Durfee, Michigan Technological University.

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Editorial Board of *Yearbook of Polar Law* (Brill)
Editorial Board of *Nordicum Mediterraneum* (University of Akureyri)