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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Anthropology

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2003-2012

Titel dissertation: "[Moral Natures: The Convergence of Imagined Futures around a National Park in Uganda.](#)"

Minor Gender

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
2006 – 2007

Interdisciplinary Minor in Gender Relations in International Development, through the UIUC Women and Gender in Global Perspectives program

M.S. Biology

University of Utrecht
1995 – 1999

Specialization: policy-oriented biology

B.S. Biology

University of Leiden
1994 – 1995

PERSONAL PROFILE

What drives me is an inexhaustible hunger for knowledge and an ambition to apply this knowledge to work towards a sustainable and just world. This is also the source of my self discipline, creativity, proactive attitude, and empathy. Successfully setting up and carrying out my dissertation research and my business Kusala demonstrate my commitment and organizational talent. I would like to contribute my experience as a researcher, teacher, and entrepreneur to the societal transitions necessary to slow down climate breakdown and to offer a liveable future for the next generations.

BUSINESS & CONSULTANCY

CIRCULAR ENTREPRENEUR

2014-now / Rotterdam / Kusala

Development, production, and sale of artisan and circular soaps and accessories from BlueCity Rotterdam, including the following activities:

developing soap recipes; identifying suitable waste streams; selecting suppliers; complying with EU regulations for cosmetics and webshops; collaborating with other entrepreneurs; applying for and completing CityLab010 and Circular Chain subsidy projects, hiring and training parttime employees; keeping up with inventory and financial administration.

CONSULTANT

2015-20 / Rotterdam & Vilm, Germany / German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (BfN) & Ministry of the Environment (BMUB)

- Researcher for the project "Global Study of the Commercial Cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants" Phase I and II (06-12/2017 & 7/2019-10/2020).
- Co-organizer and co-facilitator of the two-day workshop "Workshop on Knowledge Management with regard to the sustainable use of natural resources" on the Island of Vilm, Germany; also co-author of a background document (02-08/2016).
- Co-organizer and co-facilitator of the two-day workshop "Non Detriment Findings for imports of CITES-listed timber into the EU" on the Island of Vilm, Germany; also co-author of a background document and a guidance document (11/2015-06/2016).

RESEARCH

RESEARCH ASSISTENT

2012 / Urbana-Champaign, U.S. / University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

For the program "Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy" at the Beckman Institute (05-08/2012).

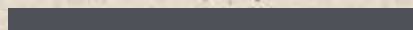
RESEARCHER

2009 / Amsterdam / Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

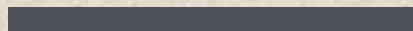
Ethnographic field research for a project on youth and sexuality at the Department of Research Methodology, Faculty of Social Sciences (04-06/2009).

LANGUAGES

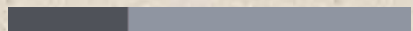
Dutch



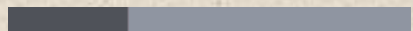
English



French



German



COMPETENCIES

Dedicated and proactive

Self discipline and efficiency

Analytical and solution-oriented

Collaborating with organizations,
entrepreneurs, and employees

IT SKILLS

MS Office & Adobe Photoshop

Wordpress & Woocommerce

SoapMaker 3 inventory program

E-boekhouden (bookkeeping)

Teaching programs (Blackboard,
Compass, Moodle)

Programs for statistical and geographical
analysis (SPSS, SAS, GIS)

INTERESTS

Gardening & permaculture

Walking my rescue dog Sora

Vegetarian & vegan cooking

Joining climate demos & actions

RESEARCH (cont.)

PHD RESEARCHER

2006 & 2008 / Uganda / University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Ethnographic field research: "Moral Natures: The Convergence of Imagined Futures around a National Park in Uganda" (05-07/2006 & 01-12/2008).

PHD RESEARCHER

2004 / Democratic Republic of Congo / University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign & Max Planck Institute, Germany

Ecological field research on food choices of pygmy chimps in Lui Kotal, Salonga National Park, the Democratic Republic of Congo (05-08/2004).

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2003-07 / Urbana-Champaign, U.S. / University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

For the university programs "Ethnography of the University Initiative" (01-05/2007) and "Ancient Technologies and Archaeological Materials" (08/2003-05/2004 & 01/2005-05/2006).

RESEARCH OFFICER

2001-03 / Brussels / TRAFFIC Europe

Coordination of research projects on EU policy concerning the international trade in endangered plant and animal species, including close collaboration with the European Commission, national governments, and national TRAFFIC offices (05/2001-05/2003).

TEACHING

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

2012 / Boone, U.S. / Appalachian State University

For the undergraduate course "Understanding Culture" at the Department of Anthropology (08-12/2012).

INSTRUCTOR/ TEACHING ASSISTENT

2011-12 / Urbana-Champaign, U.S. / University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

For the undergraduate courses "Introduction to Global Studies", "Anthropology in a Changing World", and "Linguistic Anthropology" at the the Departments of Anthropology and Global Studies (01/2011-05/2012).

TEACHING ASSISTENT

2009-10 / Amsterdam / University of Amsterdam

For the undergraduate courses "Future Perspectives of the Planet" and "Research Skills" at the Bachelor for Future Planet Studies, Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies (08/2009-01/2010).

INSTRUCTOR/ TEACHING ASSISTENT

2004-07 / Urbana-Champaign, U.S. / University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

For the undergraduate courses "Biology of Human Behavior", "Food, Culture and Society", "Anthropology in a Changing World", "Women in Prehistory", and "Human Origins and Culture" at the Department of Anthropology (08/2004-05/2006 & 06/2007-12/2007).