

DR. SAMANTHA M SAVILLE

EMPLOYMENT

- ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Aberystwyth University. December 2018 - present
- **Research Assistant, GLOBAL-RURAL project**, Aberystwyth University. October 2016 – December 2018
- **Part-time Human Geography lecturer**, Aberystwyth University. February – May 2018, November -June 2016, November 2014.
- **Visiting Human Geography Lecturer**, University of Chester. October 2015 – June 2016.
- **Summer University Tutor, Geography**. Aberystwyth University. July 2015
- **Academic Geography tutor**, Aberystwyth University. October 2012 – June 2014.
- **Distance Learning Environment and Energy Tutor and Lecturer**, Graduate School of the Environment, Centre for Alternative Technology. September 2009 – June 2012.

EDUCATION

- **PhD, Human Geography. 'Saving Svalbard? Contested value, conservation practices and everyday life in the high Arctic'**. Examined (May 2017) by Professor Mike Crang and Dr. Caitlin DeSilvey – Passed, corrections submitted November 2017. Supervised by Dr Gareth Hoskins and Dr. Kimberley Peters, Aberystwyth University.
- **Post Graduate Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (PGCTHE)**. Aberystwyth University, February 2012.
- **MSc. Architecture: Advanced Environmental and Energy Studies (Distinction)**. Centre for Alternative Technology through the University of East London, 2009. Thesis: 'What does it take to create power down behaviour?' - Investigated electricity use behaviours and possible ways to influence this in order to reduce bills and emissions.
- **First Class BA (Hons) in Human Geography**, University of Wales Aberystwyth, June 2005. Dissertation: investigated the role of NGOs in moving towards a sustainable society.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

I am an adaptable researcher and relish opportunities to learn new skills and methods. Following on from my post-doctoral research, I am keen to develop and contribute to new research proposals. I am proficient in multi-modal qualitative research methods and analysis, fully computer literate in all Microsoft office packages and comfortable using a range of specialised software packages such as databases, qualitative analysis and coding

software. I also have experience with quantitative methods and analysis, primarily questionnaires, mapping and instrument readings, using SPSS, GIS and Excel software.

- **Research assistant, Global-Rural: The Global Countryside – Rural Change and Development in Globalisation**, Aberystwyth University, October 2016 – December 2018.

Part of an eleven-person research team on this European Research Council funded project investigating processes of globalisation in rural areas. Specific contribution to a Welsh case study site for the Countertopography of Everyday Globalization work package, and at festival events throughout Wales as part of the (Re-)Assembling the Global Countryside work package.

- **Doctoral research ESRC match-funded project: Saving Svalbard? Contested value, conservation practices and everyday life in the high Arctic'. 2012 - 2016**

This research explored the relationships between human life, non-human life and the material world on Svalbard, through an investigation of frameworks and contingencies of value. I developed strong logistical and networking skills in order to conduct over 70 interviews, participant observations, surveys and focus groups over three arctic fieldwork trips. My findings have interesting theoretical implications for how we conceptualise value, as well as more applied insights into current issues in climate change adaptation, sustainable development, heritage conservation and geopolitics.

- **Visualising climate changed landscapes**, April 2013 – August 2014

Collaborative independent research project with Dr Kelvin Mason that investigated the possibilities for using art and making as an engagement tool for discussing climate change and the future. A series of making and talking workshops/ focus groups and presentation of preliminary results.

- **Sustainable Living Community Outreach Researcher**, Information for Action Project, Centre for Alternative Technology. December 2011 – July 2012

Developing and designing a pilot project to support increased uptake and action on energy efficiency measures and installations. Research methods included literature review, focus groups and questionnaires. We liaised with a wide variety of stakeholders and community members to organise and run outreach events, presentations and data collection.

AWARDS AND FUNDING

- Awarded ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship 2018-2019. £117,844 total project worth.
- Application to the ESRC Future Research Leaders 2016 – development of a full 2 year, £225,000 international research and skills development programme.
- ESRC Institutional Visit to the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, June 2015.
- ESRC Overseas Fieldwork Funding: May-July 2014, February 2015
- ESRC PhD studentship, Wales DTC, 2012-2015
- Undergraduate: Awarded the Price Davies Scholarship for social science, Gareth Thomas travel bursary (2004) and the Human Geography year group prize (2005).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I create supportive, fun and engaging learning environments with opportunities for active learning and participation whether in small or large group teaching situations. I enjoy breaking down concepts and applying them to examples. From my experience in both distance learning teaching and face-to-face engagements, I am able to scaffold face-to-face teaching with online and personal support structures. In teaching observations, colleagues have found my delivery style and learning materials to be engaging, clear, effective in meeting learning objectives and successful in developing good student-lecturer rapport. I have a proven track record of module organisation and administration.

- **Part-time Human Geography lecturer**, Aberystwyth University. February- May 2018, November -June 2016, November 2014.

Lectures and support to an MSc module, 'Global Climate Change: Debates and Impacts' and an undergraduate first year module, 'Climate Change: Impacts, Perceptions, Adaptations'. Seminars for postgraduate modules 'Environmental Policy and Sustainability' (theories of behaviour change) and 'Key Concepts and Debates in Human Geography' (value).

- **Visiting Human Geography Lecturer**, University of Chester. October 2015 – June 2016.

Team development, delivery and assessment of quantitative data analysis section and assisted in assessing the qualitative research methods section of second year 'Researcher Development' module. Development and delivery of Cultural Geography and Economic Geography lectures for first year 'Introducing Human Geography'. Part of assessment team for second year 'Exploring Human Geography' module.

- **Summer University Tutor, Geography**. Aberystwyth University. July 2015

Together with two colleagues, design, delivery and assessment of a combined geography module to college and 6th form students gaining a taste of university life and geography as a university subject. Specific contributions: developing learning objectives and timetable; devising essay assessment, lectures on qualitative research methods, nature conservation and climate change; field trip and management of the Blackboard site.

- **Academic tutor**, Aberystwyth University. October 2012 – June 2014.

Guiding students (BSc, combined physical and human geography) through their first year of university education. Running fortnightly tutorial sessions for two groups of five students: setting and marking assignments; providing academic support for a broad range of modules.

- **Thesis Supervisor and Visiting Lecturer**, Centre for Alternative Technology. October 2012 – March 2014

Supervising students working on the thesis component of the MSc Architecture: Advanced Environmental and Energy Studies. Providing reading suggestions; methodological, practical and theoretical advice; pastoral support and encouragement; feedback on drafts, and assessing final dissertations. Delivery of lectures and learning materials on 'Discourse and Climate Change'.

- **Distance Learning Tutor and Lecturer**, Centre for Alternative Technology. September 2009 – June 2012.

Teaching and developing the MSc Architecture course within the Graduate School of the Environment. Delivery of learning materials, activities and assessment, providing feedback, help and support, including thesis supervision. Lectures and seminar: Discourses of climate change, Critical thinking skills, study and research skills, waste, eco-refurbishment, lighting, discourse and narratives, environmental management, building with straw. I also supported colleagues and students with a wide range of other subjects. Co-module leader for 'Environment and Energy in the global context'; 'Climate, Comfort and Building Performance'; 'Occupant Health and Well-being'.

OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- **Distance Learning Student Support Officer**, Centre for Alternative Technology. September 2008- 2009.
Administration, student records and database organisation for the MSc Architecture: Advanced Environmental and Energy Studies course (over 200 students). Providing information, help and support for students and enquirers. Management of the virtual learning website (Blackboard), responsible for delivery and desk top publishing of course materials.
- **Distance Learning Developer and Researcher**, Centre for Alternative Technology. September 2007-2008.
Development and research of learning materials, the student market and online facilities in preparation to run the above course.
- **Geographical Information Operator**, GI Services, Welsh Assembly Government, June – December 2005.
Using GIS software to edit digital data of farm holdings, and produce accurate map records. Solving problem cases.

PUBLICATIONS

- Hoskins, G and Saville, S.M (eds) (Forthcoming) *Locating Value: Theory, Application and Critique*. Routledge
- Heley, J, M. Welsh and S.M. Saville (submitted 2018) ‘The Fanta-sy of Global Products: Soft-drinks, Counter Ubiquity and the Myth of Globalization’, *Globalizations*.
- Woods, M, (submitted 2018) ‘Assemblage, Place and Globalization’, *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.
- Saville, S.M (2018) ‘Tourists and Researcher identities: critical considerations of collisions, collaborations and confluences in Svalbard’. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism* (Part of an upcoming special issue: ‘Political Ecology of Tourism in the Anthropocene: Global Imaginaries and Local Realities of Planetary Socio-Environmental Change’). <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09669582.2018.1435670>
- Contributing author to Peters, K (2017) *Your Human Geography Dissertation*, London: Sage.
- Saville, S.M. (2014) ‘The ecotourism–extraction nexus: political economies and rural realities of (un)comfortable bedfellows’, *Journal of Ecotourism*, 13: 2-3, pp 171-173. (Book Review)
- Contributing author to Luikham, S (2010) ‘Motivation and Behavioural Change’ in *Zero Carbon Britain 2030: A New Energy Strategy*, Machynlleth: Centre for Alternative Technology.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- ‘Uniqueness and Ubiquity: Making rural places in a global era’ (with Laura Jones and Jesse Heley), International Symposium on the Global Countryside, Gregynog Hall, Newtown, 14th November 2018.
- Symposium ‘Value negotiations at the margins: Bringing a town back from the dead’, Royal Geographical Society with IBG Annual Conference, Cardiff, 30th August 2018.
- ‘Moving mighty oaks: translocality and social acorns’ (with Laura Jones and Marc Welsh), Wiserd Annual Conference, University of South Wales, Pontypridd, 19th July 2018 and RGS 30th August 2018.
- ‘The World Comes to Wales for the Weekend? Assembling celebration and resistance at rural festivals’ (with Mike Woods), Wiserd Annual Conference, University of South Wales, Pontypridd, 19th July 2018.

- 'The same but different: Fanta and the placing of globalization', Centre for Welsh Politics and Society research seminar, Aberystwyth University, 25th January 2018.
- 'Everyday globalization: unpicking local and global relations', WISERD away day, Metropole Hotel Llandridnod Wells, 9th November 2017.
- 'Manufacturing places: "the problem of mid-wales"' (with Marcus Welsh) Royal Geographical Society with IBG Annual Conference, London, 1st September 2017.
- 'Combining post-human, participatory and situated philosophies of geography: a humble research practice?' Royal Geographical Society with IBG Annual Conference, London, 30th August 2017.
- "'Stalking around with Value in Svalbard', Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm, 18th – 22nd June 2017.
- 'Representing the Seas of Svalbard', Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm, 18th – 22nd June 2017.
- 'Problematising the problem of Mid-Wales', Nordic Geographers Meeting, Stockholm, 18th – 22nd June 2017.
- 'Potential Lessons from Svalbard's Environmental Governance Practices', The Future of Polar Governance: Knowledge, Laws, Regimes, and Resources, British Antarctic Survey Cambridge, 27th March 2017.
- 'Categorisation and heritage conservation 'Experiencing Svalbard on nature's own terms?', Nordic Environmental Social Science Conference, Trondheim, 9-11th June 2015.
- 'Practices of Value in Svalbard: Developing an Ethics of Care?', Presentation to the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, Trondheim, 8th June 2015.
- 'Saving the Arctic: Everyday evaluations and practices in Svalbard', Welsh Human Geography Postgraduate Conference, Gregynog, 11-12th March 2015.
- 'Coal mining in Svalbard: The elephant in the room?', Barents Institute (University of the Arctic) 2014 Thorvald Stoltenberg Conference, Mining the Arctic: sustainable communities, economies, and governance? Thon Hotel, Kirkenes, 7-8th October 2014
- 'Political Ecologies of Knowledge: Locating value(s) of knowledge production at the (scientific) field site', Royal Geographical Society with IBG Annual Conference, 26th-29th August 2014
- 'Climate change and imaging futures through making' (with Kelvin Mason) Royal Geographical Society with IBG Annual Conference, 26th-29th August 2014 (Workshop)
- 'And how does that make you feel? Exploring scientists relations with Svalbard', Lunchtime seminar, University Centre in Svalbard, Longyearbyen, 28th May 2014
- 'Putting Value Theory into Action', Dialogues in Human Geography, Aberystwyth University March 13th 2014
- 'Visualising climate changed landscapes' (with Kelvin Mason), Future Climate Dialogues Symposium, Aberystwyth University 13th June 2013 (Poster and exhibition)
- 'Relating the extraordinary: Memories of Svalbard', Nordic Geographers Meeting, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, 11-14th June 2013
- 'Polarising nature-culture: initial thoughts on values in Svalbard', RGS-IBG Postgraduate Mid Term Conference, Birmingham University 25-27th March 2013.
- Saville, S.J and Saville S.M. 2012. 'Mending by Breaking', 1st Mend*rs Research Symposium, Docker, Kendal, UK. 29 June - 2 July, 2012.