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**Biography**

I obtained my first degree in Environmental Science from the University of East Anglia, Norwich in 2004 and for the following four years I worked in geoenvironmental consultancy. I returned to academia in 2008 to undertake a Masters by research in Quaternary Science at Coventry University. This served as a springboard into my PhD in Geography at the University of Aberdeen which I began in 2009 and defended in April of this year. Currently I am employed as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Aberdeen.

My primary research interests are palaeoecology, the reconstruction of past environments and the impacts of humans on the environment. I pursued these interests in my PhD, under the supervision of Professor Kevin Edwards and Dr Ed Schofield, where I investigated the impacts of Norse settlement on the environment of Vatnahverfi in the former Eastern Settlement of Greenland. Currently I am working with Dr Dmitri Mauquoy on a palaeoclimate reconstruction of the area around the Bannockburn battlefield in Stirling, Scotland funded by the Leverhulme Trust.

**Aims for NABO Meeting**

The NABO General meeting will provide me with the perfect opportunity to disseminate the results of my doctoral research to the wider community of North Atlantic scholars. This, I hope, will illustrate the valuable contribution of palaeoecology in understanding the settlement history of the North Atlantic region.