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### Brief Biography

My main research interests include the archaeology of early states and state formation, the integration of material and textual evidence, and connections between the various regions of the ancient Near East (especially Egypt, Syria and Anatolia) and the eastern Mediterranean (especially the Aegean). I received my M.A. in Mediterranean Archaeology in 2003 at the University of Amsterdam, and completed my PhD in January 2009 at the VU University of Amsterdam. I have been involved in various research excavations in Romania, Syria, and Greece and I am currently the assistant-director of the University of Amsterdam excavations at Tell Ibrahim 'Awad in Egypt. I am currently involved in various research projects, including 'The Petrie Perspective'; a collaboration between the Allard Pierson Museum at Amsterdam, the Griffith Institute in the University of Oxford, the Petrie Museum (UCL) in London, and the British School at Athens, which aims to explore the networks between early archaeologists (19th and early 20th century) and their patron (museums, wealthy art collectors) in Egypt.

### Education:

#### Ph.D. in Ancient History, 8th January 2009. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Dissertation: The Kingdom of Mycenae, a Great Kingdom in the Late Bronze Age Aegean.

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. R. J. van der Spek, Dr. F. A. M. Wiggermann.

Committee: Prof. D. G. Yntema (Amsterdam), Prof. D. J. Bennet (Sheffield), Prof. B. Burke (Victoria), Prof. W. F. van Soldt (Leiden), Prof. M. J. Raven (Leiden).

#### M.A. in Mediterranean Archaeology, 13th June 2003. University of Amsterdam.

Thesis: Myceens aardewerk in Egypte (Mycenaean Pottery in Egypt). Supervisors: Prof. Dr. J. H. Crouwel, Drs. W. M. van Haarlem, Drs. J. Derksen.

### Professional memberships, affiliations

10/2013 – Research Member of the Common Room, Wolfson College, Oxford.

05/2011 – 01/2014: Affiliated Researcher at the Allard Pierson Museum, Amsterdam.

01/2008 – 12/2009: Member of the Irish Institute for Hellenic Studies, Athens.

05/2006 – 12/2007: Member of the British School at Athens.

### Professional service and work experience:

02/2014 – Curator at the Allard Pierson Museum, the Archaeological Museum of the University of Amsterdam.

11/2013 – Research Associate at the Oriental Institute of the University of Oxford.

03/2013 – 01/2014: Research Facilitator in the Humanities Division at the University of Oxford.  
*Supporting the development of research through the establishment of collaborations and the preparation of bids for external funding.*

05/2011 – 03/2013: Research Grant Advisor at the Technology Transfer Office of the University of Amsterdam.

*Scouting for academic talent within and outside the university, and liaising with colleagues at (research) funding organisations in order to provide the university with up-to-date feedback on new policies or research funding opportunities.*

09/2007 – 12/2013: Editor of 'Talanta, proceedings of the Dutch Archaeological and Historical Society'.

*Coordinating the assessment of scholarly articles in the field of archaeology and history; responsible for liaisons with academics in the relevant fields.*

09/2004 – 03/2013: Guest Lecturer and (post graduate) student supervisor at various Life Long Learning Institutes and Universities (including the University of Amsterdam, the VU University of Amsterdam and Leiden University).

02/2009 – 04/2011: Policy officer at NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research), Humanities Department.

*Managing an annual budget of approx. €7M in academic funds, responsible for, e.g., the development and implementation of new funding programmes in the field of open access publishing, archaeology.*

- 05/2007 – 01/2009: Freelance Archaeological draughtsman  
*Projects for the German Archaeological Institute (Athens and Eurasien departments), Greek excavations at Sikyon (Greece), Cambridge University / BSA excavations at Keros (Greece).*
- 05/2006 – 04/2007: Project Assistant at the Archive of the British School at Athens.  
*Responsible for creating a catalogue for the Vronwy Hankey collection at the archives of the British School.*

## **Publications:**

### **Monographs**

- 2012: *Troy. City, Homer and Turkey*, with G. Uslu and O. Faruk Serifoglu (eds.), W-books Publishers, Zwolle.
- 2010: *The Kingdom of Mycenae; A Great Kingdom in the Late Bronze Age Aegean*, CDL Press, the University of Maryland Press.
- 2007: *Architectuur in Egypte* (Architecture in Egypt), with R. Woltering, Bulaaq Publishers, Amsterdam.
- 2002: *Zicht op de Oudheid* (Exhibition Catalogue "A View on Antiquity"). Archaeological Service, Haarlem.

### **International (peer reviewed) Articles**

- 2013: Narmer, Scorpion, and the Representation of the Early Egyptian Court, in *Origini. Rivista di preistoria e protostoria delle civiltà antiche* XXXV, 153-166.
- 2012: Ahhiyawa and the World of the Great Kings: A Re-evaluation of Mycenaean Political Structures, in A. Papadopoulos (ed.), *Current Research and Perspectives on the Late Bronze Age Eastern Mediterranean (Talanta XLIV)*, in press / accepted for publication.
- 2012: Horseback riding and cavalry in Mycenaean Greece, in *Ancient West and East* 11, 1-18.
- 2011: A New Reading for Lydian 'laqrisa' as "words" or "inscriptions"(?), in *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 2011-36.
- 2010: The Egyptian Interest in Mycenae, in *Jaarbericht Ex Oriente Lux* 42, 125-140.
- 2009: Royal Gift Exchange between Mycenae and Egypt, in *American Journal of Archaeology* 113/3, 339-352.
- 2008: A Great King at Mycenae; a case for the wanax as Great King and the lawagetas as vassal ruler, in *Palamedes* no.3, 49-74.
- 2005: Greece during the Late Bronze Age, in *Jaarbericht Ex Oriente Lux* 39, 131-179.
- 2004-5a: The Mycenaean in Western Anatolia, in *Talanta XXXVI-XXXVII, Proceedings of the Dutch Archaeological and Historical Society*, 49-81.
- 2004-5b: The Chariots of Ahhiyawa, in *Dacia, Revue d'archéologie et d'histoire ancienne*, 151-160.
- 2002-3: Mycenaean Pottery in Egypt, in *Talanta XXXIV-XXXV, Proceedings of the Dutch Archaeological and Historical Society*, 9-18.

### **Reviews**

- 2012: *Review of Andreas Schachner, Hattuscha, Auf der Suche nach dem sagenhaften Großreich der Hethiter*, C.H.Beck Verlag, Munich 2011. in *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 69, 2/3, 314-319.
- 2010a: *Review of Robert Fischer, Die Ahhijawa-Frage, Mit einer kommentierten Bibliographie. Dresdner Beiträge zur Hethitologie* 26. Wiesbaden 2010, in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2010.10.32.
- 2010b: *Review of Fantalkin, Alexander and Assaf Yasur-Landau, eds. Bene Israel: Studies in the Archaeology of Israel and the Levant during the Bronze and Iron Ages in Honour of Israel Finkelstein (Culture and History of the Ancient Near East)*, Brill, Leiden 2008. in *American Journal of Archaeology* 114/2.
- 2009: *Review of Maria Deoudi, Ithake, Die Polis-Hohle, Odysseus und die Nymphen, Thessaloniki 2008*. in *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2009.11.22.
- 2007: *Review of Joachim Latacz's "Troy and Homer"*, Oxford University Press, Oxford 2004. in *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 64, 5/6, 743-745.

### **Popular articles**

- 2012: *De Paarden van Argos. Ruiters en Ruitelij in het Myceense Griekenland*, in Allard Pierson Mededelingen 105, 14-17.
- 2012: *Een Olijfbloom voor de Farao; Myceense diplomatieke contacten in de Late Bronstijd*, in *Phoenix* 58/1, 5-26

- 2009: *Steden in Myceens Griekenland* (with S. Kelder), in Phoenix 55/1, 4-26.  
 2009: *Overzeese contacten*, in Kunst en Wetenschap 18/1, 17-18.  
 2004: *Mykene, Griekenland, Ahhijawa en de Oriënt*, in Phoenix 50/3, 121-131.

### **Academic papers**

- 2013: Prehistoric and Early Greece Graduate Seminar, Oxford: *Ahhiyawa and the Mycenaean State(s)*, 5 Nov.  
 2010: Dutch Symposium on the Archaeology of the Near East (DUSANE), Leiden: *Mycenaeans in Egypt?*, 27th March.  
 2009: University Leiden, Faculty of Archaeology: 'Presenting New Research' Lecture: *'The Wanax as a Mycenaean Great King'*, 19th Feb.  
 2008a: ICAM conference at the Netherlands-Flemish Institute at Cairo, 25 -29 Oct. Lecture: *'The Egyptian Interest in Mycenaean Greece'*, 28th Oct.  
 2008b: MELAMMU Symposium 6, held at Sofia, 1-3 Sept. Lecture: *'The role of olives and olive oil in prestige gift exchange between Mycenae and Egypt in the Late Bronze Age'*, 2nd Sept.  
 2008c: Irish Institute for Hellenic Studies at Athens. Lecture: *'Of Olives and Oil. Royal Connections between Mycenae and Egypt'*, 28th Oct.

### **Awards**

- 2008: Research Grant 'Stichting Philologisch Studiefonds Utrecht'  
 2006-8: Member of the Irish Institute for Hellenic Studies at Athens  
 2007: Research Grant NWO ('Kort verblijf buitenland')  
 2006 -7: Member of the British School at Athens  
 2006: Research Grant NWO ('Kort verblijf buitenland')  
 2005: Alexander S. Onassis Fellow (Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation, Athens, Greece).  
 2005: Research Grant NWO ('Kort verblijf buitenland')  
 2004: Research Grant NWO ('Kort verblijf buitenland')  
 2003: Student Grant University of Amsterdam ('for excellent students')

### **Fieldwork experience:**

- Tell Ibrahim 'Awad (Egypt) excavations: 2002 – present  
 Pietrele (Romania) excavations: 2004 – 2010  
 Keros, Cyclades (Greece) excavations: 2006 – 2007  
 Tell Sabi Abyad (Syria) excavations: 2003 – 2005  
 Geraki, Laconia (Greece) excavations: 2001 - 2003

### **Languages:**

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| Dutch: native speaker | Italian: proficient (reading only) |
| English: fluent       | Spanish: sufficient (reading only) |
| German: very good     | Latin: proficient (reading only)   |
| French: good          | Lydian: sufficient (reading only)  |
| New Greek: proficient |                                    |