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### STUDIES

- 2019 Master of Fine Arts, Saimaa University of Applied Sciences  
2006 Bachelor of Design, Savonia University of Applied Sciences, Kuopio Academy of Design,  
2007 Reindeer leather tanning courses, Education Institute of the indigenous Sami people, Inari  
2014 – 2015 Courses in dyeing and printing with colours from plants and mushrooms, bronze casting and serigraphy and nontoxic graphics

### SELECTED SOLOEXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Olevainen, Gallery Himmeli, Karstula  
2008 Rajankanto, Art Center Väinölä, Varkaus  
2008 Rajankanto, Sarajärvi Gallery, Helsinki  
2007 Ikimieli, The Craft Museum of Finland, Jyväskylä  
2007 Ikimieli, Juminkeko - The Information Center for the Kalevala and Carelian Culture, Kuhmo

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Katoavaisuus, Varikko Gallery, Seinäjoki  
2019 Wool Works, Craft in the Bay Gallery, Cardiff, United Kingdom  
2019 Taiteen Vuoksi, Gallery Forum box, Helsinki  
2018 Toinen viiva -enviromental art, Hämeenlinna  
2017 SQIN, Pirkanmaa muotoilee VI -exhibition. Eckerö Post- and Customhouse, Eckerö  
2015 Kuusiston aikaa, Kuusisto Art Manor, Kuusisto  
2014 Biomechanical, Gallery Kapriisi Tampere and Lasipalatsi Helsinki  
2008 Multimediashow with photographer Eero Murtomäki, Taranaki, New Zealand

### COLLECTIONS

- aiKALainen Karstulan community  
Taivumme Karstulan community

### WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2014 – Entrepreneur, free artist  
2014 Wild materials – work shop, with Aki Choklat, Rob Goodwin and Liisa Saarni: [Photos in Youtube](#)  
Collaboration with Artranta Design and Architecture Residence.  
2014 Article in the book Poukama – new creative fishing culture. [The book can be loaded here](#)  
2012 – Collaboration with fashion designer Camilla Mikama  
2006 – 2010 Researchassistant Snowchange Cooperative; trips to research culture, traditional knowledge and climate change to Siberia, Sakha Republic, Russia.  
2005 – 2014 Member of Snowchange Cooperative  
2004 Internship in Iceland. Bone, horn, wool and leather works, Guðrún Steingrimsdóttir, Akureyri

### MEMBERSHIPS

- The Jewellery Art Association  
Ornamo Art and Design Finland  
The Pirkanmaa Design, Arts and Crafts association Modus ry