

## Curriculum vitae

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#### **Degrees:**

B.A., History and Philosophy, University of Iceland, – 1984.  
M.A., History, Carnegie Mellon University, USA, – 1987.  
Ph.D., History, Carnegie Mellon University, USA, – 1993.

**Work experience:** Independent scholar and university teacher 1994-2010; Dr. Kristján Eldjárn senior researcher at the National Museum of Iceland – a research position 2010-2013; Associate Professor of Cultural History, Department of History and Philosophy, University of Iceland 2014; Professor of Cultural History, Department of History and Philosophy, University of Iceland 2015–.

**Societies:** Chair of the Icelandic Historical Association 1997-2000; Chairman of the board of the Reykjavík Academy 1997-2000; Chair of the Center for Microhistorical Research 2002 to the present; Board member of the Icelandic Historical Society from 2010-2013; Board member of the Icelandic Film School from 2006-2012. Member of the American Historical Association; The Social Science Historical Association; The Icelandic Historical Association; The Icelandic Literary Society; The International Society for Eighteenth Century Studies; Hagþenkir – Association of Non-fiction Writers and The Icelandic Historical Society.

**Research fields:** Microhistory, Social and Cultural History, Everyday Life History, History of Mentality, Family History, History of Childhood, Urban History, Rural History, European – Scandinavian – Icelandic History.

**Teaching fields:** World History, Western Civilization, European History, Social History, Microhistory, Urban - Rural European History, Scandinavian - Icelandic History.

**Dissertation:** *The Continuity of Everyday Life: Popular Culture in Iceland 1850-1940.*  
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**University Courses (Instructor** Carnegie Mellon University (CMU); University of Iceland (HÍ); Bifröst University (VHB); University of Reykjavík (HR)):

- Dynamics of European Society (summer 1992 CMU).
- Shaping of Western Civilization (summer 1993 CMU).
- Autobiographies and History (fall 1995 HÍ).
- Society and Individuals in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century (spring 1997 HÍ).
- Microhistory – Meaning and Making (spring 1997 HÍ).
- First Person Sources in History (fall 1998 HÍ).
- Postmodernism in History (spring 2000 HÍ. The course was canceled due to budgetary reasons at the Department of History).

- Peasants Culture (A graduate course for students in the collage of H&SS – HÍ 2000. One of few teachers).
- Memory, History and First Person Sources (fall 2001 HÍ).
- Rumors, Scandals, Trials and Memory (spring 2002 CMU).
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- Biography – Autobiography – Fiction (A graduate course within the Department of Icelandic Studies – fall 2003 HÍ. One of three teachers).
- Methods (fall 2003 and spring 2004 HR with scholars from the Reykjavik Academy).
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- Cultural Management (spring 2005 VHB on graduate level with scholars from the Reykjavik Academy).
- Resarsch and Methods (fall 2006 and 2007 HÍ – graduate level caurse, one of three teachers).
- Communication and Culture (fall 2006, 2007 and 2008 HÍ – graduate level couses).
- Self, Memory, History War (spring 2007 HÍ).
- Louse Comb, Piss Pot, and Sex Life: Folkways and Everydagly Life in the Peasant Soceity (Spring 2008 HÍ – Deparment of Ethonology)

### **Publications:**

#### **Festschrift:**

- Icelandic Culture II. Written in the Honor of Sigurður Gylfi Magnússon 50 Year Old. Reykjavik, 2007. 156 pages. – (Íslenzk menning II. Til heiðurs Sigurði Gylfa Magnússyni á fimmtugsafmæli hans 29. Ágúst 2007 (Reykjavík: Einsögustofnun, 2007)).

#### **Books in English:**

- Minor Knowledge and Microhistory. Manuscript Culture in the Nineteenth Century. Co-author Dr. Davíð Olafsson. Published by Routledge 2016.
- The Stolen Child. A Global Perspective on Childhood Since 1700. Co-author Dr. Tinna Laufey Ásgeirsdóttir. Published by Reaktion Books (England) / The University of Chicago Press (USA) – forthcoming 2017.
- What is Microhistory? Theory and Practice (London: Routledge, 2013). Co-author Dr. István Szijártó. 181 pages.
- Wasteland with Words. A Social History of Iceland (London: Reaktion Books), 2010. 272 pages.
- The Continuity of Everyday Life: Popular Culture in Iceland 1850-1940. Doctoral dissertation, Carnegie Mellon University, USA, 1993. 416 pages.

#### **Books in Icelandic:**

- Penury and Poor Relief. Pauperdom in 1902. Co-author Jón Ólafur Ísberg, forthcoming 2016. – (*Fátækt og fúlga. Purfalingarnir 1902*. Sýnisbók íslenskrar alþýðumenningar 19 (Reykjavík: The Center for Microhistorical Research and the University of Iceland Press, 2016)).
- The Farmer, Mammals, and other Wonders of the Universe. An Encyclopedia for the Common People created by Jón Bjarnason of Þórormstunga in Vatnsdalur 1845–1852. Anthology from Icelandic Popular Culture 17. Published by the University of Iceland Press, 2014. 330 pages. – (*Bóndinn, spendýrin og fleiri undur alheimsins. Alfræðiverk fyrir alþýðu sem Jón Bjarnason frá Þórormstungu í Vatnsdal vann á árunum 1845–1852*. Sýnisbók íslenskrar alþýðumenningar 17 (Reykjavík: Háskólaútgáfan, 2014)).
- The Diary of Elka. Popular culture in urban areas in 1915-1923 seen with the eyes of the working-class woman, Elka Björnsdóttir. Anthology from Icelandic Popular Culture 15. Published by the University of Iceland Press, 2012. 330 pages. – (*Dagbók Elku. Alþýðumennning í péttbýli á árunum 1915-1923 í frásögn Elku Björnsdóttur verkakonu*. Sýnisbók íslenskrar alþýðumenningar 15 (Reykjavík: Háskólaútgáfan, 2012)).

- Academic Liturgy. Humanities and the Society of Scholars. Published by the Center for Microhistorical Research, 2007. 337 pages. – (Akademísk helgisiðafræði. Hugvísindi og háskólasamfélag (Reykjavík: Miðstöð einsögurannsókna, 2007)).
- The History War. Essays and Narratives on Ideology. Published by the Center for Microhistorical Research and the Reykjavík Academy, 2007. 527 pages. – (*Sögustríð. Greinar og frásagnir um hugmyndafræði* (Reykjavík: Miðstöð einsögurannsókna og ReykjavíkurAkademían, 2007)).
- From Re-evaluation to Disintegration. Two Final Theses, One Introduction, Three Interviews, Seven Articles, Five Photographs, One Afterword and Few Abituaries from the Field of Humanities. The Nameless series. Edited by Hilma Gunnarsdóttir, Jón Pór Pétursson and Sigurður Gylfi Magnússon. Published by the Center for Microhistorical Research and the Reykjavík Academy, 2006. 444 pages. – (*Frá endurskoðun til upplausnar. Tvær prófritgerðir, einn formáli, þrjú viðtöl, sjö fræðigreinar, fimm ljósmyndir, einn eftirmáli og nokkrar minningargreinar af vettvangi hugvísinda.* Ritstjórar Hilma Gunnarsdóttir, Jón Pór Pétursson og Sigurður Gylfi Magnússon (Reykjavík: Miðstöð einsögurannsókna og ReykjavíkurAkademían, 2006)).
- Metastories: Memory, Recollection, and History. Anthology from Icelandic Popular Culture 11. Published by the Icelandic University Press, 2005. 429 pages. – (*Sjálffssögur. Minni, minningar og saga.* Gestartstjóri Soffía Auður Birgisdóttir. Sýnisbók íslenskrar alþýðumenningsar 11 (Reykjavík: Háskólaútgáfan, 2005)).
- Dreams of Things Past: Life Writing in Iceland. Anthology from Icelandic Popular Culture 9. Published by the Icelandic University Press, 2004. 427 pages. – (*Fortíðardraumar. Sjálfsbókmennitir á Íslandi.* Gestartstjóri Guðmundur Hálfdanarson. Sýnisbók íslenskrar alþýðumenningsar 9 (Reykjavík: Háskólaútgáfan, 2004)).
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- Education, Love and Grief. A Micro-Historical Analyses of the 19th and the 20th Century Peasant Society in Iceland. Studia Historica 13. Published by the Institute of History and the Icelandic University Press, 1997. 339 pages. – (*Menntun, ást og sorg. Einsögurannsókn á íslensku sveitasamfélagi 19. og 20. aldar.* Sagnfræðirannsóknir 13 (Reykjavík: Háskólaútgáfan, 1997)).
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### **Books as Art Pieces:**

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- The King of Spain. A Love Story. Published by the Center for Microhistorical Research and the Reykjavík Academy, 2009. 149 pages. – (*Spánar kóngurinn. Ástarsaga. Nafnlaua ritröðin* (Reykjavík: Miðstöð einsögurannsókna, 2009)).
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### **Articles:**

#### **In English:**

- “The Love Game as Expressed in Ego-Documents: The Culture of Emotions in Late Nineteenth Century Iceland.” *Journla of Social History* 50: 1 (2016), pp. 102–119.
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- “Social History – Cultural History – Alltagsgeschichte – Microhistory: In-between Methodologies and Conceptual Frameworks.” *Journal of Microhistory* (2006): [microhistory.org](http://microhistory.org) (06.11.2006).
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- “Barefoot Historians: Education in Iceland in the Modern Period.” Co-author Davíð Ólafsson. *Writing Peasants. Studies on Peasant Literacy in Early Modern Northern Europe*. Klaus-Joachim Lorenzen-Schmidt and Bjørn Poulsen (eds.). Landbohistorisk Selskab (Århus 2002), pp. 175-209.
- “Barefoot Historians: Education in Iceland.” Co-author Davíð Ólafsson. *Rustica Nova. The New Countryside and Transformations in Operating Environment*. Kalle Pihlainen and Erik Tirkkonen (eds.) (Turku, 2002), pp. 165-178. Printed paper given at a conference in Finland 1999.
- “The Contours of Social History – Microhistory, Postmodernism and Historical Sources.” *Mod nye historier*. Rapporter til Det 24. Nordiske Historikermøde. Bind 3. Redigeret af Carsten Tage Nielsen, Dorthe Gert Simonsen og Lene Wul (Århus, 2001), pp. 83-107.
- “From Children’s Point of View: Childhood in Nineteenth Century Iceland.” *Journal of Social History*, 29 (winter 1995), pp. 295-323.
- “World War II in the Lives of Black Americans: Some Findings and an Interpretation.” Co-authorship with John Modell and Marc Goulden. *Journal of American History*, 76 (December 1989), pp. 838-848.

### In Icelandic:

- „Rannsóknar(náms)sjóðir: Álitamál um háskóla- og vísindapólítík.“ (“Scientific Research Grants: Different Opinions on Academic Life and Politics.”) *Saga XLIX*:1 (2011), pp. 119-121.
- „Dómur sögunnar er ævinlega rangur! Háskólalíf og vísindapólítík á vorum dögum.” (“The Truth of History: Academic Life and Politics now a days.”) *Saga XLVIII*:2 (2010), pp. 155-180.
- „Tveggja heima ásýnd tilverunnar. Dauði og tilfinningar fólks á nýöld.“ (“A View from Two Different Worlds. Death and Emotions in the Modern Period”). *Gliman* 4 (2008), pp. 161-184.
- „Eyðislóð. Um íslensku sögustofnunina.“ (“Wasteland. About the Icelandic Historical Establishment”). *Sögustríð. Greinar og frásagnir um hugmyndafræði*. Nafnlausa ritröðin (Reykjavík: Miðstöð einsögurannsókna og ReykjavíkurAkademíán, 2007), bls. 287-310.
- „Gróður jarðar. Samræða um aðferðir.“ (“Growth of the Soil. Dialogue About Methods”). *Sögustríð. Greinar og frásagnir um hugmyndafræði*. Nafnlausa ritröðin (Reykjavík: Miðstöð einsögurannsókna og ReykjavíkurAkademíán, 2007), pp. 325-355.
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