

Curriculum Vitae

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Personal information

Citizenship: Icelandic

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Children: Son Robert Tandri Francis, born 1992

Languages: Icelandic, fluent English, medium Danish, elementary Spanish & French

Professional activities

- January 2013 –
(current) **Director, Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network**
- January 2016
(current) **Lecturing and supervision**
Course: Introduction to the Circumpolar World, University of Akureyri.
- August 2015 **Western Kentucky University**
Adjunct Professor of Geography and Environmental Science
- Unspecified date **National Science Foundation**
Served as research applications' reviewer on three panels with the National Science Foundation (panel and dates confidential)
- January 2014 **University of Akureyri**
Supervision and lecturing - in collaboration with Tom Barry, Executive Director of the Arctic Council Working Group CAFF (Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna) – a course on Environmental Governance in the Arctic. The Polar Law MA program.
- February 2013 **Lecturing on 'Socio- economic impacts of Global Change in the Arctic' & 'Shipping and extraction of resources, perception and resilience'**
Peoples and Cultures of the Circumpolar North
University of Akureyri graduate course, Polar Law.
- Oct – Dec 2012 **Northern Research Forum and University of Akureyri, special project**

- University of Akureyri et. al multi-partner grant application for the funding of the development and implementation of a *Knowledge and Research Centre; Integration of Opportunities and Sustainable Development*; Cooperation, coordination and preparation of an application for a grant from the European Commission under the IPA call (Instrument for Pre-Accession; preparing implementation of structural funds in Iceland).
- Jan – Dec 2012 **Acting Director of the Northern Research Forum.**
- Jan11 – Dec 2013 **Chairman of Preparatory Board of Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network and project manager of preparatory phase.**
Development, implementation and securing funding from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs through the Iceland 2020 strategy and Eything regional development body. Project received initial three years of public funding and operates under the auspices of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- November 2011 **Lecturing on ‘Resilience Thinking’.**
Societies and cultures in the Arctic SMN 1072, University of Akureyri graduate course, Polar Law.
- Jan-Oct 2011 **Northern Research Forum**
Project Manager for the NRF 6th Open Assembly ‘*Our Ice Dependent World*’ held in Iceland September 2011.
- May – Dec 2010 **Acting Director of the Northern Research Forum**
Organization, co-ordination, administration.
- March 2010 **The University of Akureyri**
Lecturing on *Hydrocarbon extraction, shipping and increased activity in the North* in the course *Introduction to the Circumpolar World*.
- December 2009 **RANNIS (Icelandic Centre for Research), Akureyri**
Measuring innovation in the public sector in the Nordic countries: Toward a common statistical approach. Participation with Dr. Thorsteinn Gunnarsson in the National feasibility study in Iceland.
(<http://www.mepin.eu/documents/public/News/Feasibility%20study%20synthesis%20report.pdf>)
- Dec 2008 – Oct 2012 **The Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland**
Project Manager, various projects, including Fishernet – Fishing Cultural Heritage Network, concluded October 2012, three year international project funded by the European Union Culture Programme (EU Education, Audiovisual & Culture Executive Agency). Major themes included Fishing Cultural Heritage Network. More information can be found at www.fishernet.is. Responsibilities included overall coordination of project; collection and production of reports and

other relevant materials, EU reporting and cost claims. Hiring and Coordination of summer employees.

- October 2008 **The Northern Research Forum**
Editing, designing, layout of booklet, *Politics of the Eurasian Arctic: National Interests & International Challenges*, published by the Northern Research Forum and Ocean Futures (Oslo, Norway)
- December 2007 **The Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland**
Project manager, web-page.
- Summer 2007 **The Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland**
Collecting and editing material from the Northern Research Forum 4th Open Meeting proceedings. Layout and preparing for publication on the Internet. Creating a virtual exhibition online, 'The Friendly Arctic'.
- Summer 2006 **The Stefansson Arctic Institute & the Arctic Portal**
Collecting and editing material from the Northern Research Forum 3rd Open Meeting proceedings. Layout and preparing for publication on the Internet Group project 'Arctic Portal', analysis and consultation on Arctic related content for Web portal.
- Fall 2005 **The University of Akureyri, Iceland**
Teacher's assistant, course: practice and theory in social sciences.
- 2004-2005 **The University of Akureyri, Iceland**
Teacher's assistant, Statistical methods, computer module.
- Summer 2003 **The Municipality of Thingeyjarsveit in Iceland**
Project Manager, work school for teenagers.
- 2000-2003 **Athygli, Public Relations, Iceland**
Public relations, project management, publishing.
- 1997 – 2000 **Samskip, Transport Company, Iceland**
Assistant to Vice President of Transport and Marketing. Participation in various projects related to both the department of transport and department of marketing. Projects included participation in budgeting, feasibility studies, cost monitoring, marketing material and newsletter.
- 1991 – 1997 **Sunfilm, wholesaler and manufacturer, Iceland**
Import and customs clearance
Bookkeeping and treasury
Production and import
- 1990 – 1991 **The University Hospital in Reykjavík**

Medical secretary

Student supervision

Sept 2012 – March 2013 Clasina Jansen at the University Centre of the Westfjords. M.sc in Coastal Management. Thesis topic was *the effects of climate change on the fisheries sector in the Westfjords of Iceland*

Education

2008-2009 **The University of Akureyri**
Diploma (pending) Polar Law, interdisciplinary: political science, cultural anthropology, international law

2007 – 2008 **The London School of Economics and Political Science**
Msc in Law, Anthropology and Society. Thesis related to legal pluralism in the Arctic region, *Indigenous Resistance: Systemic Clustering and the Protection of Communicative Processes.*

2006/09 – 2007/04; **The University of Northern British Columbia**
Recipient of a North2North Mobility Grant. Courses included geography (culture, rights and power; global economy); physical and cultural anthropology (biological and human adaptation); international relations (Russia); global resources (oil, gas, forests, water etc.); gender, native and rural studies in the Arctic; anthropological research methods.

2003/09 – 2006/5 **The University of Akureyri, Iceland**
BA in Socio- Economic Development (Arctic major emphasis) from The University of Akureyri, Iceland, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Department of Socio-Economic development; interdisciplinary program: political science, economics, anthropology, sociology; development aid, rural development, arctic development. Final research project: *Gendered and Colonial Relations in Greenland.*

Research related activities, workshops and lectures

October 2015 **Arctic Circle Conference.** Chair in breakout session: Arctic Governance and domestic practice; Organizer and chair in breakout session Freshwater resource dynamics and Socio-environmental challenges under a changing climate.

June 2015 **3rd China Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium.** Presentation of the Report 'Gender Equality in the Arctic'.

- May 2015 NordStar Centre of Excellence Stakeholder Meeting
- April 2015 **Arctic Science Summit Week.** Representative at the annuals meeting of the IASC Social and Human Sciences Working Group (WG). Country Representative at the annual meeting of the Forum of Arctic Research Operators. Panel in Global Arctic Stakeholder Forum.
- February 2015 **Meeting on Arctic Council Transitions,** held at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington. Contribution on Gender Equality in the Arctic and Corporate Social Responsibility.
- November 2014 **Arctic Circle Conference.** Chair in two panels. Presentation on *Cooperation* at a breakout session organized by the China Nordic Arctic Research Centre and the Icelandic Centre for Research. Organizer of Breakout Session on *Arctic Commercial Opportunities and Corporate Social Responsibility* in collaboration with the Icelandic Arctic Chamber of Commerce; FESTA Association on Corporate Social Responsibility, the Icelandic Joint committee on Arctic Affairs, Arctic Services and Search and Rescue Cluster. Participants included representatives from Golder Associates, Glencore Mining, Bremerport, Icelandic Association of Fisheries Owners, Ramboll Group, North-Atlantic Salmon Fund, Arctia Shipping, Arctic Economic Council.
<http://www.nordurslodanetid.is/en/arctic-commercial-opportunities-and-corporate-social-responsibility>
- October 2014 **Gender Equality in the Arctic:** Organizers Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network, the Stefansson Arctic Institute, the Centre for Gender Equality, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Iceland. Conference concluded; conference proceedings- ongoing <http://www.nordurslodanetid.is/en/gender-equality>
- October 2014 **Meeting on Arctic Council Transitions,** held at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington. Contribution on Sustainable Development, Health and Well-Being, interdisciplinary Research Cooperation.
- June 2014 **2nd China Nordic Arctic Cooperation Symposium**
<http://www.nordurslodanetid.is/en/2nd-china-nordic-arctic-cooperation-symposium>
- June 2014 **China Iceland Arctic Economic Roundtable**
<http://www.nordurslodanetid.is/en/china-iceland-arctic-economic-roundtable>
- March 2014 **Arctic Iceland:** Multi – sectorial and stakeholder seminar (tourism, fisheries, oil exploration, search and rescue) <http://www.nordurslodanetid.is/is/island-og-nordurslodir> ; for the agenda

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B_xWE_R0D_cGWkNQWI9DWEtyTkk/edit?pli=1 Organized in collaboration with the Icelandic Arctic Chamber of Commerce, the Icelandic Joint committee on Arctic Affairs, Arctic Services and Search and Rescue Cluster

- December 2013 **Pórshöfn – Langanes Municipality Workshop**
Organized by the Municipality. Presentation on Arctic transition and socio-economic development in the north-east of Iceland
- December 2013 **Search and Rescue Cluster workshop, in the Reykjanes Peninsula**
Organized by the Regional Economic Development Agency of Reykjanes. Presentation on the Arctic, opportunities, risk and cooperation.
- November 2013 **The Icelandic Arctic Day**
Organized in collaboration with the Icelandic Joint Committee on Arctic Affairs. Held at the Icelandic Marine Research Institute, Reykjavík Iceland
- November 2013 **University of Washington Student Exchange**
Lecturing on a *Transforming Arctic* for students from the University of Washington on exchange with their Professor, Margaret Wilson.
- October 2013 **EU Arctic Centre Stakeholder Consultation Roundtable**
Organized by the Arctic Centre and the EU Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland
- October 2013 **Arctic Energy Summit**
Organized by the Arctic Portal, Iceland and the Institute of the North, Alaska, in Akureyri, Iceland. Consultation and presentation on *Increased Economic Activity in the Arctic, Resilience and Risk* and participation in the panel - Development of the North, for the People of the North
- October 2013 **Arctic Circle and breakout session on Cooperation Between Clusters.**
Arctic Circle. Conference organized by the President of Iceland, Mr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson and the Arctic Circle Secretariat. Consultation and dissemination provided for the organizers. Breakout Session initiated by the Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network; organized in collaboration with the Icelandic Arctic Chamber of Commerce; the Arctic Services; the Search and Rescue Cluster and the Icelandic Joint Committee on Arctic Affairs. Presentation on the *Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network and Arctic issues*, at the breakout session
- October 2013 **Arctic Seminar, on the occasion of the visit of the Icelandic President to the East Fjords of Iceland.**
Organized by the municipality and the Collaborative association, Austurbrú. Presentation on *Arctic Socio-Economic Development in Iceland*.
- October 2013 **Akureyri College**

Invited by the Akureyri College. Presentation for student assembly on *Impacts of Climate Change in various locations in the world and the differential impacts on gender*

- August 2013 **Northern Research Forum Open Assembly**
Organized by the Northern Research Forum. Consultation provided
- June 2013 **Marine Tourism Seminar**
Organized by the University Centre Westfjords, Iceland. Presentation on *Resilience, Risk and Increased Economic Activity in the Arctic*
- June 2013 **Seminar on Arctic Oil and Gas and workshop on Arctic Oil and Gas and Community Impacts.**
Organized by Bifröst University, Iceland
- June 2013 **China- Nordic Arctic Cooperation Research Symposium**
Organized by the Polar Research Institute of China, the China Nordic Arctic Research Centre and the Icelandic Centre for Research. Held in Shanghai. Presentation on the *Arctic and 'Perception'*.
- June 2013 **University of Akureyri resource department summer school**
Organized by Professor Oddur Vilhelmsson, University of Akureyri. Lecture on *Arctic Socio-economic development*.
- May 2013 **Arctic Round Table**
Organized by the President of Iceland, Mr. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson, held at the University of Iceland, Reykjavík
- May 2013 **Arctic Seminar**
Presentation of the *Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network*, Organized by the University of Iceland, Reykjavík
- April 2013 **Health and Well-Being in the Arctic**
Seminar initiated and organized by the Icelandic Arctic Cooperation and the University of Akureyri. Session Chair.
- March 2013 **Trans Arctic Agenda**
Session Reporter, conference organized by the Centre for Arctic Policy and Security, University of Iceland
- March 2013 **Northern Periphery Program Workshop**
Organized by the Northern Periphery Program to determine the extent of Arctic emphasis in new funding period. Presentation on *Arctic issues, resilience, risk, opportunities and the importance of increased funding for Arctic Research and rural economic development projects*.

February 2013	Rotary Akureyri Presentation on <i>the Arctic and the Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network</i>
February 2013	Workshops on Future Scenarios, employment policy, policy in research and education Organized by the Akureyri Municipality
February 2013	Consultative meeting for Strategy 2020. Organized by Eything, the regional development agency of northe-east Iceland
2012/12	Workshop on EU Arctic Policy and Institutional Framework (TAIEX) organised in cooperation with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Negotiation Team for Foreign and Security Affairs.
2012/12	Workshop on Arctic Transportation Infrastructure: Response Capacity and Sustainable Development. A project approved by the Arctic Council Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG) and coordinated by AMATII: Arctic Marine and Aviation Transportation Infrastructure Initiative.
2012/11	In Northern Mists; Nansen Seminar at the University of Akureyri. Lecture on <i>Increased Activity in the Arctic; resilience, perception and risk in transition.</i>
2012/09	Icelandic – Greenlandic Arctic Science Days, Nuuk, Greenland Lecture on <i>Increased Activity in the Arctic: resilience, perception and risk in transition.</i>
2012/08	Xuelong On the occasion of the visit of the Chinese icebreaker M/V Xuelong's to Iceland Lecture at seminar on <i>Increased Activity in the Arctic: resilience and risk in the face of change.</i>
2012/05	University Centre of the Westfjord Lecture at the Annual General Meeting and for students on <i>Ships Ahoy in the Arctic: Intensification, Impact and Resilience.</i> Lecture at a public seminar on <i>Heading north: risk, security, and adaptation of coastal communities in the face of climate change and increased economic activity in the Arctic.</i>
2011/10	National Assembly of the Left-Green Political Party, held in Akureyri, Iceland. Lecture on <i>Contemporary Arctic Issues.</i>
2011/09	Workshop organised by the Arctic Council Working Group PAME: Protection of Arctic Marine Environment. An Arctic Ocean Review Export Workshop in Support of the AOR Phase II Report.
2011/09	Marine Tourism Seminar, Reykjavik

- Lecture on the project '*Fishernet north*'.
- 2011/09 **Zonta conference**
Hof Akureyri. Seminar on Gender and Climate Change. Lecture '*Climate Change; Displacement and Disaster or Resilience and Recovery*'.
- 2011/08 **China – Iceland Arctic Research Cooperation Workshop**
Organized by the Icelandic Centre for Research and the Foreign Ministry of Iceland, Reykjavik. Lecture on '*Climate Change: Socio-economic impact in the Arctic. Increased activity: capacities, opportunities, resilience and risk in the face of change*'.
- 2011/07 **Students on Ice Arctic Expedition**
Visit in Hof, Akureyri. Lecture '*Increased activity in the Arctic: capacities, opportunities, resilience and risk in the face of change*'.
- 2011/06 **ICASS VII Conference – Circumpolar perspectives in Global Dialogue: Social Sciences beyond the International Polar Year.** Lecture '*Increased Activity in the Arctic: capacities, opportunities, resilience and risk in the face of change*' in session on social and economic impacts of megaprojects in the north, Organized by Hjalti Jóhannsson and Klaus Georg Hansen.
- 2011/01 **Ministerial working group on sailing in the Arctic**
Lecture on opportunities and risks in light of increased economic activity in the Arctic '*Sóknin í norður; áhætta, öryggi og aðlögun sjávarbyggða vegna veðurfarsbreytinga og aukinnar skipaferðar*'.
- 2010/12 **The Friendly Arctic**
Opening of the exhibition *the Friendly Arctic* in Muros, Galicia, Spain.
- 2010/11 **Norðurslóðadagurinn**
Conference in the Nordic House, Iceland
Presentation, '*Sóknin í norður. Áhætta, öryggi og aðlögun sjávarbyggða vegna veðurfarsbreytinga og aukinnar skipaferðar*'.
- 2010/11 **The Arctic Future – Cooperation in the Face of Change**
Conference at Hanasaari – the Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre, Helsinki at the invitation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Presentation on *Arctic exploitations and sustainability: reflections on reconciliation and balanced dialogue*.
- 2010/10 **State Oceanic Administration of China**
Workshop and meeting in Akureyri, coordination and organization.
- 2010/10 **NORCAM**
Nordic Network for Climate Change, Adaptation, and Multilevel Governance (CICERO) Workshop in Oslo on '*Adaptation in the Nordic Countries – Multilevel*'

governance and regional development. Presentation, *Hydrocarbon extraction, shipping and increased activity in the north*.

- 2010/08 **Foreign Affairs Committee on Arctic Affairs - Workshop**
Presentation, *Fishernet Project* and the *Northern Research Forum*.
- 2010/08 **Fieldwork**
Iceland, Westfjords, MA thesis.
- 2010/06 **11th Joint Meeting EFTA Parliamentary Committee and Consultative Committee**
Presentation on *Arctic Economies: Hydrocarbon Extraction, Shipping and Increased Activity in the North*.
- 2010/06 **IASC meeting and workshop on Arctic Research**
Presentation of observations and recommendations.
- 2010/05 **The Wealth of Sea and Coast: Initiatives, innovation and the use of cultural heritage** - The Fishing Cultural Heritage Network Project, EU Cultural Program, Seminar. Presentation: *Hydrocarbon extraction, shipping and increased activity in the North*.
- 2010/05 - 2013
(current) **United Nations Association of Iceland**
Board of Directors
- 2009/11 **CAVIAR**
Workshop on community vulnerability and adaptation in Arctic regions, Arctic Centre, Rovaniemi, Finland.
- 2009/10 **ASI**
Workshop on Arctic Social Indicators, Roskilde, Denmark.
- 2009/10 **Communities of Change**
Conference held by ACUNS and APECS in Yukon, Canada. Presentation, *Hydrocarbon extraction, shipping and increased activity in the North*. IPY sponsored.
- 2009/05-09 **RANNIS – Icelandic Centre for Research**
Independent research, with the support of the Stefansson Arctic Institute and sponsored by the Icelandic Student Innovation Fund, on *Hydrocarbon extraction, shipping and increased activity in the North: Comparative Discussion of Risk Factors for Coastal Communities*.
- 2009/05 **Conference on Icelandic Sociological Themes**
University of Akureyri, session manager, work group on *Rural tourism: success stories in the North*.

- 2006/10/5.-8 **The Northern Research Forum Open Meeting, Sweden & Finland**
Co-organized and chaired the project session 'Gender and Human Security'. Presented final BA research project titled '*Inner Suppression*' on gendered & colonial relations in Greenland.
- 2006 spring **The University of Akureyri, Iceland**
Course related field research in Nuuk, Greenland.
- 2005 winter **Research in Social Sciences VI**
Presented, on behalf of Elín Díanna Gunnarsdóttir, PhD Psychology, Dean of the Department of Law and Social Sciences at the University of Akureyri, Iceland. *Depression among the elderly in rural and urban areas in Iceland* at: Research in Social Sciences VI, University of Iceland, 28. October, 2005.
- 2005 fall **The Northern Forum**
Working group leader at the Youth Eco Forum in Iceland.
- 2005 spring **The University of Akureyri, Iceland**
Research assistant, a one month field research in Siberia on traditional knowledge and local perspectives on climate change. Personal interest included gender roles and violence.
- 2004 Fall **The University of Akureyri, Iceland**
Traditional knowledge among seal-hunters in Húsavík.
- 2004 summer **The University of Akureyri, Iceland**
Research assistant, interviewing for project 'General Physical and mental health of people 65 and older in rural and urban communities in the North of Iceland'.

Editing work / writing

- February 2015** **Gender Equality in the Arctic:** Conference report co-written and edited with the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Iceland; Sólrún Svandal and Atli Sigurðsson. Organizers Icelandic Arctic Cooperation Network, the Stefansson Arctic Institute, the Centre for Gender Equality, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs Iceland.
- 2012 **Northern Research Forum 6th Open Assembly proceedings.**
Coordinator, co-editor, design, layout.
- 2011 ***Arctic Strategies and Policies – Inventory and Comparative Study***

By Dr. Lassi Heininen, University of Lapland, Finland and Northern Research Forum. Editor, design and layout.

- 2008 ***Politics of the Eurasian Arctic: National Interests & International Challenges***, published by the Northern Research Forum and Ocean Futures. Co-editing, designing, layout of booklet.
- 2007 **Northern Research Forum 4th Open Assembly proceedings.**
Co-editor, design, layout.
- 2006 **Northern Research Forum 3rd Open Assembly proceedings**
Coordination and editing.

Membership

Current

- Rif Research Station, VP BOD
- CAPS Advisory Board (Centre for Arctic Policy and Security, University of Iceland),
- Observer BOD of the Icelandic Arctic Chamber of Commerce
- Observer, Icelandic Joint Committee on Arctic Affairs
- Science Committee of the Aurora Borealis Research Centre
- Country Representative of Forum of Arctic Research Operators

2002-2003 Women's crisis centre, Iceland, Vice president of the board

2009 – 2014 United Nations Association of Iceland, BOD

Other include: Amnesty International, UNIFEM, Save the Children Iceland, Women's Shelter Iceland, Red Cross Iceland, International Arctic Social Science Association, APECS, Nexus, Zonta Women, Akureyri.

Computer skills

Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Internet, MindManager, Project Manager, Dreamweaver, Photoshop, Smart Draw, Freehand, Corel Draw, SPSS, GIS, Smartdraw, InDesign, Illustrator, Joomla etc..

Main interests

Interests include books, music, movies, various outdoor activities, community development, rural studies, Arctic studies including climate change, navigation, environmental and community challenges and related themes, adaptive capacity, resilience thinking, perception, etc..