

## IRINA PONOMAREVA, PH.D.

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**Summary:** Dedicated archaeologist with over 15 years of field experience and a Ph.D. in Archaeology from Griffith University. Extensive expertise in surveys, excavations, data collection, research, and analysis. Proficient in academic and report writing, with exceptional documentation abilities, project management skills, and strong communication capabilities.

Irina Ponomareva, Ph.D., is an accomplished archaeologist with a rich background in fieldwork, research, and academic contributions. Irina's expertise in rock art and cultural identity exploration sets her apart as a distinguished professional in the field. Her extensive experience, proficiency in the use of various software tools, including word processors, spreadsheets, GIS, and design software, which are essential for archaeological work and report preparation, and commitment to continuous improvement and seeking ways to enhance policies, systems, and procedures to optimize project outcomes make her a valuable asset to consulting archaeology projects.

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### Education:

- **Doctor of Philosophy, Griffith University (02/2020)**
    - Thesis title: Change and Continuity in the Prehistoric Rock Art of East Siberia
  - **Specialist in Archaeology, Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia (09/2013)**
    - UNESCO Level 7 classification
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### Experience:

- **Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Barcelona, Spain (06/2022 – 06/2023)**
- **Archaeologist (Casual), Northern Archaeology Pty Ltd (08/2020 – 06/2022)**
  - Supervised excavations and conducted cultural heritage assessments for Jangga Operations Pty Ltd
- **Archaeologist (Casual), Jabree Ltd (10/2020 – 08/2021)**
  - Conducted excavations and prepared reports
- **Field Archaeologist (Casual), Everick (Brisbane) (06/2020 – 12/2020)**
  - Conducted site surveys and salvaging
- **Field Research Assistant (Casual), Archaeological Risk Assessment Services Pty Ltd, Newcastle, NSW (11/2019 – 05/2020)**
  - Responsible for recording and documentation in various projects
- **Volunteer, Kopi-Cap Trip in the Simpson Desert (09/2019)**
  - Assisted in fieldwork tasks for the project "40,000 Years of Gypsum Usage in the Lake Eyre Basin" with Dr. Jillian Huntley
- **Ph.D. Researcher, Griffith University, supervised by Prof. Paul Tacon (04/2016 – 10/2019)**
  - Conducted extensive fieldwork in East Siberia, recording 108 rock art sites for the Ph.D. project
- **Volunteer, Pathways Rock Art Project, Kakadu National Park (06/2018 – 07/2018)**
  - Assisted in rock art documentation
- **Volunteer, History Places Rock Art Project, Wellington Range, Arnhem Land (06/2016 – 07/2016)**

- Assisted in rock art documentation and excavations
  - **Principal Investigator, "Pictures on Rocks in the Heart of Siberia"** (06/2015-08/2015)
    - Conducted a rock art survey supported by the National Geographic Society
  - **Excavation Supervisor, Early Neolithic Settlement Podol'e** (06/2014-06/2014)
    - Supervised excavations and documentation
  - **Excavation Supervisor, Kyzul-Kuragino Project** (05/2012-07/2012, 06/2013-08/2013)
    - Supervised excavations and documentation of Bronze Age sites in Russia
  - **Research Assistant, Archive of Russian Academy of Sciences** (09/2008-04/2016)
    - Sorted archival files of prominent Russian academics
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#### **Skills:**

- Surveys, excavations
  - Data collection, research, and analysis
  - Research reporting
  - Literature reviews
  - Academic and report writing
  - Documentation abilities (mapping, drawing, photography, photogrammetry)
  - Project management
  - Data organization
  - High level of written and oral communication skills
  - Fluent in Russian and English, intermediate French, and lower-intermediate Mandarin Chinese and Spanish
  - Driving license (Russian, category B, B1)
  - 4WD Sand driving & Recovery Training (May 2019)
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#### **Conferences:**

- Presented at 22 conferences since 2012, including prestigious events such as the 28th Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists and the 9th World Archaeological Congress.
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#### **Media:**

- Featured in Griffith News: [Siberian Rock Art Provides New Window into the Past](#)
  - Featured on Sky News when working on Adani Rail: [Watch Here](#)
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#### **Publications:**

- Authored 1 book, 9 journal articles, and 7 book chapters, with notable works on Siberian rock art and cultural identity.
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