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Academic Working Experience

Post-doctoral researcher

Utrecht University, Apr 2013 – present

Working on the research project “Risking Lives: Constructing Risk Group Identities in Dutch Public Discourse in the Twentieth Century”, in which I use a mix of traditional and digital humanities methods to investigate the construction of medical risk factors and risk groups in public debates.

PhD researcher (aio)

Leiden University, Dec 2008 – Mar 2013

Prepared a history of science PhD thesis on the nineteenth-century Leiden anatomical collections, in which I offered a new way of understanding anatomical collections: as dynamic entities used in a hands-on manner, thus enabling continuous reinterpretation.

Research assistant (part-time)

KNAW (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences)

Dec 2009 – Apr 2010

Assisted in writing a coordinating research proposal for the Dutch humanities, in particular the section on public confidence in the (life) sciences.

Education

PhD in the history of science

Leiden University, 2013

Thesis title: “Preparations on the Move: The Leiden Anatomical Collections in the Nineteenth Century”.

Graduate certificate STS

Graduate School WTMC, 2010

WTMC is the Dutch National Graduate Research School for Science and Technology Studies.

Summer School biology and the public

Ischia Summer School, 2011

International summer school on the history of the life sciences.

MSc in history and philosophy of science

Utrecht University, 2008

Graduated cum laude for exceptional achievement.

Thesis title: “Gas Discharge Tubes at the Museon: A Collection Description”.

BSc in physics

Utrecht University, 2006

Graduated cum laude for exceptional achievement.

Publications

Book chapters

“Adieu Albinus: How the Preparations in the Nineteenth-Century Leiden Anatomical Collections Lost Their Past”, in *The Fate of Anatomical Collections*, ed. R. Knoeff and R. Zwijnenberg (Farnham: Ashgate, forthcoming).

M.M.A. Hendriksen, H.M. Huistra and R. Knoeff (all authors contributed equally), “Recycling Anatomical Preparations”, in *Medical Museums: Past, Present, Future*, ed. S. Alberti and E. Hallam (London: Royal College of Surgeons of England, 2013), 74–87.

“Collecties op college: Het gebruik van anatomische preparaten in het negentiende-eeuwse geneeskundeonderwijs aan de Nederlandse universiteiten” [“Collections in the Classroom: The Use of Anatomical Preparations in Nineteenth-Century Medical Teaching”], in *Van lectio tot powerpoint: Over de geschiedenis van het onderwijs aan de Nederlandse universiteiten*, ed. L.J. Dorsman and P.J. Knegtman (Hilversum: Verloren, 2011), 25–41.

Edited articles

“Weg met pottenkijkers! Hoe het publiek verdween uit het Leids anatomisch kabinet” [“How the Public Disappeared from the Leiden Anatomical Cabinet”], *Negentiende Eeuw* 34 (2010): 193–208.

Popularizing articles

“Komt dat zien? Anatomische preparatencollecties en het publiek” [“Anatomical collections and the public”], in *Vesalius: Het lichaam in beeld*, ed. Geert Vanpaemel (Leuven, Davidsfonds: forthcoming).

H.M. Huistra, T. Cocquyt, H.N. Asper and T. van der Valk, “Proeven van Vroeger: Een ANW-module wetenschapsgeschiedenis” [“A high-school history of science course”], *NVOX* 37 (2012), 422–424.

“Weerkunde van weleer: Buys Ballot en zijn wet.” [“Meteorology of Yesteryear: Buys Ballot and His Law”], *Zenit* 33 (2006), 76–79.

Book reviews

Review of the anatomical museum Museum Vrolik, in *Studium* 7 (2014), 63–64.

Review of: Laurens de Rooy et al., *Verzamelaars van Vorm*, in *Studium* 3 (2010), 96–97.

Review of: Mart van Lieburg, *Al doende leert men: De Rotterdamse jaren van Gerrit Jan Mulder (1802–1880)*, in *Geschiedenis der geneeskunde* 14 (2010), 188–189.

Teaching Experience

BSc course Academic Integrity, Utrecht University, ongoing, with L.T.G. Theunissen
Course developer and lecturer

BSc course Philosophy of Biology, Utrecht University, spring 2014, with L.T.G. Theunissen, L.C. Palm, N. Jacobs, J.J. Oldenburger and S. van der Laan
Lecturer

MSc course Science and the Public, Leiden University, winter 2011–12, with F. van Lunteren, M. Weiss, A. Elbers and A. Streefland
Course developer and lecturer

MA course Anatomical Museums, fall 2011, Leiden University, with M.M.A. Hendriksen and R. Knoeff
Course developer and lecturer

History of Science course for talented high-school pupils, Junior College Utrecht University, fall/winter 2011–12, with H.N. Asper and T. Cocquyt
Course developer and lecturer

MSc course Foundation of Quantum Mechanics, Utrecht University, fall 2007, under supervision of J. Uffink
Teaching assistant

Physics crash course for high-school pupils, Utrecht University, winter 2007–08, under supervision of J. Ruijschoot
Teaching assistant

Outreach Activities

Museum educator / Guide (volunteer)

Sonnenborgh (science museum and public observatory, Utrecht) Jan 06 – present

Developer high-school course in history of science (part-time job)

Junior College Utrecht Sep 08 – Jan 10

Exhibition researcher / Creator visitor information (several short-term projects)

Utrecht University Museum 2004 – 2009

Museum educator / Collection researcher (internship)

Museon (science museum, The Hague) Sep 07 – Aug 08

Grants and Fellowships

Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society, thesis printing grant	2013
Stichting Historia Medicinae, thesis printing grant	2013
Wellcome Centre for the History of Medicine (UCL), visiting researcher	2011 (Jan – Apr)
Leiden University Fund (LUF), research travel grant	2011
Stichting Historia Medicinae, research travel grant	2011

Skills

Organizational skills: Co-organized two international conferences; currently co-organizing a seminar series.

Languages: Dutch (native), English (fluent, CEF level C1/C2), German (reading), French (reading), Frisian (native).

Talks

Invited talks

“Adieu Albinus: How an Anatomical Collection Fails to Become a Historical Object” [in Dutch], Conference on the historization of scientific objects, Museum Vrolijk, Amsterdam, 14 June 2014

“Dead Body in the Closet: How Lay Visitors Disappeared from Institutional Anatomical Collections in the Nineteenth Century”

Guest lecture Amsterdam University College, Amsterdam, 22 November 2013

“Communicable Diseases? How Medical Knowledge Travels”

Guest lecture summer school on transatlantic relations, Utrecht University, 26 July 2013

“Handle with Care!”, co-presented with R. Knoeff

Public lecture on anatomical collections, Museum Boerhaave, Leiden, 13 March 2013

“The Changing Meanings of the Leiden Anatomical Collections” [in Dutch]

Research seminar cultural history department, Leuven University, 15 November 2011

Lecture on the Leiden anatomical collections and the general public [in Dutch]

Guest lecture MA course, Leuven University, 15 November 2011

“Remove Lid before Use: Handling Wet Preparations outside Their Jars”

Workshop “Wet Preparations: Anatomy, Pathology and the Human Body Contained”, London, 10 June 2011

“Collecting Nineteenth-Century Anatomy”, co-presented with M.M.A. Hendriksen
Low Countries Seminar, London, 25 March 2011

“How the Public Disappeared from the Leiden Anatomical Cabinet” [in Dutch]
Conference on the public use of Dutch collections in the nineteenth century, Teylers Museum,
Haarlem, 19 March 2010

“Cultures of Collecting: The Undervalued Cultural and Historical Significance of Biology
Collections”, workshop, co-moderated with M.M.A. Hendriksen
SPNHC Annual Meeting, Leiden, 10 July 2009

“Cultures of Collecting: The Leiden Anatomical Collections in Context”, co-presented with
M.M.A. Hendriksen
SPNHC Annual Meeting, Leiden, 9 July 2009

Conference Papers

“Advertising Fatness: Body Size as a Health Risk Factor in Dutch Newspaper Advertisements”
ESHS Conference 2014, Lisbon, 4 September 2014 (forthcoming)

“Using Digitized Newspaper Archives to Investigate Identity Formation in Long-Term Public
Discourse”, co-presented with T. Pieters
Digital Humanities Conference 2014, Lausanne (forthcoming)

“Beyond Patterns: Using Digital Methods to Find and Think about Particularities”, co-presented
with A.G.M. Mellink
Digital Humanities Benelux Conference, The Hague, 12 June 2014

“Please Do Touch: Hands-On History of Science Teaching”, co-presented with T. Cocquyt
Dutch National History of Science Conference, Zeist, 14 June 2013

“... But Some Are More Made Than Others: Models, Preparations and How They Differ”
HSS Annual Meeting, San Diego, 17 November 2012

“Adieu Albinus: The (Non-)Historization of the Leiden Anatomical Collections”
Conference “Cultures of Anatomical Collections”, Leiden, 17 February 2012

“Preparations on the Move: The Leiden Anatomical Collections in the Age of the Clinic and the
Laboratory”
UMAC Conference 2011, Lisbon, 22 September 2011

“Take the Lid off before Use: Handling Anatomical Preparations”
Dutch National History of Science Conference, Zeist, 17 June 2011

“Collections in the Classroom: The Use of Anatomical Collections in Nineteenth-Century
Medical Teaching” [in Dutch]

Conference on the history of Dutch university teaching, Utrecht, 26 November 2010

“Right Time, Wrong Place: Collections and the Institutionalization of Comparative Anatomy at Leiden University”

Conference “Discipline Formation and the Universities”, Utrecht, 24 August 2010

“Staying on Top of Things: Defending the Leiden Anatomical Collections, 1815–1830”

Workshop “Cultures of Collecting”, Leiden, 7 November 2009

“Collecting Pathological Anatomy”

Dutch National History of Science Conference, Zeist, 26 June 2009