

CV: David Leon Greisen Miedzianogora

Education

- 2025-2028 PhD Archaeology, University College London.
- Thesis: ‘The functional brain networks of stone tool technologies: an experimental cognitive archaeology approach to understanding the evolution of hominin cognition’.
 - Principal supervisor: Dr Matthew Pope.
 - Secondary supervisors: Dr Ceri Shipton, Prof Antonia Hamilton.
- 2023-2024 MSc Palaeoanthropology and Palaeolithic Archaeology, University College London.
- Dissertation: ‘The origins of the Middle Stone Age: A view from the Kabwe (formerly Broken Hill) lithic assemblage’. Supervised by Dr Ceri Shipton & Dr Matthew Pope.
 - Focus on prehistoric lithic technology, digital methods (3D modelling, photogrammetry, GIS), and multivariate statistics.
 - Classification: Distinction.
- 2020-2023 BA History, University of Copenhagen.
- Undergraduate thesis: ‘The Second Plague Pandemic in Sub-Saharan Africa’. Supervised by Dr Avner Shamir.
 - Electives in prehistoric and Near Eastern archaeology.
 - Experience with GIS for digitising physical excavation reports and conducting spatial analyses, database software, and archival work (including handwritten archives).
 - Final GPA: 12/12.

Fieldwork experience

- 2025 Field archaeologist, Archaeology Plan, Ireland
- Full-time contract from 14 April 2025.
 - Excavation of the urban site Shankill, areas 41 (Neolithic) and 43 (Bronze Age, Iron Age).
 - Experience encompassing all aspects of fieldwork, from cleaning, excavation, and recording.
- 2024-2025 Site assistant, Archaeological Management Solutions, Ireland.
- Full-time contract from 11 November 2024 to 11 April 2025.
 - Excavation of rural sites Croagh 4 (Iron Age), Croagh 8 (Iron Age), and Clough West 4 (Iron Age/industrial).

- Experience encompassing all aspects of fieldwork from cleaning to excavation and recording.

2024 Site archaeologist, Aarhus University, Denmark.

- Two-week contract for the excavation of Abri Stendel (Palaeolithic rockshelter site, Germany).
- Excavation and post-excavation processing of finds, including experience with total station and database management.
- Principal focus on lithics, animal remains, and ecofacts.

2024 Site volunteer, Institut Catalá de Paleoecologia Humana i Evolució Social (IPHES), Spain.

- Two-week contract for the excavation of Sima del Elefante (Lower Palaeolithic).
- Post-excavation processing of lithics and fossils from across the prehistoric site complex.
- Principal focus on lithics, fossil remains, and ecofacts.

2023 Field school, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, United States.

- Three-week fieldschool at sites across Oldupai Gorge, Tanzania.
- Teaching included survey, use of total stations, excavation techniques, cleaning of excavated (fossil) materials, quantification, basics of stratigraphy.
- Excavation at EAK, AGS, and BKE (Early Stone Age), and survey at OT1 and OT2 (modern).

Academic experience

2025 Graduate Attachment Scheme, British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya.

- Placement from 25 August to 8 December encompassing independent desk-based research, research communication, conference organisation, Kiswahili lessons, and participation in fieldwork projects led by researchers at the institute.

2023-2024 Volunteer at the Palaeolithic collections at the British Museum's Department of Britain, Europe and Prehistory, London.

- Biweekly for the 2023/2024 academic year.
- Work included cleaning, marking, and cataloguing of Palaeolithic artefacts, and scanning and cataloguing of archival materials at the department into a database system.

- 2022-2023 Subject leader in history, GRØN – the foundation for sustainable development, Copenhagen.
- Development of courses for advanced primary (ages 13-16) and high school (ages 16-19) students in history focused on sustainable development.
 - Responsible for facilitating contact with local municipal councils, primary schools, and high schools to ensure testing of developed courses in all subject areas (English, History, Social Sciences, Biology, Geography).
- 2022 Teaching assistant at the Saxo Institute, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen.
- Humanistic theory of science – responsibilities included teaching and marking of midterm papers given by the students.

Other professional experience

- 2024 Waiter, Aubaine Marylebone, London.
- 2021-2022 Inspector (supervisor), Oysters and Grill, Copenhagen.
- 2019-2021 Mentor, MentorDanmark, Copenhagen.
- 2018-2021 Waiter, Oysters and Grill, Copenhagen.
- 2018 Barista, Espresso House, Copenhagen.
- 2017-2018 Phoner, Politiken, Copenhagen.
- 2017 Facer, Zelecting and Partners, Copenhagen.
- 2017 Facer, Amnesty International Denmark, Copenhagen.

Relevant courses and projects

- 2024-current. Development of *African Archaeology Atlas*, a website-based forum for the prehistoric and historical archaeology of Africa.
- 2023-2025 Copyeditor at the journal *Hunter Gatherer Research*.
- 2023 Reviewer and commentator for the student journal *Cambridge Journal of Human Behaviour*.
- 2023 Levendegørelsesakademi, Amagermuseerne. Weeklong course on museum communication.
- 2022 Student mentor at *Humanities International Students Society* at the Faculty of Humanities, the University of Copenhagen.

- 2022 Reading group for faculty and advanced students at the Saxo Institute on the interplay between natural science and humanities research, coordinated by Prof Bo Fritzboeger.
- 2020-21 Running of www.briefhistoryblog.com, now discontinued.
- 2020 Datasprint, the Royal Library of Denmark. Practical introduction to the Python and R programming languages.

Research publications

- 2025 MIEDZIANOGORA, DLG, Pope, M, and Shipton, C. 'Homo heidelbergensis and the origins of the Middle Stone Age: insights from the Kabwe (Broken Hill) lithic assemblage'. *African Archaeological Review*. In preparation.
- 2024 MIEDZIANOGORA, DLG. 'Pest i pattedyr og parasitter. En tværfaglig tilgang til studiet af Den Sorte Død'. *Temp* 28: 30-54. Available at: <https://nordacademic.dk/en/product/104?v=130>.
- MIEDZIANOGORA, DLG. 'Palaeogenomics and the Palaeolithic of Southwest Asia: Trends, Issues, and Future Directions'. *Chronolog* 1(2): 6-30. Available at: <https://tidsskrift.dk/Chronolog/article/view/145892>.
- MIEDZIANOGORA, DLG. 'Plague narratives from the Great Lakes: Evidence of the Second Pandemic south of the Sahara'. *Culture and History Student Research Papers* 8(1): 89-116. Available at: <https://tidsskrift.dk/culturehistoryku/article/view/143456>.

Other publications

- 2023 MIEDZIANOGORA, DLG. 'Reflecting on the full breadth of human variability'. *Cambridge Journal of Human Behaviour* 1(4): 169-170. Available at: <https://cjhumanbehaviour.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/CJHB-Volume-1-Issue-4.pdf>.
- MIEDZIANOGORA, DLG. 'An evolutionary perspective on intracommunity religious discrimination'. *Cambridge Journal of Human Behaviour* 1(3): 152-153. Available at: <https://cjhumanbehaviour.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/CJHB-Issue-3.pdf>.

Talks

- 2023 MIEDZIANOGORA, DLG. 'Kolonisering af verden. Fra Afrika til Asien'. Talk held at Krogerup Folk High School on 31 July.

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Conferences

2024 British Museum Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Conference. British Museum.
Participant.

Languages

Danish (native language), English (C2 IELTS), Norwegian (understanding), Swedish (understanding), German (knowledge).

Memberships

Unite Archaeology Ireland, The Lithic Studies Society, The British Institute in Eastern Africa, The Prehistoric Society, European Association of Archaeologists.

Software and certificates

Software: R, QGIS, NetLogo, Artifact3-D, 3D Slicer, Agisoft Metashape Pro, Meshlab, Blender, Inkscape, GIMP, Scrivener, Notion, Open Office (including Base), Microsoft Office (including Access).

Certificates: Safe pass (Ireland), manual handling certificate (Ireland), driver's licence (personal car, Denmark), first aid certificate.

Grants and awards

2025 International Scholar's Award for Doctoral Training, University College London. Award covering difference between home and international fee levels for the duration of London Arts and Humanities Partnership PhD Research Studentship award (£23,585 annually). Grant number: LAHP_ISAD_2526_1.

London Arts and Humanities Partnership Research Studentship, University College London. Three-year coverage of PhD tuition fees at home rate (£6,215 annually) and an additional £22,780 annual living stipends rising with inflation for three consecutive years. Grant number: LOSC26\100365.

2024 Dean's List, Faculty of Social and Historical Sciences, University College London (for general performance throughout master's studies).

Irene Sala Prize for Lithic Studies (for dissertations specifically on lithics at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London).

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References

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