

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### JOHN ROBERTS BOCKSTOCE

#### EMPLOYMENT

1987 - Present	President, <b>Thalassa Corporation</b>
1974 - 1986	Curator of Ethnology, <b>New Bedford Whaling Museum</b>
1973 - 1974	Visiting Tutor, Department of Ethnology and Prehistory, <b>University of Oxford</b>
1970 - 1971	Assistant to the Director, University Museum <b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
1966	Special Assistant to the Secretary, <b>Smithsonian Institution</b>

#### EDUCATION AND DEGREES

2000	Doctor of Science ( <i>D.Sc., Hon.</i> )	<b>University of Alaska</b>
1974	Doctor of Philosophy ( <i>D.Phil.</i> )	<b>University of Oxford</b>
1968-1971	Special Studies in Archaeology	<b>University of Pennsylvania</b>
1970	Special Studies in Archaeology	<b>Brown University</b>
1968	Bachelor of Literature ( <i>B.Litt.</i> )	<b>University of Oxford</b>
1967	Diploma in Ethnology and Prehistory	<b>University of Oxford</b>
1966	Bachelor of Arts ( <i>B.A.</i> )	<b>Yale University</b>

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Monographs

- Eskimos of Northwest Alaska in the Early Nineteenth Century:** Based on the Beechey and Belcher Collections and the records compiled during the voyage of H.M.S. Blossom to Northwest Alaska in 1826 and 1827, University of Oxford, Pitt-Rivers Museum, Monograph series No. 1, 1977, Oxford England, 139 p.
- Steam Whaling in the Western Arctic,** New Bedford, Massachusetts, 1977, Old Dartmouth Historical Society, 127 p.
- The Archaeology of Cape Nome, Alaska,** University of Pennsylvania, University Museum Monograph No. 38, 1979, Philadelphia, 133 p.
- (With Daniel Botkin) **The Historical Status and Reduction of the Western Arctic Bowhead Whale Population by the Pelagic Whaling Industry, 1848-1914,** final report to the National Marine Fisheries Service by the Old Dartmouth Historical Society under contract 03-78-M02-0210, March 31 1980, with addendum, 202 p. and **Report of the International Whaling Commission,** (special issue No. 5), pp. 107-141, 1983. [SC/32/PS16].
- (Editor) **The Voyage of the Schooner Polar Bear: Whaling and Trading in the North Pacific and Arctic, 1913-1914,** by Bernhard Kilian, New Bedford, Massachusetts, 1983, Old Dartmouth Historical Society and Alaska Historical Commission, 106 p.
- (With William Gilkerson) **American Whalers in the Western Arctic,** Fairhaven, Massachusetts, 1983, Edward J. Lefkowitz, Inc.
- Whales, Ice and Men. The History of Commercial Whaling in the Western Arctic.** 1986, University of Washington Press, Seattle and London, 400 p., Second Edition 1995.
- (Editor) **The Journal of Rochfort Maguire, 1852-1854. Two Years At Point Barrow, Alaska Aboard H.M.S. Plover In The Search For Sir John Franklin,** 1988, London, Hakluyt Society (Two Volumes).
- Arctic Passages: A Unique Small Boat Voyage Through The Great Northern Waterway,** 1991, New York, Hearst Marine Books and 1992, Quill Paperbacks.
- Arctic Discoveries. Images from Voyages of Four Decades in the North,** 2000, University of Washington Press, Seattle.
- High Latitude, North Atlantic: 30,000 Miles through Cold Seas and History,** 2003, Mystic Seaport Museum, Mystic, Connecticut.

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**Furs and Frontiers In The Far North: The contest among native and foreign nations for control of the intercontinental Bering Strait fur trade in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.** Yale University Press, in press.

### Articles

“A Prehistoric Population Change in the Bering Strait Region”, **Polar Record**, Vol. 16, 1973, Cambridge, England, pp. 793-803

“Journey by Umiak from Cape Nome, Alaska, to Cape Bathurst, Northwest Territories, 1972”, **Polar Record**, Vol. 16, 1973, Cambridge, England

“Contacts between American Whalers and the Copper Eskimos”, **Arctic**, Vol. 28, No. 4, 1975, Montreal

“Speculations on the Increase in the Bowhead Population”, **The Cetacean Times**, Vol. 2, No. 1, January, 1976

“On the Development of Whaling in the Western Thule Culture”, **Folk**, Vol. 18, 1976, Copenhagen, pp. 41-46

“The Arctic Whaling Disaster of 1897: An Essay in Alaskan Maritime History”, **Prologue: The Journal of the National Archives**, Spring, 1977, Washington, D.C., pp. 27-42 and reprinted in **Prologue, the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Issue**, 1994 pp. 101-112. Reprinted and abridged in **Alaska Geographic**, Vol. 5, No. 4, 1978, Anchorage, pp. 26-33;

(With Charles F. Batchelder) “A Chronological List of Commercial Wintering Voyages to the Bering Strait Region and Western Arctic of North America”, **The Musk-ox**, No. 20, July, 1977, Winnipeg, Manitoba and **American Neptune**, Vol. 38, No. 2, April, 1978, Salem, Mass., pp. 81-91

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- “History of Commercial Whaling in the Western Arctic”, **Alaska Geographic**, Vol. 5, No. 4, November, 1978, pp. 16-25
- “The Point Barrow Refuge Station”, **American Neptune**, Vol. 39, No. 1, February, 1979, Salem, Massachusetts, pp. 5-21 and **Prologue: The Journal of National Archives**, Autumn, 1979, Washington, D.C., pp. 152-169
- “Battle of the Bowheads”, **Natural History**, Vol. 89, No. 5, May 1980, pp. 52-61
- “The Consumption of Caribou by Whalers at Herschel Island, Yukon Territory”, **Arctic and Alpine Research**, Vol. 12, No. 3, August, 1980, pp. 381-384
- (With Mark Fraker) “Summer Distribution of Bowhead Whales in the Eastern Beaufort Sea”, **Marine Fisheries Review**, Vol. 42, No. 9-10, 1980, pp. 57-64
- (With Willman Marquette) “Historical Shore-based catch of Bowhead Whales in the Bering, Chukchi and Beaufort Seas”, **Marine Fisheries Review**, Vol. 42, No. 9-10, 1980, pp. 5-19
- “Man's Exploitation of the Western Arctic Bowhead”, **Mammals in the Seas**, Vol. III, FAO Fisheries Series, No. 5, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Rome, 1981, pp. 163-170
- (With Daniel Botkin) “The Harvest of Pacific Walrus by the Pelagic Whaling Industry, 1848-1914”, **Arctic and Alpine Research**, Vol. 14, No. 3, 1982, pp. 183-188
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- “From New England to Bering Strait: The Arrival of the Commercial Whaling Fleet in North America's Western Arctic”, **Arctic**, Vol. 37, No. 4, 1984, pp. 528-532, Calgary
- “The Search for Sir John Franklin in Alaska”, in **The Franklin Era in Canadian Arctic History, 1845-1859**, National Museum of Man Mercury Series, Archaeological Survey of Canada Paper, No 131, Ottawa, 1985, pp. 93-113
- “The Cruise of C.S.S. *Shenandoah*”, **Zyzyva**, Vol. 2, No. 2, Summer 1986, pp. 99-116
- “War at the Top of the World”, **Civil War Times Illustrated**, Vol. 25, No. 6, October 1986, pp. 12-18, 36-42
- (With Gail Sleeman) “The Call of the Arctic”, **Cruising World**, Vol. 13, No. 6, June 1987, pp. 64-70

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- "Alaskan-Siberian Trade Patterns From First Western Contact To The Present" in **Crossroads Of Continents: The Material Culture Of Siberia And Alaska**, Yale-Smithsonian Seminar On Material Culture, 1991, Washington and New Haven
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- "The Great Shipwreck" **Anchorage Daily News Magazine**, December 10, 1995, pp. 3 - 11
- "Up Iceberg Alley", **Cruising Club News**, Vol. 39, No. 2, December 1996, pp. 62-65
- "Return To The North", **SAIL**, Vol. 28, No. 11, November 1997, pp. 62-68
- "John Bockstoe's Tribute" in Philip and Joan Wright (eds.) **Jonathan Trumbull Wright, 1952-1980**, Wise River, Montana, 1998

- “Belvedere with the Bears in Northern Labrador”, **Cruising Club News**, Vol. 40, No. 1, December 1998, pp. 76-80
- “Peter Stone” (introduction to **The Possibilities of Light in a Cold Place** and to the exhibition), New Bedford Whaling Museum, 1999
- “Where God Threw Rocks”, **SAIL**, Vol. 30, No. 5, May 1999, pp. 82-85
- “A Fitting Destruction: The whaling station at Hawke Harbour, Labrador”, **Island Journal**, Vol. 16, pp. 65-67, 1999
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- “Message in a Bottle – 3,000 Miles from Baffin to U.K.”, **Cruising World**, July 2001, p. 10.
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- “Nineteenth century commercial shipping losses in the northern Bering Sea, Chukchi Sea, and Beaufort Sea”, **Northern Mariner/Marin du Nord**, Vol. 16, No. 2, April 2006, pp. 55-69.
- “Foreword” to William Barr’s **Arctic Hell Ship: The voyage of HMS Enterprise 1850-1855**. Edmonton, University of Alberta Press, 2007.
- (with John C. George and others) Estimates of bowhead whale body mass and length from Yankee commercial oil yield. Paper SC/59/BRG5 presented to **International Whaling Commission**, Scientific Committee, Anchorage, Alaska 2007.
- (with John C. George) Two Historical weapon fragments as an aid to estimating the longevity of bowhead whales. **Polar Biology**. 2008, Springer-verlag

### AFFILIATED ACTIVITIES

New Bedford Whaling Museum  
Adjunct Curator, 2000 - Present

The Hakluyt Society  
Council, 1980 – 1986

Vice President, 2002 - Present  
Vice President of the American Friends of the Hakluyt Society 1996 – Present

Center for the Study of the Environment  
Trustee, 2006 - Present

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution  
Member of the Corporation, 1988 - 1997  
Trustee, 1991 - 1997  
Chairman, Capital Campaign, 1991 - 1996

Friends of The Haffenreffer Museum, Brown University, Trustee, 1989 - 1992

John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Board of Governors, 1994 – 2003, 2004 - Present

Mystic Seaport Museum  
Trustee, 1994 - 2000  
Chairman, Curatorial Committee, 1994 – 1999  
Collections Advisory Committee, 2002 - Present