

Employment

Senior lecturer

Classical archaeology and ancient history
Lund University
Lund, Sweden
2015 Sept 21 → present

Visiting researcher

University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, United States
2016 Apr 1 → 2018 Apr 1

Mission Director

Gebel el Silsila Archaeological Project
Gebel el-Silsila, Egypt
2012 Sept 1 → present

Research outputs

Animals of Ancient Kheny: The Rupestrian Collection

Nilsson, M., Ward, J. & Wyatt, J., 2023 Oct, *Animals in Religion, Economy and Daily Life of Ancient Egypt and beyond*. Pirelli, R., Pubblico, M. D. & Ikram, S. (eds.). Naples: Unior Press, p. 271–290 20 p. (Studi Africanistici - Serie Egittologica ; vol. 4).

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Quarryscape Epigraphy: Feet and Sandals as Private Attestations at Gebel el-Silsila – Shatt el-Rigal

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A decade of loving Kheny: Ten year Anniversary of the Gebel el-Silsila Project

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Gebel el-Silsila throughout the Ages: Part 6 Ramesside quarrying

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Gebel el-Silsila throughout the Ages: Part 7 Late Period to Graeco-Roman

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2021, *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, 21, 4/124, p. 22-28.

Gebel el-Silsila through the Ages: Part 8: Roman Archaeology and the Stables of Tiberius

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The Big, the Bizarre & the Beautiful

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Rock art through the ages: Rupestrian memoranda at Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2020 Nov, *Epigraphy through five millennia. Texts and images in context*. Dirksen, S. & Krastel, L. (eds.). DAIK, p. 235-254 (Sonderschriften des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts Abteilung Kairo ; vol. 43).

Gebel el-Silsila through the Ages: Part 5: Ramesside activity

Nilsson, M., Ward, J. & Saad, M., 2020 Sept, *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, 21, 6/121, p. 12-19.

A Predynastic chieftain? The rock art context of the Mentuhotep II panel at Shatt el-Rigal

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2020 Jul, *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, 20, 6/120, p. 34-41.

The Desert Birds of Ancient Gebel el-Silsila

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The Role of Graffiti Game Boards in the Understanding of an Archaeological Site: The Gebel el-Silsila Quarries

de Voogt, A., Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2020 Jun, In: *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*. 106, 1-2, p. 123-132 10 p.

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Quarrying for Augustus: Gebel el-Silsila as a Source for Early Roman Monuments at Dendera

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Ward, J. & Nilsson, M., 2019 Apr 15, *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, 19, 5/113, p. 34-41.

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Gebel el-Silsila through the Ages: Part 3 - Thutmosid activity

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From Epipalaeolithic petroglyphs to Roman graffiti: Stylistic variability of anthropomorphs at Gebel el Silsila (Upper Egypt)
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Private Scarabs from Gebel el-Silsila found during Excavations in the New Kingdom Necropolis
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Nilsson, M., 2018, (Accepted/In press) *Decoding Signs Proceedings*.

Some Rock Inscriptions from Gebel el-Silsila
Nilsson, M., Faraman, A. & Said, A., 2018, In: *Journal of Egyptian Archaeology*. 104, 1, p. 71-79

Updates from the ongoing excavations at Gebel el-Silsila: the New Kingdom cemetery & the Temple of Sobek
Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2018, In: *K M T: A Modern Journal of Ancient Egypt*. 29, 4, p. 52-62

Five “New” deities in the Roman Pantheon at Gebel el-Silsila
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Gebel el Silsila, ett arkeologiskt landskap av antika monument och stenbrott
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Pseudo script in Gebel el Silsila : preliminary results of the epigraphic survey 2012

Nilsson, M., 2014, *Current Research in Egyptology XIV*. Accetta, K., Fellingner, R., Lourenço Gonçalves, P., Musselwhite, S. & van Pelt, W. P. (eds.). Oxbow Books, Vol. 14. p. 122-141

Quarry marks in Partition B, Main Quarry at Gebel el Silsila: remarks on their meaning and function

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2014, In: Journal of the Society for the Study of Egyptian Antiquities.

Some Comments on the Prehistoric Representations at Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M., 2014, Ancient Planet, 6, p. 4-15.

Surveying the sandstone quarries of Gebel el Silsila

Nilsson, M., 2014, K M T: A Modern Journal of Ancient Egypt, 25, 3, p. 34-43.

Arsinoe of Egypt and Macedon: A Royal Life

Nilsson, M., 2013, In: Women's Studies. 42, 8, p. 1025-1029

Pseudo script at Gebel el Silsila : an introduction to Ancient Egyptian quarry marks

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Solar symbolism in Gebel el Silsila'

Nilsson, M., 2012, Ancient Planet, 3, p. 50-62.

The crown of Arsinoë II : The creation of an imagery of authority

Nilsson, M., 2012, Oxbow Books. 272 p.

Activities

Tracing identities in Ancient Egyptian Quarry Art

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)

2025 Jan 26 → 2025 Jan 30

Documentary Cleopatra

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)

2024 Jun 2 → 2024 Jun 4

Spöktimmen podd

Nilsson, M. (Interviewee)

2024 Apr 25

På arkeologiskt uppdrag i Egypten

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)

2023 Sept 26

Gebel el-Silsila: de senaste årens utgrävningar och upptäckter

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)

2023 Sept 21

International Congress of Egyptologists

Nilsson, M. (Chair)

2023 Aug 9

Who Killed Kheny? Archaeological analyses into the quarry workers who built Egypt

Nilsson, M. (Speaker)

2023 Aug 9

historiska fyndet gjorde svenska maria känd över hela världen: känslomässigt och makabert på samma gång

Nilsson, M. (Interviewee)

2023 Jun 1 → 2023 Aug 31

Finding Kheny: an update from the Gebel el-Silsila Excavations

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified) & Ward, J. (Presenter)

2023 Jan 26

Excavating Kheny: new discoveries from the Gebel el-Silsila Project

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified) & Ward, J. (Presenter)

2023 Jan 21

Intervju Aftonbladet

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)

2022 Nov 16

SR P1 Nordegren & Epstein

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)

2022 Nov 14

Searching for Sobek: Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified), Ward, J. (Lecturer) & Derbyshire, J. (Lecturer)

2022 Nov 5

The crocodile temple of Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker) & Ward, J. (Invited speaker)

2022 Oct 2

Marking the Dead: Societal Transformation as reflected in a New Kingdom cemetery in Gebel el-Silsila (Egypt)

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)

2022 Sept 22

Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Organiser) & Ward, J. (Contributor)

2022 Sept 5 → 2022 Oct 3

Nya arkeologiska fynd från Egypten

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)

2022 Aug 22

Nya Arkeologiska Fynd från Egypten

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)

2022 Aug 22

Animals of ancient Kheny: the rupestrian collection

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified), Ward, J. (Presenter) & Wyatt, J. (Presenter)

2022 Jun 17

Flersidig intervju

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2022 Jun 12

n the shadow of Mentuhotep: A landscape of imagery through the millennia at Shatt el-Rigal (new sites and extended corpus)

Nilsson, M. (Speaker) & Ward, J. (Speaker)
2021 Dec 15 → 2021 Dec 17

De svenska utgrävningarna i Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Presenter)
2021 Nov

Revolutionära tider i antika Kheny: Amenhotep III – Tutankhamun

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2021 Nov

Fråga Lund

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2021

Gebel el-Silsila: Latest discoveries & research

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2021

Life & death in Ancient Kheny, based on new discoveries at Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2021

Livet som arkeolog i Egypten

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2021

Lost Treasures of Egypt säsong 3

Nilsson, M. (Contributor) & Ward, J. (Contributor)
2021

Recent discoveries at Gebel el-Silsila: New Kingdom material

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2021

Les mystères du Nil: Les convois titanesques

Nilsson, M. (Contributor) & Ward, J. (Contributor)
2020

Livet och döden i Silsila: Nya rön från utgrävningarna i nekropolen i Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2020

New Kingdom Private Burials: Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2020

To walk in the footsteps of the dead: Gebel el-Silsila and its inhabitants during the 18th Dynasty

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2020

Quarryscape Epigraphy: Public and Private attestations at Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2019 Jun 15 → 2019 Jun 17

Roman graffiti at Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)
2019 Jun 15 → 2019 Jun 17

Vad hände med Sobek? Uppdateringar från Gebel el-Silsila: tempel- och gravutgrävningar

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)
2019 May 29

Porträttering Dagens Industri

Nilsson, M. (Interviewee)
2019 May 24

As above, so below: nya upptäckter i Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Lecturer)
2019 Apr 16

Lost Tomb of Alexander

Nilsson, M. (Presenter)
2019 Mar 29 → 2019 Apr 29

'Lost Treasures of Egypt: Warrior Queen'

Nilsson, M. (Presenter)
2019 Mar 29

Millenier av konstnärliga uttryck: Hällristningar och klippinskrifter i Gebel el-Silsila, Egypten

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)
2019 Mar 20

Ovan och under jord: nya upptäckter i Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)
2019 Mar 14

New Discoveries at Gebel el-Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)
2019 Mar 13

Science Channel "Ramses' buried treasures"

Nilsson, M. (Presenter)
2019 Jan 3 → 2019 May 29

Nya upptäckter från utgrävningarna i Gebel el-Silsila, Egypten

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)
2018 Jun 4

Nya upptäckter och uppdateringar i Gebel el Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Invited speaker)
2018 May 30

Expedition Unknown

Nilsson, M. (Presenter)
2018 Jan 3 → 2019 May 29

Introduction to the site

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2017 Aug 26

Roman activity

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2017 Aug 26

Gebel el-Silsila: introducing the site and the archaeological project

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2017 May 19

Imperial extraction at Gebel el Silsila: quarrying for Tiberius

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2017 Apr

Gebel el Silsila, the project and most recent discoveries

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified) & Ward, J. (Role not specified)
2017 Mar 5

University of Minnesota

Nilsson, M. (Visiting researcher)
2016 Apr 1 → 2018 Mar 31

Gebel el Silsila (Upper Egypt): Introducing the Archaeological Project

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2016 Apr

Symbolae sacrae? Quarry marks: their various functions & relation to the divine world in Gebel el Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2016 Apr

Gebel el Silsila: en introduktion till den antika platsen & det fältarkeologiska projektet

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2016 Mar 10

Symbolae Sacrae: symbolic formulae for protection and adoration within the sandstone quarries of Gebel el Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2016 Mar

Introducing Gebel el Silsila

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2015 Oct 22

Gebel el Silsila: en introduktion till den antika platsen & det fältarkeologiska projektet

Nilsson, M. (Role not specified)
2015 Sept 10

Returning to Gebel el Silsila: New discoveries and current goals of the Swedish Archaeological Project
Nilsson, M. (Role not specified) & Martinez, P. (Speaker)
2015 Aug

Projects

Avkodande av det förflutna: en studie av gåtfulla märkningssystem, deras skapare och betydelser
Nilsson, M. (Researcher) & Ward, J. (Research assistant)
2020/04/01 → 2023/03/31

QuarryArt: Beyond the urban elite – tracing identities in ancient Egyptian ‘Quarry Art’ through social semiotics
Nilsson, M. (Researcher), Ward, J. (Research assistant) & Lindgren, S. (Researcher)
2024/01/01 → 2027/12/31

Pseudo script in Gebel el Silsila, a query into quarry marks, characters, codes and magic
Nilsson, M. (PI)
2012/01/01 → 2015/12/31

Symbolae sacrae? Quarry marks and their relation to the divine world and writing in Roman Gebel el Silsila (Upper Egypt)
Nilsson, M. (PI), Ward, J. (Research assistant) & Lindgren, S. (Researcher)
2016/04/01 → 2019/03/31