William R. Short (right) and Reynir A. Öskarson (left) have spent decades researching and analyzing how Vikings fought and used their weapons. William holds a Doctor of Science degree from MIT and is the manager of Hurstwic, LLC, a group that uses science-based research to explore Viking-related topics. Reynir is a native of Iceland and holds instructor degrees in a number of combative arts and has trained extensively in many forms of combat. Together, they have created a holistic picture of Viking combat through their scientific research, presented in a newly published book *Men of Terror: A Comprehensive Analysis of Viking Combat* (Westholme, September 2021). A few of our recent escapades are listed here.

**Media Appearances**

- Rás (Icelandic national radio) *Interview* (in Icelandic)
- Hringhaut (Icelandic television interview about glíma) *Interview* (in Icelandic)
- Morgunblaðið (Iceland's major daily newspaper) *Article* (in Icelandic)
- Community Advocate *Story* (in English)
- Landinn (Icelandic television piece on our iron-smelting research) *Article* (in Icelandic, with portions in English)
- Interview with Jackson Crawford, Old Norse scholar *Interview 1* (Hurstwic research in English) *Interview 2* (Viking naval combat) *Interview 3* (Men of Terror in English)

**Lectures and Presentations**

- University of Reykjavík (Háskólinn í Reykjavík) *Just one part of what you presented could be a master's thesis…* (in English)
- Háskóli Íslands (University of Iceland) *…this will now become an annual event…* (in English)
- Húskolássastefnas (University Centre of the Westfjords) *we need you to come back.* (in Icelandic)
- Pjóðmínjasafn Islands (National Museum of Iceland) *Society for Historical Archaeology annual conference* (in English)
- Icelandic Society of Archaeologists (Félag fornleifarhusenga) *Mystic Seaport Museum* (in English)
- Asbóskan Bladsmjóti (Worcester Art Museum) *Consultants on Viking-age topics* (in English)
- Massachusetts Archaeological Society *Visindavafningar (The Science Website of the University of Iceland)*
- *text 1* (in Icelandic) *text 2* (in Icelandic)
- Application for Glíma to be included in the UNESCO list of intangible cultural heritage (in English)
- *text* (in Icelandic)
- Discussion of Men of Terror with Kristín Th. Johannesson, president of Iceland.

**Reviews and Notices for Men of Terror**

- New York Times Book Review *Review* (in English)
- Reader reviews on Amazon.com *Review* (in English)
- *This book will be THE reference work on the topic for decades to come.*
- *I highly recommend this book!* (in English)
- Blog reviews on-line
- Jordan M. Pos *Review* (in English): *This is a selfless, genuinely open-minded approach to understanding a long-departed culture, and it’s one of the things that makes Men of Terror especially good… I highly recommend it if you have any interest in the Viking Age or medieval military history at all.*
- Odin’s Warrior Tribe *Review* (in English): *This densely packed work… is a necessary addition to the personal library for every Viking renac- tor, Viking combat student, and many heathens who want to be better informed about the Viking era.*

**Consultants on Viking-age topics**

- University of Reykjavík (Háskólinn í Reykjavík)
- *Just one part of what you presented could be a master’s thesis…* (in English)
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**Advance reader comments**

- Lee A. Jones (author of *Swords of the Viking Age*): *Neither a rehash of later medieval fight manu- al or of fanciful stage combat, this new book provides a fresh and informed look at actual Viking-Age combat.*
- Margrét Hrónn Hallmundsdóttir (archaeologist): *It’s an essential book to all people researching the Viking age, and to all people interested in that time period.*
- Svana Hrónn Jónsdóttir (chairman of *Gímsa-samband Islands*, the Icelandic Wrestling Association): *Their research has been so extensive, that I, as president of the Gímsa associa- tion, have embraced it.*
- Robin Cooper (U.S. Army Special Forces, re- tired): *I realized that this unique and diverse group was able to break barriers and cast-off preconceived beliefs and look for the unbiased truth.*

**Hurstwic Viking Combat Training and Research**

- Hurstwic researches, practices and teaches the combative methods of the Vikings.