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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- excavation and analysis of osteological material; identifying markers of physical activity;
- documenting existing injuries and pathologies;
- systematizing and further developing a database of osteological material;
- creating 3D models, working with geometric morphometrics.
- participation in projects organized by the Ministry of Science and Education on topics related to the field of expertise;

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- October 2024 - Present, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Archaeology, Ethnology, and National History at Karaganda State University named after Academician E.A. Buketov.
- October 2020 - Present, Teaching Assistant in the Department of Anthropology at Durham University (remote).
- November 2017 - September 2019, Lecturer at the Department of "Archaeology and Ethnology" at L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Astana).
- December 2017 - September 2019, Coordinator of the Academic Mobility Program in the Department of International Cooperation at L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Astana).
- November 2017 - 2018, Researcher at the A.Kh. Margulan Institute of Archaeology (Astana).

EDUCATION

- **PhD student** - Department of Anthropology. Durham University (United Kingdom), Jan 2020 - current time.
- **Visiting researcher**
 - FaceLab, Liverpool. (United Kingdom), April -August 2022;
 - Department of Archaeology. Sheffield University (United Kingdom), Nov 2018;
 - Department of Archaeology. UCL (United Kingdom), Nov 2018;
- **MSc** in Osteoarchaeology/ MSc thesis: "Identification of skeletal markers induced by daily activities of individuals from mass grave All Saints, Fishergate" (2016)/Department of Archaeology. Sheffield University (United Kingdom), Sep 2016 – Sep 2017;
- Courses in "Academic English" at the University of Aberdeen (United Kingdom), 2016;
- Professional development courses from the "British Council" at Al-Farabi Kazakh National University (Almaty).
- **BA (hons)** in Archaeology and Ethnology/ BA Thesis: The theoretical problems of Saka archaeological culture (2015)/Department of Archaeology and Ethnology, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University (Kazakhstan), Sep 2011 – Jul 2015.

RECENT PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES 2023-2024

1. Title: Photogrammetry in Bioarchaeology: Revolutionising Research and Public Engagement in the study of human remains in Kazakhstan (Central Asia) in BANEA/ The British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology, Glasgow.Scotland, UK/ 3-5 January 2024

2. Title: "Gendered Practices and Internalised Patriarchy in Archaeological Fieldwork in Central Asia: the parallel challenges faced by women archaeologists in Central Asia and West Asia. Glasgow, Scotland, UK/ 3-5 January 2024
3. Mapping Women Working on the Past and Present of Central Asia: SteppeSisters Network at Symposium: Mapping the Past: History and Cultures of Central Asia. British Library, London/29 September 2023
4. Steppe Sisters Annual meeting & lecture by Diana Kudaibergenova. University of York, York

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Steering committee member at Steppe Sisters <https://www.steppesisters.org/>;
- Member of BANEA British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology (<https://www.banea.org/>)(grant 2023)
- Member of BBAO British Association for Biological Anthropology and Osteoarchaeology (<https://babao.org.uk/>);
- Member of Young Research Alliance;
- Member of Delegation from Kazakhstan at Kurultaj, 2018. VIII. 10-12. Bugac. Hungary;
- Coordinator of Academic Mobility Program at the Department of International Cooperation., L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University;
- Coordinator of QS Rankings at Faculty of History, L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University;

FIELDWORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Analysis of osteological material from the excavations at the Saraychik settlement, Kazakhstan, Atyrau. September - October 2019/August 2024.
- Analysis of osteological material from the excavations at the Shagalaly burial site, Kazakhstan. Author: Raisova A.D.: 2022/2024.
- Participation in an international archaeological expedition organized by the Yunus Emre Institute, Turkey, July-August 2019.
- Participation in the international tour on academic cooperation, People's Republic of China, June-July 2019.
- Analysis of osteological material in the laboratory of the University of Sheffield, the UK. 2017
- Chingistau complex archaeological and ethnographic expedition (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, 2014);
- Ishim Stationary Archaeological Expedition (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, 2013);
- Makin ethnographic expedition with international experts (L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, 2012).

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

- Sakenov, S.K., Raissova, A., Mysyr, O.D., & Tavukçu, Z.A. (2024). Interdisciplinary Study of Anthropological Material from the Settlement of Shagalaly II. To be published in Proceedings in Archaeology and History of the Ancient and Medieval Black Sea Region: Archaeology, History, Numismatics, Sigillography, and Epigraphy.
- Anthropological Report on Human Remains from the Shagalaly Burial Site, Kazakhstan. Author: Raisova A.D. 17.09.2024
- Anthropological Report on Human Remains from the Shagalaly Burial Site, Kazakhstan. Author: Raisova A.D. 22.12.2022
- Anthropological Report on Human Remains from the Saraychik Settlement, Atyrau, Kazakhstan. Author: Raisova A.D. 15.10.2019
- Anthropological Report on Human Remains from the Saraychik Settlement, Atyrau, Kazakhstan. Author: Raisova A.D. 12.08.2024
- Osteological Analysis of Human Remains from the Archaeological Site Uzuncaburç, Turkey. Author: Raisova A.D. 23.09.2024
- Nikita E, Raissova A. The comparative analysis of skeletal markers induced by daily activities of individuals from post-medieval England (in progress);

- Habdulina MK, Raissova AD “Teoriticheskoe nasledie K.A. Akisheva v arheologii Sakov// Vestnik ENU im. L.N. Gumilyov. Seriya obshestvennih nauk. -Astana, 2015. - № 5 (108). – C. 314-285.
- Raisova AD. “Sovremennoe sostoyanie problemi proishozhdeniya saksnoi arheologicheskoi kulturi// XLVII Uralo-Povolzhskaya arheologicheskaya studencheskaya konferenciya: sb. nauch. statei/nauch.red. S.A. Kabatov, otv. red. V.N. Rassadin. - Kostroma: KGU im. N.A. Nekrasova, 2015.-s.80-83.
- Raisova AD. “New discoveries of the Early Iron Age elite burials on the territory of Kazakhstan// Proceedings of the 53rd International Scientific Student Conference: MSSC-2015: Archaeology / Novosib. Un-ty. Novosibirsk, 2015.-p. 54-56.
- Raisova AD. “On the scientific heritage of KA Akishev (the 90th anniversary) the National Unity Doctrine of Kazakhstan. - Astana: LLP "Dame", 2015. - p. 160-165.

OTHER SKILLS

- Geometric morphometric methods (Photogrammetry), creating 3D models of bones
- Experience with software like ImageJ, Photoshop; Agisoft Metashape, Stratovan Checkpoint
- Working with silicone mold methods (CGP)
- Languages: Kazakh; Russian, English
- IT and presentation skills.

COURSES

- Workshop: “What Bones Can Tell Us: Introduction to Bioarchaeological Analysis” Kahramanmaras University, Türkiye
- Workshop: “Bones in Focus: Photogrammetry and Bioarchaeology. A New Perspective to the Past” Kahramanmaras University, Türkiye
- Introduction to Archaeology / The Stone Age of Kazakhstan / Historical Anthropology / Medieval History of Kazakhstan / Latest Concepts in Ethnological Research / New and Contemporary History of Kazakhstan / Medieval Archaeology of Kazakhstan / Archival Studies / Historical Anthropology / Methodology of History / Introduction to Ethnology / Museology / Methodology of History / Foreign Archaeology / International Archaeology / Digital Technologies in Archaeology / Methodology of History / Museology / Ethnology