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Personal Statement:

Social cognition researcher studying the ontogeny and phylogeny of humans' capacity to connect to others and create social relationships by sharing psychological processes in human adults, children and great apes. Published in psychological and biological journals. Taught over ten different psychology courses in both Dutch and English.

Publications:

Wolf, W., & Tomasello, M. (2020). Watching a video together creates social closeness between children and adults. *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*.

Wolf, W., & Tomasello, M. (2019). Visually attending to a video together facilitates great ape social closeness. *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*, 286(19087).

Wolf, W., Launay, J., & Dunbar, R. I. M. (2015). Joint attention, shared goals, and social bonding. *British Journal of Psychology*, 107(2), 322–337. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjop.12144>

Wolf, W., Levordashka, A., Ruff, J. R., Kraaijeveld, S., Lueckmann, J. M., & Williams, K. D. (2015). Ostracism Online: A social media ostracism paradigm. *Behavior Research Methods*, 47(2), 361–373.

Fellowships, Scholarships and Grants:

Philip Jackson Baugh Fellowship (\$25.000) Duke University	03/2020
Lafitte Graduate Research grant (\$5000) Duke University (USA)	09/2019
Lafitte graduate research grant (\$5000) Duke University (USA)	09/2018
Fulbright PhD scholarship (\$12.500) Fulbright organization (US - Netherlands)	03/2016
Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds scholarship - Sciences (€ 5000) Prins Bernhard Cultuurfonds (Netherlands)	04/ 2013

Education:

- 2016 – 2021 **PhD**
Department of Psychology and Neuroscience
Duke University, North Carolina, USA
Thesis: The ontogeny and phylogeny of connecting with others through shared attention
Thesis supervisor: Professor Michael Tomasello
- 2011 – 2013 **MSc. Social psychology (Cum Laude)**
Department of Psychology
VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2009 – 2011 **BSc. Psychology**
Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands
- 2005 – 2009 **BSc. Criminology**
Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands
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Conferences:

- 2020 **Budapest CEU Conference on Cognitive Development (BCCCD).**
Budapest, Hungary
Poster: Toddlers, but not apes connect through creating common ground in a shared experience.
- 2019 **Conference of the Cognitive Development Society (CDS).**
Louisville, KY, USA.
Poster: Toddlers, but not apes connect through creating common ground in a shared experience.
- 2018 **Duke-UNC annual research meeting in developmental psychology.**
Chapel Hill, NC, USA
Talk: The evolutionary origin of human social bonding
- 2018 **Conference for the Human Behavior and Evolution Society (HBES)**
Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Talk: The evolutionary origin of human social bonding:
- 2018 **International Conference for Infant Studies (ICIS).**
Philadelphia, PA, USA
Poster: The origin of social bonding through shared experiences.
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Academic employment – Teaching:

2017 - 2019	Teaching assistant Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Duke University, NC (USA)	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Developmental Psychology (Dr. Rita Svetlova)– Developmental Psychology (Dr. Makeba Wilbourn)– Developmental Psychology (Dr. Michael Tomasello)– Introduction to Research methods (Dr. Steven Asher)
2013 - 2014	Tutor Department of Psychology, VU University (The Netherlands)	Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Statistics III (Multilevel Regression)– Statistics II– Statistics I– Organizational Psychology– Neuropsychology– Behavioral Genetics– Measurement and Diagnostics– Methodology I– Developmental Psychology– Introduction to Social Psychology

Academic employment - Research

2014 – 2016	Research Assistant Social Neuroscience Department of Psychology VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands Principal Investigator: Professor Mark van Vugt
2013 – 2014	Junior Researcher Social and Evolutionary Neuroscience Research Group Department of Psychology University of Oxford, UK Principal Investigator: Professor Robin Dunbar
2011 – 2013	Research Assistant Social Psychology Department of Psychology VU University, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Academic service

Peer review

- Nature – scientific reports
- Biology Letters
- Group Processes & Intergroup Relations
- Communications Research
- Psychonomic Bulletin & Review
- European Journal of Work and Organizational Psychology
- Psychiatry research
- Behaviour
- Stress and Health
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Mentoring

Julia Thielhelm (independent study)

Department of Psychology and Neuroscience

Duke University, North Carolina, USA

Thesis: Does joint attention make objects more interesting?

Rachel Galagos (independent study)

Department of Psychology and Neuroscience

Duke University, North Carolina, USA

Thesis: The Root of Human Cooperation: Joint Attention Leads to Bonding in Young Children with Adults

Languages:

Dutch

Native

English

Fully proficient

German

Intermediate
