

## CV Bo Poulsen

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Born: 11 February 1976; married, 2 children born 2010, 3<sup>rd</sup> child due August 2013

2000 Bachelor, history, University of Århus  
2002 Cand Mag. (MA), history, University of Southern Denmark  
2006 Ph.D., history, University of Southern Denmark

### Academic positions

2012- Associate professor of environmental history, CGS, Aalborg University  
2009-2011 Associate professor of environmental history, ENSPAC & CUID, Roskilde University  
2009 1/1-31/8, Congress Administrator, 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Environmental History, Copenhagen & Malmø, 4-8 August 2009. <http://wceh.org> (budget, 1.5 mio DKK)  
2006-2009 Assistant professor, Roskilde University

### Awards:

2012 'ICES Service Award' for Study Group on the History of Fish and Fisheries (SGHIST)  
2009 'Danish Research Project of the Year 2009' across disciplines for History of Marine Animal Populations (HMAP), by popular science magazine, [www.videnskab.dk](http://www.videnskab.dk)  
2006 Ph.D-thesis awarded the Hoogendijkprijs for best publication on Dutch sea fisheries

### Management of research projects

2012-2014 PI, Johannes Schmidt, ICES and the Carlsberg Laboratory, c. 1898-1933, (DKK 1.25 mio.)  
2010: PI, Gæst i fortidens og fremtidens turismelandskab, RUCinnovation (budget DKK 150,000)  
2008: PI, Humpback whaling in Greenland 1774-1900. (budget \$10,000)  
2007-2010 Member, Exec. Committee, HMAP. Budget 2007-2010, \$.1.7 mio.  
2006-2010 Member, Project steering group for HMAP project on the Baltic Sea

### Elected positions:

2010-2014 Member Executive Board, History of Marine Animal Populations (HMAP) Network.  
2011-2014 Member, program committee, 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress of Environmental History, Guimarães  
2011- Editor, (with Alison McDiarmid) 'HMAP Collection' in online journal, *PLoS One*.  
2010-2012 Board member, *Nyt Selskab for Historie*.  
2010-2012 Editor for book reviews and debate, *TEMP – Tidsskrift for Historie*  
2009-2011 National coordinator, Nordic Environmental History Research Network (Nordcorp-funded)  
2008-2012 Co-Chair, Study Group History of Fish and Fisheries (SGHIST) & (WKHIST), <http://www.ices.dk>  
2008- Member, Acad. Adv. Board, Centre for Maritime and Regional Studies <http://www.cmrs.dk>  
2006-2009 Member, local org. committee, 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Environmental History (Chair 2009)  
2001-2010 Member, editorial board for *Den jyske Historiker*

### Congresses, workshops and seminars organized since 2008:

2012-2013 'Initiative for Sustainability and Change', lecture series @ Aalborg University  
2008-2011 4 workshops for Study Group on the History of Fish and Fisheries (SGHIST)', (ICES)  
2011 NEHN Workshop, 'Teaching Environmental History', Roskilde, (with F. A. Jørgensen).  
2009 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Environmental History, Copenhagen & Malmö, 4-8 August.  
2009 PhD-workshop. How Past Experiences Can Help Mold Future Solutions, Roskilde 2-3 aug.

### **Candidacy for vice-president of ESEH:**

The ESEH 2013 conference in Munich is the 7<sup>th</sup> biannual conference of the society, and it is also my 7<sup>th</sup> ESEH conference as a presenter and/or session organizer. In 2009, I had the privilege of running the 5<sup>th</sup> ESEH conference in Copenhagen, which doubled as the 1<sup>st</sup> World Congress of Environmental History. The latter experience was challenging, but as the congress unfolded in Copenhagen and Malmö in a week with clear blue skies, I believe the congress became a success due to the committed collaboration of countless colleagues abroad and in the host countries of Denmark and Sweden. Personally this week, has been the highpoint of my career as an environmental historian.

Now, why come to Munich, or to the next conferences of ESEH? In our times, there are countless conferences to attend worldwide, but I always recommended colleagues that the ESEH-conferences is an important place to be for a number of reasons or virtues. A most important virtue is that this is a venue, where one can expect to be surprised, when travelling from afar to attend a conference.

From the point of view of intellectual curiosity, I see the virtues in the fact that over the past 12 years, I have always been greatly and pleasantly surprised when attending an ESEH conference. I continue to be surprised about the diversity of topics, the diversity of methodologies and the multitude of data employed in Environmental history. This is an aspect we should continue to develop by attracting scholars from new disciplines, new generations and also new forms of communicating, not least via social media.

Secondly, this is a truly international group of people coming from many European countries, and many countries overseas. The environment, environmental issues and their historical enviroing, to quote recent scholarship is in its essence international, and should be studied in this way. The ESEH is a most important forum for this, and we should continue to attract scholars from as many countries as possible. We should do so because it serves the issues we investigate, and we should do it for the sake of meeting international requirements when applying for research funds.

As a third highly important virtue or characteristic is the fact the ESEH is a most appropriate scene for dealing with the really Great Challenges to society from perspective of short long time spans. This will be more and more important in the future. In the past, and presently we are very good at telling stories of how humans have harmed the planet we inhabit. I believe the concept of the Anthropocene bears a powerful message to fellow scientists, policy makers and the general public. While we maintain, deepen and widen this message, however, I do believe we should be concerned about not just telling the bad news. We should be concerned about bringing about good messages, solutions and recommendations for contemporary society. Lessons from the past, are sometimes best remembered and adhered to, when they contain a message of hope, or traits of clever environmental practices from the past.

My candidacy is about maintaining, renewing and promoting these abovementioned virtues within the European Society for Environmental History.

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