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McGovern is a zooarchaeologist with fieldwork experience in N America, Europe, E. Arctic and Caribbean, but with a major focus on the European expansion of the Viking Age (c 800-1000 CE) into a very diverse set of North Atlantic island ecosystems and the subsequent dynamics of human impact, climate change, and inter-cultural contacts. Since 1992 he has served as coordinator for the NABO research cooperative (www.nabohome.org) which has promoted international, interdisciplinary research, education, and public outreach across the grey waters that connect islands of such diversity. Major current work in collaboration with Canadian, UK, and Scandinavian colleagues in coordinating the NABO **International Polar Year** program that connects field and laboratory projects in Greenland, Iceland, Faroes, Shetland, and Orkney. He directs the Hunter College Zooarchaeology Lab and coordinates the archaeology sub field for the CUNY Anthropology doctoral program.