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- female
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Education and degrees

- Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oulu, (Finland) Department of History, 21 Sep. 2006. Doctoral dissertation “The Image of Aleksandr Nevskiy in Medieval Russia. Warrior and Saint” (The Northern World. North Europe and the Baltic c. 400 - 1700 AD. Peoples, Economics and Cultures. Volume 21. Brill, Leiden 2006) in September 2006 with valuation clause *Laudatur*. Major subject General History.
- Licentiate of Philosophy, University of Oulu, Department of History, 22 Dec. 1999. Licentiate’s thesis with valuation clause *Eximia cum laude approbatur*. Main subject General History.
- Master of Philosophy, University of Oulu, Department of History, 10 Jun. 1998. Master’s thesis with valuation clause *Laudatur*. Main subject General History
- Higher school examination, 31 May 1986 with valuation clause *Magna cum laude approbatur*.

Other training, qualification and skills

- Expertise in Archaeology: Studies in University of Oulu, in General History as Archaeology as secondary subject. Field work practise from several archaeological excavations in Oulu, Kemi, and Yli-Ii, covering historical period, Bronze Age, and Stone Age excavations. Leader of excavations in Yli-Ii, Kierikki Stone Age dwelling site in 8.5.–31.7.1998, and consultation of the National Board of Antiquities as an appointed researcher in autumn 1998. A significant archaeological finding of a large Stone Age dwelling site at Yli-Kiiminki, Rekikylä.
- Studies in animal husbandry (cows and sheep) in 1988–1991 (Agricultural Schools of Kestilä and Kittilä), and over 15 years’ experience on flamenco dance; taken courses from several leading Flamenco artists of Spain. Expertise also on dance teaching, for example the ballet School of Rovaniemi and Flamenco school of Northern Finland, Oulu

Current position

- Independent researcher
- Since 11.3.2013 on family leave with youngest children (mother of five children, born in 1989, 1992, 2004, 2006, and 2009)
- Alumna of the Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Study
- Member of Scientific associations Glossa – Finnish Society for Medieval Studies and Finnish Society of Byzantine Studies

Linguistic skills

- Native language: Finnish
- Fluent in Russian and English, good knowledge in Swedish, skills also in Latin, Greek, Spanish and German

Previous professional appointments and career breaks

- Fellow (three-year post as a postdoctoral researcher) in Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies (competitive international call of applicants, succeeding rate 4%) from 1 Aug. 2008 until 10 Mar. 2013, during of which two lecture series as visiting lecturer at the University of Helsinki (Fall 2009 at the Renvall Institute and Spring 2012 at the Department of Philosophy, History, Culture and Art Studies)
 - Fellowship includes one parental leave
- Researcher at the University of Oulu, the Department of History 1 Jan 1999–21 Sep 2006 31.12.2002 (1. Jan 1999–31 Dec 2002 a doctoral student at the Finish Doctoral Research School of History, after which grants from several foundations)
- 1998 Researcher in the National Board of Antiquities. First a one month post in researching a medieval site in Kemi, and later three month post as a leader of archaeological excavations in Kierikki Stone Age dwelling site in Yli-Ii
- Parental leaves after Doctoral Degree (*Total period of approximately four years*):
 - Period 1: 1 Oct. 2006–30 Jul. 2008 (22 months)
 - Period 2: 26 Sep. 2009–5 Jun. 2011 (20 months 10 days)
 - Period 3: 11 March 2013–

Major research funding and academic leadership, student supervision

- From the University of Oulu 4000 euros for the Ph.D. research in June 2003
- From the Foundation of Emil Aaltonen 8000 euros for the Ph.D. research in April 2003
- From Finnish Cultural Foundation 3000 euros for the language consultation in February 2003
- From the University of Oulu 3800 euros for the Ph.D. research in November 2002
- Inspector of Licentiate's thesis in General History for University of Joensuu in 2009: Kati Parppei: Myths, Legends and Politics – The Formation of the Historiographical Image of the Monastery of Valaam
- Inspector of Master's thesis in the topic of medieval Russian history for University of Joensuu in 2002: Matti Malinen: History of medieval Pskov

Major teaching duties

Visiting lecturer at the University of Helsinki in 2008–2012:

- Department of History, Spring 2012: 24 hour lecture series ”*Kertomus ajan vuosisista: Venäjän varhaisin kronikka Rus’in historian kuvaajana*” (Story of the years of time: The oldest chronicle of Russia as a source of history of Rus’) held in the Study module of the Medieval Studies for Advanced Students; including an essay (5 op)
- Renvall Institute, September 2009: 24 hour lecture Series “*Friend or Foe: the Relationship with the steppe in Medieval Russia*”, to international students of Renvall Institute (3 op)
- Introductory lecture to the students of Theology about the Russian medieval chronicles in Autumn 2008

Visiting Lecturer at the University of Oulu in 2003–2006:

- Moderator and commentator in post graduate training conference at the University of Oulu in October 2000 and October 2006
- Lecture on methodological issues concerning the medieval sources at the Department of History in 2004
- 24 hour lecture series “*Näkökulmia keskiajan historiankirjoitukseen*” (Research angles to the history writing in the Middle Ages) at the Department of History, Oulu University in Autumn 2003
- Visiting lecturer at Kajaani Pedagogic Department in a reseach program of Russian language and culture; 24 hour lecture series “*Venäjän historia vallankumoukseen saakka*” (The History of Russia before the Revolution) on the Political history of Russia; a seminar included, in September 2003
- Introductory lecture on the medieval studies for new students in the Department of History in Autumn 1999

Scientific awards and honours

- Prize of 10 000 FM for excellent Master’s thesis written during academic year 1998–1999, awarded in September 1999 by the rector of the University of Oulu
- Prize for the best Master’s thesis written in the Department of History, in the University of Oulu, awarded in November 1998 by Oulun Historiaseura

Other scientific or academic merits and activities

- Member of Glossa – Finnish Society for Medieval Studies, and in 2011–2012 a member of its executive board
- Member of Finnish Society of Byzantine Studies
- Referee in international scientific journals in 2009–2013, such as *Speculum*, *Studia Ceranea* (Journal of the Waldemar Ceran Reseach Centre for History and Culture of the Mediterranean Area and South-East Europe), *Mirator*, and *Historiallinen Aikakauskirja*
- Host and organizer of the international Symposium held in Helsinki January 2013, “*Past and Present in Medieval Chronicles*”

- Member of several scientific expeditions in 1994-2012, including archaeological expedition to Mari-El, Russia (by invitation of Professor Valeri Patrushev, University of Joshkar-Ola, Russia), and research trips to Russia and Ukraine (Moscow, Suzdal, Vladimir, Rostov, Novgorod, Pskov, and Kiev)
- Member of a planning comity of the international Conference “*Authorities in the Middle Ages*” held in Autumn 2010 in Helsinki
- Member of the Visitor’s Committee at Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies in 2009, taking part of the planning of Collegium scholarly events
- Assistant manager of the Historical Association of Northern Finland in 2005
- General editor of scientific referee journal *Faravid*, a year-book of the Historical Association of Northern Finland in 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2005
- 1998 Consultation of the national Board of Antiquities as founder of the largest Stone Age dwelling site of Finland at Yli-Kiiminki, Rekikylä
- Invited lecturer during the archaeological expedition in Mari-El (in Russia) by invitation of Professor Valeri Patrushev from University of Joshkar-Ola in August 1994, where lecture of archaeological methodology used in Kierikki Stone Age dwelling site

Scientific impact of the research

- Total number of publications 34 (See the list of publications)
- Several scientific presentations held in the international conferences in the field of medieval history, most important of which
 - *VIII International Council for Central and East European Studies World Congress* in 2010 in Stockholm (Paper: ”The Life of Alexander Nevskii” and the dynastic crisis of 1281–1293 in Vladimir-Suzdalia)
 - *Fifth International Conference "Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilizations"* in 2009 in Moscow (Paper: Reconstructing the memory of the past: The Case of Alexander Nevskii)
 - “*International Medieval Congress*” in Leeds in 2009 (Paper: The notion of Rus’ in the Primary Chronicle); 2001 (Paper: Alexander Nevskij and the Holy War); and 2000 (Paper: The Warrior and the Saint: The Image of Alexander Nevskiy according to Russian medieval hagiographies)
 - *X Conference in Methodologies and Theories in History, “Human Faces of Power”* in 2009 in Turku (Paper: The Power Relations of the Lands of Rus' in 1015–1078 in the Primary Chronicle)
 - Conference “*Medieval History Writing and Crusading Ideology*” in 2001 in Rome (Paper: The Warrior and the Saint: The Image of Alexander Nevskiy According to Russian Medieval Hagiographies)
 - Conference “*Narrative, Identity and Order*” in 2001 in Tampere (Paper: The political narrative of the Life of Alexander Nevskiy as an instrument of Russian identity and order)
 - Finnish-Ukrainian conference for historians held in Kiev Taras-Shevchenko State University in 2000 in Kiev (Paper: Border Heroism in the Life of Alexander Nevskiy)
 - Conference “*Russian Imperial identity*” in 2000 in Helsinki (Paper: The Image of Alexander Nevskiy as the Model of Imperial Transfer)

- Several scientific presentations in national Finnish conferences in the field of medieval history, most important of which
 - *The Night of Sciences* in Helsinki 2013 (Paper: Sodat ja kärsimys venäläisissä kronikoissa – Jumalan ruoska vai portti paratiisiin)
 - Finnish conference for medieval studies “*Dies mediaevales*” 2012 in Turku (Paper: Archangel Michael in Kievan Chronicles); 2008 in Tampere (Paper: Aro ja Venäjän maiden ruhtinaiden kontaktit keskiajalla); 2000 in Savonlinna (Paper: Aleksanteri Nevski ja venäläinen isänmaallisuus), and 1998 in Hämeenlinna (Paper: Aleksanteri Nevskin kuva venäläisissä keskiaikaisissa pyhimyselämäkerroissa)
 - Invited lecturer in Oulu-opisto in 2009 (Paper: Aleksanteri Nevski ja keskiaikaisen ruhtinaan vallan verkostot)
 - Conference *Ystävyyden monet kasvot* at the University of Oulu in 2008 (Paper: Ruhtinas Jaroslav Vsevolodovitshin (1190–1246) suhteet, valta ja ystävät)
 - Conference *Johtaja ja kansa* at the University of Oulu in 2006 (Paper: Johtajan ihanne ja kansakunnan tarpeet – Aleksanteri Nevskin (1220/21 – 1263) kuva Venäjän poliittisten muutosten indikaattorina)
 - Invited lecturer at the Seminar organized by the Finnish Army *Suomen Puolustusvoimien Ortodoksiset hengelliset päivät* in Kajaani in 2005 (Paper: Aleksanteri Nevski – myyttinen isänmaan puolustaja)
 - Conference “*Keskiajan maailma – islam, kristikunta ja tiede*” in 2002 in Lahti (Paper: Aleksanteri Nevski idän ja lännen välissä)
 - Conference held by the *Research School of History* in Tampere in 2000 (Paper: Ihanneruhtinas ja isänmaan traumat: Aleksanteri Nevski (1220–1263) historiantutkimuksen kohteena)
 - Conference *Antiquitas Borea: Antiikin kulttuurin pohjoinen ulottuvuus* held at the University of Oulu in 2000 (Paper: Eufrateelta Nevalle: Aleksanteri Suuren pohjoinen ulottuvuus)
 - Conference *Myytti keskiajan Kreikasta Bysanttina? Ajatuksia itäeurooppalaisesta keskiajasta ja sen jälkivaikutuksesta* held at the University of Joensuu in 1999 (Paper: Aleksanteri Nevskin pyhimyselämäkerran bysanttilaiset esikuvat)
 - Invited lecturer in Kajaani *Kaukametsä Seminar* in 1999 (Paper: Venäjän historia ja nykypäivä)
 - Invited lecturer by *Oulun historiaseura* at Oulu opisto in 1998 (Paper: Aleksanteri Nevski ja kuvatutkimus)
 - Invited lecturer by Pohjois-Suomen historiallinen yhdistys in Oulu in 1998 (Paper: Aleksanteri Nevskin kuva venäläisissä keskiaikaisissa pyhimyselämäkerroissa)
 - Seminar XVII Yleisen historian valtakunnalliset tutkijankoulutuspäivät at the University of Joensuu in 1998 (Paper: Nomen est omen – esimerkkejä Aleksanteri Nevskin pyhimyselämäkerran kielikuvista)