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BIOGRAPHY



Biography

Loes van Gelderen was born on October 15, 1985, in Heemskerk, the Netherlands, but has lived in Krommenie and Amsterdam. In 2004, she completed her secondary education at 'Bertrand Russel College' in Krommenie and decided to study Pedagogical Sciences at the University of Amsterdam. In 2007 she obtained her bachelor degree and applied (and was accepted) for the Research Master of Education at the University of Amsterdam. During her first master year, Loes started to collaborate with the National Longitudinal Lesbian Family study of Dr. N. Gartrell and she wrote her first master's thesis based on preliminary data from the fifth wave of the NLLFS. During her second master year, Loes studied one semester at San Francisco State University. In San Francisco, she started to collaborate with Dr. J. Paik. Loes wrote her second master thesis about early mathematical skills of Dutch, U.S., and Taiwanese 4-year olds. She received her master's degree in Educational Sciences at the University of Amsterdam in 2009. Immediately after graduation, Loes was employed as PhD candidate at the Research Institute of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam and lecturer at the College and Graduate Schools of Child Development and Education, University of Amsterdam. Her research focused on the psychological adjustment of Dutch and American adolescents in planned lesbian families. Between 2009 and 2011 Loes organized the monthly colloquia of the Graduate School of Child Development and Education. Between 2010 and 2012 Loes was co-chair PhD candidates counsel. Her dissertation was finished in August, 2012. Since August 2012, Loes has been working as a post-doctoral researcher at the Research Institute of Child Development and Education.