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Employment

- 2019- present Associate Professor in the Department of Pedagogics, University of Groningen, Groningen.
Senior Researcher at 113 Suicide Prevention the Netherlands (secondment, 0.2 fte)
- 2013 - 2019 Assistant Professor in the Department of Pedagogics, University of Groningen, Groningen.
- 2017 - 2017 Visiting researcher for "the Generation Study", with Professor Ilan Meyer at The Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law (Los Angeles, USA), a think tank on sexual orientation, gender identity law and public policy. (1.0 fte for 3 months).
- 2013 - 2013 Lecturer in the Department of Social Sciences, Wageningen University (WUR), Wageningen.
- 2011 - 2013 Postdoctoral researcher and guest lecturer, Department of Theory and Research in Education, VU University Amsterdam
- 2009- 2010 Academic researcher with the research group "Emancipation, Youth and Family" at the Netherlands Institute for Social Research
- 2004 - 2008 PhD Candidate and instructor, Department of Sociology, VU University, Amsterdam.

Education

- 2003 - 2004 Master in Gender, Culture and Modernity, Goldsmiths College, University of London, UK.
- 1997 - 2002 Bachelor & Master in Sociology (Social Issues and Policy) VU University, Amsterdam, NL

Research

Research Interests

- Suicide, suicidal behavior and suicide prevention among youth.
- The wellbeing of potentially vulnerable youth, e.g., ethnic minority youth, sexual minority youth, foster youth.

Research Publications

International Refereed Articles Published Recently 2019-2022

- De Lange, J., Baams, L., Van Bergen, D. D., Bos, H. M., & Bosker, R. J. (2022). Minority stress and suicidal ideation and suicide attempts among LGBT adolescents and young adults: a meta-analysis. *LGBT health* (In Press)
- Van Bergen, D., Eylem-Van Bergeijk, O., & Montesinos, A. H. (2021). Attempted suicide and suicide of young Turkish women in Europe and Turkey: A systematic literature review of characteristics and precipitating factors. *PLoS one*, 16(8), e0253274.
- Van Bergen, DD., Saharso, S., Degener, C.J., Bartelink B.E & Vanderfaeille J. (in press). Moral Dilemmas in Foster Care due to Religious Differences Between Birth Parents, Foster Parents, and Foster Children. Accepted for publication in the *Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal*.
- Van Bergen, D.D., Feddes, A.R., & de Ruyter, D.J. (2021). Perceived discrimination against Dutch Muslim youths in the school context and its relation with externalising behaviour. *Oxford Review of Education*, 1-20.
- Van Bergen, DD., Wilson, BD., Russell, ST., Gordon, AG., & Rothblum, ED. (2020). Parental Responses to Coming out by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Pansexual, or Two-Spirited People across Three Age Cohorts." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12731

- Mérelle, S., Van Bergen, D., Looijmans, M., Balt, E., Rasing, S., van Domburgh, L., ... & Franx, G. (2020). "A multi-method psychological autopsy study on youth suicides in the Netherlands in 2017: Feasibility, main outcomes, and recommendations". *PLoS one*, 15(8), e0238031.
- De Lange, J., Van Bergen, D.D., Baams, L., Timmerman, M.C., & Bos, H.M. (2021). Experiences and needs of sexual and gender minority young adults with a history of suicidal ideation regarding formal and informal mental healthcare. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, 1-13.
- Looijmans, M., Van Bergen, D., Gilissen, R., Popma, A., Balt, E., Creemers, D., ... & Mérelle, S. (2021). Additional value of peer informants in psychological autopsy studies of youth suicides. *Qualitative health research*, 10497323211022316.
- Parra, L.A. Van Bergen DD., Dumon, E. Kretschmer, T. La Roi, C. Portzky, G. Frost, DM (2021). Family belongingness attenuates entrapment and buffers its association with suicidal ideation in a sample of Dutch sexual minority emerging adults." *Archives of Sex Research*, jan 04 2021, PMID: 33398694.
- Osinga, M., van Bergen, D. D., van Brummen-Girigori, O. J., Kretschmer, T., & Timmerman, M. C. (2021). "We say 'Mothers' but mean 'parents'": Qualitative perceptions and experiences with father absence among Curaçaoan, Curaçaoan-Dutch, and Dutch young people. *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 07435584211014878.
- Huisman, A., & Van Bergen, DD. (2019). Peer specialists in suicide prevention: Possibilities and pitfalls. *Psychological Services*. 6(3), 372-380. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ser0000255>
- Degener, C.J., Grietens H.W.E & Van Bergen, D.D. (in press) Grasping ethnic identity fluctuations of transculturally placed foster youth: A longitudinal study. Accepted for Publication in *Qualitative Social Work*.
- Degener, C.J., Van Bergen, D.D., Grietens H.W.E (2020) "Being one, but not being the same": A dyadic comparative analysis on ethnic socialization in transcultural foster families in the Netherlands. *Child & Family Social Work: 1-9*.
- Degener, C.J. Van Bergen, D.D. Grietens H.W.E (2020). The ethnic identity complexity of transculturally placed foster youth in the Netherlands. *Children and Youth Services Review*. doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.104957
- Degener, C.J. Van Bergen, D.D. Grietens H.W.E (2020) The ethnic identity of transracially placed foster children with an ethnic minority background: A systematic literature review. *Children and Society* <https://doi.org/10.1111/chso.12444>
- Balt, E., Mérelle, S., Van Bergen, D., Gilissen, R., van der Post, P., Looijmans, M., ... & Popma, A. (2021). Gender differences in suicide-related communication of young suicide victims. *PLoS one*, 16(5), e0252028
- Kiekens, W., la Roi, C., Bos, HMW., Kretschmer, T., Van Bergen, DD., & Veenstra, R. (2020). "Explaining health disparities between heterosexual and LGB adolescents by integrating the minority stress and psychological mediation frameworks: findings from the TRAILS Study." *Journal of youth and adolescence*, 1-16.

International Refereed Articles Published before 2018

- Van Bergen, DD., Van de Looij- Janssen, P., & Eikelenboom, M. (2018). Attempted suicide of ethnic minority girls with a Caribbean and Cape Verdean background: rates and risk factors. *BMC Psychiatry*, 18, [14]. [https://doi.org/ \(...\)86/s12888-017-1585-7](https://doi.org/ (...)86/s12888-017-1585-7)
- Kievitsbosch, AF., Timmerman, MC., Schreuder, PR., & Van Bergen, DD. (2018) "Hanging Out in the Past: Looking for Trouble or Romance? An Exploration of the Practice and Meaning of Hanging Out for Young Dutch People in 1930-60". *YOUNG: Nordic Journal of Youth Research*, 27(2).
- Van Bergen, DD., Wachter, G., & Feddes, AF. (2017). Externalizing behaviours of Turkish-Dutch and Moroccan- Dutch youth: The role of parental cultural socialization. *European Journal of Developmental Psychology*, 16(1),18-31
- Van Bergen DD., De Ruyter DJ. & Pels TVM (2017) "Us against Them, or All Humans Are Equal? Intergroup Attitudes among Muslim Immigrant and Native Dutch Youth and Perceived Parental Socialization". *Journal of Adolescent Research*, 32(5), 569-594.
- Van Bergen, DD.,& Saharso, S. (2016). "Female autonomy and suicidal behavior". *European Journal of*

Women's Studies, 23 (3): 297-311.

- ♦ Eylem, O., Van Bergen, DD., Rathod, S., van Straten, A., Bhui, K., & Kerkhof, AJFM. (2016) "Canna kymak -"Crushing Life Energy": A Qualitative Study on Lay and Professional Understandings of Suicide and Help-seeking among Turkish Migrants in the UK and in the Netherlands." *International Journal Of Culture And Mental Health*. Vol 9(1-4) 182-196. doi.org/10.1080/17542863.2016.1161653
- ♦ Van Bergen DD., Ersanilli EF., De Ruyter DJ. & Pels TVM. (2016) Turkish-Dutch Youths' Attitude Toward Violence for Defending The In-Group. What Role Does Perceived Parenting Play? *Peace and Conflict, Journal of Peace Psychology*, 22(2), 120-133
- ♦ Van Bergen, DD., Feddes, AF., Doosje, B., & Pels, TVM. (2015) "Collective identity factors and the attitude toward violence in defense of ethnicity or religion among Muslim youth of Turkish and Moroccan Descent". *International Journal Of Intercultural Relations*, 47, 89-100
- ♦ Van Lisdonk, J., van Bergen, D., Hospers, H. & Keuzenkamp, S. (2015) "The Importance of Gender and Gender Nonconformity for Same-sex Attracted Dutch Youth's Perceived Experiences of Victimization across Social Contexts." *Journal of LGBT Youth*, 1 (1): 233-253
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & Spiegel T. (2014) "Their Word Cut me Like a Knife". *Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Dutch Youth Coping with Stigmatization. Journal of Youth Studies*, 17(10): 1346-1361
- ♦ Van Bergen DD., Bos HWM., Lisdonk J., Keuzenkamp S. & Sandfort T. (2013) "Victimization and Suicidality among Dutch Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youths". *American Journal of Public Health* 103:70-72.
- ♦ Van Bergen DD., Smit JH., Van Balkom AJLM. & Saharso S. (2012) "I Felt so Hurt and Lonely - Suicidal Behavior of Young Immigrant Women in the Netherlands". *Transcultural Psychiatry* 49(1):69-86.
- ♦ Van Bergen DD., Eikelenboom M., Smit JH., Van de Looij Janssen PM. & Saharso S. (2010) "Suicidal Behavior and Ethnicity of Young Females in Rotterdam, the Netherlands: Rates and Risk Factors". *Ethnicity & Health* 15(5):515-30.
- ♦ Van Bergen DD., Smit JH., Van Balkom AJLM. & Saharso S. (2009) "Suicidal Behavior of Young Immigrant Women in the Netherlands. Can We Use Durkheim's Concept of Fatalistic Suicide to Explain their Behavior?" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 32(2):302-322.
- ♦ Van Bergen DD., Smit JH., Van Balkom, AJLM., Van Ameijden E. & Saharso S. (2008) "Exploration of Suicidal Ideation in Majority and Minority Adolescents in Utrecht, the Netherlands." *Crisis, the Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention* 29(4):202-208.
- ♦ Van Bergen DD., Smit JH., Kerkhof AJFM. & Saharso S. (2006) "Gender and Cultural Patterns of Suicidal Behavior. Young Immigrant women of Hindustani Background in the Netherlands." *Crisis, the Journal of Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention* 27(4):181-188.

PhD Thesis

- ♦ Van Bergen DD. (2009) *Suicidal Behavior of Young Migrant Women in the Netherlands. A Comparative Study of Minority and Majority Women*. PhD thesis, VU University Amsterdam.

Dutch (Refereed) journals

- ♦ Van Bergen, D., Van der Vaart, de Jong, W., Stiekema, E. & Parlevliet, S. (in press). A systematic literature review for the purpose of developing youth literature intervention on sexuality diversity in secondary schools. *Pedagogiek* [article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van der Zwaan, L., Van Bergen, D. Osinga, M. en O. Van Brummen-Girigori (in press). Mothers on Curaçao, Curaçaoan-Dutch mothers and Dutch mothers perspectives on the rol of fathers after separation. *Pedagogiek* [article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen DD & Bijker, L. (2019) "Suicide and Attempted Suicide by young people in Amsterdam". *Pedagogiek* [article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & Spiegel T. (2015) "Self Esteem of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Dutch Students in relation Stigma and Tolerance of Sexual Diversity in their School Context". *Pedagogiek*, 35(2), 167-18 [article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & S. Saharso (2010) "Suicidal Behavior of Young Minority Women. The Role of the

Family Context." Tijdschrift voor Cultuur, Migratie en Gezondheid 2:62-75 [article in Dutch]

- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & S. Saharso (2010) "Attempted Suicide of Young South Asian-Surinamese Young Women". OSO Tijdschrift voor Surinamistiek en het Caribisch Gebied. [article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. (2006) "Partner Choice among the Second Generation of Turkish and Moroccan Immigrants" door Bouw C. & Sterckx L. Migrantenstudies 22(1):27. [article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. "The Work and Living Conditions of Male Sexworkers in Amsterdam", Migrantenstudies 19(4):240-251. [article in Dutch]

Books and Contributions to Books

- ♦ Dumon, E., Van Bergen, DD. (2019). "Suicidal Behavior of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons". In C. van Heeringen, A. J. F. M. Kerkhof, G. Portszky, & D. de Beurs (Eds.), Handboek Suïcidaal Gedrag. Uitgever De Tijdstroom. [chapter in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen DD., Heredia-Montesinos, A. & Schouler-Ocak M. (Editors) (2015) "Suicidal Behavior of Immigrants and their Children in Europe". Gottingen, Hogrefe Publishers.
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & Saharso S. (2010) "Immigrants and Suicidal Behavior. The Role of Gender". in L. Sher & A. Vilens (Editors) Immigration and Mental Health: Stress, Psychiatric Disorders and Suicidal Behavior among Immigrants and Refugees. New York, NovaPublishers.
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & Saharso S. (2009) "Surviving Victimhood. Lessons to Be Learnt from Suicide Attempts by Immigrant Women in the Netherlands". In J. Van de Zwaard, J. Janssen & S. Keuzenkamp (Editors). Autonomy and Imagination. Rotterdam, Kosmopolis [chapter in Dutch].

Other Publications

- Merelle, DD. Van Bergen, Creemers, D., Popma, A (2021). Psychologische autopsie na suicide in de adolescentie: een levensfase vol uitdagingen ." Tijdschrift voor Orthopedagogiek. [Article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen, DD. & Huisman A. (2019) "De waarde van ervaringsdeskundigen voor suicidepreventie." Tijdschrift voor Orthopedagogiek [Article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Essen, HW., van Bergen, DD., & Stoker, JI. (2017). "Feminisering: maakt het verschil?" Nederlands tijdschrift voor tandheelkunde, 124(11), 575-579. [https://doi.org/\(...\)7/ntvt.2017.11.17182](https://doi.org/(...)7/ntvt.2017.11.17182) [Article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Essen, H., van Bergen, D., & Tanja, B. (2015) "Een terugblik: pedagogen en kinderen over de Sinterklaasmythe". PIP-pedagogiek in praktijk, 20(88), 14-18. [Article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen, DD. & Pels, T.V.M. (2013) "Essay: Invloed op radicale jeugd. Goed contact met ouders maakt mild." Jeugd en Co, 7, 22-24. [Article in Dutch]
- ♦ Van Bergen, DD (2013) "Coping en Veerkracht. Acceptatie van Homoseksualiteit en het Welbevinden van Homojongeren". Maatwerk 4, 25-27 [Article in Dutch]

(Chapters in) Research Reports

- ♦ Cense, M., Joemmanbaks, F., van Bergen, DD., Baams, L. ., de Graaf, H., Mailiepaard, E. ... & de Den Daas (2021). 'Ik was altijd al niet standaard'. Kwalitatief Onderzoek naar de beleving van van bi+ volwassenen. <https://biplus.nl/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ik-was-altijd-al-niet-standaard-Beleving-Bi.pdf>
- ♦ Baams, L., de Graaf, H., van Bergen, DD., Cense, M., Maliepaard, E., Bos, H.M.W, ... & Joemmanbaks, ... F. (2021). Niet in één hokje: Ervaringen en welzijn van bi+ personen in Nederland. <https://biplus.nl/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Rapport-%E2%80%93Niet-in-een-hokje-maart-2021.pdf>
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & Van Lisdonk J. (2011) "Safe to be yourself? Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth in the Netherlands". in van den Berg, van Houwelingen & De Hart (ed) Informal Groups. An Exploration of Modern Sources of Social Cohesion. The Hague, the Netherlands Institute for Social Research, pp 232-243 (in Dutch).
- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & Van Lisdonk J. (2010) "Acceptance and Stigmatization in Dutch Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual

youth. in S. Keuzenkamp (ed) Report on the Social Acceptance of Homosexuality in the Netherlands 2010". The Hague, the Netherlands Institute for Social Research, pp 154-173 (in Dutch).

- ♦ Van Bergen DD. & Van Lisdonk J. (2010) "The Psychological Wellbeing of Dutch Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Youth. in S. Keuzenkamp (ed) Report on the Social Acceptance of Homosexuality in the Netherlands 2010". The Hague, the Netherlands Institute for Social Research, pp 174-196 (in Dutch).
- ♦ Van Lisdonk J. Van Bergen DD. & (2010) "How Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Youth Express their Sexual Orientation". In S. Keuzenkamp (ed) LGB Report on the Social Acceptance of Homosexuality in the Netherlands 2010. The Hague, the Netherlands Institute for Social Research, pp 132-153 (in Dutch).

Grant Applications and Funding for Research (Successful applications only)

- 2021 Subsidy from 113 Zelfmoordpreventie to continue an intervention developed for FWOS (see 2018) where LGBT children's literature is used to improve pupils attitudes' toward LGBT people and to examine its role for LGBT pupils wellbeing. Role: Formal Principle Co-Investigator. Status: successful [€150.000] (non-competitive grant)
- 2020 Grant from the Ministry of Health and the grassroots organization Bi plus Nederland for a study of the wellbeing of Bisexual + people in the Netherlands. Role: Formal Co-applicant. Status: Successful [€50.000] (competitive grant)
- 2019 Grant from the Dutch Organization for Health Care Research (ZonMW) for a follow-up implementation of the project awarded in 2016 (the role of peer specialists with a history of suicidality who work in mental health care). Role: Formal Principle Investigator: Status: Successful [€40.000] (non-competitive grant).
- 2019 Grant from the Dutch Organization for Health Care Research (ZonMW) for a research project. "Toward a healthy psychosocial adjustment of religious diverse foster children: Practical guidance for ethical dilemmas due to religious differences". Principle Investigator (PI): Status: Succesful [€130.000] (competitive grant).
- 2018 Grant from the Dutch Foundation for Research into Sexuality (FWOS) for a Pilot study, i.e. an intervention study where we use LGBT children's literature to explore whether this influences students' attitudes' toward LGBT people. Role: Principle Investigator (PI): Status: succesful [€50.000] (competitive grant).
- 2017 Grant from the Dutch Organization for Health Care Research (ZonMW) for an intervention study that offers suicide prevention among LGBT youth. Role: Formal Main Applicant and Principle Investigator (PI): Status: Succesful [€300.000] (competitive grant)
- 2016 Grant from the Dutch Organization for Health Care Research (ZonMW) for a study into the role of peer specialists with a history of suicidality who work in mental health care. Role: Formal Principle Investigator (PI) and formal Main applicant: Status: Successful [€70.000] (competitive grant).
- 2016 Grant from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) for the study "Roots are Powerful" into the ethnic identity development of immigrant foster children who live with majority Dutch families. Role: Informal Main Applicant. Status: Succesful. [€174.000] (competitive grant)
- 2016 Grant from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) for the study: "Father absence and consequences for reproductive behavior and psychosocial development among Caribbean, Caribbean- Dutch and native Dutch youth". Role: Formal Co-Applicant. Status: succesful [€600.000, i.e. 150.000 for each applicant] (competitive grant)

- 2012 German grant for organizing the conference “Suicidal behavior of immigrants and their descendants in Europe”, (DFG Deutsche Forschungs-Gemeinschaft. SCHO 772/2-1). Role: Formal Co-Applicant. Main applicant: A. Heredia-Montesinos [€1.500] (competitive grant)
- 2003 Schuurman Schimmel Schuurpenninx van Outeren Grant for Master studies at Goldsmiths College. Role: Formal Main Applicant. Status: Succesful [€2.500] (competitive grant)
- 2003 VSB Talent Grant for Master studies at Goldsmiths College, University of London. Role: Formal Main Applicant. Status: Succesful [€7000] (competitive grant)

International Collaborations (selection)

- 2021 - Present I am co-chair of a European Research Network on the topic of Youth Suicide. I took the initiative to form this network and it is currently taking shape in close collaboration with my network.
- 2021 - 2021 International collaborations for a suicide grant proposal at the European Union (ERC Consolidator). Although the proposal was not funded, it received positive evaluation (see appendix). I also shows my ability to successfully build a global network of international researchers from Australia (Jo Robinson) and Lithuania (Paulus Scruibius, Danuta Gailliene)
- 2018- 2018 I was the host for PhD candidate Luis Parra of the University of California, USA (National Science Foundation scholarship). Since then we continued to collaborate on several papers.
- 2017- 2017 International research stay with the Generation Study team, The Williams Institute, UCLA School of Law (Los Angeles, USA), a think tank on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. Consortium of 4 research groups. Led by Ilan Meyer (PI).
- 2013 - 2015 Book (edited volume) on the topic Suicidal Behavior of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in Europe, published by Hogrefe. For this book I collaborated with Meryam-Schouler-Ocak and Amanda Heredia-Montesinos (Germany) and we involved major suicidologists including David Lester (USA), Binesh Bhugra (UK), Nav Kapur (UK) and Erminia Colucci (UK).

Research Support and Supervision: PhD's, Postdocs, Graduate and Undergraduate Students

- 2017-2021 PhD: C. Degener. Project: Ethnicity in foster care (defended 10.2021)
- 2018-2021 PhD: J. de Lange. Project: Suicidality of LGBT youth (sent to committee 01.2022)
- 2019- present PhD: M. Looijmans. Project: Suicide prevention in youth care.
- 2017- present PhD: M. Osinga. Project: Father absence Caribbean youth.
- 2016- present PhD: A. Kievitsbosch. Project: Being young together, a study of youth's life world.
- 2019 - present Postdoc dr. B. Bartelink. Project: Ethical dilemmas around religion in foster care.
- 2018 - 2020 Postdoc dr. L. Van der Zwaan, Project: Father Absence Caribbean youth.
- 2016- 2017 Postdoc dr. A. Huisman. Project: Peer specialists in suicide prevention.
- 2013 - 2021 Approx. 25 Master students and 35 Bachelor students in Pedagogics (various projects)

International invited presentations, international scientific meetings and collaborations

Organization of symposia and workshops (selection)

- 2021 Symposium “Symposium Proposal: Understanding suicide among young people in The Netherlands. Novel insights using a psychological autopsy study approach”. Four speakers, World Conference of Suicide and Suicidal Behavior (IASP), Goldcoast, Australia.
- 2021 Symposium “Suicide and suicide prevention in different cultural contexts”, three international speakers. Qualitative Mental Health Conference, Valetta, Malta.

- 2021 Symposium "Diversity in Foster Care", three speakers. Qualitative Mental Health Conference, Valetta, Malta.
- 2019 Symposium "Psychological autopsy studies: Methodological lessons and recent insights about suicide in Europe", 3 international speakers. World Conference of Suicide and Suicidal Behavior (IASP), Londonderry, UK.
- 2014 Symposium "Suicidal behavior of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in Europe", 4 European speakers, European Symposium on Suicide and Suicidal Behavior, Tallin, Estonia.
- 2012 Symposium and workshop "Suicidal behavior of Immigrants and Ethnic Minorities in Europe". 15 European researchers. Charite University Berlin, Germany.

Individual Presentations at International Conferences

Every year, I present my work at the European Symposium of Suicide and Suicidal Behavior. (IASP, International Association of Suicide Prevention) or at the World Conference of Suicide and Suicide Prevention (IASP). I also regularly present at qualitative methods and/or qualitative research conferences, for example "Qualitative Mental Health Conference" (Europe), "the Qualitative Report" (USA) and "The Qualitatives" (Canada)

Invited presentations at international universities (Selection)

"Moral Dilemmas in Foste Care due to Religious Differences Between Birth Parents, Foster Parents, and Foster Children." Dept. of Law & Social Policy, Royal Holloway, University of London (contact dr. Ravinder Barn), 2022

"Understanding the complexities in parental responses to coming out by LGB people across three generations in the United States. Research Group "Sexual and Gender Diverse Children", Dept. of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA (Contact: Allegra Gordon, MSc.), 2019.

"The sources of perceived discrimination against Turkish-Dutch and Moroccan-Dutch Muslim youth." Dept. of Psychology, Middlesex University, London, UK. (Contact: dr. Erminia Colucci), 2018.

"Suicidality of young immigrant women in the Netherlands" at the Workshop Migration & Family, the Social Science Research Center Berlin, Germany (Contact: dr. Sarah Carol) 2010.

Research Activities

Research Activities since Assistant Professorship at the University of Groningen 2013- 2021

- ◆ 113 suicide prevention/Ministry of Health project: "Children's literature's influence on adolescents" attitude towards sexual diversity" (2021-2023) Principle investigators: Diana van Bergen and Sanne Parlevliet. In this multi method study we supervise a junior researcher. We examine through a class based reading intervention, whether a children's literature intervention is effective in building empathy for LGB people and decreasing stigmatization, and improving LGB pupils wellbeing.
- ◆ 113 suicide prevention/Ministry of Health project: "Exploration of experiences and needs of people bereaved by suicide in the Netherlands. (October-November 2021) Principle investigator: Renske Gilissen. In this short study, through a literature study and a survey, we examine (complicated) grief experiences of suicide survivors and explore which interventions are promising to alleviate the burden.
- ◆ Ministry of Health/ Bi+ Nederland Project: "The wellbeing of bisexual young people and adults in the Netherlands", (2020-2021) Principle Investigator: Laura Baams. For this project, I developed a research instrument (interview topic list), I co-authored two reports that emerged from the study "Ik was altijd al niet standaard" and "Niet in één hokje". (see publication list)
- ◆ "Suicide among young people in 2017-2018. A psychosocial autopsy study", sponsored by the Dutch Ministry of Health/ 113 suicide prevention. (2018-2019) Principle Investigator: Saskia Merelle, 113 For this project, I developed a research instrument (interview topic list), I helped writing the research protocol. I also developed and provided training for the interviewers and and supervises the team of five junior researchers who coded the interview data of 120 survivors of 35 suicides of young persons.
- ◆ FWOS project "Out of the book closet. Children's literature's influence on adolescents" attitude towards

sexual diversity" (2019-2020) Principle investigators: Diana van Bergen and Sanne Parlevliet.

In this pilot study I was one of the daily supervisors of a junior researcher. We explored through a class based reading intervention, the contents and mechanisms that may influence the ways in which children's literature is effective in building empathy for LGB people.

With help of 113 zelfmoordpreventie, this project has been expanded to 2021-2022 (junior researcher).

- ♦ ZonMW project "Preventing suicidality among Dutch Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) youth through a web-based intervention" (2018-2022) Principle Investigator: Diana van Bergen

In this project I am one of the daily supervisors of a PhD student who examines if a web-based intervention for the treatment of suicidal ideation among LGBT youth if a feasible and successful strategy of reducing suicidality in this population. The project includes qualitative interviews with lgbt youth and the development and test of an E-health intervention.

- ♦ NWO Project "Father absence and consequences for reproductive behaviour and psychosocial development among Caribbean, Caribbean-Dutch and native Dutch youth." (2017-2022) Principle Investigator: Greetje Timmerman.

In this project I am one of the daily supervisors of the PhD student, and supervise particularly the qualitative part of the study where we examine perceptions of father absence among young people living in Curaçao as well as among Curaçaoan-Dutch youth, and Dutch youth.

- ♦ ZonMW project "The peer specialist: possibilities for the recovery of suicidal care consumers" (2016-2018) Principle investigator: Diana van Bergen

In this project I supervised a postdoctoral researcher. We examined how peer specialists with a history of suicidality can successfully contribute to suicide prevention within mental health services. Our primary research approach consisted of qualitative interviews with 75 stakeholders (peer specialists, suicidal care consumers, clinicians, managers, and peer specialist educators

Postdoctoral Research at VU University

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| 2011 - 2013 | I analyzed the role of parenting with regard to ethnic or religious conflicts among youth (age 14-22) of three ethnicities. I developed and implemented a school survey and internet survey: "Jong & Divers" (N>1000), and managed the project-wide sampling. |
| 2011 - 2013 | I negotiated access to study participants with whom I carried out in-depth interviews: 60 youth (age 16-22) belonging to three ethnic groups who were either conflict prone or non-conflict prone regarding issues of ethnicity/religion. I also interviewed some of their parents. I organized a symposium for academics and professions to disseminate the research findings. |

Academic Research at the Netherlands Institute for Social Research

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| 2009 - 2010 | I arranged and conducted qualitative interviews with 30 LGB youths who experienced high levels of stigmatization. |
| 2009 - 2010 | I analyzed the psychological wellbeing of Dutch lesbian, gay, bisexual (LGB) youth (age 16-25) in relation to stigmatization. In order to do so, I developed and implemented the first Dutch large scale study of LGB youth: "Sam Feelings" (N>1600).
I also developed a large scale survey of LGB adults: "Roze Vragenlijst" (N>5000). |

PhD Research at VU University

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| 2007 - 2008 | I arranged and conducted life-story interviews with 47 young women with a history of suicidal behavior in four ethnic groups, focusing on their interpretations of their suicide attempt, as well as their history of migration, childhood, stressful life events, abuse, family relations and religion. I contacted participants through healthcare professionals and via the internet, with permission of the ethics committee. |
| 2006 - 2008 | I analyzed the prevalence and risk factors of suicidal ideation and suicidal behavior in survey data of 4500 adolescents (age 14-16) of 4 ethnicities in Rotterdam and Utrecht. |

- 2005 – 2006 I conducted a study of motives for attempted suicide of individuals admitted to the Emergency Ward of the VU medical center, Amsterdam.
- 2006 I studied 120 medical files of young suicidal immigrant women of Turkish, Moroccan, South Asian and Dutch origin, who were seen at a clinic for mental health services in Amsterdam.

Valorization of Research

Societal Impact of Research

I am a societally engaged and policy directed researcher. I took up a secondment at a societal organization, 113 Suicide Prevention the Netherlands, as I wanted to work more closely and directly toward effective suicide prevention at a national level. 113 suicide prevention works in close collaboration with the Dutch Ministry of Health and stakeholders such as NS/ Prorail, Dutch Police Force and Slachtofferhulp Nederland in order to decrease suicide rates and alleviate the burden and the tragedy of suicide. I was the senior methodological expert responsible for the first psychological autopsy study of youth suicide in the Netherlands (2019–2020), carried out at 113 suicide prevention the Netherlands. Through my affiliation with 113 Suicide Prevention, I engage in multiple direct policy efforts related to my research of understanding and preventing suicide among young people. For example, the recommendations of the psychological autopsy study among young people for 113, were adopted in the recently launched National Suicide Prevention Agenda of the Netherlands 2021–2025, supported and sponsored by the Dutch government.

Press (Selection of press attention for research I was involved in)

- 2021 Webinar over de uitkomsten van het onderzoeksrapport naar het welbevinden van Bi+ personen in Nederland. <https://biplus.nl/talkshow-hoe-is-het-om-bi-te-zijn/>
- 2020 Leeuwarder courant, Interviewfragmenten met Diana van Bergen over het toegenomen aantal jonge chatters bij de hulplijn 113 zelfmoordpreventie sinds Corona. Januari 2021 <https://lc.nl/friesland/Jongeren-lopen-door-de-coronabeperkingen-vaker-rond-met-plannen-voor-zelfdoding-26397353.html>
- 2020 NOS Aandacht voor de uitkomsten van het 113 onderzoek naar suïcide onder jongeren in Nederland. <https://nos.nl/artikel/2318851-jongeren-die-in-2017-zelfmoord-pleegden-vaak-verstrikt-in-web-van-zorg> [interview with Saskia Merelle from 113]
- 2020 Talkshow Jinek. Aandacht voor de uitkomsten van het 113 onderzoek naar suïcide onder jongeren in Nederland. Januari 2020. <https://tvblik.nl/jinek/aflevering-10>
- 2019 OogTV, Groningen, Interview met Diana van Bergen in een drieluik over het opgroeien bij lesbische of homoseksuele ouders. mei 2019, zie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ps-VgJA4mY&feature=youtu.be>. Gemaakt door Carolien de Ronde
- 2018 De Volkskrant, “Hindostaanse vrouwen staan vaak alleen na misbruik” Interview fragmenten met Diana van Bergen, 18 januari, 2018. <https://www.volkskrant.nl/nieuws-achtergrond/hindostaanse-vrouwen-staan-vaak-alleen-na-misbruik-ze-zijn-wild-vlees-en-hebben-er-zelf-voor-gezorgd~b8f9bc26>. Geschreven door Janny Groen.
- 2017 NRC handelsblad. De Sint ontmaskerd: Moet je het kind wel laten geloven? Interviewfragmenten met Diana van Bergen. <https://www.nrc.nl/nieuws/2017/11/16/de-sint-ontmaskerd-moet-je-het-kind-wel-laten-geloven-14056058-a1581363>. geschreven door Martine Kamsma.

Teaching

Teaching Activities

Courses

- 2022 Organizer Summerschool *Youth Suicide Prevention* (co-developed with 113 suicide prevention)
- 2020- Coordinator and Lecturer for the course "Domain Specific Professional Skills". Course for 17 MA students in the Program Ethics of Education, Philosophy, History and the Law
- 2013 - Coordinator and lecturer for the course "Intercultural Pedagogy".
Course for 130 BA students (2nd year). Department of Education, Groningen
- 2013- Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Introduction to Sociology".
Course for 130 BA students (1st year). Department of Education, Groningen University
- 2013 - Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Sociology of Education".
Course for approx. 70 BA students in Teacher Education (1st year AOLB). Department of Education, Groningen University
- 2013 - 2016 Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Intercultural Pedagogy".
Course for approx. 30 BA students (3rd year MINOR Challenging Youth). Department of Education, Groningen University
- 2013 - 2016 Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Gender, Diversity and Education".
Course for approx. 30 BA students (3rd year MINOR Challenging Youth). Department of Education, Groningen University
- 2013 Coordinator and tutor for the course "Paper Challenging Youth".
Course for approx. 30 BA students (3rd year MINOR Challenging Youth). Department of Education, Groningen University
- 2013 - 2016 Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Challenging Youth".
Introduction for approx. 30 BA students (3rd year MINOR Challenging Youth). Department of Education, Groningen University
- 2013 Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Analysis of a Social Problem" (theme: migration).
Course for 1st year BA Students in the department of Social Sciences, Wageningen University.

Guestlectures (Selection)

- 2019 - 2021 Guestlecturer for the course "Life span development and socialization" (course of the Research Master in the Behavioural and Social Sciences at Groningen University. Course coordinator B. Jeronimus) (3 lectures in 2019, 2020 and 2021)
- 2018 - 2019 Guestlecturer for the course "the Best Interest of the Child" (course of the Master 'Ethics of Education'), Department of Education, Groningen University. Course coordinator S. Parlevliet) (1 Lecture in 2018)
- 2017 - 2018 Guestlecturer for the course "Sexuality Studies (Seksuologie), Department of Psychology, Groningen University. course coordinator P. de Jong) (2 Lectures (in 2017 and 2018)
- 2016 Guestlecturer for the course "Designing policy for education and youth care" (course of the Master 'Youth, Society and Policy', Department of Education, Groningen University. Course coordinator P. Schreuder) (1 Lecture in 2016)
- 2013 - 2016 Guestlecturer for the course "Family Pedagogics" (Gezinspedagogiek), Department of Education, Groningen University. course coordinator S. Parlevliet) (3 Lectures in 2014, 2015 and 2016)

Organization and Services

Committees and Boards at the University of Groningen

2021- present	Member of the "Open Science Working group" Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences
2020- present	Member of the Library Committee, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences
2020- present	Member of the RUG Selection Committee for VSB scholarship (Ma/ PhD study abroad)
2020- present	Coordinator of the first year ("Propedeuse"), Pedagogical Sciences and Education
2018 - present	Co-Chair expertise centre LGBTQIA+ research, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences
2017- present	Member of the exam committee, Pedagogical Sciences and Education
2016 - 2017	Member of the Educational Committee, Pedagogical Sciences and Education
2014- 2016	Coordinator Minor Challenging Youth, Pedagogical Sciences and Education
2016- 2017	Chair of the working group "Improvement of student knowledge of the course literature"

Membership of International and National Scientific Societies

Member of IASP (International Association of Suicide and Suicide Prevention, special interest groups "Culture and Suicidal Behavior" and special interest group "LGBTQI+", listserver member of AAS (American Association of Suicidology), member of suicide researchers network Belgium & the Netherlands, member of SureNet (Network of Dutch suicide researchers)

Service to the Profession

2007 - present	Reviewer for scientific journals including (but not limited to) <i>Archives of Suicide Research</i> , <i>Youth Studies</i> , <i>Death Studies</i> , <i>Sociology of Health and Illness</i> , <i>BMC Psychiatry</i> , <i>Ethnicity and Health</i> , <i>Culture and Psychiatry</i> , <i>Journal of Homosexuality</i>
2007- present	Member of the advisory board of Suicide Prevention Program of the City of Amsterdam.
2018 - present	Member of the Editorial board of the Dutch Journal for Pedagogics <i>Pedagogiek</i>
2016 - 2022	Member of the Dutch Organization for Health Care Research (ZonMW) committee for the national program (and its follow-up) <i>Suicide Prevention in the Netherlands</i>
2019- 2021	Member of the Dutch Organization for Health Care Research (ZonMW) committee for the national program <i>Gender and Prevention in Health and Health care</i>