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formal education

1988-1994 University Preparatory Education a-level (VWO), Oud-Beijerland, The Netherlands
1994-1997 Hebrew Language and Culture, with courses in Aramaic, Akkadian, Sumerian and Hurrian, Leiden University, The Netherlands
1995-1999 Comparative and Historical Linguistics, Leiden University, The Netherlands, specialising in the Indo-European language family; obtained doctorandus (drs.) degree, equivalent to Master of Arts plus coursework for doctoral degree
2006 Korean Language, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, United Kingdom

professional career

2000–2020 independent research funded by the Mainwaring Archive Foundation, Montana, United States of America (defunct)
2009-2021 Consulting Scholar, Near East section, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States of America

skills and experience

languages: Dutch (native), English, German, French, good reading skills in Italian and Spanish, reasonable familiarity with Korean and a large number of ancient languages including Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Hittite, Akkadian, Hurrian, Sumerian, Sanskrit, Old Icelandic and Gothic
residences: lived in The Netherlands, United Kingdom, South Korea, Canada for a minimum of 5 years each
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peer-reviewed publications

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