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Education

University of Bari 'Aldo Moro'

PHD ARCHAEOLOGY

- Funded PhD Project: Long-term Dynamics and Peasant Autonomy in the Italian Countryside
- Supervisor: prof. Giuliano Volpe

Bari, Italy

2020 - Present

University College London

MA ARCHAEOLOGY

- Graduated with a distinction.
- Supervisor: Dr. Corisande Fenwick

London, UK

2018 - 2019

University of Bologna

BA ANCIENT HISTORY

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

Bologna, Italy

2014 - 2018

Research Visits

University of Cambridge

VISITING RESEARCHER

- 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.

Cambridge, UK

Jan. - Apr. 2023

Field Experience

ArchaeoSipontum

UNIVERSITY OF BARI, UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA

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

Manfredonia, Italy

Sep. - Oct. 2021, 2022

Biomolecular Archaeology Lab

VOLUNTEER

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

UCL, London

Oct 2019 - Nov. 2019

Salapia Exploration Project

UNIVERSITY OF FOGGIA, MCGILL UNIVERSITY

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

Trinitapoli, Italy

Jun. - Jul. 2015, 2017, 2018

Programma Vesuviana

UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA

- 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.

Bologna/Pompeii, Italy

2017

Publications

forthcoming

Ragno, R. 2023. Towards a Philosophy of Archaeology. *Quaestio* 23, 454–457

forthcoming

Ragno, R. 2023. The Spoil Project. Assessing the Rate of Excavators' Accidental Ceramic Discard at the Archaeological Site of Siponto. *Archeologia e Calcolatori* 33.3

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Ragno, R. 2023. 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

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

AIAZ - 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

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

University of Bari

2022 **Cultore della materia**, In: Public Archaeology

University of Bari

2019 **Winner**, Bryan Clauson Prize for Roman Archaeology

London, UK

2016 **Winner**, Ecomap Scholarship

Italy

2012 **Winner**, Certamen 'Giustino Fortunato'

*Rionero in Vulture,
Italy*

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)

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Corsi

Python vs R: una sfida archeologica

Universit  di Bari

ORGANIZZATORE E ISTRUTTORE

Feb. 2022

- Introduzione ai linguaggi di programmazione per statistica e al loro uso negli ambiti archeologici e di beni culturali.

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Identity and Social Structure in the Postclassical World

Universit  di Padova

PARTECIPANTE

Apr. 2021

- Spring school: Workshop in cui si   discusso di ricerca bioarcheologica multidisciplinare (paleopatologie, smalto dentale, isotopi stabili, aDNA) in contesti funerari.

Esperienze internazionali

University of Cambridge

Cambridge, UK

VISITING RESEARCHER

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- Periodo di ricerca al McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research.
- Supervisor: dr. Enrico Crema (Archaeology), dr. Chris Stevens (Archaeology), dr. Caroline Goodson (History)
- Collaborazione al progetto Encounter.

Attivit  sul campo

ArchaeoSipontum

Manfredonia, Italy

UNIVERSIT  DI BARI, UNIVERSIT  DI FOGGIA

Set. - Ott. 2021, 2022