

## Employment

### Researcher

Classical archaeology and ancient history  
Lund University  
Lund, Sweden  
2015 Sep 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 Sep 1 → present

## Research outputs

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

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2022 Jan, *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, 22:3, 129, p. 16-23 8 p.

### **18th Dynasty dipinti from Gebel el-Silsila (East Bank)**

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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**

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

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2021, *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, 21, 5/125, p. 34-43.

### **The Big, the Bizarre & the Beautiful**

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

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

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

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### **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.

**Scarabs for the Children**

Nilsson, M., Ward, J. & Coletto, P., 2020 Mar, *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, 20, 5/119, p. 14-19.

**Gebel el-Silsila. De temple van Sobek en de begraafplaats uit het Nieuwe Rijk**

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2020, *Mehen, Essays over het oude Egypte, 2020*. Koek, J. (ed.). Mehen, p. 240-265 (Mehen; vol. 8).

**Quarryscape Epigraphy: Feet and sandals as private attestations at Gebel el-Silsila – Shatt el-Rigal'**

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2020, (Accepted/In press) *Graffiti, Secondary Epigraphy and Rock Inscriptions from Ancient Egypt (Clamour from the Past)*. Ragazzoli, C. & Hassan, K. (eds.). IFAO

**Stylistic diversity and spatial distribution: Recent Rock Art documentation in Gebel el-Silsila – Shatt el-Rigal**

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2020, (Accepted/In press) *Current Research in the Rock Art of the Eastern Sahara : Proceedings of the 20th International Rock Art Congress IFRAO, Session 2B Valcamonica, 29th August-2nd September 2018*. Gatto, M. & Polkowski, P. (eds.).

**Symbolae sacrae: Symbolic formulae for protection and adoration within the quarries of Gebel el-Silsila**

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**The raptors of Ancient Gebel el-Silsila**

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

Nilsson, M., Ward, J. & Almásy, A., 2019 Aug 24, In: *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* . 23, p. 1-77

**Gebel el-Silsila through the ages: Part 1: Early visitors**

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

**Gebel el-Silsila through the Ages: Part 2: The Middle Kingdom**

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

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**Gebel el-Silsila through the Ages: Part 4: The House of Amenhotep**

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2019, *Ancient Egypt Magazine*, 20, 2/116, p. 14-20.

**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**

Nilsson, M., Ward, J., Faraman, A. & Hodgkin, R., 2018, In: *Abgadiyat*. 13, p. 18-31

**Quarry Marks in Gebel el Silsila – signifiers of men and gods alike?**

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**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**

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2017 Jun, In: *Journal of Ancient Egyptian Interconnections* . 14, p. 22-30

**In the footsteps of Ricardo Caminos: Rediscovering the Gebel el Silsila and its rock-cut temple**

Nilsson, M. & Martinez, P., 2017, *Proceedings of the XI International Congress of Egyptologists: Florence, Italy 23-30 August 2015*. Rosati, G. & Guidotti, M. C. (eds.). Oxford: Archaeopress, p. 441-445 (Archaeopress Egyptology; vol. 19).

**Pictorial representations at Gebel el Silsila: A 10 000 year long repertoire**

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2016, *Archaeology and Environment: Understanding the Past to Design the Future: a Multidisciplinary Approach: Proceedings of the International Workshop "Italian Days in Aswan" 15th-18th November 2013*. Capriotti Vittozzi, G. & Porcelli, F. (eds.). Rome: Istituto di Studi sul Mediterraneo Antico (ISMA), p. 167-183 (Archaeological Heritage & Multidisciplinary Egyptological Studies (AHMES); vol. 3).

**Anguiform graffiti in the Roman quarries at Gebel el Silsila**

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**Gebel el Silsila: Field report from the Main Quarry**

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**Gebel el Silsila: De monumenten en het steengroevenlandschap**

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J., 2015, *Essays over het oude Egypte*. Koek, J. (ed.). Leiden: Mehen, p. 117-137

**Gebel el Silsila, ett arkeologiskt landskap av antika monument och stenbrott**

Nilsson, M., 2015, In: *Medusa: svensk tidskrift för antiken*. 4, p. 22-34

**Mallets, Chisels, Sledges and Boats : the Art of Quarrying at Gebel el Silsila**

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**Monumenter og Stenbrud: Gebel el-Silsilas Arkæologi**

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**Non-textual marking systems at Gebel el Silsila : From Dynastic signifiers of identity to symbols of adoration**

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**Quarrying for Claudius, protected by Min: Reflections on a small quarry in Gebel el Silsila East**

Nilsson, M. & Almásy, A., 2015, In: *British Museum Studies in Ancient Egypt and Sudan (BMSAES)*. 22, p. 88-110

**Pseudo script in Gebel el Silsila : preliminary results of the epigraphic survey 2012**

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**Some Comments on the Prehistoric Representations at Gebel el-Silsila**

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**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**

Nilsson, M., 2012, Ancient Planet, 2, p. 96-111.

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified) & John Ward (Presenter)

2023 Jan 26

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified) & John Ward (Presenter)

2023 Jan 21

**Intervju Aftonbladet**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2022 Nov 16

**SR P1 Nordegren & Epstein**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2022 Nov 14

**Searching for Sobek: Gebel el-Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified), John Ward (Lecturer) & Joanne Derbyshire (Lecturer)

2022 Nov 5

**The crocodile temple of Gebel el-Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker) & John Ward (Invited speaker)

2022 Oct 2

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2022 Sep 22

**Gebel el-Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Organiser) & John Ward (Contributor)

2022 Sep 5 → 2022 Oct 3

**Nya arkeologiska fynd från Egypten**

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker)

2022 Aug 22

**Nya Arkeologiska Fynd från Egypten**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2022 Aug 22

**Animals of ancient Kheny: the rupestrian collection**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified), John Ward (Presenter) & John Wyatt (Presenter)

2022 Jun 17

**Flersidig intervju**

Maria Nilsson (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)**

Maria Nilsson (Speaker) & John Ward (Speaker)

2021 Dec 15 → 2021 Dec 17

**De svenska utgrävningarna i Gebel el-Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Presenter)

2021 Nov

**Revolutionära tider i antika Kheny: Amenhotep III – Tutankhamun**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2021 Nov

**Fråga Lund**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2021

**Gebel el-Silsila: Latest discoveries & research**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2021

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2021

**Livet som arkeolog i Egypten**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2021

**Lost Treasures of Egypt säsong 3**

Maria Nilsson (Contributor) & John Ward (Contributor)

2021

**Recent discoveries at Gebel el-Silsila: New Kingdom material**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2021

**Les mystères du Nil: Les convois titanesques**

Maria Nilsson (Contributor) & John Ward (Contributor)

2020

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2020

**New Kingdom Private Burials: Gebel el-Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2020

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2020

**Roman graffiti at Gebel el-Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker)  
2019 Jun 15 → 2019 Jun 17

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

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker)  
2019 May 29

**Porträttering Dagens Industri**

Maria Nilsson (Interviewee)  
2019 May 24

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

Maria Nilsson (Lecturer)  
2019 Apr 16

**Lost Tomb of Alexander**

Maria Nilsson (Presenter)  
2019 Mar 29 → 2019 Apr 29

**'Lost Treasures of Egypt: Warrior Queen'**

Maria Nilsson (Presenter)  
2019 Mar 29

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

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker)  
2019 Mar 20

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

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker)  
2019 Mar 14

**New Discoveries at Gebel el-Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker)  
2019 Mar 13

**Science Channel "Ramses' buried treasures"**

Maria Nilsson (Presenter)  
2019 Jan 3 → 2019 May 29

**Nya upptäckter från utgrävningarna i Gebel el-Silsila, Egypten**

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker)  
2018 Jun 4

**Nya upptäckter och uppdateringar i Gebel el Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Invited speaker)  
2018 May 30

**Expedition Unknown**

Maria Nilsson (Presenter)  
2018 Jan 3 → 2019 May 29

**Introduction to the site**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2017 Aug 26

**Roman activity**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2017 Aug 26

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2017 May 19

**Imperial extraction at Gebel el Silsila: quarrying for Tiberius**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2017 Apr

**Gebel el Silsila, the project and most recent discoveries**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified) & John Ward (Role not specified)  
2017 Mar 5

**University of Minnesota system**

Maria Nilsson (Visiting researcher)  
2016 Apr 1 → 2018 Mar 31

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2016 Apr

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2016 Apr

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2016 Mar 10

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2016 Mar

**Introducing Gebel el Silsila**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)  
2015 Oct 22

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

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified)

2015 Sep 10

**Returning to Gebel el Silsila: New discoveries and current goals of the Swedish Archaeological Project**

Maria Nilsson (Role not specified) & Philippe Martinez (Speaker)

2015 Aug

## **Projects**

**Avkodande av det förflutna: en studie av gåtfulla märkningssystem, deras skapare och betydelser**

Nilsson, M. & Ward, J.

2020/04/01 → 2023/03/31

**Pseudo script in Gebel el Silsila, a query into quarry marks, characters, codes and magic**

Nilsson, M.

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., Ward, J. & Lindgren, S.

2016/04/01 → 2019/03/31