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# CV

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## + EMPLOYMENT (CURRENT)

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OCTOBER 2019 - PRESENT Postdoctoral researcher NL-Lab, Humanities Cluster, KNAW (tenured)

OCTOBER 2018 - OCTOBER 2021 Principal Investigator KNAW startimpuls 'Populisme, Religie, Social Media', KNAW Startimpuls NWA.

SEPTEMBER 2016 - October 2019 Postdoctoral Researcher in the HERA Project 'HERILIGION The heritagization of religion and the sacralization of heritage in contemporary Europe', at the Meertens Institute, KNAW

APRIL 2015 - PRESENT Lecturer Religious Studies, department Religious Studies, Utrecht University. MA&BA level.

## + EMPLOYMENT (PAST)

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SEPTEMBER 2015 - OCTOBER 2016 Secretary Implementation of Foresight Committee Theology and Religious Studies

APRIL 2014 - SEPTEMBER 2015 Secretary and Postdoctoral Researcher Foresight Committee Theology and Religious Studies, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences

SEPTEMBER 2015 - JANUARY 2016 Coordinator Annual Intensive Text Reading Seminar, National School of Theology & Religious Studies (NOSTER). Graduate & postgraduate level.

APRIL 2015 - APRIL 2016 Coordinator and senior-researcher 'Postsecular Nationalism', funded by seed money Cultures, Citizenship and Human Rights (i.c.w. dr. Eva Midden)

AUGUST 2014 - DECEMBER 2016 Coordinator and senior researcher 'Religion, Secularism and Political Belonging', Mellon-funded CHCI consortium. Utrecht University.

AUGUST 2013 - AUGUST 2014 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Utrecht University

AUGUST 2011 - DECEMBER 2016 Lecturer humanities track, Liberal Arts and Sciences Programme, Amsterdam University College.

SEPTEMBER 2007 - AUGUST 2011 Lecturer Cultural Analysis / Literary Studies, Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis (ASCA), University of Amsterdam.

SEPTEMBER 2010 - AUGUST 2013 Lecturer Religious Studies / History, department of Religious Studies / History / European Studies, University of Amsterdam

**+ EDUCATION**

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- 2018 Leergang Persoonlijk Leiderschap voor Academics, KNAW
- 2017 Training Grant Writing, Mennen Training and Consultancy, KNAW
- 2014 Basiskwalificatie Onderwijs (BKO)
- 2011 PhD in the History of Christianity, University of Amsterdam (part of the interdisciplinary research project 'The Future of The Religious Past'). Supervisor: prof. dr. M.B. Pranger. (July 5th 2011)
- 2006 Research MA in Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam, icw University Paris 8 & École Normale Supérieure (cum laude). Title of MA-thesis: 'John Calvin's *Institutes*: Law and Event'. Supervisors: prof. dr. M.B. Pranger & prof. dr. A. Badiou.
- 2004 BA Literary Studies & Philosophy, University of Amsterdam (cum laude)

**+ PUBLICATIONS**

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- BOOKS *Passie voor de Passie*. Uitgeverij ten Have 2020. (forthcoming)
- Management of religion, sacralization of heritage: Validating, authenticating and managing religious heritage* (co-edited with Irene Stengs, and Oscar Salemink), Berghahn 2020 (forthcoming)
- The Secular Sacred. Emotions of Belonging and the Perils of Nation and Religion*, (co-edited with Markus Balkenhol & Irene Stengs), Palgrave, 2020. Forthcoming
- Words: Situating Religion in Language*, Fordham University Press, New York: 2016. Peer-reviewed edited volume. (co-edited with dr. Asja Szafraniec).
- Alain Badiou Inesthetiek: Filosofie, Kunst Politiek*, Jan van Eyck Academy & Octavo, Maastricht & Amsterdam: 2012. (co-authored with dr. Joost de Bloois)
- Tracing Circles: Literary Dimensions in John Calvin's Institutes* (dissertation), University of Amsterdam: 2011.
- Calvinisme en Politiek: Tussen Verzet en Berusting*, Uitgeverij Boom, Amsterdam: 2009.

SPECIAL ISSUE PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL Religion, Borders, Social Imaginaries. JRAT: Journal for Religion and Transformation in Society, volume 5 issue 2. Edited with prof. dr. Laurens ten Kate.

- ARTICLES, PEER-REVIEWED (22)
- 'Applause for Jesus? Bach's Saint Matthew Passion in the Netherlands and the Management of Sacrality' in: *Management of religion, sacralization of heritage: Validating, authenticating and managing religious heritage* (co-edited with Irene Stengs, and Oscar Salemink), Berghahn 2020 (forthcoming, accepted for publication)
- 'Who leads *Leitkultur*? How populist claims about 'Christian Identity' impact Christian-Democracy in Western Europe' in JRAT Journal of Religion and Transformation in Society, vol. 5 issue 2.
- 'Social Imaginaries and Borders: Introduction' JRAT Journal of Religion and Transformation in Society. (co-authored with Laurens ten Kate), 2019, vol. 5 issue 2 forthcoming.
- 'The boomerang-effect of culturalized religion: nativist affect versus non-consensus-based collaboration' in: *The Secular Sacred. Emotions of Belonging and the Perils of Nation and Religion*, (co-edited with Markus Balkenhol & Irene Stengs), Palgrave, 2019 (forthcoming)
- 'The Secular Sacred. Emotions of Belonging and the Perils of Nation and Religion: Introduction' with Markus Balkenhol & Irene Stengs, in: *The Secular Sacred. Emotions of Belonging and the Perils of Nation and Religion*, co-authored with Markus Balkenhol &

Irene Stengs, Palgrave, 2019 (forthcoming)

'Odd Bedfellows, New Alliances: The Politics of Religion, Cultural Heritage and Identity in the Netherlands', in Trajecta: Religion, Culture and Society in the Low Countries, 2019

'Social media and affective publics: Populist passion for religious roots' in: *European Memory in Populism: (Mis)Representations of Self and Other*, editors: Chiara de Cesari and Ayhan Kaya, Routledge, 2019

'Zwarte Pieten, Moskeeën en Zoenende Mannen: Katholiek Activisme van Cultuur onder Vuur en de Culturalisering van Religie' Co-authored with Markus Balkenhol. Religie en Samenleving, nr 1, 2019.

"Christian Atheism" on Twitter: Populism and/as Culturalized Religion.' in: *Religion, Secularism and Political Belonging*, editor: Leerom Medovoi, Duke University Press, 2019.

'Undocumented Citizenship' in: *Posthuman Glossary*, editors: Rosi Braidotti, Maria Hlavajova, Bloomsbury, 2018.

'Postsecular Nationalism: the Dutch Turn to the right & Cultural-Religious Reframing of Secularity' in: *Social Imaginaries in a Globalizing World*, editors: Hans Alma & Guido Vanheeswijck, De Gruyter 2018.

'The Dutch War on Easter: Secular Passion for Religious Culture & National Rituals' in: Yearbook of Ritual and Liturgical Studies, volume 33, 2017.

'Geestelijke Verzorging als anthropologisch laboratorium van nationaal belang', in: Religie en Samenleving, 12, nr. 2/3, 2017, p.91-95, 2017.

'Hoezo Christelijke Waarden?' Postseculier nationalisme & uitdagingen voor beleid en overheid' in: Tijdschrift voor Religie, Recht en Beleid, issue 2, 2017.

'Reading Calvin's language: Nice Work if You Can Get It'. *Words: Situating Religion in Language*, editors: Asja Szafraniec, Ernst van den Hemel. Fordham University Press, 2016.

'So, Any More Deathless Questions? Religious Language and Ordinary Language Philosophy: History and Present'. *Words: Situation Religion in Language*, editors: Asja Szafraniec, Ernst van den Hemel. Fordham University Press, 2016.

'Ontworteling als rite de passage van Nederland: ironie, secularisme, nationalisme en literatuur' in: *Ontworteld: De Schrijver als Nomade*, red: Johan Goud, Uitgeverij Klement, 2015.

'(Pro)claiming Tradition: The "Judeo-Christian" Roots of Dutch Society and the Rise of Conservative Nationalism', in: *The Postsecular Condition*, ed. Rosi Braidotti et. al., Palgrave MacMillan, 2014, p.14-33.

'The Literary Comfort of Eternity: Calvin and Thoreau'. *Religion and Memory*, editors: Babette Hellemans. Fordham University Press, 2013.

'Things that Matter : the Extra Calvinisticum and Material Presence in Calvin's theory of the Eucharist'. *Things: Material Religion and the Topography of Divine Spaces*, editors: Dick Houtman, Birgit Meyer. Fordham University Press, 2012.

'History and the Vertical Canon: John Calvin's Institutes and Samuel Beckett'. *How the West Was Won: Essays on Literary Imagination, the Canon and the Christian Middle Ages*. Brill Studies in Intellectual History, editors: Arjo Vanderjagt & Hent de Vries. 2010.

'Included but not Belonging: Badiou and Rancière on Human Rights' in: Krisis Journal for Contemporary Philosophy, issue 3, 2008.

ACADEMIC REPORTS *Klaar om te Wenden. De academische bestudering van religie in Nederland: een verkenning.* Koninklijke Nederlandse Akademie van Wetenschappen. 2015. (o-authored with foresight committee of theology and religious studies of the KNAW).

NON-PEER REVIEWED (SELECTION) Korte rokjes tegen de islam? SGP en het boemerangeffect van geculturaliseerd christendom' in: *Theocratie en populisme*, red. Kees-Jan de Jager. 2019.

'Op welke manier vindt zingeving plaats in een maatschappij waarin religie wegvalt?' in: *Hoe Zwaar is Licht. Meer dan 100 dringende vragen aan de wetenschap*, red. Beatrice de Graaf, Alexander Rinnooy Kan. Uitgeverij Balans, 2017.

Misschien is de SGP toch een beetje populistisch, 3 november 2018. Nederlands Dagblad. (Newspaper)

Hoe Serieus Moeten We het Pastafarisme Nemen? EO Live, Radio 5, 18 augustus 2018. (Radio) <https://www.nporadio5.nl/eolive/nieuws/9450/eo-live-zomereditie-18-augustus>

Over Nieuwe Vormen van Zingeving, Na het Nieuws, BNN, 22 Oktober 2018 (Television)

'Op welke manier vindt zingeving plaats in een maatschappij waarin religie wegvalt?' presentatie tijdens Hoe zwaar is licht: de Avond van de Wetenschap. In samenwerking met uitgeverij Balans en de Nationale Wetenschapsagenda (NWA). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gy1IizY0koc>

500 Jaar Reformatie. NCRV, 31 Oktober 2017: [https://www.npostart.nl/viering-500-jaar-reformatie/31-10-2017/KN\\_1694116](https://www.npostart.nl/viering-500-jaar-reformatie/31-10-2017/KN_1694116)

'God afzweren is een rite de passage geworden', interviewed by De Standaard, July 5th, 2017.

'Christenen en joden horen er in de "joods-christelijke cultuur" van de PVV niet bij', Trouw, May 9th 2017.

'84% van de wereldbevolking is religieus' interviewed by Groene Amsterdammer, April 2016.

'Religieonderwijs is juist nu heel hard nodig', NRC, November 2nd 2015. (i.c.w. William Arfman, Daan Beekers, Markus Davidsen, Brenda Mathijssen),

+ RELEVANT AFFILIATIONS /EXPERIENCE

Affiliated member Digital Humanities Lab, HUC, KNAW.

Member of doctoral committee F.F. Omta, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. 2019.

Member of Editorial Board, JRAT, Journal for Religion and Transformation in Society. 2017-present

Member of SIMAGINE, Social Imaginaries in a Globalizing World (NWO Internationalization Humanities icw Laurens ten Kate, University of Humanistics) 2016-present

Member of expert group deradicalisation & religion, National Police of the Netherlands (Summer 2015)

Radio columnist on religion, secularism and society for Radio 1 programme 'Dit is de Dag' (2013 –2016)

Visiting research fellow 'Religion, Secularism, Political Belonging', Chinese University of Hong Kong, summer 2014.

Peer-reviewer academic journals; *Religions*, *Ethnologia Europea*, *Journal for Religion and Transformation in Society*

Peer-reviewer manuscripts: Fordham UP, Chicago UP, Routledge

+GRANTS AWARDED AND SUBMITTED

In 2020, as co-applicant, NWO Grant Informed Citizen, 'Better informing citizens about current debates: Moderating and Summarizing Online Discussions' (2020-2025, budget of 500.000 euros). In collaboration with prof. dr. Emiel Kramer (Tilburg University), prof. dr. Antal van den Bosch (Meertens Institute, KNAW).

In 2018, as main applicant, I was awarded a KNAW Startimpuls NWA grant in 2018 for my project 'Populism, Social Media and Religion' (2018-2021, budget of 260.000 euros),

In 2017 I was awarded seed-money for 'Postsecular Nationalism' in the focus area Cities, Cultures, Human Rights, Utrecht University, 2015-2016. (budget of 10.000 euros)

