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EDUCATION

University of Amsterdam, Academic Medical Center
Ph.D. in Social Epidemiology & Public Health

Dissertation: "Can Your Country Make You Sick? Multi-level Explorations of Population Health and Human Rights in Global Perspective" Supervisors: Prof. Karien Stronks, Prof. Onyebuchi Arah, Prof. Anton Kunst

2009-2013

University Magna Græcia, Italy

Summer School: Comparative Research Methodologies in Health and Medical Sociology

2009

Leiden University

M.Sc. in Health Psychology

Thesis: "Move Your Body: initiating physical activity levels in 55 to 70 year old people." Master thesis received 9 out of 10.

2005-2006

2000-2004

University of Colorado at Boulder

B.S. in Psychology

ACADEMIC GRANTS & AWARDS (SELECTION)

- Post-doctoral Fellowship, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Department of Sociology, funded by NRC personal career grant: \$330,000 **2013 – 2016**
 - Post-doctoral Fellowship, University of Amsterdam/Academic Medical Center **2013**
 - Travel and registration award, World Congress on Children and Youth Health Behaviors **2013**
 - Spinoza travel award: \$540 **2012**
 - Spinoza travel award for research visit to University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Department of Epidemiology: \$870 **2011**
 - American Public Health Association travel award: \$300 **2010**
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE (SELECTION)

Lamar University, Beaumont, TX

Assistant Professor – Sociology

Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades for courses:

Present

1. Epidemiology and Global Health
2. Global Health Disparity
3. Introduction to Sociology
3. Marijuana and Medicine
4. Research Methods

People's Open Access Education Initiative, Manchester, UK

Online Volunteer Tutor – Public Health

Co-lead Inequalities and Social Determinants of Health master-level course for public health capacity building, students mostly from low-income countries.

2015-2016

ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE & RELATED HIGHER EDUCATION EXPERIENCE (SELECTION)

Principal Investigator (PI)

European burden of disease of psychosocial stress and physical risk factors at work project, collaborators Prof. Terje Eikemo, Prof. Clare Bambra, Prof. Johan Mackenbach. **2013-2016**

Visiting Researcher

Harvard University, Department of Sociology
Visit Duration: March-April **2016**

Statistical Consultant

GAVA project led by Dr. Alexandra E. Evans, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Public Health, Austin Regional Campus, Completed their initial analysis and designed presentation for the Michael Dell Center. **2013-2014**

Research Assistant

Leiden University, recruited over 200 participants in the Dutch elderly population to complete physical activity questionnaire. Managed and analyzed the data. Developed proposal and wrote thesis on the study findings. **2006**

SIGNIFICANT PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (SELECTION)

- **Witvliet MI**. Europe gives adolescent girls a chance to design a new future: a big gain for global public health
Health Syst Policy Res, Vol. 3:2, 2016
 - Skalicka V, Ringdal K, **Witvliet MI**. Socioeconomic inequalities in mortality and repeated measurement of explanatory risk factors in a 25 years follow-up.
Plos One, Vol. 10(4), 2015
 - **Witvliet MI**, Stronks K, Kunst AE, Mahapatra T, Arah OA. The relationship between health-system responsiveness and politics: multi-level analysis of data from 44 countries.
International Journal of Health Service Research, Vol. 45:4, 2015
 - **Witvliet MI**. World Health Survey: a useful yet underutilized global health data source.
Austin Journal of Public Health and Epidemiology, Vol. 1(3), 2015
 - **Witvliet MI**, Arah OA, Stronks K, Kunst A. Examining self-rated health of young Central and Eastern Europeans in the context of other world regions.
European Journal of Public Health, Vol. 24:2, 2014
 - **Witvliet MI**, Kunst AE, Arah OA, Stronks K. Sick regimes and sick people: a multilevel investigation of the population health consequences of perceived national corruption.
Tropical Medicine & International Health, Vol. 18:19, 2013.
 - Bosdriesz JR, Lichthart N, **Witvliet MI**, Busschers WB, Stronks K, Kunst AE. Smoking prevalence among migrants in the US compared to the US-born and the population in countries of origin.
Plos One, Vol 8:3, 2013
 - Bosdriesz JR, **Witvliet MI**, Visscher TLS, Kunst AE. The influence of the macro-environment on physical activity: a multilevel analysis of 38 countries worldwide.
International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. Vol. 9, 2012
 - **Witvliet MI**, Kunst AE, Stronks K, Arah OA. Assessing where vulnerable groups fare worst: a global multilevel analysis on the impact of welfare regimes on disability across different socioeconomic groups.
Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health. Vol. 66(9), 2012
 - **Witvliet MI**, Kunst AE, Stronks K, Arah OA. Variations between world regions in individual health: a multilevel analysis of the role of socioeconomic factors.
European Journal of Public Health. Vol. 22(2), 2012
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MEDIA ARTICLE PUBLICATIONS AND INTERVIEWS (SELECTION)

- **Interview Beaumont Enterprise.** *Organization helps veterans with housing*, 2017
Available from: <http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/newsredesign1/article/Facility-aimed-to-help-homeless-vets-suffering-11022628.php?cmpid=email-desktop>
- **Interview Reuters.** *Single motherhood tied to slightly raised heart disease risk*, 2016
Available from: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-women-heart-disease/single-motherhood-tied-to-slightly-raised-heart-disease-risk-idUSKCN0Z22KL>
- **Interview Examiner.** *Honor Veterans Day in Southeast Texas*, 2016
Available from: <http://theexaminer.com/stories/news/honor-veterans-day-southeast-texas>
- **Interview 12 News Now.** *Group works to end veteran homelessness*, 2016
Available from: <http://www.12newsnow.com/news/local/local-group-working-to-shelter-homeless-veterans/312095379>
- **Interview AMC magazine.** *Global health differences can give insight on how public health is improving*, 2013
- **Witvliet MI.** *Corruption undermines health care systems: a human rights issue. Freedom From Fear Magazine - F3*, 2014. Available from: <http://f3.unicri.it/?p=588>

PEER-REVIEWED AND PUBLISHED CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS

- **Witvliet MI**, Arah OA, Stronks K, Kunst AE. Lone mothers, the forgotten flock: a multilevel study of the effects of household type on their personal health and gender inequality in 32 countries. *European Journal of Public Health*. 2012; 22(2): 188.
- **Witvliet MI**, Arah OA, Stronks K, Kunst AE. Tarnished arrangements: investigating the individual health consequences of corruption. *European Journal of Public Health*. 2012; 22(2):188.
- **Witvliet MI**, Arah OA, Stronks K, Kunst AE. Young central Europeans say I'm just fine: a multilevel exploration of generations and the influence of political history on personal health from a global perspective. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*. 2011; 65(1): A356 2011.
- **Witvliet MI**, Kunst A, Stronks K, Mahapatra T, Thompson CA, Arah OA. What's politics got to do with global healthcare? A multilevel examination of individual-patient reports of health system responsiveness in 45 low, middle and high-income countries. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*. 2011; 65(1): A170 2011.
- **Witvliet MI**, Stronks K, Arah OA, Kunst AE. A comparative exploration of the world's most vulnerable groups: socioeconomic differences and the influence of global welfare regimes on personal health in 46 countries. *ATINER* 2010.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Ploem MC, Retèl VP, Linn SC, van Boven H, Schmidt MK, de Jong JPh, Gevers JKM, van Harten WH. Tumour tissue: who is in control? A guideline on tissue banking for clinical purposes. *Lancet Oncology*. 2009; 11(1): 9-11.

CONFERENCES

- Invited oral presentation, CHAIN Workshop, Trondheim Norway, 2016
- Oral presentation, World Congress on Children and Youth Health Behaviors Viseu, Portugal, 2013
- Oral presentation & poster, European Public Health Conference (EUPHA), St. Julian, Malta, 2012
- Oral presentation, European Society for Health and Medical Sociology (ESHMS), Ghent, Belgium, 2012
- Oral presentation & poster, IEA World Congress of Epidemiology, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2011
- Invited oral presentation, Center for Global Health & Inequality-Workshop: Healthcare systems: change and outcomes. Ideas, institutions, actors, and reforms, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2011
- Oral presentation, Athens Institute for Education and Research (ATINER), Athens, Greece, 2010

- Oral presentation, ESHMS, Ghent, Belgium, 2010
- Oral presentation, American Public Health Association (APHA), Denver, Colorado, 2010
- Invited attendee, ESHMS, Ghent, Belgium, 2009

OTHER RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

- Chair of a Session, 4th Humanities, Arts, Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education & Business Conference, 2017
- Part of survey development team that submitted a proposal with colleagues from Europe and Harvard to add a health module to the American General Social Survey. **Proposal status:** *accepted 2014*
- Editor, Austin Journal of Public Health and Epidemiology, 2014-2016
- Worked with the development team of the European Social Survey (ESS) round 7-health module. Main involvement pertained to working conditions and health segment **Proposal status:** *accepted 2013*
- Scientific Committee Member, World Congress on Children and Youth Health Behaviors, 2013
- Scientific reviewer of abstracts, 13th World Congress on Public Health, 2012
- Editor & proofreader, Global Medicine Magazine, 2010-2012
- Secretary, AMC Epidemiology Line, 2011-2012
- Chair of a Session, ESHMS Conference, 2012
- Reviewer, Bulletin of the World Health Organization, ongoing
- Reviewer, European Journal of Public Health, ongoing
- Reviewer, Journal of Epidemiology and Global Health, ongoing
- Reviewer, Sociology of Health & Illness, ongoing

SERVICE TO MILITARY (SELECTION)

- Director, Young Americans Overseas, Opened the first veteran first housing complex in Jefferson County, present
- Founded Texas's first Women Veteran and Women First Responder Park. Groundbreaking ceremony held May 1, 2017. Lamar University choir student performed.
- Organized the VeteranFest. Lamar University Marching Band performed, 2016.
- Organized A New Year's Toast to Veterans, Governor Edwards of Louisiana sent the Veteran Commissioner to provide the toast to local veterans. Lamar University cheerleaders performed, 2017.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Dutch (fluent)

STATISTICAL PROGRAMMING SKILLS

- STATA (advanced)