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regarding the rulers of the early kingdom of Dál Riata as evidence of the political aspirations of the kings of Scotland in the face of challenges from Ireland and the Isles.

A specialist in the history and literature of the Gaelic world in the early medieval period, Dr Wadden is Assistant Professor of History at Belmont Abbey College and Vice-President of the Celtic Studies Association of North America. He is the author of a dozen journal articles and book chapters concerned with national identity in early Ireland and cultural and political interaction around the Irish Sea. His other recent publications appear in *Ériu*, *Cambrian Medieval Celtic Studies*, and *Peritia*.