

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 *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 Assistant Professor of cultural anthropology at Leiden University, I am currently developing a study on the pressing issue of globalization and cultural diversity of end-of-life care, which I will implement as a PI of the recently started [ERC Starting Grant](#) project on Globalizing Palliative Care (2020-2025). I am currently the vice-chair of the [Young Academy Leiden](#).

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

- 2017-present 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

- 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

- Giest, Sarah N. and **Annemarie Samuels** 2020. “‘For Good Measure’: Data Gaps in a Big Data World.” *Policy Sciences* – [online first](#).
- 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.
- 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

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.

Special issue

Annemarie Samuels and Ratna Saptari (eds.) 2019. "Moral Politics of Nationhood". [Special issue](#) of *Inside Indonesia*.

In press

Samuels, Annemarie 'Strategies of Silence in an Age of Transparency: Navigating HIV and Visibility in Aceh, Indonesia.' in *History & Anthropology*.

In preparation

Special issue for the journal *History & Anthropology* "Tracing Silences: Towards an Anthropology of the Unspoken and Unspeakable" with Ana Dragojlovic.

Samuels, Annemarie 'Careful Waiting: Navigating Illness, Anxiety and Anticipation in Aceh, Indonesia.' Article manuscript.

Colloquy on *Silences* for *Cultural Anthropology*, with Ana Dragojlovic.

Entry on "Silence" for the *Cambridge Encyclopaedia of Anthropology*, with Ana Dragojlovic (**Invited**).

Invited lectures

Invited keynote

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

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)

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), the International Conference of Asian Studies (2019), the biennial conference of the European Association of Southeast Asia Studies (2019) the Annual Meetings of the Association of Asian Studies (2018), 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

Delhi, Jakarta	Palliative care (August 2018)
Jakarta	Palliative care (July 2018)
Aceh and North Sumatra (Indonesia)	Narrative, Morality and HIV Care (2013-2014)
Aceh (Indonesia)	Post-tsunami remaking of everyday life (2007-2008, 2009, 2010, 2012)
Yogyakarta (Indonesia)	Mental disability and education (2006)
Kalimantan (Indonesia)	Documentary about weaving techniques (2006)
The Netherlands	Religious education (2004)

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 [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 De Volkskrant (12 August 2015, 7 August 2019) and NRC Handelsblad (27 December 2014).
- Public lectures:** I have given public lectures to a range of audiences in Indonesia and the Netherlands, including for the KITLV, the Aceh Institute, and the Inisiatif 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.

Academic Service and Institutional Responsibility

- 2019-present Member of the International Board of the International Center of Aceh and Indian Ocean Studies.
- 2019-present Chair of the Education Committee, Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, Leiden University.
- 2019-present Member of the Young Academy Leiden. Vice-chair 2020-2021.
- 2019-present Member of the Committee for Monitoring Scientific Excellence Policy, Leiden University.
- 2018-present Member of the Indonesia Region Committee, Leiden University.
- 2018-present Editor of the Leiden Anthropology Blog.
- 2017-present Founder and Co-editor of the Anthropology of Silence weblog series.
- 2015-present Manuscript reviewer for *American Anthropologist*, *American Ethnologist*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *Ethos*, *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 Member of the research committee, Cultural Anthropology, Leiden University.
- 2004-2006 Member of the education 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; 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 (fluent), German (intermediate), French (intermediate).