

Living in the Northern Landscape: Connecting Archaeology, History, and Environmental Science International Polar Year Day

Friday, October 24, 5 pm, \$20 (\$15 for ASF members, free to students with valid ID)

This symposium, presented in observance of the International Polar Year, is comprised of four lectures investigating geological and cultural relationships based on the polar region's interactions with global ecosystems.

Presentations include:

"The International Polar Year and the Norse World: Connecting Science, Education and Community from the Faroes to Greenland" - Thomas McGovern - Professor, City University of New York.

In this lecture, Dr. McGovern addresses and attempts to debunk "cultural collapse" theories that have persisted throughout the study of human ecodymanics thus far.

"Ways of Life and Death in Atlantic Scandinavia: New Perspectives on Pre-Christian Burial in the North Atlantic" - Christian Keller - Professor, University of Oslo

Dr. Keller introduces new scientific findings that will allow us to reinterpret and reinvestigate previous notions pertaining to the cycle of deceased Nordic peoples.

"Fish Heads Tell Tales: Viking Scandinavia and the Origins of Commercial Fishing" - Sophia Perdikaris - Professor, City University of New York

This lecture presents mounting evidence that places commercial fishing origins solely in Scandinavia. Dr.. Perdikaris speaks about the sustainability of fisheries, and uses findings of the past to look into the industry's future.

"Climate, Culture, and Conjuncture: Lessons from Past Climate Changes in the North Atlantic" - Andy Dugmore - Professor, Edinburgh University

Revealing new perspectives on climate change in the Nordic realm, Dr. Dugmore delves into issues dealing with both cultural and geographical resilience as the region's landscape evolves.

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