



The Thule Culture – new Perspectives in Inuit Prehistory

- an international conference in honour of research professor H.C. Gulløv

SILA
The National Museum of Denmark
October 25th – 28th, 2006

Programme

Wednesday Oct. 25th

17.00 – 19.00 Registration and welcome reception at the National Museum

Thursday Oct. 26th

9.00 – 9.10 Head of Dept. **Per Kristian Madsen**: Introduction
(chair: Bjarne Grønnow)

Thule Origins and Expansions

9.10 – 9.30 **Owen Mason** (University of Alaska, US):
The Origin of Thule is Always Elsewhere: The Improving Database on Birnirk and Punuk and their Hybrids as Rivals for the Ur-Thule in the Western Arctic

9.30 – 9.50 **Peter M. Bowers** (Northern Land Use Research, US)
Fifty Years after Helge: Recent Ipiutak and Western Thule Research in Deering, Alaska

9.50 – 10.10 **Igor Krupnik** (Arctic Studies Center, US):
Distant Lands and Brave Pioneers: Original Thule Migration Revisited

10.10 – 10.30 *Coffee break*

10.30 – 10.50 **Maribeth Murray** (University of Alaska, US):
Historic and Narrative Records of Sea Ice Conditions in Arctic Alaska. Implications for the Thule Adaptation and Expansion.

- 10.50 – 11.10 **Bob McGhee** (Canadian Museum of Civilisation, Canada):
The Temporal Duration of Thule Culture in Arctic Canada
- 11.10 – 11.30 **Bill Fitzhugh** (Arctic Studies Center, US):
New Evidence on Inuit Penetration of Southern Labrador and
Quebec
- 11.30 – 12.00 *Questions and Discussion (Discussant: David Morrison)*
- 12.00 – 13.30 *Lunch Break*

Regions and Sites

- 13.30 – 13.50 **T. Max Friesen** (University of Toronto, Canada):
The Cache Point Site: An Early Thule Occupation in the Mackenzie
Delta
- 13.50 – 14.10 **Daniel Gendron** (Avataq Institute, Canada):
The Thule Dimension in Nunavik
- 14.10 – 14.30 **Mikkel Sørensen** (SILA, Denmark):
The Thule Culture in the Wollaston Region, North East Greenland
- 14.30 – 14.50 *Questions and Discussion (Discussant: Martin Appelt)*

Subsistence, Settlement, Land- and Sea-scapes

- 14.50 – 15.10 **James M. Savelle** (McGill University, Canada):
Thule Whaling Systems on Southeast Somerset Island, Arctic
Canada
- 15.10 – 15.30 **Jens Fog Jensen** (SILA, Denmark):
Comparing Palaeo- and Neo-Eskimo settlement patterns in
Wandel Dal and Jørgen Brønlund Fjord, Peary Land
- 15.30 – 15.50 *Coffee break*

- 15.50 – 16.10 **Susan Kaplan** (The Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum, US):
From Forested Bays to Tundra-Covered Passes: Inuit
Transformation of the Landscape
- 16.10 – 16.30 **Patricia Wells** (Memorial University, St. John's, Canada):
Open Water Hunting and the Construction of Seascape: Material
Culture Correlates from Phillip's Garden, Newfoundland
- 16.30 – 16.50 **Ulla Odgaard** (SILA, Denmark):
Where we await one another - On the trail of the caribou hunters
in Angujaartorfiup Nunaa
- 16.50 – 17.10 **Bjarne Grønnow** (SILA, Denmark):
Hunting Grounds and Caribou Hunting Structures of the Thule
Culture in Angujaartorfiup Nunaa, West Greenland
- 17.10 – 18.00 *Questions and discussion (Discussant: T. Max Friesen)*

Friday Oct. 27th

- 9.00 – 9.05 Welcome - today's schedule (chair: Jens Fog Jensen)

Thule Technology

- 9.05 – 9.25 **Genevieve LeMoine** (The Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum, US):
Windows of Ivory and Bone: Looking at Inuit Culture through
Bone Technology
- 9.25 – 9.45 **Claire Alix** (University of Alaska, US):
Ruin Islanders' Use of Wood at Skraeling Island, Eastern
Ellesmere Island.
- 9.45 – 10.05 **Priscilla Renouf** (Memorial University, St. John's, Canada):
Dorset Whalebone Use at Phillip's Garden, Northwestern
Newfoundland.
- 10.05 – 10.25 *Coffee Break*
- 10.25 – 10.55 *Questions and Discussion (Discussant: Ulla Odgaard)*

Networks

- 10.55 – 11.15 **Peter Whitridge** (Memorial University, St. John's, Canada):
The Collapse of the Classic Thule Inter-Regional Network
- 11.15 – 11.35 **Martin Appelt** (SILA, Denmark) & **Mikkel Myrup** (NKA, Greenland):
Trade and Exchange in the Nuuk-area, West Greenland
- 11.35 – 12.00 *Questions and Discussion (Discussant: Mikkel Sørensen)*
- 12.00 – 13.30 *Lunch Break*

Inuit/Norse Interaction

- 13.30 – 13.50 **Patrick Plumet** (Université du Québec à Montréal, Canada):
When the Eskimo met the Viking, a Major Stage of the Globalization Process
- 13.50 – 14.10 **Patricia Sutherland** (Canadian Museum of Civilisation, Canada):
Norse Interaction with Palaeo-Eskimos and Inuit in Arctic Canada
- 14.10 – 14.30 *Questions and Discussion (Discussant: Charlotte Damm)*

The Transition to History

- 14.30 – 14.50 **Einar Lund Jensen** (SILA, Denmark):
Stories of the Past - and Collective Memories in the Cape Farewell District
- 14.50 – 15.10 **H.C. Gulløv** (SILA, Denmark):
The End of Thule Culture and the Rise of Native Thoughts
- Ammassalik, a Key to another World
- 15.10 – 15.20 *Coffee break*
- 15.20 – 15.50 *Questions and Discussion (Discussant: David Morrison)*

15.50 – 16.30 **Discussion: Future approaches to Thule Culture Research**
(Discussant: David Morrison, cont.)

16.30 – 16.35 Concluding remarks (Bjarne Grønnow)

19.00 - **Conference dinner** on board M/B Ellen

Saturday Oct. 28th

8.00 - Departure: **Post-conference tour** to South Zealand and the
island of Møn