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POSITIONS

- 2022- present: **Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology**, University of Maine
- 2019-present: **Associate Professor of Social Anthropology** UiT The Arctic University of Norway
Department of Social Sciences
- 2018-2019 Research Fellow, Harvard University, Department of Anthropology

EDUCATION

- 2018 **PhD**, Polar Studies (Social Anthropology Section)
University of Cambridge, *Gates Cambridge Scholar*
- 2012 B.A., Psychology, Binghamton University, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
Minors: French, Global Studies, Evolutionary Studies

RESEARCH and TEACHING

Infrastructure/ Materiality/ Arctic maritime routes/ Sápmi/ Indigenous movements/ Memory/ Belonging

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Magnani, N. *Roots of Memory: Reviving Production in Sámi Land*. Completed book *under contract* with University of British Columbia Press.

Magnani, M. and **N. Magnani**. *Technologies of Belonging*. Completed book *under contract* with University of Toronto Press.

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Magnani, N. 2022. Reflections of movement. *Current Anthropology* 63(5).

Magnani, N. and M. Magnani. 2022. Decolonizing Production: Healing, Belonging, and Social Change in Sápmi. *Current Anthropology* 63(4): 386-406.

Magnani, M, J. Clindaniel, and **N. Magnani**. 2022. Material Culture Studies in the Age of Big Data: Digital Excavation of Homemade Face-Mask Production during the COVID-19 Pandemic. *American Antiquity* 1-21.

Magnani, N. 2022. Commemorating Continuity: Reconciling Representations in Sää'm Land. In *The Sámi World*. Valkonen, Sanna, ed. London: Routledge.

Magnani, M., **N. Magnani**, S. Farstadvoll, and A. Venovcevs. 2021. A Contemporary Archaeology of Pandemic. *Journal of Social Archaeology* 22(1): 48-81.

Magnani, M., A. Venovcevs S. Farstadvoll, and **N. Magnani**. 2021. How to Record Current Events like an Archaeologist. *Advances in Archaeological Practice* 9(4): 379-86.

Magnani, N. and M. Magnani. 2020. Material Methods for a Rapid-Response Anthropology. *Social Anthropology* 28(2): 312-314.

Magnani, N., M. Magnani, A. Venovcevs, and S. Farstadvoll. 2020. Material Transformations of Memory. *American Anthropologist*, Public Anthropologies Section.

Magnani, M., **N. Magnani**, and A. Guttorm. 2019. Accessibility, Authenticity and the Ethics of Digital Representation: A Reply to Galeazzi. *Current Anthropology* 60(2): 262-263.

Magnani, M. and **N. Magnani**. 2018. Archaeological Ethnography of an Indigenous Movement: Revitalization and Production in a Skolt Sámi Community. *Journal of Social Archaeology* 18(1): 3-29.

Magnani, M., A. Guttorm, and **N. Magnani**. 2018. Three-Dimensional Community-Based Heritage Management of Indigenous Museum Collections: Archaeological Ethnography, Revitalization, and Repatriation at Sámi Museum Siida. *Journal of Cultural Heritage* 31: 162-169.

Magnani, N. 2016. Reconstructing Food Ways: Role of Skolt Sámi Cultural Revitalization Programs in Local Plant Use. *Journal of Ethnobiology* 36(1): 85-104.

POPULAR ARTICLES AND EXHIBITS

Magnani, N., and M. Magnani. August 2020. The Dance of Craft and Colony. Art Exhibit in Cypress.

Magnani, N. 2018. Arctic Materialities and Indigenous Representations. *Fulbright Finland*.

Magnani, N., A. Niemenmaa, and M. Magnani. Muistin juuret – juurivene valmistui kolttayhteisön kollektiivisen muistin avulla/ Roots of Memory – revitalizing a traditional Skolt Sámi root-sewn boat. Article for Skolt Sámi Cultural Center website.

Magnani, N. 2015. Tarinoita Suonikylästä Sevettijärvelle [Stories from Suonikylä to Sevettijärvi]. *Tuoddri Pee'rel [Pearls of the Tundra]*. Skolt Culture Magazine.

UNDER REVIEW

Magnani, N. Sámi Land or Great Northern Forest? Mapping Indigenous and Environmental Outrage in Sápmi. In *What on Earth! More-than-Human Ethnographies from a disrupted planet*. Crawford, Peter and Nils Bubandt, eds. Anthem Press

Magnani, N., M. Magnani, A. Venovcevs, R. Fraser, and G. Amatulli: Material Imaginaries of the New Iron Curtain. *Social Anthropology*

Magnani, N. and M. Magnani. Unsettling Production and Indigenous Representation in Sápmi. *American Anthropologist*

Magnani, N. Demystifying the Neoliberal Academy. *Ethos*

IN PREPARATION

Valkeapää, S., **N. Magnani**, and M. Magnani. Revaluing Ávnnastit: Crafting value and relation in Sápmi. *Current Anthropology*

Magnani, N. and M. Magnani. *Arctic Silk Road: Economies of an Imagined Infrastructure*. Edited book manuscript under preparation for review by University of Pennsylvania Press.

Magnani, N. and M. Magnani. Economies and spirits of ghost infrastructures along the Arctic Coast. In *Arctic Silk Road: Economies of an Imagined Infrastructure*. Under preparation for review by University of Pennsylvania Press.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2020 - present *Arctic Silk Road: Imagining Global Infrastructures in Sápmi and the Russian North*
Project Leader, Research Council of Norway Researcher Grant (1.3 million USD)

2020 - 2022 *Digital North: Three-Dimensional Technologies and Arctic Education*
Project Leader, UArctic (47,000 USD)

2020 - present EA:RTH Research Group member (internally funded at UiT)
Ethnographic Action: Researching Transformations of Humans and Environment on a Disrupted Planet

TEACHING and SUPERVISIONS *Denotes Instructor of Record/Design **Co-taught

Fall 2022: ***Basic Theory in Cultural Anthropology** (graduate, University of Maine)

Spring 2021 ***Minorities, Identity, and Borders** (graduate, UiT)

Fall 2020, 21, 22 ***Arctic Norway: Aspects of Culture** (undergraduate, UiT)

Spring 2020 ****Indigenous Culture, Resource Management and Human Rights** (grad UiT)

Spring 2020 ****Communication and Meaning** (undergraduate, UiT)

Fall 2019, 20, 21, 22 ****Theoretical Perspectives in Social Anthropology** (graduate, UiT)

Winter 2017 **** *Making Indigenous: Heritage, Politics, and Environment** (graduate)
Visiting Lecturer, University of Lapland (Finland) *Program in Northern Cultures and Natural Resource Politics*.

Lent Term 2016 **Space and Place: Livelihood, Survival, and Symbolism** (undergraduate)
University of Cambridge, Department of Geography, Part IB. Supervisions.

- Lent Term 2016 **Understanding Cultural Geographies** (undergraduate supervisions)
University of Cambridge, Department of Geography, Part IA.
- Michaelmas 2015 **Human Geography** (undergraduate supervisions)
University of Cambridge, Department of Geography, Part IA.
- Fall 2012 **General Psychology**, Teaching Assistant, Binghamton University

INVITED LECTURES

- Fall 2019 **Breaking Categories of Ecological Knowledge**
Guest Lecture for undergraduate Nature and Society, UiT
- April 2018 **Colonial Entanglements of Ethnographic Practice**
Undergraduate Literature, Emerson College
- October 2015 **Ethnography in Remote Places**
Department of Social Anthropology PhD seminar, University of Cambridge
- November 2017 **Writing Ethnography**
Department of Anthropology undergraduate seminar, Harvard University
- November 2016 **Peoples, Culture and Identities of the Arctic**
undergraduate lecture, University of Lapland, Finland

CERTIFICATION

- April 2021 Competence in University Pedagogy (one-year course 2020-2021)

SUPERVISIONS

- Fall 2021 - Postdoctoral supervisions
- 2019 – present Master's supervisions
- 2015 - 2016 Undergraduate supervisions

SERVICE/ ADMINISTRATION

- 2021 Master's Program Coordinator in Social Anthropology, UiT
- Spring 2021 BA Program in Social Anthropology Revision Committee, UiT
- 2020 PhD Fellow Selection Committee, *Arctic Silk Road*
- 2019 - 2020 Social Anthropology Research Seminar Coordinator, UiT

Peer-Review:

- 2021 *Arctic Yearbook; Journal of Ethnopharmacology*

2020 *Anthropology Today; International Journal of Cultural Heritage*

2019 *Nordic Museology [Nordisk Museologi]; Acta Borealia*

2018 *Arctic Anthropology*

2016 *Acta Sociologica*

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS and AWARDS

- 2020-present **Research Council of Norway Researcher Grant** (1.3 million USD)
Project leader, *Arctic Silk Road: Imagining Global Infrastructures in Sápmi and the Russian North*
- 2020-2022 **UArctic** (47,000 USD)
Digital North: Three-Dimensional Technologies and Arctic Education
- 2019 **Fulbright Alumni Enrichment Award** (1500 USD)
- 2013 – 2018 **Gates Cambridge Scholar** University of Cambridge
- 2017 **Roth-Thomson Endowment Award** (1,750 USD)
Awarded to extend research facilitating cultural diplomacy
- 2016-2017 **Fulbright Finland Fellow** (15,000 USD)
- 2014-2015 **American Scandinavian Foundation Fellow** (16,000 USD)
- 2014 **Firebird Foundation for Anthropological Research** (10,000 USD)
Awarded for voice and film recordings of Skolt oral histories. Footage used to make Skolt Sámi culture and language educational materials.
- 2014 **Scandinavian Studies and Tennant Fund** (2000 GBP)
- 2014 **Bruckmann Fund** (700 GBP) Peterhouse, University of Cambridge
Awarded for research at University of Pennsylvania with CAMRA ethnographic film group
- 2012 **Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence** (1000 USD)
Awarded for academic excellence across State University of New York system
- 2012 **Harpur Fellow** (3,600 USD) Binghamton University
Awarded for "Healing through Art Histories" project with young Chernobyl victims, Belarus
- 2012 **Empire Honors Diversity Scholarship**, Binghamton University
- 2012 **President's Award for Undergraduate Student Excellence** (1000 USD)

- 2012 **Sodexo Fund Award** (3000 USD) Awarded for pilot study of Comca'ac health, kinship, and parenting in Mexico
- 2009 – 2012 **New York State Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship**
- 2009 – 2012 **New York Merit Scholarship**
- 2010 – 2012 **S & I Bolotsky Memorial Scholarship**
- 2010 **Rosefsky Language and Culture Scholarship** (2000 USD)
Awarded for fostering global understanding through language
- 2010 **SMART Grant** (4000 USD) Awarded for excellence in language studies

PRESENTATIONS and ACADEMIC MEETINGS

- 2022 The Disruption of Ghost Infrastructures. (With Matthew Magnani). *Disruptive Materials Conference*. UiT The Arctic University of Norway
- 2021 From Soul Transport to Decolonial Passage: Ceremonies of Continuity in Skolt Sámi Land. *International Congress of Arctic Social Sciences*, virtual.
- 2020 Reindeer, Railways, and the Embodied Limits of Cultural Politics in Sámi Land. *Arctic Change*, virtual.
- 2020 Technologies of Belonging: Crafting Life Beyond State Borders in Sápmi. *Anthropology and Geography: Dialogues Past, Present and Future*. Royal Anthropological Institute, virtual.
- 2019 Magnani, M and **N. Magnani**. Digital Heritage, Ethics, and Indigenous Communities. *Museum for all People: Art, Accessibility, and Social Inclusion*. Madrid.
- 2018 Land, Memory, and Silent Knowledge in a Skolt Sámi Community. *Nellim Culture Weekend Seminar*. Finland.
- 2017 Entangled Sovereignties in Arctic Finland. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*. Washington D.C.
- 2017 Magnani, M. and **N. Magnani**. Community-based Research in Indigenous Museum Collections. *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*. Washington D.C.
- 2017 What it Means to be Indigenous in Finland. *Fulbright Forum*. Finland.
- 2017 Social Lives of Museum Objects. *Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting*. Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 Magnani, M. and **N. Magnani**. Reconstructing Indigenous Technologies, Repurposing Museum Collections. *Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting*. Orlando.

- 2015 **Magnani, N.** and M. Magnani. Material Production and Cultural Reclamation in Arctic Finland
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Denver.
- 2014 Skolt Sámi Healing Practices in a Transforming Landscape.
Botanical Ontologies Conference, Oxford University. Oxford.

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES

- 2022 **Disruptive Materials**, International conference held at UiT The Arctic University of Norway
Co-organized with Matthew Magnani
- 2014 **People and Plants Conference, University of Cambridge**
Co-organizer and discussant, Cambridge

INVITED TALKS

- February 2022 **Ghost Infrastructures along the Norwegian Coast**, with Matthew Magnani,
Permanent Transience Seminar Series, University of Oslo
- May 2020 **Borders in Sápmi**, Citizenship and Borders Seminar, University of Molde
- September 2019 **Beyond Practice**, Social Anthropology, UiT
- March 2015 **Current Research in Anthropology**, Department of Anthropology, Harvard
- October 2013 **Qualitative Methods in Research Masterclass**, University of Cambridge

FIELDWORK

- 2020 - present **Norway/ Finland/ Sápmi** (as project leader of *Arctic Silk Road*)
- 2018 – 2019 **Sápmi/ Finland and Kenya** (7 months as Fellow at Harvard University, Anthropology)
Comparative Perspectives on Indigenous Production
- 2016 – 2017 **Finland/ Sápmi** (1 year as Fulbright Fellow)
Materiality, Making, and Indigenous Movements in Finland
- 2016 **Kenya** (2 months)
Indigeneity, Land, and Production
- 2014 – 2015 **Finland/ Sápmi** (14 months)
Land, Memory, and Tacit Knowledge in a Skolt Sámi Community
Cambridge University Dissertation Fieldwork
- 2012 **Seri Nation, Mexico** (1 month)
Kinship, Health, and Parenting in Seri Comca'ac Nation
with Dr. Aurelio Figueredo, University of Arizona

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Finnish-Russian-English Interpreter, International Indigenous Exchange in Sápmi**
University of Colorado Boulder, University of Cambridge, University of Lapland
- 2016 **Arctic Oral History Project: ORHELIA**, Finnish Academy, University of Lapland
Translator for Indigenous oral histories from Russian Arctic
- 2014 **CAMRA Anthropology and Media Group**, University of Pennsylvania
Analysis of ethnographic, documentary, and multimodal media
- 2013 **Ecological Knowledge in Vanuatu**, New York Botanical Gardens
Analysis of French language sources on ecological knowledge in the French Pacific
- 2012 **Healing Chernobyl's Children**, Project Organizer, Belarus
Created "Healing through Art Histories" project with children affected by Chernobyl
supported through Harpur Fellowship
- 2012 **Peyre Blanc Archaeological Excavation**, France
Excavation of an open-air Magdalenian reindeer hunting site
- 2011 **Evaluating the Politics of Environmental Programs in Costa Rica**
University of Arizona

LANGUAGES

Native speaker of English and Russian
Proficient in Finnish, Norwegian, French
Conversational in North Sámi and Skolt Sámi
In process: Spanish and Swahili