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PROFILE

I am a MSc anthropologist with experience in journalism, specialised in political and economic anthropology and the Caribbean. As part of an ERC-funded research project on commercial insurance I conduct independent fieldwork on life insurance and moral discourses on life and death among African Americans in New Orleans, USA. Earlier research projects were located in Paramaribo, Suriname, and the Dutch Caribbean islands of Saba and St. Eustatius. In the field as well as behind the desk, I am an engaged and critical thinker and committed to practicing conscientious ethnography.

EDUCATION

M.A. Cultural Anthropology: Sociocultural Transformation (res) 2014 – 2016

Utrecht University, Utrecht

- Thesis: "This don't make no sense": Encounters with the state on non-sovereign Saba | Grade: 8,5
- Key concepts: affect, bureaucracy, legitimacy, non-sovereignty, postcolonialism, the state.
- GPA: 4.0 | Judicium: cum laude

B.A. Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology 2007 – 2011

Utrecht University, Utrecht

- Thesis: Lesbisch, seks en schuilen. Constructies van seksualiteit onder lesbische vrouwen in Paramaribo | Grade: 8,3
- Key concepts: body politics, globalisation, *mati wroko*, same-sex sexuality, sexual identity.
- GPA: 4.0

Pre-university secondary education (VWO) 2001 – 2007

Regionale Scholen Gemeenschap Stad en Esch, Meppel

- Profile: Culture & Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PhD Candidate, Leiden University, the Netherlands 10/16 – present

- ERC-research project 'Moralising Misfortune: A Comparative Anthropology of Commercial Insurance.'
- Research focus: commercial life insurance and moral discourses on 'a good life' and 'a proper death' amongst African Americans in New Orleans, USA.

Student assistant, Utrecht University, the Netherlands 06/15 – 08/15

- Created, designed and maintained a website for the research project 'Imagining the nation in the classroom: A study of the politics of belonging and nationness on Sint Maarten and Sint Eustatius.' The website is a collaborative online platform for two PhD candidates and one postdoc at the University of Amsterdam and Utrecht University.
- www.imaginingthenation.org | 140 visitors per week on average

- Country expert Suriname, University of Gothenburg, Sweden** 07/14
- Contributed to a worldwide academic research project on principles and historical development of democracy, 'Varieties of Democracy.'
 - Examined national elections and media freedom in Suriname between 1900 and 2013 and coded expert surveys on these topics.
- Freelance writer and editor, self-employed, Suriname** 05/14 – 08/14
- Co-authored and edited *George Struikelblok: The Struggle to Success*, a biography of artist George Struikelblok.
- Senior journalist, De Ware Tijd, Suriname** 01/14 – 05/14
- Wrote 1-2 background articles, analyses, and commentaries per week for the weekend section 'Mens & Maatschappij.' Edited articles by other writers. Coordinated publication and lay-out.
 - Skills: critical research skills, creative writing, interviewing, analysing, working in a team, planning to weekly deadlines.
- Junior journalist, De Ware Tijd, Suriname** 2012 – 2013
- Wrote 1-2 background articles per week for the weekend section 'Mens & Maatschappij.' Edited articles by other writers. Coordinated publication and lay-out.
 - Skills: writing, interviewing, analysing, working in a team, planning to weekly deadlines.

PUBLICATIONS

Mulder, N. 2018. "Stories of Autonomy on Non-Sovereign Saba: Flipping the Script of Postcolonial Resistance." *Etnofoor* 30 (1): 11-28.

Mulder, N. 2018. "The Price of Death." Leiden Anthropology Blog, <http://www.leidenanthropologyblog.nl>.

Mulder, N. 2017. "Ipsa scientia potestas est." Leiden Anthropology Blog, <http://www.leidenanthropologyblog.nl>.

Mulder, N. 2017. "Postkoloniaaal verzet 2.0." *ICA* (2): 9-11.

Mijnals, D. and N. Mulder. 2016. *George Struikelblok: The Struggle to Success*.

Mulder, N. 2016. "Encounters with State Power: Methodological and Ethical Reflections." *LOVA Journal* 37: 65-70.

Mulder, N. 2012. "Surinaamse lesbiennes: over Ampuku en uit de kast komen." *15mins.nl*.

A selection of my journalistic articles published in *De Ware Tijd* can be found on nikkimulder.wordpress.com.

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Member of the editorial board of *LOVA Journal*, the journal of the Netherlands Association for Gender Studies and Feminist Anthropology.

EXTRA TRAINING

Searchlight Insurance Training	2016
LOVA's School of Experimental Education	2016
Masterclass ethnographic interviewing	2015
Journalistic genres	2013
Journalistic writing and interviewing	2012

LANGUAGES

Dutch & English | fluent
German & Sranan Tongo | basic