

Curriculum Vitae

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Professional and academic development

My 2012 PhD dissertation on the remaking of everyday life after 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami in Aceh was awarded the prestigious J.C. Ruigrok award for the best Dutch anthropology/sociology dissertation of the last four years. My postdoctoral research at the University of Amsterdam on AIDS, human rights and morality in Indonesia (2012-2016) has initiated a new line of ethnographic research on the ‘narrative navigation’ of death-related crises (straddling post-disaster and chronic illness). This theoretical framework is further developed in my monograph with University of Hawai’i press *After the Tsunami: Disaster Narratives and the Remaking of Everyday Life in Aceh* (2019) as well as recent peer-reviewed articles in *History and Anthropology*, *American Anthropologist*, *the Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Ethos*, and *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry*.

At Harvard University, I consolidated my work with a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellowship on silences in AIDS care (2016-2018), during which I created an extensive research network in medical anthropology, congealing in a scholarly network and weblog on the [anthropology of silence](#).

A central question emerging from my research on AIDS care concerns the socio-cultural diversity of end-of-life care practices and possibilities, in light of the growing medicalization of death and the actual availability of palliative care. As an Associate Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Leiden University, I am studying the pressing issue of globalization and cultural diversity of end-of-life care, as a PI of the [ERC Starting Grant](#) project on [Globalizing Palliative Care](#) (2020-2025) and through [interdisciplinary projects](#). I am member of the [Young Academy Leiden](#) and an editorial committee member of the *Annual Review of Anthropology* and the *BKI: Journal of the Humanities and Social Sciences of Southeast Asia*.

Education

- 2012 **PhD**, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University. Doctoral Dissertation: “After the Tsunami: The Remaking of Everyday Life in Banda Aceh, Indonesia.” Awarded *cum laude*. Supervisor: Prof. Dr. P.E. Spyer.
- 2006 **MA**, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University. Awarded *cum laude*.
- 2005 **BA**, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University. Awarded *cum laude*.

Academic Positions

- 2021-present Associate Professor, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University
- 2017-2021 Assistant Professor, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University.
- 2017-2018 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellow, Harvard University and Leiden University.
- 2012-2016 Postdoctoral researcher, Department of Anthropology, University of Amsterdam.

Grants and Awards

- 2021 Honorable mention 2021 Stirling Prize for best article in psychological anthropology, for ‘Strategies of Silence in an Age of Transparency: Navigating HIV and Visibility in Aceh, Indonesia’ *History and Anthropology* 32(4): 498-515.
- 2019 ERC Starting Grant. Globalizing Palliative Care? A Multi-sited Ethnographic Study of Practices, Policies and Discourses of Care at the End of Life (€1.500.000)
- 2019 LUF-Gratama Project award for pilot research on Global Palliative Care (€15.972)
- 2018 Conference Organization Grant for the conference “Moral Politics of Nationhood.” Awarded by the Asian Modernities and Traditions Cluster, Leiden University (€5000).
- 2018 Conference Organization Grant, Leiden University Fund, for the international workshop: “Aging and End-of-Life Care: Community, Mobility, and Ethics.” Leiden University (€440).
- 2016 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, European Commission (€174.864).
- 2014 J.C. Ruigrok award for the best social science dissertation in the Netherlands over the past four years, KHMW (€12.500).
- 2012 Conference Organization Grant, Leiden University Fund, for the international workshop: “Problematizing ‘post-’: times, spaces, and subjectivities in contemporary Indonesia” (€868).
- 2008 Fieldwork Grant, Leiden University Fund (€1800).
- 2008 ARTI (Aceh Research Training Institute) Research Travel Grant (€900).
- 2007 Catharine van Tussenbroek Fonds, research grant (€6000).

Publications

Books

- Samuels, Annemarie** 2019. *After the Tsunami: Disaster Narratives and the Remaking of Everyday Life in Aceh*. Honolulu: University of Hawai’i press.
- Feener, Michael, David Kloos and **Annemarie Samuels** eds. 2015. *Islam and the Limits of the State: Reconfigurations of Practice, Community, and Authority in Contemporary Aceh*. Leiden: Brill.
- Nas, Peter J.M. and **Annemarie Samuels** eds. 2006. *Hypercity: The Symbolic Side of Urbanism*. London: Kegan Paul.

Journal articles and book chapters

- Dragojlovic Ana and **Annemarie Samuels** (2023) “[Silence](#).” entry in the *Open Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Open Access.
- Giest, Sarah and **Annemarie Samuels** 2022 “Administrative burden in digital public service delivery: The social infrastructure of library programs for e-inclusion” *Review of Policy Research* (early view since 7-11-2022)
- Giest, Sarah and **Annemarie Samuels** December 2022 ‘Pre-conditions for Equal Digital Access Policies. The Role of Data Practices and Social Infrastructure’ *Policy in Focus: A Publication of the International Policy Centre for Inclusive Growth* page 40-42.
- Dragojlovic, Ana, and **Annemarie Samuels** 2021. ‘Tracing Silences. Towards an Anthropology of the Unspoken and Unspeakable.’ *History and Anthropology* 32(4): 417-425. [Special Issue preface]
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2021. ‘Strategies of Silence in an Age of Transparency: Navigating HIV and Visibility in Aceh, Indonesia.’ *History and Anthropology* 32(4): 498-515.
- Giest, Sarah N. and **Annemarie Samuels** 2020. “‘For Good Measure’: Data Gaps in a Big Data World.’ *Policy Sciences* 53: 559-569.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2020. ‘Gendered Violence, Gendered Care: Nonintervention, Silence Work and the Politics of HIV in Aceh’ In: Katherine McGregor, Ana Dragojlovic, and Hannah Loney eds. *Gender, Violence and Power in Indonesia: Across Time and Space*, pp.181-196. London: Routledge.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2019. ‘Narrative Navigation: HIV and (Good) Care in Aceh, Indonesia.’ *Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry* 43(1): 116-133.
- Annemarie Samuels** and Ratna Saptari (eds.) 2019. “Moral Politics of Nationhood”. [Special issue](#) of *Inside Indonesia*.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2018. “‘This Path is Full of Thorns’: Narrative, Subjunctivity, and HIV in Indonesia.’ *Ethos: Journal of the Society for Psychological Anthropology*. 46(1): 95-114.

- Samuels, Annemarie** 2016. 'Embodied narratives of disaster: the expression of bodily experience in Aceh, Indonesia.' *The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 22: 809-825.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2016. 'Seeing AIDS in Aceh: sexual moralities and the politics of (in)visibility in post-reconstruction times.' *Indonesia* 101: 103-120.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2015. 'Narratives of uncertainty: the affective force of child trafficking rumors in post-disaster Aceh, Indonesia.' *American Anthropologist* 117(2): 229-241.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2015. 'Hikmah and narratives of change: how different temporalities shape the present and the future in post-tsunami Aceh.' In: R. Michael Feener, David Kloos and Annemarie Samuels eds. *Islam and the Limits of the State: Reconfigurations of Practice, Community and Authority in Contemporary Aceh*, pp. 24-55. Leiden: Brill.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2013. "'Aceh thanks the world": the possibilities of the gift in a post-disaster society.' *Anthropology Today* 29(4): 8-11.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2012. 'Moving from Great Love: gendered mobilities in a post-tsunami relocation neighbourhood in Aceh, Indonesia.' *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 36(4): 742-756
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2010. 'Remaking neighbourhoods in Banda Aceh: post-tsunami reconstruction of everyday life.' In: Matthew Clarke, Ismet Fanany and Sue Kenny (eds.) *Post-disaster Reconstruction: Lessons from Aceh*, pp. 210-223. London: Earthscan.

Invited book reviews and discussions

- Strassler, Karen, David Kloos, Nuraini Juliastuti and **Annemarie Samuels** 2021. 'Review of Strassler, K. Demanding images: democracy, mediation and the image-event in Indonesia.' *Bijdragen tot de Taal-, Land- and Volkenkunde* 177(2-3): 379-393.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2017. 'Linda Rae Bennett and Sharyn Graham Davies, eds. 2015. Sex and Sexualities in Contemporary Indonesia: Sexual Politics, Health, Diversity and Representations.' *Indonesia* 103: 91-94.
- Samuels, Annemarie** 2016. 'Simpson, Edward 2013. The Political Biography of an Earthquake: Aftermath and Amnesia in Gujarat, India.' *Social Anthropology* 24(4): 543-544.

In preparation

- Special collection on 'Silent Reverberations', with Ana Dragojlovic.
- Article in the collection on Silent Reverberations: 'Silence at the end of life: multivocality at the edges of narrative possibility.'
- Chapter in the *Cambridge Handbook for Psychological Anthropology* (edited by Ted Lowe), 'Dying, and an Afterlife.'
- 'Revisiting and Revisioning Silence and Narrative in Psychological Anthropology' Book chapter for *Innovations in Psychological Anthropology*, with Merav Shoheit.

Invited lectures

Invited keynotes

- 2022 'Care in the city: Reflections on cure and care in a mobile, ageing and increasingly medicalized world'. BRIN-LDE workshop 31 October-4 November South Tangerang, Indonesia.
- 2021 'Caring with and beyond Numbers: Religiosity, Modernity and Pandemics.' Conference: 8th International Conference on Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies. Online. 7-8 April 2021.
- 2018 'Silence as care? Gendered Violence, HIV, and the (Im)possibilities of Speech in Aceh, Indonesia.' Conference: Gendered Violence across Time and Space: The Netherlands East Indies, Indonesia, East Timor (Timor-Leste). Melbourne University. 10-12 May 2018.

Invited contribution as discussant

- 2018 Discussant for 2018 AAA annual meetings panel 'Uncertain Power: Silence as Generative Ambiguity.' 14 November 2018, San Jose, U.S.

Invited lectures

- 2022 'Careful Waiting in the last phase of life: Islam, Medicine and Life-limiting Illness in Indonesia'. Leiden University Centre of Islam Studies. 8 December.
- 2022 'Silent reverberations in end-of-life care: modes and moralities of (not) articulating dying.' The Graduate Institute Geneva 15 March.
- 2022 'HIV care, silence and agency in Aceh.' 2 March – Studium Generale University of Brawijaya.
- 2021 'Silence and Care at the End of Life: Multivocality at the Edges of Narrative Possibility'. Anthropology Research Seminar, Queen's University Belfast. 16 November.
- 2021 'Remaking life in the wake of crisis: religion, compassion and identity in Aceh.' 25 November, University of Meulaboh.
- 2021 'Ethnographic Approaches to Studying End-of-Life Care: Qualitative Methods for Tracing Care Trajectories.' Webinar Series in Palliative and End-of-life Care Research. University of Gent and Amsterdam UMC. 25 March (online). Co-presented with Dr. Natashe Lemos Dekker.
- 2021 'Careful Waiting at the End of Life: Narrative Navigation of Dying in Aceh, Indonesia.' Institute for Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences. 25 February (online).
- 2020 'Careful Waiting: Narrative Navigation, HIV/AIDS, and End-of-Life Care in Aceh, Indonesia.' University of Zürich. 10 March.
- 2019 'Disaster Narratives: The Remaking of Everyday Life after the Indian Ocean Tsunami.' Stockholm University. 15 April.
- 2017 'What is (good) care? HIV and narrative navigation in Aceh, Indonesia.' Human Rights Institute, University of Connecticut. 27 November.
- 2017 'What is (good) care? HIV and narrative navigation in Aceh, Indonesia.' University of Michigan-Flint. 7 November.
- 2017 'Ruptures and hauntings: embodied narratives of disaster in Aceh, Indonesia.' Harvard University, Friday Morning Seminar in Culture, Psychiatry and Global Mental Health. 29 September.
- 2015 'No illness without cure: HIV/AIDS, care, and optimism in Aceh, Indonesia.' Royal Netherlands Institute for Southeast Asian and Caribbean Studies (KITLV), Leiden. 16 April.
- 2014 '*Hikmah* and narratives of change: temporalities of religion and development in post-tsunami Aceh.' Asia Research Institute of the National University of Singapore. 24 April 2014.

Conference and panel organization (selection)

- 2022 Co-convenor of panel "Unsettling Endings: Living Chronically with Terminal Conditions through Narrative and Silence" at AAA meetings in Seattle 9-13 November 2022. With Merav Shoheit.
- 2022 Co-convenor of panel: 'Life after Death: Intersubjectivity, Care and Hope at the End of Existence' at the EASA conference in Belfast, 26-29 July. With Sylvia Tidey.
- 2022 Co-convenor of panel: 'Between the Seen and the Unseen: HIV in Indonesia' at the EuroSEAS conference in Paris, 28 June – 1 July. With Ferdiansyah Thajib and Benjamin Hegarty.
- 2022 Co-organizer International Expert Meeting "'What not to say": Unravelling the (un)questionable ideal of open information provision in advanced cancer.' With Liesbeth van Vliet. 10-11 February. Supported by the KNAW early-career partnership award.
- 2021 Co-convenor of panel: 'Birthing and Dying in Southeast Asia: Morality, Personhood and Care' at the EuroSEAS conference in Olomouc, 7-10 September. With Molly Fitzpatrick.
- 2019 Co-organizer of the international conference: 'Virtuous Suffering: New Perspectives on the Ethics of Suffering for Critical Global Health and Justice,' Leiden University, 16-17 September 2019. With Paul van Trigt (Leiden University).

- 2019 Co-convenor of panel: ‘Studying Social Silence and Agency in Southeast Asia: Politics and Strategies of the Unspoken’ at the EuroSEAS conference in Berlin, 10-13 September 2019. With Grace Leksana (KITLV Leiden).
- 2019 Co-convenor of panel: ‘Asian Muslims Biographies and Ethics in Pluralist Contexts’ at the ICAS conference in Leiden 16-19 July 2019. With Radhika Gupta and Jasmijn Rana (Leiden University).
- 2019 Co-convenor of panel: ‘Waiting as Care: Temporality, Ethics, and Terminal Illness’ at the SPA biennial meetings in New Mexico, 4-7 April 2019. With Merav Shohet (Boston University).
- 2018 Co-convenor of panel: ‘*Futur Anterieur*: the Ethnography of Unanticipated Disruption’ at the AAA Annual Meetings in San Jose, 14-18 November 2018. With Andrew Littlejohn (Leiden University) and Ryo Morimoto (Princeton University).
- 2018 Co-organizer of the international conference: ‘Moral Politics of Nationhood: Constructions of Sexual, Political and Religious Others in Contemporary Indonesia,’ Leiden University, 1-2 November 2018. With Ratna Saptari and Bart Barendregt (Leiden University).
- 2018 Co-organizer of the international conference: ‘Aging and End-of-Life Care: Community, Mobility, and Ethics.’ Leiden University, 28-29 August. With Merav Shohet (Boston University). Key discussant: Prof. Sarah Lamb (Brandeis University).
- 2018 Co-convenor of panel: ‘Silences of/and Mobility: Towards an Anthropology of the Unspoken and Unspeakable’ at the EASA Biennial Conference in Stockholm, Sweden, 14-17 August 2018. With Ana Dragojlovic (University of Melbourne).
- 2018 Co-convenor of a panel on ‘Waiting as Care: the Ethics of Terminal Illness in Asia’ at the AAS Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., U.S., 22-25 March 2018. With Merav Shohet. Discussant: Dr. Sarah Pinto.
- 2017 Co-convenor of a panel ‘Anthropology of Silence: Affect, Embodiment and Articulation’ at the AAA Annual Meeting in Washington D.C., U.S., 29 November – 3 December 2017. With Ana Dragojlovic.
- 2015 Co-convenor of a panel ‘Strange Images in Familiar Contexts,’ at the AAA Annual Meeting in Denver, U.S. 18-22 November 2015. With Aryo Danusiri (Harvard University).
- 2015 Co-organizer of the public symposium: ‘Aceh, Indonesia: Ten years of Peace and Post-Tsunami Reconstruction.’ Leiden, the Netherlands, 30 June 2015. With the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- 2012 Organizer of the international workshop: ‘Problematizing “Post-” : Times, Spaces, and Subjectivities in Contemporary Indonesia.’ Leiden University, 30 November 2012. Keynotes by Prof. Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good and Prof. Byron J. Good (Harvard University).
- 2011 Co-organizer departmental workshop: ‘The Study of Time in Anthropological Research.’ Leiden University, 30 September 2011. With Ratna Saptari (Leiden University).
- 2004 Co-organizer international conference: ‘Urban Symbolism.’ Leiden University, 16-18 June 2004. With Peter J.M. Nas (Leiden University).

Conference presentations (selection)

I have presented my work at numerous international conferences, including the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association (2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018), the Biennial Meetings of the Society for Psychological Anthropology (2015, 2017, 2019), the Biennial Meetings of the European Association of Social Anthropology (2010, 2012, 2018, 2022), the International Conference of Asian Studies (2019), the conference of the European Association of Southeast Asia Studies (2019, 2021, 2022) the Annual Meetings of the Association of Asian Studies (2018, 2021), the conferences *Virtuous Suffering: New Perspectives on the Ethics of Suffering for Critical Global Health and Justice* (Leiden 2019); *Moral Politics of Nationhood: Constructions of Sexual, Political and Religious Others in Contemporary Indonesia* (Leiden 2018); *Aging and End-of-Life Care: Community, Mobility, and Ethics* (Leiden 2018); *Islam in Contemporary Aceh: Reconfigurations of Ritual, Doctrine, Community, and Authority* (LUCIS, Leiden, 12 September 2011), the workshop *Representing Catastrophe: Mediatization and International Solidarities* (4-5 September 2014, Amsterdam), and the joined

UvA/UCLA conference *Care and (Inter)subjectivity* (University of Amsterdam, 19-20 September 2014).

Fieldwork

Aceh	Palliative care (June 2022)
Delhi, Jakarta	Palliative care (August 2019)
Jakarta	Palliative care (July 2018)
Aceh and North Sumatra	Narrative, Morality and HIV Care (2013-2014)
Aceh	Post-tsunami remaking of everyday life (2007-2008, 2009, 2010, 2012)
Kalimantan	Documentary about weaving techniques (2006)
Yogyakarta	Mental disability and education (2006) MA thesis fieldwork

PhD supervision

Hanum Atikasari Msc (ongoing)
Shajeela Shawkat Msc (ongoing)
Laura Vermeulen (University of Amsterdam, ongoing)
Lex Kuiper (University of Amsterdam, ongoing)

Research impact: Public outreach activities (selection)

Policy Brief:	I have written and circulated a policy brief on ‘Access to HIV Care in Aceh, Indonesia’ (December 2018).
Blogposts:	I have written blogposts for the AAA blog , Inside Indonesia , the European Association for Palliative Care , the Leiden Islam Blog , the Leiden Anthropology Blog , and Anthropology of Silence . I am editor of the Leiden Anthropology Blog and co-editor of the Anthropology of Silence Blog.
Newspaper articles:	I have published opinion articles in major Dutch newspapers, including Trouw (25 March 2022, with Liesbeth van Vliet) De Volkskrant (12 August 2015, 7 August 2019) and NRC Handelsblad (27 December 2014).
Radio:	Interview on the Dutch public channel NPO1 in OVT (2019) .
Public lectures:	I have given public lectures to a range of audiences in Indonesia and the Netherlands, including for Studium Generale Utrecht , Studium Generale Leiden , the KITLV, the Aceh Institute, and the Inisiatip Foundation, and co-organized the public conference ‘Aceh, Indonesia: ten years of peace and post-tsunami reconstruction’ with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and KITLV Leiden, 30 June 2015.
Public event:	‘I’m afraid it is rather bad news’ public discussion organized with De Balie, Amsterdam, and Liesbeth van Vliet.

Academic Service and Institutional Responsibility

2023-present	Editorial Committee member of the Annual Review of Anthropology.
2022-present	Co-convenor of the Leiden University Medical Anthropology Network
2021-present	Editorial Team member of the BKI journal – Bijdragen tot de Taal- Land- en Volkenkunde.
2021 – present	Examiner of four PhD theses.
2019-present	Member of the International Board of the International Center of Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies.
2019-present	Member of the Young Academy Leiden.
2020-2022	Board member of the Young Academy Leiden (Chair 2021-2022).
2019-2022	Chair of the Programme Committee, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University.
2019-2021	Member of the Committee for Monitoring Scientific Excellence Policy, Leiden University.
2018-present	Member of the Asia Research Cluster, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology (2018-2021 coordinator).

- 2018-present Member of the Indonesia Region Committee, Leiden University.
- 2018-present Editor of the Leiden Anthropology Blog.
- 2017 Founder and Co-editor of the Anthropology of Silence weblog series.
- 2015-present Manuscript reviewer for *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Asian Studies Review*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Curare*, *BMC Palliative Care*, *Ethos*, *Feminist Encounters*, *Anthropology Today*, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, *Journal of Borderland Studies*, *Kurdish Studies*, *Religion*, *Peter Lang Publishers*.
- 2012-2014 Member of AHRC-NWO Research Network: *The Cultural Politics of Catastrophe: (Post)colonial Representations of Southeast Asian and Caribbean Disasters, 1800-2012*.
- 2010-2012 Student member of the research committee, Cultural Anthropology, Leiden University.
- 2004-2006 Student member of the programme committee, Cultural Anthropology, Leiden University.

Professional memberships

American Anthropological Association (**AAA**); European Association for Social Anthropology (**EASA**); Society for Psychological Anthropology (**SPA**); Antropologen Beroeps Vereniging (**ABV**); Royal Netherlands Institute of Indonesian and Caribbean Studies (**KITLV**); European Association of Southeast Asia Studies (**EUROSEAS**); European Network of Psychological Anthropology (**ENPA**); Disaster and Crisis Anthropology Network (**DICAN**).

Teaching

Graduate: MA thesis supervision.

Undergraduate: Medical Anthropology; Honours Course Anthropological Perspectives on Dying and End-of-Life Care; Statistics for Anthropologists; Body and Culture; Social Theories; BA thesis supervision; Internship supervision; First-year thesis supervision; Indonesia Summer Academy; Ethnographic Writing; Lectures in courses on Development, Southeast Asia, Disaster, Religion, and Psychological Anthropology.

Languages

Dutch (native), English (fluent), Indonesian (proficient), German (intermediate), French (intermediate).