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Summary

With over six years of experience in teaching, research, and project management, I am a versatile and passionate professional in the field of academic research and documentation analysis.

Education

Université libre de Bruxelles Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Biomedical Sciences	10/2017 - 09/2023
Université libre de Bruxelles Law Faculty, postgraduate classes in Forensic sciences and criminology	09/2022 - 01/2023
The University of Sheffield (United Kingdom) Master of Science (MSc), Human osteology & Funerary archaeology	01/2012 - 12/2013
Centre de Formation à Distance Library Assistant	01/2018 - 12/2019
University of Leiden (The Netherlands) Forensic Archaeology - search, excavation and documentation of clandestine graves, Forensics	06/2018 - 06/2018
Cranfield University (United Kingdom) Forensic Archaeology : Mass Graves Excavation at Shrivenham Defence Academy, Forensics	04/2018 - 04/2018
Université libre de Bruxelles AESS agrégation de l'enseignement secondaire supérieur, Histoire de l'art	01/2014 - 12/2015
Université libre de Bruxelles Master's degree, Art History & Archaeology	01/2009 - 12/2011
Université libre de Bruxelles Summer School in Slavic Languages	01/2006 - 12/2011
Charles University (Czech Republic) Certificate of Czech Studies, Czech language	01/2009 - 12/2010
Masaryk University Brno (Czech Republic) Summer School of Slavonic Studies / Letní škola slovanských (bohemistických) studií , Czech language and Culture	01/2009 - 12/2009
Université libre de Bruxelles Bachelor (free attendance) in Czech Studies	01/2006 - 12/2009
Université libre de Bruxelles Bachelor's degree, Art history and Archaeology - Prehistory	01/2006 - 12/2009

Languages

Czech Intermediate ●●●●●	Dutch Intermediate ●●●●●	English Proficient ●●●●●
French Native ●●●●●	Spanish Intermediate ●●●●●	

Experience

Belgian Defence Sous-Officier (Reserve) Medical Component • Crisis management and Public Relations	Belgian Defence 2019 - Present
ULB PhD and PostDoc Society Co-founder and Administrator Association for PhD students and Post-doctoral researchers at Univeristé Libre de Bruxelles • Team management, communication, coordination of scientific writing sessions, development, and coordination	Bruxelles, Région de Bruxelles-Capitale, Belgique 2020 - Present
Université Libre de Bruxelles Research and Teaching Assistant in Anatomy and osteology Teaching assistant in Human osteology and human anatomy • Assisting students in their studies	Région de Bruxelles, Belgique 10/2017 - 10/2023

Experience

- Université Libre de Bruxelles** Brussels
PhD Candidate in Biomedical Sciences 10/2017 - 09/2023
PhD Student in Biomedical Sciences Thesis title: "[The collection of unidentified human skulls held at ULB: contextual research and bioanthropological analysis](#)"
 - Research in archives, documentary collections, provenance, inventory tracing, bioanthropological and traumatological analysis, biogeographical determination, and documented cataloging of the collection.
- Université Libre de Bruxelles** Brussels
Anthropological expertise 01/2019 - 02/2019
Preliminary anthropological expertise of a sample of human skulls potentially of colonial origin (EIC and Belgian Congo) at the request of the authorities of the Université Libre de Bruxelles.
 - Provenance Research and forensic identification
- Université Libre de Bruxelles** Natural Sciences Museum of Belgium
Guide 03/2012 - 03/2012
Guide - human evolution gallery
 - Supporting museums in their guided tours policies
- Belgian Science Policy Office** Bruxelles, Région de Bruxelles-Capitale, Belgique
Projet HOME (Human Remains Origin(s) Multidisciplinary Evaluation) Key Staff 01/2020 - 03/2023
Evaluation from associated collections and archives the historical, scientific, legal and ethical context of human remains hosted by the Belgian FSI, as well as in other public, academic and private collections in Belgium. Study of all relevant documents associated with these remains to examine how they were acquired and whether there have been previous repatriation requests.
 - Expert in the field and author of scientific reports, international relations
- Dig Hill 80: Excavating an Endangered WW1 Battlefield** Ypres, Belgium · On-site
Archaeo-anthropologist 06/2018 - 06/2018
Exhumation and studies of war casualties
 - Expert in human bodies exhumations
- ADIA Association pour la Diffusion de l'Information Archéologique** Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
3D Photogrammetry expert 10/2014 - 12/2014
Archaeological Association
 - 3D digitization of human humeri (neolithic and medieval individuals) with photogrammetry using Agisoft Photoscan software
- Ptah-Hotep a.s.b.l.** Waterloo, Belgium
Lecturer 03/2012 - 03/2012
European Prehistoric art teaching
 - Teaching
- Eurocare Dental Center** Brussels
Dental nurse 06/2016 - 10/2017
Medical secretary for a dozen practitioners in an international, English-speaking center in the European quarters. Dental nurse and hygienist, welcoming and registering the patients, sterilisation, cleaning, management of the medical and dental supplies, assisting the dentist and maxillofacial surgeon with micro surgeries and stitches.
 - Multidisciplinary work in a bilingual environment
- Mundaneum** Mons, Belgium
Assistant Curator 02/2015 - 06/2015
'Mapping Knowledge: Understanding the World Through Data'
 - Contacting artists, research in specialized archives and image libraries, logistics, writing captions, and the exhibition catalog for the exhibition
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences** null
Osteoarchaeologist / Archaeo-anthropologist 09/2013 - 08/2014
Osteological analysis, bioanthropological studies and reports on human remains
 - Scientific analysis and retrieval of archives
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences** Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
Student Job (Anthropology Department) 07/2011 - 08/2011
Identification of osteological collections, archives, scan, cleaning and labelling of osteological material
 - Scientific analysis and retrieval of archives
- Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences** Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences
Student Job (Anthropology Department) 07/2010 - 08/2010
Digital Imaging of osteological specimens (Spy II neandertal individual) with Scan Studio and Next Engine
 - Digitalisation

Experience

Service public de Wallonie

Osteoarchaeologist (scientific collaborator)

Osteological analysis, bioanthropological studies and reports on human remains

- Scientific analysis and retrieval of archives

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences

09/2013 - 08/2014

Public Service of Wallonia

Guide

Creation of guided tours and educational activities for school groups on the theme of heritage preservation

- In charge of the creation and the delivery of educational tours to the general public

Auguste Swaenn Anatomical Institute, Liège

03/2012 - 03/2012

Stad Mechelen

Volunteer archaeologist

Helping at the excavations of the municipal cemetery of Mechelen (human remains)

- Team-working and individual responsibilities

Mechelen, Belgium

01/2010 - 12/2010

Archeologický ústav AV ČR

Archaeology Laboratory Technician

Restoration of medieval ceramics (keramika prazskeho typu)

- Adaptation to a foreign working environment

Prague, Czech Republic

09/2009 - 01/2010

Projects

HOME - Human Remains Origin(s) Multidisciplinary Evaluation

Brussels

2019 - 2023

HOME - Human Remains Origin(s) Multidisciplinary Evaluation - BELSPO (BRAIN)

- Evaluation from associated collections and archives the historical, scientific, legal and ethical context of human remains hosted by the Belgian FSI, as well as in other public, academic and private collections in Belgium. Study of all relevant documents associated with these remains to examine how they were acquired and whether there have been previous repatriation requests.

The Rothwell Chapel Project

United Kingdom

06/2013 - 09/2013

The Rothwell Charnel Chapel Project is a multidisciplinary, community-engaged investigation of the 13th century charnel chapel situated beneath Rothwell Parish Church. The underground charnel room still contains the bones of hundreds of people, who lived and died between the 13th and 19th centuries.

- Writing of the report (Master Dissertation) and presentation to scientific symposiums

Achievements

Managed Research

Successfully managed research projects resulting in the publication of several academic papers.

Supporting and teaching students

Taught and supported the academic projects of University students as well as general audience.

Expertise Development

Developed expertise in osteology and archaeology, contributing to the identification of numerous human remains.

Project Coordination

Coordinated and facilitated roundtable discussions with stakeholders to promote mutual assistance among doctoral students, resulting in dozens of successful sessions.

3D Digitization

Utilized 3D photogrammetry to digitize documents of several natures.

Courses & Certificates

Military Ethics: an Introduction - UNSW Canberra

FORENSIC FACIAL RECONSTRUCTION: FINDING MR. X - The University of Sheffield

Early Modern Scottish Palaeography: Reading Scotland's Records - University of Glasgow

Trauma Emergencies and Care - University of Colorado

EMT Foundations - University of Colorado

Bleeding Control - American College of Surgeons

AnatomyX: Musculoskeletal Cases - Harvard Medical School

Interests & Hobbies

Humanitarian Law

Military and battlefield medicine

Ballistic Traumas

Provenance Research and librarianship

History

Forensics