

LOES LONING
Curriculum Vitae 2019

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of Birth 11 June 1988
Country of Residence South Africa / Rwanda
Citizenship Dutch

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sub-Saharan Africa • Kinship • Violence, Trauma & Memory • Gender-based Violence • Medical Anthropology • Ethnography • Youth • Anthropology of Development • Applied Anthropology • Sexual and Reproductive Health • HIV/AIDS • Gender • Human Rights

EDUCATION

- 2017 – Present **PhD in Social Anthropology**
University of Cape Town
Cape Town, South Africa
- Research Title: Generation After: The Reconstitution of Kinship and Family Relations in everyday Post-Genocide Rwanda
 - Ethnographic Fieldwork in Rwanda
 - Tutor for Undergraduate Course: Introduction to the Anthropology of Development and Difference
- 2011-2012 **MSc Social and Cultural Anthropology (Awarded Distinction)**
University College London
London, United Kingdom
- Dissertation Title: “New” Ethnography within Sexual Health Research – Lessons from Madagascar
 - 3 Months Ethnographic Fieldwork in Southeast Madagascar
- 2008-2011 **Bachelor of Arts (With Honours)**
University College Utrecht
Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Major: Social Anthropology and Development Studies
 - Exchange Semester: Xiamen University, China
 - Selected for the UCU in Africa International Development Programme in Kenya
 - 4-week field course in Kenya: Training in Ethnographic and Participatory Research Methods
 - Elected as Student Council board member (2009-2010)

2006-2008

International Baccalaureate Diploma
United World College of Southern Africa
Mbabane, Swaziland

- Scholarship awarded by the UWC Dutch Committee

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Mar 2014 – Mar 2017 **HIV/AIDS Programme Analyst**

United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
Harare, Zimbabwe

Responsible for the annual work plan with the Ministry of Health, National AIDS Council and City of Harare

- Managing programme implementation of:
 - National Sex Work and Key-Populations Programme
 - National Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision Programme
 - National STI Prevention Programme
 - 24-hour Sexual and Gender Based Violence clinic

Managing research initiatives related to HIV, Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights

- Coordinating recruitment of consultants and partnerships with research institutes
- Providing technical support and quality assurance
- Advising on research conception, protocol development, data collection tools, field work processes and training, report writing and dissemination of findings
- Collaborating with Ministry of Health and the National AIDS Council to implement research findings

Jan – Nov 2013

Sexual Health Research Specialist

ONG Azafady
Tolagnaro, Madagascar

Managing the monitoring and evaluation of a sexual health peer-education project in schools

- Developing evaluation methods, tools and research strategies
- Performing community consultations for project development
- Writing of grant proposals, donor reports, research and evaluation reports
- Supervising four research assistants and workshop facilitators

May – July 2012

Community Health Researcher

ONG Azafady
Tolagnaro, Madagascar

Conducting baseline research for the design of sexual and reproductive health projects in schools

- Leading Focus Group Discussions, Semi-Structured Interviews and Written Questionnaires
- Analysis of mixed methods data
- Presentation of findings to NGO management and community stakeholders
- Supervising two research assistants

July – Aug 2011 **Research Intern**
 Africa SOMA
 Elangata Wuas, Kenya
 Research into livelihood diversification strategies among pastoralist Maasai women

- Literature Review, Market Research, Focus Group Discussions, Participant Observation (5 weeks)

LANGUAGES

Dutch	Mother tongue
English	Fluent
French	Professional working proficiency
Kinyarwanda	Intermediate proficiency
Mandarin Chinese	Intermediate proficiency
Swahili	Basic proficiency
Malagasy	Basic proficiency

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH REPORTS

2012	“Making” Love in Madagascar: Constructing Adolescent Sexual Relationships in Tolagnaro
2011	Business Beyond Beads: New Opportunities for Women of Elangata Wuas

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS & PRESENTATIONS

2015	International Conference of AIDS and STIs in Africa (ICASA) Perceptions of Youth on Public Sector Condom Use in Zimbabwe (Co-Author) Acceptability Study of the Cupid Female Condom in Zimbabwe (Co-Author)
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GRANTS AND AWARDS

2019	International Peace Research Foundation Grant for PhD Research in Rwanda
2019	Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
2018	Toyota Foundation Research Grant for PhD Research in Rwanda
2016	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs Training Grant for study at Copenhagen University
2015	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs Training Grant for study at Harvard University
2014	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs Training Grant for UNDP Workshop
2012	Nominated for the Albert Schweitzer Prize with Project Feo, Madagascar
2012	Parkes Foundation Research Grant for dissertation research in Madagascar
2012	UCL Bursary Fund Research Grant for dissertation research in Madagascar
2009	Trajectum Scholarship for study in China
2006	United World Colleges Scholarship for study in Swaziland

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
African Studies Association
Antropologen Beroepsvereniging (Dutch Association of Anthropologists)
International AIDS Society
International Peace Research Association
Peace and Justice Studies Association

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Mar – May 2016 **Health in Emergencies and Refugee Health**
University of Copenhagen
Copenhagen, Denmark

Jun 2015 **Leading Successful Social Programs: Using Evidence to Assess Effectiveness**
Harvard University
Cambridge, USA

Dec 2014 **Effective Development Cooperation**
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

2017 – 2018 **Literacy Tutor, Scalabrini Center**
Teaching refugee women in Cape Town how to read and write

2015 – 2016 **Role Model, TalkUBUNTU**
Inspiring Dutch high school students to reach their full potential by sharing knowledge and experience

2008 – 2012 **Selection Committee Member, UWC the Netherlands**
Selecting prospective students for United World Colleges through application reviews and interviews

2008 – 2011 **Mentor, UWC the Netherlands**
Providing guidance and support to Dutch students at United World Colleges

2006 – 2007 **Project Coordinator, Young Heroes**
Management of a volunteer construction project at Mbalenhle primary school in Swaziland