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## Employment

- 2023-present Professor (In Dutch “Adjunct Hoogleraar”) Understanding and Preventing Suicide and Suicidal Behavior among Young People”, the Department of Pedagogics, University of Groningen, Groningen. Chair of a Research Lab with 4 PhD students, 3 Postdoctoral Researchers, and 4 Ba/Ma students (see [Research Lab \(dianavanbergen.nl\)](https://dianavanbergen.nl))
- 2019-2023 Associate Professor in the Department of Pedagogics, University of Groningen, Groningen. Senior Researcher at 113 Suicide Prevention the Netherlands (secondment, 0.15 fte)
- 2013 - 2019 Assistant Professor in the Department of Pedagogics, University of Groningen, Groningen.
- 2017 - 2017 Visiting researcher 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 (Track: 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 between 2019-2024

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- Looijmans, M., van Bergen, D., Popma, A., van Eijk, N., Mérelle, S., van Veen, S., ... & Gilissen, R. (2023). The self-perceived needs of adolescents with suicidal behaviour: a scoping review. *European Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*
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- De Lange, J., Baams, L., Bos, H., Bosker, R., Dumon, E., Portzky, G., ... & Van Bergen, D. (2022). Moderating role of coping in the association between minority stress and suicidal ideation and suicide attempts among sexual and gender minority young adults. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*. 52(6), 1178-1192.
- De Lange, J., Baams, L., van Bergen, D. D., Bos, H. M., & Bosker, R. J. (2022). Minority stress and suicidal ideation & suicide attempts among LGBT adolescents: a meta-analysis. *LGBT health*. DOI: 10.1089/lgbt.2021.0106
- Degener, C.J., Grietens H.W.E & Van Bergen, D.D. (2022) Grasping ethnic identity fluctuations of transculturally placed foster youth: A longitudinal study. *Qualitative Social Work*. 22(3), 537-552.
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- 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*, 38(6), 983-1015.
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- Coming out by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Pansexual, or Two-Spirited People across Three Age Cohorts." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 83(4), 1116-1133.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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*.
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## Articles in Dutch Journals 2019-2024

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- van der Zwaan, L., van Bergen, D., van Brummen-Girigori, O., & Osinga, M. (2022). Moeders op Curaçao, Curaçaose Moeders in Nederland en Nederlandse Moeders Over de Rol van Vader na de Relatiebreuk: Houden ze de Poort Open? *Pedagogiek*, 42(1), 86-113.
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## (Chapters in) Research Reports 2019- 2024

- Cense, M., Joemmanbaks, F., van Bergen, D.D., 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, D.D., Cense, M., Maliepaard, E., Bos, H.M.W, ... & Joemmanbaks, ... F. (2021). Niet in één hokje: Ervaren 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>

## Grant Applications and Funding for Research

### Competitive and non-competitive grants 2016-2024

2024	Consortium Grant from the Dutch Organization for Health Care Research (ZonMW) for a Dutch Consortium for Suicide Prevention. Role: Formal Main Applicant and Principle Investigator (PI): Status: Succesful [€900.000, for RUG: €370.000] (competitive grant)
2023	NWO Grant (NWO Promotiebeurs voor Leraren) for the study "The role of Bullying to Suicide": Informal Main Applicant. Status: Successful. See statement from Johannes Westberg and Anne Fredriks about my role in this grant application. .[€213.000] (competitive grant)
2023	Grant from the Dutch Organization for Health Care Research (ZonMW) for an intervention

	study that offers suicide prevention among Transgender and Gender diverse youth. Role: Formal Main Applicant and Principle Investigator (PI): Status: Successful [€100.000] (competitive grant)
2023	NWO Grant (NWO Promotiebeurs voor Leraren) for the study “ Why do young Dutch men die by suicide? Role: Informal Main Applicant. Status: Successful. See statement from Hilda Amsing and Eline Verschoor about my role in this grant application. .[€189.500] (competitive grant)
2022	Grant application at the private Dutch foundation (Kinderpostzegels) for an intervention study on suicide prevention among foster youth. Role: Formal Principle Investigator. Status: Succesful . [€140.000] (competitive grant)
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 LGB pupils' wellbeing. Role: Formal Principle Co-Investigator. Status: successful [€300.000] (non-competitive grant)
2021	Grant application at the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. 'bullying/abuse related youth suicides in the Netherlands'. Status: Not successful. (Competitive grant)
2021	Grant application at the EU (ERC Consolidator grant) 'bullying/abuse related youth suicide in three countries: the Netherlands, Lithuania, Australia'. Role: Formal Principle Investigator. Status: Positive evaluation by panel but not successful. [€2.0000.000] (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)
2020	Grant application at the Bergling Foundation for a study into peer specialists in youth suicide prevention in three countries: The Netherlands, Belgium & Denmark. Role: Formal Principle Investigator. Status: Not successful (reason unclear) [€700.000] (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 [€20.000] (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).
2018	Grant Application at NWO-NWA Jeugd route, for developing and studying a reading intervention where LGBT children's literature is used to improve young people 's attitudes' toward LGBT people. Role: Formal Main Applicant. Status: Unsuccesful. [€762.000] (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 [€230.000] (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: Successful. See letter from Hans Grietens in the appendix about my role in this grant application. [€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)
- 2016 Grant application at the Call for Interdisciplinary PhD/ doc scholarships, Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Groningen University. Title: True Colors. A study of Support Group for Sexual Minority Youth. Role: Formal Main Applicant. Status: Unsuccessful (competitive grant)

### International Collaborations (selection)

- 2022- Present I organize a yearly Summerschool on Youth Suicide Prevention with multiple International Speakers and International Students.
- 2021 - Present I am chair of a European Research Network on the topic of Youth Suicide. I took the initiative to form this network and with this network we are currently applying for EU funding.
- 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 as contributors.

### International invited presentations, international scientific meetings and collaborations

#### Individual Presentations at International Conferences (Selection)

Recently (2024), I gave a on *key note lecture* suicide prevention among young people, at the *Intuition, Imagination & Innovation in Suicidology Conference* (Slovenian Center for Suicide Prevention). 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.

### Organization of symposia and workshops (selection)

- 2023      Symposium "Suicidality and suicide prevention among LGBT youth" Four speakers, World Conference of Suicide and Suicidal Behavior (IASP), Portoroz, Slovenia.
- 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.

## Research Activities and Projects

### Research Activities and Projects since Assistant Professorship at the University of Groningen 2013- 2024

- ZonMW Consortium for Suicide Prevention, the Netherlands. 'A Prevention, Risk, Resilience and Recovery Approach of Suicidal Behavior in Middle Aged Men & Youth' (2025-2027). Principal Investigator: Diana van Bergen. Together with > 20 organizations, our aim is to reduce suicide and suicide related behaviors (STBs) in socially vulnerable youth and middle-aged men via: 1. Understanding protective, recovery factors and risk factors 2. Identifying enabling/hindering factors in implementing interventions 3. Developing implementation frames for suicide prevention.
- ZonMW Grant for the Project "A web based cognitive behavioral therapy that addresses gender dysphoria, gender minority stress and suicidality among gender minority youth." (2024-2026). Principal Investigator: Diana van Bergen. Gender diverse youth have a 7-10 fold risk of suicidality. We examine: To what extent is a web-based, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) specially designed for young gender diverse youth in the Netherlands, an effective and feasible treatment to reduce their suicidality?
- Kinderpostzegels Project 'A Suicide Prevention Intervention Project for Foster Youth' (2023-2025). Principal Investigator: Diana van Bergen. Foster youth have a 3-4 times higher risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors. In this project, based on state of the art of intervention research as well as interviews with the target group(s), we develop and test a training for foster parents aimed at improving their coping with stressful situations related to their foster child's suicidality.
- BSS Grant (Sector Plannen, "Resilience") for the Project 'Recovery of Suicidal Thoughts among Young People'. (2022-2024). Principal Investigators: Mandy Gijzen, Diana van Bergen & Bertus Jeronimus. Most young people who suffer from suicidal ideation overcome those thoughts over time. We will disentangle what is helpful for young people to recover from suicidality, in order to optimize suicide prevention.

- NWO Promotiebeurs Leraren project 'The Role of Bullying to Suicide.' Supervisor/ 1 Promotor: Diana van Bergen. In this study, we carefully map the life course of young people who died by suicide and the role that online bullying played in this, as well as the life course of young people with a history of bullying who did not die by suicide: this provides insights for suicide prevention. By also studying social media data, a methodologically innovative contribution is made to science.
- NWO (Promotiebeurs Leraren) project "Understanding Suicide in Young Men. Supervisor/ 1 Promotor: Diana van Bergen. Through Durkheims and Joiner theory of Suicide, this study aims to better understand suicides of young men in order to develop suicide prevention. Through interviews with parents and friends of deceased young men (and a control group), it is investigated how developments in the peer group, the demands of modern society and personal challenges are relevant to suicides of young men during the corona period.
- 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)
- ZonMW project "Toward a healthy psychosocial adjustment of foster children: Practical guidance with ethical dilemmas due to religious differences." Principle Investigator: Diana van Bergen. In this project, we aim to find out how to understand and organize care in accordance "the best interest of the child", foster children who live in a transreligious and transcultural foster family placement.
- "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 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 is 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: Tina Kretschmer

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)

## 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 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, direct policy implications of my work have been substantial, in the sense that the recommendations of the psychological autopsy study among young people for 113, were adopted in the 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)

Please note that the official advise for the media is to report scarcely and carefully about suicide due to the evidence for imitation and contagion in this area.

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| 2023 | Ook pleegkinderen hebben recht op eigen geloofsbeleving. Trouw Interview over het ZonMW project over religieuze verschillen in de pleegzorg . <a href="https://www.trouw.nl/religie-filosofie/wat-doe-je-als-je-pleegkind-andere-religieuze-wortels-heeft-dan-jij~bec79900/?referrer=https://www.google.com/">https://www.trouw.nl/religie-filosofie/wat-doe-je-als-je-pleegkind-andere-religieuze-wortels-heeft-dan-jij~bec79900/?referrer=https://www.google.com/</a> |
| 2021 | Webinar over de uitkomsten van het onderzoeksrapport naar het welbevinden van Bi+ personen in Nederland. <a href="https://biplus.nl/talkshow-hoe-is-het-om-bi-te-zijn/">https://biplus.nl/talkshow-hoe-is-het-om-bi-te-zijn/</a>  |
| 2020 | Leeuwarder courant, Interviewfragmenten met Diana van Bergen over het toegenomen aantal jonge chatters bij de hulplijn 113 zelfmoordpreventie sinds Corona. Januari 2021 <a href="https://lc.nl/friesland/Jongeren-lopen-door-de-coronabeperkingen-vaker-rond-met-plannen-voor-zelfdoding-26397353.html">https://lc.nl/friesland/Jongeren-lopen-door-de-coronabeperkingen-vaker-rond-met-plannen-voor-zelfdoding-26397353.html</a>                                      |
| 2020 | NOS Aandacht voor de uitkomsten van het 113 onderzoek naar suïcide onder jongeren in Nederland. <a href="https://nos.nl/artikel/2318851-jongeren-die-in-2017-zelfmoord-pleegden-vaak-verstrikt-in-web-van-zorg">https://nos.nl/artikel/2318851-jongeren-die-in-2017-zelfmoord-pleegden-vaak-verstrikt-in-web-van-zorg</a> [interview with Saskia Merelle from 113]  |



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## Teaching and Supervision

### Teaching Activities

#### Course involvement since Assistant Professorship at the University of Groningen 2013- 2022

- 2016- present Supervisor of 7 PhD students and five postdoctoral researchers. Three PhD students have successfully defended their PhD thesis.
- 2022 -present Organizer of the yearly Summerschool *Youth 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 - present Coordinator and lecturer for the course "Intercultural Pedagogy". Course for 130 BA students (2nd year). Dept. of Education and Pedagogics
- 2013- 2019 Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Introduction to Sociology". Course for 130 BA students (1st year). Department of Education and Pedagogics.
- 2019 - present Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Sociology of Education". Course for appr. 300 BA students in Teacher Education (1st year AOLB) and Pedagogics. Dept. Education and Pedagogics
- 2013 - 2016 Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Intercultural Pedagogy". Course for appr. 30 BA students (3rd year MINOR Challenging Youth). Dept. of Education and Pedagogics
- 2013 - 2016 Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Gender, Diversity and Education". Course for appr. 30 BA students (3rd year MINOR Challenging Youth). Dept. of Education and Pedagogics
- 2013 Coordinator and tutor for the course "Paper Challenging Youth". Course for appr. 30 BA students (3rd year MINOR Challenging Youth). Dept. Education and Pedagogics
- 2013 - 2016 Lecturer and coordinator for the course "Challenging Youth". Introduction for appr. 30 BA students (3rd year MINOR Challenging Youth). Dept. of Education and Pedagogics

#### Guestlectures (Selection)

- 2019 - present 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)
- 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 Lectures 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- 2017 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

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
2020- present	Member of the Library Committee, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences
2018 - present	Co-Chair expertise centre LGBTQIA+ research, Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences
2017- present	Member of the Board of Examiners, Pedagogical Sciences and Education
2021- 2023	Member of the "Open Science Working group" Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences
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

Initiator and co-chair of International Research Network "Youth Suicide Prevention with 20 international members. 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

2015- Present	Guest speaker for professional organizations in the field of suicide prevention (e.g. <i>Lentis</i> Mental Health Care, De Rading Youth Care, De Balie Amsterdam)
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> , <i>Child and Youth Services Review</i> , <i>International Journal of Bullying Prevention</i> , <i>Psychiatry Research</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 [Pedagogiek]
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>

### Coursework, Mentor Trajectories and Coaching in relation to Supervision and Leadership

I have finalized the course "Supervising PhD Students", and I regularly continue to have intervision meetings with RUG colleagues who participated in this course. I am also involved in a mentoring trajectory with a professor from the faculty (Prof. Rafael Wittek) as well as I have just finished as coaching trajectory on leadership with an external professional coach. I see great benefits of these personal development efforts and will use the insights I gained to strengthen of the organization of BSS (RUG).