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Born: Ghent, 1986-01-09, Belgian nationality

Diplomas

2019: Res MA Classics and Ancient Civilisations, Egyptology, Leiden University
2014: PhD Linguistics and Literature, Ghent University
2014: Doctoral Training Programme, Doctoral Schools, Ghent University
2008: MA Linguistics and Literature: Latin and Greek, Ghent University
2005: BA Linguistics and Literature: Latin and Greek, Ghent University

Academic positions

2017-2021: Doctoral candidate in Greek and Coptic Papyrology at Leiden University within ERC project “Embedding Conquest: Naturalising Muslim Rule in the Early Islamic Empire (600-1000).”
(Working title of PhD project: “Protective interventions by local elites in the countryside of Early Islamic Egypt.”)

2016-2017: Research and Education Assistant at Papyrological Institute, Leiden University
(Berichtigungsliste der griechischen Papyrusurkunden aus Aegypten)

2014: Postdoctoral researcher and lecturer, Department of Philosophy and Moral Science, Ghent University

2009-2013: Doctoral candidate at Ghent University (Department of Philosophy and Moral Science, supervisor: Danny Praet), FWO Flanders, project G.0194.09: “Orientalism and Franz Cumont (1868-1947): his views on “East” and “West” in the context of Classical Studies in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.”

Ancient languages and scripts

Greek, Coptic, Demotic, Middle Egyptian and hieroglyphs, Latin

Modern languages

Dutch (native), English, French, Italian, German
4-5/2017: “Writing Academic English” at the Leiden Academic Language Centre

Research stays abroad

3/2019: Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University, New York: “The unpublished fragments from Nessana at the Pierpont Morgan Library and Museum”.

9-11/2011: Research residence grant FWO Flanders, Belgian Historical Institute in Rome: “Franz Cumont’s characterization of the ancient and modern Orient in the context of his archaeological journeys in the Middle East.”

2005-2006: Università degli Studi di Firenze, Dipartimento di Lettere e Filosofia, Italy: Erasmus programme

Summer Schools

2018: Sixth summer school in Coptic papyrology, Sorbonne University, 3-10 Jul 2018.

2017: International Itinerant Paleographic School: Bari-Firenze (Filippo Ronconi), May 2017.

2015: Leiden Summer School in Languages and Linguistics: Introduction to Papyrology, Greek, July 2015.

2007: IV Corso di Restauro del Papiro e della Pergamena, Centro Interdipartimentale di Studi Papirologici, Università degli Studi di Lecce, Italy (Mario Capasso and Natascia Pellé), Sep 2007.

Dissertations

2017: MA Leiden: “We will not let any evil reach you.” An analysis of the documentary genre “Schutzbrief”.

2014: PhD Ghent: An Orient of Mysteries. Franz Cumont’s views on “Orient” and “Occident” in the context of Classical Studies in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries (supervisor: Danny Praet).

2008: MA Ghent: Klachten en verzoeken uit Ptolemeïsch Egypte. Vrouwelijke onderdanen schrijven aan de overhead (supervisor: Marc De Groote).

Publications

2021 (?): “Letter about a guarantee from the Apa Apollo monastery in Bawit.” In *Coptica Parisina. Textes et documents de la 6^e université d’été de papyrologie copte (P. Sorb. Copt.)*. *Journal of Coptic Studies* 22 (under review).

2021 (?): “List of expenses.” In *Coptica Parisina. Textes et documents de la 6^e université d’été de papyrologie copte (P. Sorb. Copt.)*. *Journal of Coptic Studies* 22 (under review).

2021: with Edmund Hayes, *Acts of Protection in Early Islamicate Societies*, special issue of *Annales Islamologiques* (under review).

2021: “Procedures of Protection. Coptic Protection Letters and Village Life”, in: *Acts of Protection in Early Islamicate Societies*, special issue of *Annales Islamologiques* (accepted for publication).

2021: *Religious Identifications in Late Antique Papyri*, Cambridge University Press (book proposal accepted), with Mattias Brand.

2021: “The curses will be like oil in their bones. Curses and blessings in episcopal letters beyond Late Antiquity”, in: *Religious Identifications in Late Antique Papyri*, Cambridge University Press (book proposal accepted).

2020: “Letter with complaint and request about garments for a celebration.” In *Papyrologica Lugduno-Batava* 36. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming, with Mattias Brand.

2016: “Racial Theories on the Spread of the Oriental Religions and the Transformation of the Later Roman Empire: Franz Cumont and his contemporaries.” (2nd and 3rd authors: Danny Praet and Sarah Rey) *Historia* 65 (2016), 220-243.

2015: “Dan maar geen ‘vrai klassischer Philolog’? De verschillende gezichten van het hellenisme in het werk van Franz Cumont”, *Tetradio* 24 (2015), 81-100.

2014: “History of Religions in the Making: Franz Cumont (1868-1947) and the *Oriental Religions*”, in: Rens Bod, Jaap Maat en Thijs Weststeijn (eds.), *The Making of the Humanities*, vol. 3., Amsterdam University Press, 2014, 219-231.

2014: “*Analogies curieuses et ressemblances frappantes. Des antiquisants face à l’impérialisme français en Méditerranée.*”, *Forum Romanum Belgicum*, 8 (2014), 1-14 (2nd and 3rd authors: Sarah Rey and Danny Praet).

2013: “Franz Cumont’s Syrian tour : a Belgian archaeologist in the Ottoman Empire”, *Revue Belge de Philologie et d’Histoire* 91 (2013), 327-357.

2012: “Violence and inheritance disputes in women's petitions from Ptolemaic Egypt”, *Papyrologica Lupiensia* 20-21 (2011-2012), 163-176.

2008: “Klachten en verzoeken uit Ptolemeïsch Egypte : vrouwelijke onderdanen schrijven aan de overheid”, *Tetradio* 18 (2008), 163-184.

Blog posts

“The governor’s orders: part two.” Written for Embedding Conquest website, reposted on Leiden Islam Blog, 24 January 2020.

“Coming out of the cave: monks in society in seventh and eighth century Egypt.” Written for Leiden Medievalists Blog, 28 June 2019.

“The governor’s orders: part one.” Written for Embedding Conquest website, reposted on Leiden Islam Blog, 20 June 2019, and on Papyrus Stories (papyrus-stories.com), 9 July 2019.

Presentations

12/2019: *The long arm of Fustat. Governing the Egyptian countryside through letters*, The Ties that Bind: Mechanisms and Structures of Social Dependency in the Early Islamic Empire, Leiden, 3-6 Dec 2019.

8/2019: *A Coptic letter from the governor of Egypt? The case of P.Ryl.Copt. 277*, 29th International Congress of Papyrology, Lecce, 28 July-3 Aug 2019.

8/2019: *The Nessana papyri on their way to papyri.info. The unpublished fragments in the Morgan Library & Museum*, 29th International Congress of Papyrology, Lecce, 28 July-3 Aug 2019.

5/2019: *Protection letters from Western Thebes*, Seminar Coptic ostraca from the Theban region, Leiden, 2019.

5/2019: *Tracking taxes and travel in the Egyptian countryside: evidence from the Abbasid period*, Change and Continuity in the Abbasid Egyptian Countryside, Leiden, 3 May 2019.

3/2019: *The Nessana papyri on their way to papyri.info. The unpublished fragments in the Morgan Library & Museum*, The Nessana Project Workshop at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, 29-30 March 2019.

1/2019: *Coptic "protection letters"*, Acts of Protection in the early Islamic Empire, 24-25 Jan 2019.

11/2018: *Networks of Protection: Travel Documents in Late Antique and Early Islamic Egypt*, Ancient World Network Lunch Talks, Leiden, 27 Nov. 2018.

10/2018: *Administration and the Use of Coptic in Early Islamic Egypt. A Case Study on Taxes and Travel*, The Reach of Empire - The Early Islamic Empire at Work, Hamburg, 11-13 Oct. 2018

9/2018: *Vluchtelingen en hun beschermers in de Koptische en Griekse papyri van vroeg-islamitisch Egypte*, Leidse lezingen over Arabische taal en cultuur, Rijksmuseum voor Oudheden, Leiden, 30 Sep. 2018.

3/2018: *"We will not require anything of you, except for...": Permits, Protection and Problem Solving in Early Islamic Egypt"*, International Association for Arabic Papyrology Conference VII, Berlin, 20-23 Mar. 2018

11/2017: *"Like oil in their bones". Threats, Excommunication and Religious Identification beyond Late Antiquity*, Late Antique Religion in Practice: Papyri and the Dynamics of Religious Identification, Leiden, 9-11 Nov. 2017.

1/2017: *Rijtjes leren voor een beter leven? Over de waarde van onderwijs in de papyri van Grieks-Romeins Egypte*, 48^e Papyrologendag, Leiden, 14 Jan. 2017.

8/2016: *Learning for a better life: the relationship between happiness and education in Graeco-Roman Egypt*, 28th Annual Congress of Papyrology, Barcelona, 1-5 Aug. 2016.

2/2016: *How to study attitudes towards education in Graeco-Roman and late antique Egypt? Some methodological remarks*, GARDEN III, Cairo, 27 Feb. 2016.

4/2014: *"Un Dionysos égyptisant, asiatique et phénicien." De rol en karakterisering van Griekenland in de antieke cultuurgeschiedenis volgens Franz Cumont (1868-1947)*, Griekenlandcentrum, Universiteit Gent, 23 apr. 2014.

11/2012: *History of Religions in the Making: Franz Cumont and the "Oriental Religions. "Making of the Modern Humanities"*, Third International Conference on the History of the Humanities, Rome, 1-3 Nov. 2012

8/2012: *The triumph of the Oriental Religions: religious and racial theories concerning the end of the Roman Empire and of Graeco-Roman paganism in the time of Franz Cumont.* European Association for the Study of Religions Annual Conference, Södertörn University, Stockholm, 23-26 Aug. 2012.

4/2012: *L'influence des théories "raciales" sur l'historiographie des religions orientales, à travers l'exemple de F. Cumont.* Research Seminar Franz Cumont & Alfred Loisy, Ghent University, 26 Apr. 2012.

3/2012: *Rome Orientalised. A Discourse Analysis of Franz Cumont's "Les religions orientales dans le paganisme romain".* U4 Spring School "East and West: Bridges and Boundaries", Istanbul, 14-17 Mar. 2012 and BABEL postgraduate conference, Leuven, 29 maart 2012.

3/2011: *European Archaeologists in the Ottoman Empire: The journey of Franz Cumont in Northern Syria.* Interdisciplinary conference "Oriens meets Occidens", University of St Andrews, 25-26 Mar. 2011.

19/2011: *An Orient of Mysteries. East and West in the Work of Franz Cumont.* Ghent University, Department of Philosophy and Moral Science, 19 Jan. 2011.

4/2010: *Orientalising Rome? The Influence of the 'Eastern religions' on Imperial Roman Identity.* CAMNE Postgraduate Workshop "Religion and Identity in the Ancient World", University of Durham, 22-23 Apr. 2010.

2/2010: *Orientalism in "Les religions orientales dans le paganisme romain" by Franz Cumont.* U4 Winter School "Identity and Cultural Transfer in Antiquity", Nederlands Instituut Athene, 1-5 Feb. 2010.

Video

"Eline Scheerlinck - Belastingontduiking in zevende en achtste eeuw Egypte", Scientist Wanted YouTube, 13 January 2019.

Radio

"Belastingontduiking in het oude Egypte", 30 January 2019: interview at Science071 (Radio Sleutelstad).

"Dag van de papyrologen en onderwijs in de Oudheid", 18 January 2017: interview at Science071 (Radio Sleutelstad).

Organisation

11/2020: Conference: Multilingualism in papyri., Leiden, 19-20 November 2020. (co-organizer, with Joanne Stolk)

12/2019: Conference: The Ties that Bind: Mechanisms and Structures of Social Dependency in the Early Islamic Empire, Leiden, 3-6 Dec 2019. (co-organizer, with Embedding Conquest Team)

1/2019: Workshop: Acts of Protection in the Early Islamic Empire, Leiden, 24-25 Jan 2019. (main organizer)

11/2017: Conference: Late Antique Religion in Practice: Papyri and the Dynamics of Religious Identification, Leiden, 9-11 Nov. 2017. (co-organizer, with Mattias Brand and Cisca Hoogendijk)

Websites

Embedding Conquest team website: <https://emco.hcommons.org/>.

Webmaster (with Nynke van der Veldt)

Material Sources for the Early Islamic and Late Antique Near East:

<https://materialsourcesforearlyislamandlateantiqueneareast.hcommons.org/>,

Website editor section “Documents (papyri, parchment, ostraca etc.)”

Teaching

Lecturer

7/2020: Introduction to Papyrology, Leiden Summer School in Papyrology (with Cisca Hoogendijk, Joanne Stolk, Koen Donker van Heel, Ben Haring).

7/2017: Greek Paleography I & II, Leiden Summer School in Papyrology (with Cisca Hoogendijk and Joanne Stolk).

2-6/2017: Ancient sources and material culture of the Graeco-Roman World (with Frits Naerebout, Ruud Halbertsma, Paul Beliën).

9-12/2014: History of religions: Classical antiquity (in Dutch) (with Danny Praet and Jan Nelis), Ghent University.

9-12/2014: Christianity (in Dutch) (with Danny Praet and Jan Nelis), Ghent University.

Guest lecturer

4/2020: Greek Papyrology, Leiden University: “Greek Papyri beyond 600”, 14 April 2020.

12/2018: Coptic papyrology, Sorbonne University, “Protecting the community? Local elites between state and village in Early Islamic Egypt,” 7 December 2018

12/2018: Coptic papyrology, Sorbonne University, “It’s not a threat, it’s a promise. The agents of the logoi mpnoute documents,” 14 December 2018.

11/2016: Greek Palaeography (Cisca Hoogendijk), Leiden University.

11/2012: Oriëntalisme en Franz Cumont (1868-1947), in: History of religions: Classical Antiquity (Danny Praet and Annelies Lannoy), Ghent University.

10/2009: Vrouwelijke stemmen uit Hellenistisch Egypte: Theokritos, Id. 15 en de petitie op papyrus, in: Greek literature (Kristoffel Demoen), Ghent University

Non-academic

3/2009: Latin: Koninklijk Atheneum Koekelberg, Brussel (age of students: 13-16)

3-6/2009: Italian: CVO Handelsschool Aalst, CVO Leerstad Dendermonde, CVO De Oranjerie Haacht (adult education, levels from beginner to advanced conversation level)

Editorial assistance

2016-2017: *Berichtigungsliste der Griechischen Papyrusurkunden aus Ägypten*: assistance in preparing volumes XIII and XIV.

Member of editorial committee of *Bibliotheca Cumontiana* (since 10/2014):

10/2014: assistance in preparing volume IV in *Scripta Minora* series.

10/2014: assistance in preparing volume “Recherches sur le symbolisme funéraire chez les Romains” in *Scripta Maiora* series.

4/2011: assistance in preparing volumes II and VII in *Scripta Minora* series.