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Education

09/2012 – 06/2017	PhD in Archaeology. Project title: Constructing Powerful Identities. The conception and meaning of 'rich' Hallstatt burials in the Low Countries (800-500 BC). Funded by the NWO program 'PhDs in the Humanities' and completed in the equivalent of four years full time.
10/2014	German language course (level A2.2.) at the Goethe-institut in Munich, Germany
09/2009 – 01/2012	RMA degree in Prehistoric Farming Communities of North-West Europe at Leiden University, earned <i>cum laude</i> . (RMA thesis grade: 9 out of 10)
09/2006 – 08/2009	BA degree in Archaeology at Leiden University, earned <i>met genoegen</i> . (BA thesis grade: 8.5 out of 10)
2007 – 2008	Participant in the Honours Class "The Merging of Science and Arts and Archaeology
09/1999 – 09/2006	<i>Gymnasium</i> degree from the Haags Montessori Lyceum

Employment history

07/2017 – present day	Academic editor for Sidestone Press, Leiden
09/2012 – 06/2017	PhD-Candidate in Archaeology at Leiden University. Project title: Constructing Powerful Identities. The conception and meaning of 'rich' Hallstatt burials in the Low Countries (800-500 BC). Funded by the NWO program PhDs in the Humanities.
04/2012 – 08/2012	Research assistant to dr. David Fontijn
09/2011 – 12/2011	Teaching and research assistant to prof. dr. Harry Fokkens and dr. David Fontijn
01/2011 – 05/2013	Tour guide Dutch National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden
12/2010 – 02/2011	Teaching assistant to prof. dr. Harry Fokkens
2008 – 2009	Stand-by employee for PRAE. <i>Prehistorisch Re-enactment, Archeologie en Educatie</i>

Scholarships and prizes

2012/2017	PhD in the humanities grant' (NWO project code 322-60-004)
2012	MA dissertation "Hail to the Chieftain. A detailed examination of grave goods from Dutch chiefly burials and their role in funerary rituals during the Hallstatt period" nominated for the W.A. van Es prize in Archaeology (2012) and nominated for the Leiden University thesis prize (2012).
2008/2009	Bell Beaker wrist-guards: how are they made and what was their use? Experimental research project at Land of Legends Lejre. Funded by a Lejre Research Grant for Experimental Archaeology

Publications

Monographs

1. **Van der Vaart-Verschoof, S.**, in press. *Fragmenting the Chieftain. A practice-based study of Early Iron Age Hallstatt C elite burials of the Low Countries*. Leiden: Sidestone Press (= PALMA 15).
2. **Van der Vaart-Verschoof, S.**, in press. *Fragmenting the Chieftain – Catalogue. Late Bronze and Early Iron Age elite burials in the Low Countries*. Leiden: Sidestone Press (= PALMA 15).

Edited volumes

1. R. Jansen and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof** (eds); Heuvels op de Heide. Midden-bronstijdheuvels, een vroege ijzertijd urnenveld inclusief inhumatiegraf en een grafveld uit de Romeinse tijd op de Slabroekse Heide; Leiden: Sidestone Press (in press (will be published in early 2018), ca. 300 pages).
2. Schumann, R. and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof**, in press. *Connecting Elites and Regions. Perspectives on contacts, relations and differentiation during the Early Iron Age Hallstatt C period in Northwest and Central Europe*. Leiden: Sidestone Press.
3. Fontijn, D., **S. van der Vaart** and R. Jansen (eds), *Transformation through Destruction. A monumental and extraordinary Early Iron Age Hallstatt C barrow from the ritual landscape of Oss-Zevenbergen*. Leiden: Sidestone Press.
4. Fontijn, D., A.J. Louwen, **S. van der Vaart** and K. Wentink, 2013. *Beyond Barrows. Current research on the structuration and perception of the Prehistoric Landscape through Monuments*. Leiden: Sidestone Press.

Chapters in edited volumes

1. R. Jansen, Q. Bourgeois, **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof** and W. Verschoof-van der Vaart; Een bijzonder inhumatiegraf uit de vroege ijzertijd; In: R. Jansen and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof**; Heuvels op de Heide. Midden-bronstijdheuvels, een vroege ijzertijd urnenveld inclusief inhumatiegraf en een grafveld uit de Romeinse tijd op de Slabroekse Heide; Leiden: Sidestone Press (in press (will be published in early 2018), ca. 40 pages).
2. K. Grömer, **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof**, R. Jansen and J. Nientker; Bijzondere textielvondsten uit de vroege ijzertijd: kleding en lijkgewaad?; In: R. Jansen and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof**; Heuvels op de Heide. Midden-bronstijdheuvels, een vroege ijzertijd urnenveld inclusief inhumatiegraf en een grafveld uit de Romeinse tijd op de Slabroekse Heide; Leiden: Sidestone Press (in press (will be published in early 2018), ca. 30 pages).
3. R. Jansen and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof**, Synthese; In: R. Jansen and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof**; Heuvels op de Heide. Midden-bronstijdheuvels, een vroege ijzertijd urnenveld inclusief inhumatiegraf en een grafveld uit de Romeinse tijd op de Slabroekse Heide; Leiden: Sidestone Press (in press (will be published in early 2018), ca. 35 pages).
4. **Van der Vaart-Verschoof, S.** and R. Schumann, in press. Differentiation and Globalization in Early Iron Age Europe. Reintegrating the Early Hallstatt Period (Ha C) into the Debate. In: Schuman, R. and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof** (eds), *Connecting Elites and Regions. Perspectives on contacts, relations and differentiation during the Early Iron Age Hallstatt C period in Northwest and Central Europe*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, 9–28.
5. Bourgeois, Q.P.J. and **Van der Vaart-Verschoof**, in press. A Practice Perspective: Understanding Early Iron Age Elite Burials in the Southern Netherlands through Event-Based Analysis. In: Schuman, R. and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof** (eds), *Connecting Elites and Regions. Perspectives on contacts, relations and differentiation during the Early Iron Age Hallstatt C period in Northwest and Central Europe*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, 305–318.

6. Jansen, R and **Van der Vaart-Verschoof**, in press . A cluster of chieftains' graves in the Netherlands? Cremating and inhumating elites during Ha C on the Maashorst, the Netherlands. In: Schuman, R. and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof** (eds), *Connecting Elites and Regions. Perspectives on contacts, relations and differentiation during the Early Iron Age Hallstatt C period in Northwest and Central Europe*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, 127–144.
7. Fontijn, D. and **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof**, 2016. Local elites globalized in death: a practice approach to Early Iron Age Hallstatt C/D chieftains' burials in northwest Europe. In: Hodos, T. (ed.), *The Routledge Handbook of Archaeology and Globalization*. London: Routledge, 522–536 (**peer-reviewed**).
8. **Van der Vaart-Verschoof**, 2016. De zwaarden van de Vorsten uit de Vroege IJzertijd. In: L. Amkreutz and A. Willemsen (eds), *Vlijmscherp Verleden. Het zwaard als wapen en symbool*.
9. **S. van der Vaart-Verschoof**, 2015. Fragmente des Fürstlichen. Vorläufige Ergebnisse zu den Bestattungssitten ältereisenzeitlicher Eliten in den Benelux-Ländern. In: R. Karl, J. Leskovar (eds.), *Interpretierte Eisenzeiten. Fallstudien, Methoden, Theorie. Tagungsbeiträge der 6. Linzer Gespräche zur interpretativen Eisenzeitarchäologie. Studien zur Kulturgeschichte von Oberösterreich*. Linz: Folge, 25–38.
10. **Van der Vaart, S.**, D. Fontijn and P. Valentijn, 2013. The central find assemblage of mound 7. In: D. Fontijn, **S. van der Vaart** and R. Jansen (eds), *Transformation through Destruction. A monumental and extraordinary Early Iron Age Hallstatt C barrow from the ritual landscape of Oss-Zevenbergen*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, 119–139.
11. Fontijn, D., R. Jansen and **S. van der Vaart**, 2013. The urn, bone, and iron from the central find assemblage in mound 7. In: D. Fontijn, **S. van der Vaart** and R. Jansen (eds), *Transformation through Destruction. A monumental and extraordinary Early Iron Age Hallstatt C barrow from the ritual landscape of Oss-Zevenbergen*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, 141–150.
12. Fontijn, D. and **S. van der Vaart**, 2013. Dismantled, transformed, and deposited – prehistoric bronze from the centre of mound 7. In: D. Fontijn, **S. van der Vaart** and R. Jansen (eds), *Transformation through Destruction. A monumental and extraordinary Early Iron Age Hallstatt C barrow from the ritual landscape of Oss-Zevenbergen*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, 151–193.
13. Fontijn, D., R. Jansen, **S. van der Vaart**, H. Fokkens and I. van Wijk, 2013. Conclusion: the seventh mound of seven mounds – long-term history of the Zevenbergen barrow landscape. In: D. Fontijn, **S. van der Vaart** and R. Jansen (eds), *Transformation through Destruction. A monumental and extraordinary Early Iron Age Hallstatt C barrow from the ritual landscape of Oss-Zevenbergen*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, 281–316.
14. Jansen, R., L. Amkreutz and **S. van der Vaart**, 2013. Preserving and presenting the mounds and finds of Oss-Zevenbergen. In: D. Fontijn, **S. van der Vaart** and R. Jansen (eds), *Transformation through Destruction. A monumental and extraordinary Early Iron Age Hallstatt C barrow from the ritual landscape of Oss-Zevenbergen*. Leiden: Sidestone Press, 317–324.
15. **Van der Vaart, S.**, A. van den Broek, L. Klerkx and N. de Vree, 2010. Making soap as the Qumranites did. In: J. Gunneweg, A. Adriaens and J. Dik (eds), *Holistic Qumran. Trans-disciplinary research of Qumran and the Dead Sea scrolls. Proceedings of the NIAS-Lorentz Center Qumran Workshop, 21-25 April 2008*. Leiden-Boston-Koln, Chapter 14.
16. Van den Broek, A., L. Klerkx, N. de Vree and **S. van der Vaart**, 2008. Part II: Soap and the Dead Sea Scrolls at Delft University and at the Lorentz center, Leiden. In: Koekkelkoren, A. and S. Kruithof (eds), *Honours Class 2007-2008. The Merging of Science and Arts and Archaeology*. Leiden, 40–49.

Journal papers and other publications

1. **Van der Vaart, S.A.** and L.W.S.W. Amkreutz, 2013. Haaks op de IJzertijd? Een bijzonder grafassemblage uit de Late IJzertijd uit Emmen. *Nieuwe Drentse Volksalmanak* 130, 93–102.
2. **Van der Vaart, S.**, D. Fontijn, R. Jansen, 2013. Oss-Zevenbergen: nieuwe informatie over een bijzondere

grafheuvelgroep, *In Brabant* 5, 64–69.

3. Amkreutz, L. and **S. van der Vaart**, 2013. Eeuwige elite? Nieuw onderzoek naar twee Vorstengraven uit de collectie van het RMO, *Archeologie Magazine* 2013: 4, 6–9.
4. Fokkens, H., **S.A. van der Vaart**, D.R. Fontijn, S.A.M. Lemmers, R. Jansen, I.M. van Wijk and P.J.C. Valentijn, 2012. Hallstatt burials of Oss in context, *Analecta Praehistorica Leidensia* 43/44, 183–204.
5. Heijnis, A., E. van Meel and **S. van der Vaart** (eds), 2011. Beyond Technology: re-contextualizing ancient crafts. Workshop graduate school of archaeology. October 2010. *Graduate School of Archaeology occasional papers* 5.
6. **Van der Vaart, S.**, 2010. The Ritualisation of Flint (Annelou van Gijn). In: R. Manning (ed.), The perception of the environment. Workshop graduate school of archaeology. October 2009. *Graduate School of Archaeology occasional papers* 4, 23–26.
7. Van Meel, E., **S. van der Vaart** and D. Vos, 2010. Katja Lubina: The role of databases in the protection of cultural objects and the differences between Nazi looted art and illicitly traded archaeological objects. In: S. Lieverse and L. Ouwerkerk (eds), Legacy and Legislation: the legal toolbox for handling cultural heritage. Honours Class Archaeology 2009-2010. *Graduate School of Archaeology occasional papers* 3, 18–21.

Theses

1. **Van der Vaart, S.**, 2011. *Hail to the Chieftain. A detailed examination of the grave goods from Dutch chiefly burials and their role in funerary rituals during the Hallstatt period.* (Unpublished Research Master thesis, University of Leiden). Nominated for the W.A. van Es prize in Archaeology (2012) and nominated for the Leiden University thesis prize (2012).
2. **Van der Vaart, S.**, 2009. *Bell Beaker wrist-guards reconsidered. A research into their functionality and possible uses.* (Unpublished Bachelor thesis, University of Leiden).

Lectures on invitation:

04-11-2015	S. van der Vaart-Verschoof ; <i>Elite burial practices of the Early Iron Age Low Countries</i> ; lecture given at Hamburg University (Hamburg).
09-05-2015	S. van der Vaart-Verschoof ; IJzertijd elites? Vorstengraven uit de 8 ^e -5 ^e eeuw v. Chr. in de Lage Landen; lecture given at the 'Keltisch Colloquium' of the Stichting A. G. van Hamel voor Keltische Studies (Arkel).
04-07-2014	S. van der Vaart-Verschoof ; The problem of defining a chieftain: Early Iron Age chieftains' graves in the Low Country; lecture given at Tweede Dorestad congress at the Dutch National Museum of Antiquities (Leiden).
22-05-2014	S. van der Vaart-Verschoof ; De Vorsten van Oss; lecture given at the opening of the 'Paalgraven monument' (Oss).
23-05-2014	S. van der Vaart-Verschoof ; Princely burials in the Low Countries; lecture given at 'Hauskolloquium' at the Institut für Vor- und frühgeschichtliche Archäologie und Provinzialrömische Archäologie of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (Munich)
08-02-2014	S. van der Vaart ; Fragmenting the Chieftain. Early Iron Age burial ritual in 'rich' Hallstatt C graves in the Netherlands (preliminary results); lecture given at Celtic Colloquium 'Les Celtes en Italie' of the Société Belge d'Etudes Celtiques (Brussels).
30-05-2013	S. van der Vaart ; Het Vorstengraf van Oss: een bijzonder grafritueel uit de Nederlandse Prehistorie; lecture given at the National Museum of Antiquities (Leiden).

International activities and extended periods of study/research abroad

08-09/2017	Attended and presented a paper at the 'Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists' in Maastricht, the Netherlands.
04/2017	Attended and presented a paper with A.J. Louwen at the international 'Archaeology and Theory Symposium' at Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands.
08-09/2016	Attended and presented a paper at the 'Annual Meeting of the European Association of Archaeologists' in Vilnius, Lithuania.
11/2015	Organizer of and speaker at international workshop 'Connected Elites and Regions in the Early Hallstatt Period (Ha C) Perspectives from the Lowlands to the Circumalpine Region', hosted by Leiden University and co-organized with Hamburg University.
11/2015	Invited lecturer for 'Vortragsreihe der Vor- und Frühgeschichtlichen Archäologie der Universität Hamburg Institut für Vor- und Frühgeschichtliche Archäologie' in Hamburg, Germany; subsidized by the Hamburg research group.
11/2014	Presented a paper at the 'Interpretierte Eisenzeiten Tagung' in Linz, Austria.
10-11/2014	Research exchange (2 months) at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München in Munich, Germany.
04/2014	Invited lecturer for 'Hauskolloquium' at the Institut für Vor- und frühgeschichtliche Archäologie und Provinzialrömische Archäologie of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München in Munich, Germany; subsidized by the Munich Institute.
02/2014	Invited speaker at Celtic Colloquium 'Les Celtes en Italie' of the Société Belge d'Etudes Celtiques in Brussels, Belgium.
04/2013	Attended international conference 'Creativity: An Exploration Through The Bronze Age And Contemporary Responses To The Bronze Age' in Cambridge, United Kingdom.

10/2012	Speaker at international workshop 'Bones, bodies, persons' at Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, the Netherlands.
03/2011	Co-organizer of and speaker at international workshop 'The Hallstatt burials of Oss in context', hosted by Leiden University.
10/2009	Attended international conference 'Beyond Elites. Alternatives to Hierarchical systems in Modeling Social Formations' in Bochum, Germany.

Other academic activities

2017	Permanent Member for Science on the program committee for the National Archaeological conference of the Netherlands, the 'Reuvensdagen'.
2016	Invited speaker and host of the session 'Wetenschap, publiek & monumentenzorg entangled - De Vorst van Oss' at the National Archaeological conference of the Netherlands, the 'Reuvensdagen'.
2016	Crew member <i>Archeologiehuis Oss</i> – pop-up museum for the National Archaeology days.
2015/2017	Assistant thesis supervision BA and MA students.
2015/2016	Member of the Research Committee of the Faculty of Archaeology, Leiden University.
2015	Invited speaker at the 'Keltisch Colloquium' of the Stichting A.G. van Hamel voor Keltische Studies in Arkel, the Netherlands.
2015	Attended a Graduate School workshop on Network Analysis at Leiden University.
2014	Panelmember Odysseesymposium at the National Museum of Antiquities, Leiden.
2014	Attended a Graduate School workshop on Ontologies in Archaeology at Leiden University
2014	Lecturer MA-class <i>Themes in Prehistory</i> at Leiden University.
2013	Organizer of and speaker at symposium 'Transformation through Destruction' hosted by Leiden University at the Dutch National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden, the Netherlands.
2011 – present day	Material Culture specialist and advisor to Oermuseum in Diever, the Netherlands

Other activities

03/2013 – 05/2013	Design & creation of temporary exhibition 'Vorstengraven voor het Voetlicht' at the Dutch National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden, the Netherlands.
2009/2011	Design & creation permanent exhibition 'Archaeology of the Netherlands' at the Dutch National Museum of Antiquities in Leiden, the Netherlands.
07/2010 – 08/2010	3 weeks fieldwork on the Ness of Brodgar excavation in Orkney, Britain
05/2009	1 week inventorying the 1977 excavation at Kraaienberg for the filing system of the Dutch National Museum of Antiquities
2008 – Present day	Crew member <i>Steentijd dag</i>
07/2008	4 weeks fieldwork in Apeldoorn, excavating three burial mounds
06/2008 & 08/2008	4 weeks fieldwork in Naaldwijk, general excavation activities on a Roman-Medieval site
06/2008	2 weeks fieldwork in Schöningen, sieving & sorting zoological Palaeolithic samples