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EMPLOYMENT

- **Teaching Associate**, Scott Polar Research Institute / Department of Geography, University of Cambridge. September 2019 – present.
- **ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Aberystwyth University. December 2018 – September 2019.
- **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 and accepted, graduated July 2018. Supervised by Dr Gareth Hoskins and Dr. Kimberley Peters, Aberystwyth University.
- **Post Graduate Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (PGCTHE)**. Aberystwyth University, 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?'
- **First Class BA (Hons) in Human Geography**, University of Wales Aberystwyth, 2005.
Dissertation: 'Exploring the roles of NGOs in moving towards a sustainable society'

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

I am an experienced Svalbard researcher who relishes collaboration and learning new skills or methods. 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 (NVivo). I also have experience with quantitative methods and analysis, primarily questionnaires, mapping and instrument readings, using SPSS, GIS and website design and maintenance. I enjoy sharing research findings in diverse formats with both public and academic audiences, recently this has included the use of ESRI's Story Mapping platform.

- **ESRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow: Svalbard Futures: Value and Adaptations in the Anthropocene**, Aberystwyth University, December 2018- September 2019.

The fellowship concentrated on further developing research skills, enhancing professional networks and increasing public and academic impact from my doctoral research. It included follow-up research in Svalbard and an institutional visit to KTH Stockholm's Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment where I was able to collaborate with Prof. Dag Avango, Prof. Sverker Sörlin and Dr. Eric Paglia who are experienced Svalbard and Arctic researchers.

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

Part of a European Research Council funded, eleven-person team investigating processes of globalisation in rural areas. Duties included survey analysis, ethnography, interviews, audio and audio-visual data collection, co-authoring papers and public engagement in research. Engagement activities included producing a public exhibition and writing 'Story Maps'.

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

This research explored the environmental politics of natural and cultural heritage conservation in Svalbard. It did so through examining relationships between human life, non-human life and the material world through an investigation of frameworks and contingencies of value. I developed logistical and networking skills to conduct over 70 interviews, participant observations, surveys and focus groups over three Arctic fieldwork trips. My findings suggest a greater role for a broader knowledge base on environmental decision-making. They have 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 Arctic geopolitics. Thesis accessible: <https://samsaville.org/svalbard-futures/saving-svalbard-phd/>

- **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. We ran a series of making and talking workshops/ focus groups and presented 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.

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, utilising my own and other relevant research. 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.

- **Department of Geography, University of Cambridge. September 2019 – present**

Paper co-ordinator, core lecturer and supervisor for 'Geographies of the Arctic' (Yr 3); Seminar leader for social strand of MPhil in Polar Studies; contributions to 'Living with Global Change - Making Geographical Knowledges' (Yr2).

- **Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, Aberystwyth University.** February- May 2018, November -June 2016, November 2014.

Contributing to: 'Global Climate Change: Debates and Impacts' (MSc); 'Climate Change: Impacts, Perceptions, Adaptations' (Yr1); 'Environmental Policy and Sustainability' (MA); 'Key Concepts and Debates in Human Geography' (MA).

- **Department of Geography and International Development, University of Chester.** October 2015 – June 2016.

Contributing to: 'Researcher Development' (Yr 2); 'Introducing Human Geography'(Yr1); 'Exploring Human Geography' (Yr2); 'Geopolitics and the Global Economy' (Yr2).

- **Summer University, 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.

- **Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, Aberystwyth University.** October 2012 – June 2014.

Academic tutor for BSc Geography (Yr1). Running fortnightly tutorial sessions for two groups of five students: setting and marking assignments; providing academic support and study skills advice.

- **Graduate School of the Environment, Centre for Alternative Technology.** October 2012 – March 2014

Thesis supervision for the MSc Architecture: Advanced Environmental and Energy Studies. Delivery of lectures and learning materials on 'Discourse and Climate Change'.

- **Graduate School of the Environment, Centre for Alternative Technology.** September 2009 – June 2012.

Teaching and developing the Distance Learning MSc Architecture course. Delivery of learning materials, lectures, seminars and assessment over the entire course, providing feedback, help and support, including thesis supervision. Co-module leader for 'Environment and Energy in the global context'; 'Climate, Comfort and Building Performance'; 'Occupant Health and Well-being'.

AWARDS AND FUNDING

- Part of an interdisciplinary, international team of artists and scientists successful bid for 'Access Abisko' project funding: 'Changing perspectives: Nature's contribution to people in the past, present and future of a changing climate' scheduled for 2020-2022.
- 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 successful funding: Institutional Visit to the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim, June 2015; Overseas Fieldwork Funding: May-July 2014, February 2015; PhD studentship, Wales DTC.
- Aberystwyth University prizes: Awarded the Price Davies Scholarship for social science, Gareth Thomas travel bursary (2004) and the Human Geography year group prize (2005).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Active member of the collaborative Svalbard Social Science Initiative (<https://www.svalbardsocialscience.com/>)
- Ambassador for the Women in the Arctic and Antarctic project (<https://womenintheartic.ca/>)
- Member of the UK Polar Network, the International Arctic Social Science Association and the Association of Polar Early Career Scientists.
- Co-producer: 'Assembling Newtown: Past, present and future' exhibition, Newtown, September 2017.
- Co-convenor: '(en)Countering change, (dis)Assembling placeness', RGS-IBG Annual Conference, 2017.
- Chair and co-convenor: 'Locating Value', RGS-IBG Annual Conference, 2014.
- Co-convenor: 'Values meet value and the good becomes goods: A workshop'. Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, Aberystwyth University, 14 January 2014.
- Aberystwyth student representative for the Wales ESRC Doctoral Training Centre, 2013-2014.
- Co-convenor of the Human Geography Seminar Series, Aberystwyth University, 2013-2014.
- Distance Learning Open Day co-coordinator, Graduate School of the Environment, Centre for Alternative Technology, 2011-2012.

OTHER RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT

- **Student Support Officer**, Centre for Alternative Technology. September 2008- 2009.
Administration and student records management for the distance learning MSc Architecture: Advanced Environmental and Energy Studies (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.
- **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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Teaching and Communicating with Impact, University of Cambridge, 6th February 2020.
- Academic Writing Retreat, Chapelgarth Estate, 26-28th March 2019.
- Spectacle Video production for anthropologists and social researchers, London, 15-16th December 2018.
- Inside Edge Media Training for academics, Wales ESRC DTP, Cardiff University, 28th November 2018.
- 'Research impact and the UK Parliament', Birmingham City University, 22nd May 2018.
- 10 Key Sentences: Research Grant Writing Skills, Aberystwyth University, 29th March 2017.
- Wales Postgraduate Human Geography Theory School: Gregynog, 12-13th March 2015; 12-13th March 2013.
- Multi-Modal Qualitative Research, Wales Doctoral Training Centre Cardiff, 16-17th September 2014
- Social and Cultural Geography Research Group Reading and Writing Weekend, Gregynog, 1-3rd November 2013.
- Geographic visualisation: photography, graphics and comic books for learning and teaching, Higher Education Academy Geography, Environment and Earth Sciences Workshop, Northumbria University, 21st March 2013.
- Research Training - September 2012- January 2013: Principles of Research Design; Research Skills and Personal Development; Ways of Reading (distinction level in all assessments).

PUBLICATIONS

- Saville, S.M and G. Hoskins (eds) (2020) *Locating Value: Theory, Application and Critique*. Routledge.
- Saville, S. M. (2020). 'Locating value(s) in political ecologies of knowledge: The East Svalbard management plan'. In S. M. Saville & G. Hoskins (Eds.), *Locating Value* (pp. 173–185). Routledge.
- Heley, J., Welsh, M., & **Saville, S.** (2020). The fanta-sy of global products: Fizzy-drinks, differentiated ubiquity and the placing of globalization. *Globalizations*, 17(4), 683–697.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/14747731.2019.1686821>
- Saville, S. M. (2019). *Value and Decision Making in Svalbard*. Aberystwyth University.
<https://samsaville.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Value-and-decision-making-in-Svalbard.pdf>
- Saville, S. M. (2019). Tourists and researcher identities: Critical considerations of collisions, collaborations and confluences in Svalbard. *Journal of Sustainable Tourism*, 27(4), 573–589.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/09669582.2018.1435670>
- Saville, S.M (submitted 2019, in review) 'Towards Humble Geographies', *Area*.
- Saville, S and M. Woods (submitted 2019, in review). 'Cultural Globalization in the Countryside: Expressive Components at Rural Festivals', *Social and Cultural Geography*.
- Woods, M, J. Heley, F. Fois, L. Jones, A. Onyehialam. **S. Saville** and M. Welsh (submitted 2018, in review) 'Assemblage, Place and Globalization', *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.
- Saville, S (2018) 'Festivals are bigger business than ever before – but that doesn't mean they've lost their care free spirit', *The Conversation*, <https://theconversation.com/festivals-are-bigger-business-than-ever-before-but-that-doesnt-mean-theyve-lost-their-care-free-spirit-98777>
- 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).

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS

- 'Svalbard Futures' (poster), Svalbard Science Conference, Oslo, 5-6th November 2019.
- 'Extending an ethics of care to 'rusty junk'? Contestations of value and Svalbard's Cultural Heritage' Higher seminar for Division of History of Science, Technology and Environment, KTH, Stockholm, 2nd September 2019.
- 'The Northern-most Overtourism?' Royal Geographical Society with IBG Annual Conference, London, 30th August 2019.
- Presentation of Svalbard Social Science Initiative and Svalbard Futures projects to Polar Humanities and Social Sciences ECR Workshop, Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, 9th May 2019.
- 'Saving Svalbard? A social scientist's perspective', public seminar for Longyearbyen Folkebibliotek, 6th February 2019.
- 'Uniqueness and Ubiquity: Making rural places in a global era' (with Laura Jones and Jesse Heley), International Symposium on the Global Countryside, Gregynog Hall, 14th November 2018.
- Invited speaker at the Wales ESRC Doctoral Partnership student induction, Cardiff, October 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.
- '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.
- '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.
- '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).
- '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, Reykjavík, 11-14th June 2013.