

Dolly Jørgensen, PhD

I am an environmental historian who has researched a broad array of topics, including medieval forestry management and urban sanitation, the modern practice of converting offshore oil structures into artificial reefs, and environmentalism in science fiction. I was a practicing environmental engineer with a degree in Civil Engineering before earning a PhD in history. I am currently interested in how ecological restoration activities are understood by various groups and am working on a comparative history of animal reintroduction in Norway and Sweden. See my website <http://dolly.jorgensenweb.net> for full details about projects and publications.

Doctoral education: PhD History, 2008, University of Virginia, USA. Title: Private Need, Public Order: Urban Sanitation in Late Medieval England and Scandinavia.

Present position:

Researcher, Department of Ecology & Environmental Science, Umeå University, Sweden, 2013–present. Title: The Return of Native Nordic Fauna. Funded by Formas.

Previous academic positions:

Project Coordinator for RESTORE project, Department of Ecology & Environmental Science, Umeå University, 2010–2013.

Post-doctoral researcher, Department of Interdisciplinary Studies of Culture, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), 2008–2010. Title: Sea Stories: Constructing Nature in the Rigs-to-Reefs Debate. Funded by Research Council of Norway.

Previous business positions:

CH2MHill, environmental consultant, Houston, TX, 1999-2008

Radian International, environmental consultant, Houston, TX, 1995-1999

Awards: European Society for Environmental History publication prize (2009) for “Cooperative sanitation: Managing streets and gutters in late medieval England and Scandinavia,” *Technology and Culture*. Given to the best environmental history article published in 2007 or 2008.

Select Major Grants:

“The Return of Native Nordic Fauna,” Formas Young Researcher grant (2.4 million SEK), 2013-2016

“Bringing STS into Environmental History” workshop (245,000 NOK), NTNU, Cornell University, Research Council of Norway, and Network in Canadian Environmental History, 2010. Co-organized with Sara Pritchard (Cornell) and Finn Arne Jørgensen (NTNU)

Co-investigator, “Voices of Nature: Representing Nature in Environmental Policy Negotiations.” Awarded by Miljø 2015 program, Research Council of Norway (\$1,100,000), 2008.

Select Academic Leadership:

Secretary, International Consortium of Environmental History Organizations, 2011–2013

Advisory Board member, Centre for Environmental History, Tallinn, Estonia, 2012-present

Summer School Committee Chair, ESEH, 2010-2013

Co-founder, Environmental History Network for the Middle Ages

Statement of candidacy for Dolly Jørgensen

I am honored to accept a nomination as President of ESEH. I have been an active member in ESEH since 2003, have participated in the Prague, Florence, Amsterdam, and Turku ESEH meetings and the World Congress for Environmental History in 2009, and have served as the Summer School Committee chair since 2010. I am very happy with the progress we have had on the Summer School program – 2013 marks the 4th year in a row with at least one School. The Summer School initiative is a value-added activity for the Society and its members because it brings environmental history scholars and students together in a way that no other organization is doing.

During my Presidency, I will advocate that the Society develop more activities that would benefit members and non-members alike. For example, earlier this spring as Summer School Committee Chair, I was approached by the European Association for the Study of Literature, Culture and Environment about partnering on their web-based seminar series, which is a possible method to increase the educational reach of the society and strengthen our interdisciplinary ties with another European environmental scholarly society. Another example is Arcadia: Online Explorations in Global Environmental History, a collaborative project with the Rachel Carson Center that would not have been possible without ESEH participation.

I would like to see ESEH take advantage of more opportunities like this. The ESEH has tremendous potential in its interdisciplinary and international membership basis, but there are also challenges. In these troubled financial times, it is also important that the society remains financially solvent, helps members to obtain their own funding, and promotes stronger collaboration between our members spread across the globe. I would like to see ESEH do a better job of facilitating international cooperation that can lead to European grant applications. To that end, I am going to propose that the Board establish a grants committee to facilitate these contacts.

Overall, I want ESEH to strive for inclusiveness and widening the reach of environmental history. While acknowledging the national and regional differences among our members, I want ESEH to be an organization that breaks down boundaries rather than building them up.