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## EDUCATION

1990 PhD, Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University, Netherlands (*cum laude*)  
1983 Master (Doctorandus), Archaeology, Groningen University, Netherlands (*cum laude*)  
1977 BA, Anthropology, Washington State University, US (*summa cum laude*)

## CURRENT POSITION

2012 – Professor Archaeological Material Culture Studies (1,0 fte, tenured), Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University, Netherlands

## PREVIOUS POSITIONS

2008 – 2012 Professor by special appointment of Material Culture Studies, Groningen University  
1986 – 2012 Assistant and later Associate professor at Leiden University  
1997 Visiting Research fellow Australian Museum, Sydney, Australia  
1986 – Director Laboratory for Artefact Studies

## MAJOR INTERESTS

My teaching and research focus on prehistoric technology, ancient crafts, experimentation and the reconstruction of the cultural biography of objects. I am a specialist in microwear and residue analysis and have founded the Leiden Laboratory for Artefact Studies which houses one of the largest collections of experimentally used tools in the world. I am very interested in ethnoarchaeology especially where it concerns vernacular architecture, plant based crafts, ornament making and hide working. I am leading an extensive experimental house building project using only Stone Age tools at Horsterwold and Vlaardingen-Broekpolder, in which local communities and scientists work together.

## RECENT SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE STUDENTS AND POSTDOCS

Over the years I successfully supervised ten PhD students: seven have been awarded their PhD, five of which established themselves successfully in academia, one as Full Professor (Groningen), two Associate professors (Rome and Leiden), one as Marie Curie fellow, one as Postdoc and one in commercial archaeology).

I also received several postdocs (period 2010-2016): Geeske Langejans (VENI, use wear and residue studies South African Palaeolithic, 2012-2016), Ben Chan (Marie Curie Fellow, project HOUSE, 2013-2015, now at Southampton University), Christina Tsoraki (Marie Curie Fellow, project CRAFT, 2013-2015, now employed as Research Fellow in Leicester University), Ann Brysbaert (Gerda Henckel Stiftung/Marie Curie Advanced, currently ERC Consolidator recipient and Associate Professor at Leiden University, 2013-2015) and Aimee Little (Marie Curie Fellow, project TRACE, now employed as Research Fellow at York University, 2011-2014). In the past I also received two Fyssen recipients.

## RELEVANT TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- \* Coordinator MSc Material Culture Studies
- \* Reconstructing artefact biographies (MA and MSc course)
- \* Material culture studies 1 and 2 (BA introductory courses on Material culture)
- \* Experimental archaeology (BA course)
- \* Laboratory Studies, with emphasis on microwear and residue analysis
- \* Honours course on Craft and Identity in Past and Present

- \* Anthropology for archaeologists
- \* Mesolithic Europe
- \* Supervised numerous theses on BA, MA, MSc and RMA levels since 1986

### **INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Apart from having tutored a number of PhD students who have since established themselves as prominent archaeologists (cf. supra) both in the Netherlands and abroad, I am involved in numerous international assessment committees and PhD panels (e.g. Leuven, Paris, Dijon, Toulouse, Lund, Bradford, Iasi, Barcelona). I have been invited to teach courses and workshops at various international research institutions (e.g. Rome, Barcelona, Nice, Brno and Pilzen) and I was involved in various high profile international (fieldwork) projects, such as Çatalhöyük and Tiryns. Currently I collaborate with the UCLA Shire project led by Prof. dr. W. Wendrich and R. Moy, focusing on ground stone technology, experimentation and vernacular architecture.

I am reviewer for the Journal of Archaeological Science, Archaeometry, Quaternary International, Antiquity, Proceedings of the Prehistoric Society, Cambridge Archaeological Journal and Lithic Technology and am on the Editorial board of the Journal of Archaeological, Ethnographic, and Experimental Studies. Each year several foreign guests (e.g. PhD candidates and MA/MSc students) receive a training in the Leiden Laboratory for Artefact Studies or consult the reference collection there.

### **ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS (last 10 years)**

- 2017 Leiden, EXARC conference (with Roeland Paardekoper) (130 part.)
- 2015 Leiden, 1<sup>st</sup> AWRANA conference on microwear and residue studies (135 part.)
- 2013 Leiden, organizer conference Centre for Arts and Archaeological Science (35 part.)
- 2010 Den Haag, European Association of Archaeologists (co-organizer session *The mediating role of material culture in processes of change* with Prof. Johannes Müller, Kiel)
- 2009 St Juan-les-Pins, France, ESF EARTH Team 2 Workshop 5 (with Dr. P. Verdin) (20 part.)
- 2008 Lipica, Slovenia, ESF EARTH Team 2 Workshop 4 (with Dr. I. Smerdel) (20 part.)
- 2008 Leiden, symposium *Between foraging and farming, a symposium in honour of Leendert Louwe Kooijmans* (with Prof. H. Fokkens, Dr. L. Amkreutz, et al) (120 part.)
- 2007 Melos, Greece, ESF EARTH Team 2 Workshop 3 (with Dr. Hara Procopiou) (20 part.)
- 2006 Tafraoute, Morocco, ESF EARTH Team 2 Workshop 2 (with Dr. B. Simonel) (20 part.)
- 2006 Puerto Rico Society for American Archaeology conference *New methods and techniques in the study of archaeological materials in the Caribbean* (with Prof. C. Hofman)

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- 2009 – 2013 NWO grant for the project *Unlocking North Holland's treasure chest*, as co-applicant
- 2008 – 2012 NWO Vrije Competitie for project *Ancestral Mounds* of Dr. D. Fontijn, as co-applicant
- 2006 – 2007 Fellow-in-residence at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS)
- 2006 – 2007 NWO replacement grant during 10 month sabbatical
- 2000 – 2005 ASPASIA grant from the Dutch Organization for the Advancement of Science

### **HONOUR SOCIETIES**

Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi

### **INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES (last 10 years)**

- 2018 - Chair of the Research Committee, Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University
- 2015 –2017 Head of the Department of Archaeological Sciences, Leiden University, NL
- 2015 –2017 Diversity Officer, Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University, NL
- 2007 - 2015 Member of the Scientific Advisory Committee, Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University

### **COMMISSIONS OF TRUST (last 10 years)**

- 2013 - 2014 Scientific Advisory Committee Humanities, NWO/ Vrije Competitie
- 2012 - Member of the Board of Stichting LAB
- 2011 – 2013 Director Centre for Art and Archaeological Sciences, Leiden/Delft

2011 - 2018 Member of the Jury for the W.A. van Esprijs  
 2011 – 2012 Member of the Scientific Advisory Board Humanities of NWO  
 2010 - Scientific Advisory Board for the Catherina van Tussenbroek fund  
 2010 – 2011 Member of the Review panel for the VICI programme of NWO  
 2009 – 2013 Chair of the NIAS Fellows Association (NFA)  
 2006 - 2007 Member of the Scientific Advisory Board, Lejre Forsogcenter  
 2005 - 2015 Member of the Advisory committee Studium Generale, Leiden University

#### MAJOR COLLABORATIONS

- Heidelberg University, Prof. J. Maran, Tiryns project, Greece
- Heidelberg University, Dr. Philipp Stockhammer (BEFIM project)
- Università di Sapienza, Rome, Prof. C. Lemorini (joint PhD supervision of ongoing PhD project)
- Paris Ouest, Nanterre, microwear research (Dr. Y. Maigrot, Dr. L. Astruc, Dr. C. Hamon)
- UCLA, prof. W. Wendrich, Shire project in Ethiopia, focus on ethnoarchaeology and crafts

#### SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Gijn A.L. van (2017), Bead Biographies from Neolithic Burial Contexts: Contributions from the Microscope. In: Bar-Yosef Mayer D.E, Bonsall C, Choyke A.M. (Eds) *Not just for show: the archaeology of beads, beadwork and personal ornaments*. Oxford: Oxbow books. 103-114.

Little, A., Van Gijn, A., Collins, T., Cooney, G., Elliott, B., Gilhooly, B., Charlton, S. & Warren, G. (2016), Stone Dead: Uncovering Early Mesolithic Mortuary Rites, Hermitage, Ireland, *Cambridge Archaeological Journal*, pp. 1–21. doi: 10.1017/S0959774316000536.

Van Gijn, A. & D. Pomstra (2016), ‘Huize Horsterwold’, the reconstruction of a Neolithic houseplan using Stone Age equipment. In: L. Hurcombe & P. Cunningham (Eds.) *The life cycle of structures in experimental archaeology. An object biography approach*. Sidestone Press, pp. 167-176.

Van Gijn A.L. & Little A. (2016), Tools, use wear and experimentation: extracting plants from stone and bone. In: Hardy, K, Kubiak-Martens L. (Eds.) *Wild harvest: plants in the hominin and pre-agrarian human worlds..* Oxford: Oxbow books. 135-153.

Van Gijn A.L. (2015), Stones on the move: the contribution of microwear analysis for understanding the Neolithisation process. In: Kerig T, Shennan S (Eds.) *Connecting networks - characterising contact by measuring lithic exchange in the European Neolithic..* Oxford: Archaeopress Publishing Ltd. 55-63.

Van Gijn A.L. (2015), The cultural biography of the Scandinavian daggers in the northern Netherlands. In: Frieman C.J, Eriksen B.V. (Eds.) *Flint daggers in prehistoric Europe..* Oxford: Oxbow. 76-82.

Van Gijn A.L. (2014), Science and interpretation in microwear studies, *Journal of Archaeological Science* 48 :166-169

Van Gijn A.L., Whittaker J.C. & Anderson P.C. (Eds.) (2014), *Exploring and explaining diversity in agricultural technology* Earth no. 2. Oxford: Oxbow Books.

Sorensen A.C. & Roebroeks J.W.M. & Van Gijn A.L. (2014), Fire production in the deep past? The expedient strike a light model., *Journal of Archaeological Science* 42: 476-486

Van Gijn A.L. & Mazzucco N (2013), Domestic activities at the Linear Pottery site of Elsloo (Netherlands): a look from under the microscope. In: Hamon.C., Allard.P., Ilett.M. (Eds.) *The Domestic Space in LBK settlements* Internationale Archäologie no. 17. Rahden / Westfalen: Verlag Marie Leidorf GmbH. 111-126