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Tina Thurston (PhD 1996 University of Wisconsin, Madison) is an archaeologist who works primarily in Sweden, Denmark and Northern Ireland. Using political ecology, structuration, and landscape paradigms in tandem with regional field approaches, she studies the interpenetration between the natural

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