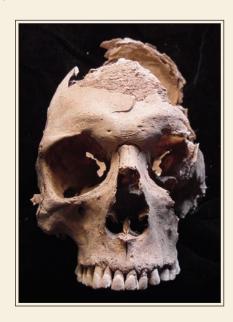
The Viking experience in the North Atlantic differs significantly from the popular image of violent raids and destruction that characterized the Viking Age in Britain and France. In Iceland, Scandinavian seafarers discovered and settled a vast uninhabited land, where they adapted to their new environment and built an unusual society.

This conference is organized by Professor Jesse Byock (MAP Director, Scandinavian Section and Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, UCLA) and Dr. Davide Zori (MAP Field Director, CMRS, UCLA) with the participation of the Zentrum für Baltische und Skandinavische Archäologie, Schloß Gottorf. It examines current research on the Viking Age in the North Atlantic, and focuses on the discoveries and excavations of the Mosfell Archaeological Project (MAP) in the Mosfell Valley of western Iceland.



Directed by Professor Byock, MAP brings together scholars and researchers from Iceland, Britain, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, and the United States working in the disciplines of archaeology, history, saga studies, anthropology, forensics, genetics, environmental science, and historical architecture. MAP's goal is to understand how the Mosfell Valley developed from a ninth-century settlement of Norse seafarers into a powerful Icelandic chieftaincy of the Viking Age.

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FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011 - UCLA, ROYCE HALL 314

8:30 Coffee, pastries

9:00 Welcoming Remarks

Brian P. Copenhaver (Director, UCLA CMRS)

Jesse Byock (Director, MAP) introduces the short film "Viking Landscape"

9:30 SESSION I: Mosfell Archaeological Project and Interdisciplinary Archaeology

Jesse Byock (Scandinavian and Archaeology, UCLA)
"The Mosfell Archaeological Project: Archaeology, Sagas, and History"

Jon Erlandson (Anthropology, and Director of Museum of Natural and Cultural History, University of Oregon) "Egil's Grave?: A Possible Intersection between Archaeology and an Icelandic Saga at Kirkjuhóll"

Davide Zori (MAP Field Director, CMRS, UCLA) "Viking Age and Medieval Settlement in the Mosfell Valley"

11:00 Break

11:15 SESSION II: Bioarchaeology, Human Health, and Diet

Per Holck (Anatomy, University of Oslo)
"Infectious Disease in Viking Age Iceland"

Jacqueline T. Eng (Anthropology, Western Michigan University)
"Bioarchaeological Evidence of Stress and Activity in the
Medieval Icelandic Cemetery at Hrísbrú"

Vaughan Grimes (Archaeology, Memorial University)
"Diet and Migration at Mosfell: the Isotopic Evidence"

2:15 SESSION III: Viking Life: Artifacts and Faunal Record

Sigrid Hansen (MAP)

"Artifacts from the Viking Age Longhouse at Hrísbrú"

Elín Hreiðarsdóttir (Institute of Archaeology, Iceland) "Viking Age Beads from Hrísbrú and Their Wider Icelandic Context"

Thomas Wake (Archaeology, UCLA) "Viking Foodways at Mosfell"

3:45 Reception

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011 - UCLA, ROYCE HALL 314

8:30 Coffee, pastries

9:00 SESSION IV: Landscape, Soil Science, and Ecology

Rhonda Bathurst (Anthropology, University of Western Ontario)

"Bioindicators in Archaeology: Recognizing Human Changes to the Landscape"

Steve Martin (Archaeology, UCLA)

"The Recovery and Analysis of Macrobotanical Remains from Hrísbrú"

Egill Erlendsson (Life & Environmental Sciences, University of Iceland)

"The Late-Holocene Environment of the Mosfell Valley, SW Iceland"

10:30 Break

10:45 SESSION V: The Wider Viking World and MAP's Impact

Sven Kalmring and Volker Hilberg (Zentrum für Baltische und Skandinavische Archäologie)

"Communication, Long-Distance Trade and Production: Viking Period Hedeby and Its Relations with Iceland and the North Atlantic"

Björn Práinn Þórðarson (Director of Culture and Education, Mosfellsbær, Iceland)

"A Government's Partnership with MAP: the Archaeological Research as a Foundation for a Museum on the Viking Age and the Icelandic Sagas"

12:00 Concluding Remarks

Davide Zori (MAP Field Director, CMRS, UCLA)

REGISTRATION

Advance registration is not required. No admission fee. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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Learn more about the Mosfell Archaeological Project www.viking.ucla.edu/mosfell_project www.viking.ucla.edu

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Cover: Egill Skallagrímsson from a 17th-century manuscript. Fold-over: A skull excavated from the Hrísbrú churchyard. Background this page: the excavated Viking longhouse at Hrísbrú. Below: Standing at the excavation site, from the left Davide Zori, Jon Erlandson, and Jesse Byock.

