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Education

- 1995 Ph.D. in anthropology. The Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York.
- 1984 BA in anthropology. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Employment history at University of Iceland

- 2007 Professor of Anthropology
- 2002 Associate Professor of Anthropology, Chair of department 2004-2007
- 1998 Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Research Projects

- 2011 The Participation of Immigrants in Civil Society and Labour Market in the Economic recession. With Anna Wojtynska and Helga Ólafs. The project is a part of a larger project “The Path to Equality: Promoting Diversity and Breaking Down Stereotypes in Iceland”, which was coordinated by the Icelandic Human Rights Centre and financed by the Progress Fund “For Diversity / Against Discrimination” from the European Commission.
- 2008 - 2012 *Transnational ties and participation on Icelandic society. Women and men from the Philippines in Iceland.* Funded by RANNIS; The Icelandic Center for Research The University of Iceland Research Fund and Þróunarsjóður Innflytjendamála.
- 2010 *Integration or Assimilation? Strategies of becoming a member of a new community: case of Polish immigrants in Iceland.* With Malgorzata Budyta-Buzynska and Monika Nowika Collegium Civitas, Poland and Anna Wojtynska Department of anthropology, University of Iceland. Funded by

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- 2007-2008 *Immigrants in Iceland: rights, participation and acceptance*. Under “European Year of Equal Opportunities for all” with Kristín Loftsdóttir (dept. of Anthropology), Kristín E. Harðardóttir (Institute of Anthropology) and Elsa Arnadóttir (Multicultural Center of Iceland). Funded by European Commission, Ministry of Social Affairs and University of Iceland.
- 2002- 2006 *The Construction of Diversity in a Global Context. Immigrants in Iceland: opportunities and obstacles*. Funded by The Research Fund of the University of Iceland and RANNIS; The Icelandic Center for Research.
- 2000-2001 *Coping Strategies and Regional Policies, Social Capital in the Nordic Peripheries*. With a Nordic research team. Field research funded by Nordregio.
- 1999-2000 *Coping under stress in fisheries Communities*. With Jógvan Mørkøre Fróðskaparsetur Føroya, and Larissa Riabova Kola Science Centre, Appatity, Murmansk. Funded by UNESCO
- 1995-1999 *Gender, Culture and Diversity*. Funded by The Icelandic Science Foundation and The Research fund of the University of Iceland.

Teaching at the University of Iceland

BA courses: Introduction to Anthropology, Economic Anthropology, Ethnicity and Nationalism, Religion and Symbols, Anthropological research methods, Gender and Fishing Communities, Kinship and family, Gender and Anthropology, Seminar on Space and Place.

MA courses: Research methods, Multicultural Society, Globalization.

Doctoral students: Anna Wojtyńska, Marco Solimene, Ása Guðný Ásgeirsdóttir and Kristján Þór Sigurðarson

Publications

- 2012 Skaptadóttir Unnur Dís, Eydal, Guðný Björk and Hilma H. Sigurðardóttir (2012). Innflytjendur og velferðarkerfið (Immigrants and the welfare system). In *Þróun Velferðarinnar 1988-2008*. Guðný Björk Eydal and Stefán Ólafsson (eds.). Reykjavík: Félagsvísindastofnun HÍ.

Skaptadóttir, Unnur Dís (2012). Þátttaka innflytjenda (Immigrants' participation). In *Leiðsögn um lýðræði í sveitarfélögum*. Gunnar Helgi Kristinsson, Margrét S. Björnsdóttir og Sigurlaug Anna Jóhannsdóttir (eds.). Reykjavík: Samband íslenskra sveitarfélaga og Stofnun stjórnsýslufræða og stjórn mála við Háskóla Íslands

- 2011 Skaptadóttir U.D. (2011) Icelanders. In Jeffery Cole (ed.), *Ethnic Groups of Europe*. ABC-CLIO
- Anna Wojtyńska, Unnur Dís Skaptadóttir og Helga Ólafsson (2011). *The participation of immigrants in civil society and labour market in the economic recession*.
- Skaptadóttir, U. D. and Júlíusdóttir Ó. (2011) Hvar fá innflytjendur aðild og hvar er þeim haldið utan við þátttöku í bæjar- og þorpslífinu á Vestfjörðum? In Ásgeirsdóttir Á. G., Björnsdóttir H. and Ólafsson H. (eds.) *Þjóðarspejillinn. Rannsóknir í félagsvísindum XII*. (616-627). Reykjavík: Félagsvísindastofnun Háskóla Íslands.
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- 2010 Skaptadóttir, U. D. (2010). Alþjóðlegir fólksflutningar á tímum efnahagslegs samdráttar. In G. Þ. Jóhannesson and H. Björnsdóttir (eds.). *Rannsóknir í Félagsvísindum X* (pp 559-568). Reykjavík: Félagsvísindastofnun.
- Skaptadóttir, U. D. and Ólafsdóttir, H. (2010). Komið til móts við fjölbreytileika: Fullorðinsfræðsla fyrir innflytjendur og samþætting. *Netla*, 1-16.
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- 2009 Skaptadóttir, U. D. (2009). Aðlögunarferli í fjölmennningarlegu samfélagi (Integration processes in a multicultural society). In G. Þ. Jóhannesson and H. Björnsdóttir (eds.). *Rannsóknir í Félagsvísindum X* (pp 559-568). Reykjavík: Félagsvísindastofnun.
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- 2007 Skaptadóttir, U. D. and Wojtynska, A. (2007). *Líf á tveimur stöðum: Vinna eða heimili? (Life in two places: work or home?) Ritið*, 7(2-3), 79-93.
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