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## Education

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| 2020 – present                   | PhD Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge |
| 2017-2018<br>Distinction         | MA Archaeology, University College London           |
| 2014-2017<br>1st class (honours) | BA Archaeology, University College London           |

## Relevant experience

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**Dec 2019 – present** **Academic editor, Freelance**  
Freelance editor: proof-reading, editing and improving academic papers, books, essays, theses, magazines and similar for clarity, style, grammar and punctuation, and overall ‘flow’. Striving to keep the balance between creating a professional and polished text while keeping the writer’s voice clear and intact. I specialise in working with people whose first language is not English.

**Mar 2022 – present** **Lumiere Education, remote**  
Academic mentor: mentoring a final-year high school student through the process of writing an undergraduate-level paper: designing a syllabus, assigning readings, conducting discussions and tutorials, providing writing advice, proof-reading draft texts.

**May 2019 – present** **Private researcher, London, UK**  
Research assistant: producing research briefs on various aspects of ancient Near Eastern history, writing exhibition handouts and labels, sorting and cataloguing historical photographs, proof-reading books, promotional materials, and project proposals, writing and proof-reading grant applications, basic video documentation.

**Feb 2019 – Apr 2019** **Lessane Arabi Centre, Marrakesh, Morocco**  
Marketing and Communications intern: English-French-Polish translation, proof-reading promotional materials, creating content for the centre’s website, setting up agreements with language school agencies and negotiating commissions, liaising with relevant university departments, cultural centres, and travel bureaus to establish advertising partnerships.

**Oct 2018 – Nov 2018** **Egyptian Heritage Rescue Foundation, Cairo, Egypt**  
Research intern: producing a report on the Mamluk antiquities market, aiding with technical Arabic-English translation, database maintenance.

**Jun 2016 – Sep 2018** **Papers from the Institute of Archaeology, UCL**  
Editorial Team: copy-editing and formatting archaeological papers in accordance with the publisher’s guidelines.

## Prizes, grants, and scholarships

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2022: Anglo-Omani Society Grant (fieldwork – Al Hail North Community History Project)  
2020: Cambridge Trust European Scholarship  
2020: Browne Memorial Fund Studentship, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Cambridge  
2019: Commendation from Society for Medieval Archaeology (MA dissertation)  
2018: UCL Dean’s List for Excellence (MA)  
2018: UCL Institute of Archaeology Master’s Prize  
2018: UCL Seton Lloyd Prize for Western Asiatic Archaeology  
2018: American Centre of Oriental Research Harrell Family Fellowship  
2018: American Schools of Oriental Research Platt Excavation Fellowship  
2017: UCL Dean’s List for Excellence (BA)  
2017: UCL Institute of Archaeology Gordon Childe’s Prize for Best Final Year Undergraduates  
2017: nomination for Society for Medieval Archaeology John Hurst Dissertation Award  
2016: UCL Sessional Prize

## Languages

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Polish (native), English (bilingual proficiency), Spanish (B2), Arabic MSA (B2), Persian (B1), German (A2), French (A2).