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Education

University of Bari 'Aldo Moro'

PHD QUANTITATIVE ARCHAEOLOGY

Bari, Italy

2020 - exp. June 2024

- Funded PhD Project: Peasants, Agriculture, and Environment in the 1st Millennium CE Italian Countryside: A Bayesian approach
- Supervisors: prof. Giuliano Volpe, prof. Paul Arthur

University College London

MA ARCHAEOLOGY

London, UK

2018 - 2019

- Graduated with a distinction.
- Supervisors: prof. Corisande Fenwick, prof. Louise Martin

University of Bologna

BA ANCIENT HISTORY

Bologna, Italy

2014 - 2018

- 107 out of 110.
- Supervisor: prof. Alessandro Cristofori

Research Visits

University of Cambridge

VISITING RESEARCHER

Cambridge, UK

Jan. - Apr. 2023

- Research stay at the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research.
- Supervisors: dr. Enrico Crema (Archaeology), dr. Chris Stevens (Archaeology), dr. Caroline Goodson (History)
- Collaboration with the Encounter project.

Field Experience

ArchaeoSipontum

UNIVERSITY OF BARI, UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA

Manfredonia, Italy

Sep. - Oct. 2021, 2022

- In addition to excavation tasks, I contributed to students' supervision, activities of stratigraphic documentation, pottery classification, tutoring and the organization of post-excavation activities.

Biomolecular Archaeology Lab

VOLUNTEER

UCL, London

Oct 2019 - Nov. 2019

- I supported the preparation of bone samples for ZooMS analysis (labelling, photographing, weighing and drilling).

Salapia Exploration Project

UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA, MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Trinitapoli, Italy

Jun. - Jul. 2015, 2017, 2018

- Excavation tasks, stratigraphic documentation and Roman/Medieval pottery classification.

Programma Vesuviana

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

Bologna/Pompeii, Italy

2017

- Research and documentation cooperating in particular to the activities of building analysis (identification, cataloguing, computerization of the stratigraphy of buildings occupying insulae IX 5, IX 8 and IX 9 of the archaeological site of Pompeii).
- Organization of academic conferences.
- I personally developed a web app, connected to the project's database, that allows students to fill the excavation forms on-site through their phones or computers.

Professional Experience

Sonder

HOSPITALITY AGENT · PART-TIME

London, UK

Jan. 2020 - Jul. 2020

- Guests troubleshooting and point of contact, apartments quality assessment.

Mount Gallery

GALLERY COORDINATOR · PART-TIME

- Researching and curating contemporary art exhibitions.
- Design and management of the gallery's website.

Mayfair, London, UK

Dec. 2019 - Jul. 2020

Publications

- 2023** Ragno, R. 2023. Cereal farming practices in Italy during the 1st millennium CE: An integrated approach to regionality. *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*, 52, 104287. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jasrep.2023.104287>
- 2023** Ragno, R. 2023. The Spoil Project. Assessing the Rate of Excavators' Accidental Ceramic Discard at the Archaeological Site of Siponto. *Archeologia e Calcolatori*, 34.2, 69-86. <https://doi.org/10.19282/ac.34.2.2023.04>
- 2023** Ragno, R. 2023. Towards a Philosophy of Archaeology. *Quaestio*, 23, 472-474. <http://doi.org/10.1484/J.QUAESTIO.5.134735>
- forthcoming** Ragno, R. 2024. The transition from Late Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages in Northern Italy: an Environmental Archaeology Approach. In: Atti Del X Convegno Nazionale Di Archeozoologia (Siena, 2021). ArchaeoFauna, UAM Ediciones, Madrid.

Conferences

BHDC 2023 – Big Historical Data Conference

Max Planck Institute of
Geoanthropology, Jena, Germany

SPEAKER

22-25 November 2023

- Presentation: Understanding variation in zooarchaeological NISP data: Bayesian betabinomial models for Italian contexts in the 1st millennium CE

LAC 2022 – International Landscape Archaeology Conference

University of Iași, Romania

SPEAKER

13 Sep. 2022

- Presentation: Seeds of Change: An Integrated Approach to Regionality and Peasant Autonomy in 1st millennium CE Italy

AI AZ - 10th National Zooarchaeology Conference

University of Siena, Italy

SPEAKER

3-6 Nov. 2021

- Presentation: The transition from Late Antiquity to the Early Middle Ages in Northern Italy: an Environmental Archaeology Approach.

Courses

Agent-Based Modeling for Archaeology

Aarhus University

ATTENDEE

Jan. 2024

- Introduction to ABM theory, archaeological simulation, and Netlogo programming.

Python vs R: an archaeological challenge

University of Bari

ORGANISER AND INSTRUCTOR

Feb. 2022

- Introduction to statistical programming languages and their use for archaeology and cultural heritage studies.

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Identity and Social Structure in the Postclassical World

University of Padova

ATTENDEE

Apr. 2021

- Spring school: Lessons/Workshop discussing multidisciplinary research (paleopathologies, enthesal changes, dental enamel, stable isotopes, aDNA) on burial contexts.

Cultural Heritage Computer Graphics School

Cineca, Bologna

ATTENDEE

Nov. 2017

- 3D Modelling of historical/cultural scenarios using Blender and Blend4Web.
- Photogrammetry using Agisoft Photoscan.

Advanced Lab of Preventive Archaeology

Rimini, Italy

ATTENDEE

Jun. 2017

- Data acquisition using topographical tools (total station, laser scanner, photogrammetry).
- Data processing with GPR Slice, Autocad Map 3D, Autocad, Recap.

Honors & Awards

2022	Cultore della materia , In: Methodology of the Archaeological Research	<i>University of Bari</i>
2022	Cultore della materia , In: Public Archaeology	<i>University of Bari</i>
2019	Winner , Bryan Clauson Prize for Roman Archaeology	<i>London, UK</i>
2016	Winner , Ecomap Scholarship	<i>Italy</i>
2012	Winner , Certamen 'Giustino Fortunato'	<i>Rionero in Vulture, Italy</i>

Skills

Digital tools	QGIS, Office, Photoshop, Indesign, Premiere
Front-end	HTML, CSS
Programming	R, R Markdown, Python, LaTeX, MySQL
Languages	Italian (Native), English (Fluent), French (Basic), Latin (Basic)

Licenses

Driving	B (EU)
Drones	A1, A3 (EU, UK)