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### Education

1997      PhD in Assyriology, University of Groningen (Netherlands)

### Professional Experience

2018-2020 Visiting Professor, Helsinki University  
2016      Member, Board of Advisors, Berkeley Institute of Data Science  
2016      Senior Fellow, Berkeley Institute of Data Science  
2015      Member, Board of Advisors, Hearst Museum of Anthropology  
2015-2016 Senior Fellow, Townsend Center for the Humanities  
2013-      Professor of Assyriology at the Department of Near Eastern Studies, UCB  
Berkeley  
2009-      Member of the international Steering Committee of the Open Richly  
Annotated Cuneiform Corpus (<http://oracc.org/>)  
2005-2013 Associate Professor of Assyriology at the Department of Near Eastern  
Studies, UC Berkeley.  
2003-      Director, Digital Corpus of Cuneiform Lexical Texts  
2002-2005 Assistant Professor of Assyriology at the Department of Near Eastern  
Studies, UC Berkeley.  
2002-      Curator of Mesopotamian Epigraphy, Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of  
Anthropology, UC Berkeley.  
2001-      Consultant for the electronic Pennsylvania Sumerian Dictionary  
1999-2001 Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences Research Associate,  
Faculty of Arts, University of Groningen  
1998-1999 Research Assistant for the Pennsylvania Sumerian Dictionary, University of  
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
1992-96      Research Assistant for Assyriology at the Faculty of Arts, University of  
Groningen  
1989-92      Research Assistant at the Department of Theology, University of Nijmegen

### Editorships

2010-      Explorations in Ancient Near Eastern Civilizations  
2010-      Journal of Cuneiform Studies  
2011-      Journal of Cuneiform Studies Supplements  
2003-2008 Writings of the Ancient World  
2002-      Cuneiform Digital Library Journal  
(<http://cdli.ucla.edu/Pubs/CDLJ.html>)  
2002-      Cuneiform Digital Library Bulletin  
(<http://cdli.ucla.edu/Pubs/CDLB.html>)

### Grants and Fellowships (selective)

- 2017 Mellon Digital Humanities Collaborative Research grant (with A. Anderson) for Ur III Name Authority
- 2017 UCB/LMU mini-workshop grant (workshop in Munich June 2017; Berkeley September 2017).
- 2015 Mellon Digital Humanities at Berkeley grant for development of a new DH course at NES.
- 2015 Berkeley Student Technology Fund (grant for installing a large television screen for teaching in 12 Barrows).
- 2015 French-Berkeley Fund (with Cecile Michel, Paris): workshops on Assyriology and Methodology (Paris and Berkeley)
- 2014-2017 NEH Digital Humanities grant for the development of Berkeley Prosopography Services.
- 2013-2017 NEH institutional grant for the Digital Corpus of Cuneiform Lexical Texts (2 years of funding for post-doc, and partial funding for research assistant)
- 2013 Mellon Research Grant (for hiring research assistant on the DCCLT project)
- 2011 Townsend Center Departmental Residency Grant (Prof. Wayne Horowitz, Jerusalem, spending one month at Berkeley).
- 2010 NEH National Endowment for the Humanities, Berkeley Prosopography Services: Building Research Communities and Restoring Ancient Communities through Digital Tools.
- 2009 NEH Institutional Grant for Digital Corpus of Cuneiform Lexical Texts (2 years funding for post-doc and assistant)
- 2009 Humanities and Arts Research Technologies Grant (Berkeley Prosopography Services; co-operative project with IST-Data Services and an international team of Assyriologists).
- 2008 Disciplinary Innovation Grant (with Rick Kern, French): Visible Language
- 2008 Mellon Project Grant (for DCCLT)
- 2008 Stahl Endowment Grant (for DCCLT)
- 2008 Mellon Research Grant (for DCCLT)
- 2008 French-Berkeley Fund (with Francis Joannès, Paris): workshops on Hellenistic Babylonia and Prosopography
- 2008 Instructional Improvement Grant (with Marian Feldman, History of Art): Digital Catalogue of the Ancient Near Eastern Seminar Room Collection.
- 2008 Equipment Grant : Installation of Digital Projector in Seminar Room
- 2007 Curator's Release Time grant (Hearst Museum of Anthropology)
- 2006 Guggenheim Fellowship: The Intellectual History of Ancient Mesopotamia
- 2005 President's Research Fellowship in the Humanities
- 2004 NEH Institutional Grant for Digital Corpus of Cuneiform Lexical Texts
- 2003 Hellman Family Faculty Fund Award
- 2001 Netherlands Society for Scientific Research, Innovation Grant 'Literature, Religion, and Scholarship in Ancient Mesopotamia.' (Not accepted).
- 1999 Participation in the research group Mechanisms of Canon- Making in the Ancient World at the Institute for Advanced Studies of the Hebrew University, Jerusalem

1997

Henri Frankfort Fellowship at the Warburg Institute of the University of London

# List of Publications

By Professor Niek Veldhuis, UC Berkeley

## 1. Online Databases and Tools

- 2016- Digital Assyriology <http://github.com/niekveldhuis/Digital-Assyriology>  
Tools and data for computational analysis of cuneiform text corpora.
- 2012- Corpus of Kassite Sumerian Texts (PI) <http://oracc.org/ckst>  
Online publication of Sumerian texts (royal inscriptions, lexical and literary texts) from the Kassite period (ca. 1500-1100 BCE); currently 92 texts.
- 2010- Berkeley Prosopography Services (PI). <http://berkeleyprosopography.org/>  
Cooperative project with Laurie Pearce (Near Eastern Studies) and Patrick Schmitz, IST Research. Development of a language-agnostic prosopographical toolkit that assists in disambiguating personal names and that automatically generates interactive visualization of the social network. Under development.
- 2003- The Digital Corpus of Cuneiform Lexical Texts (PI) <http://oracc.org/dcclt>  
Online publication of lexical texts in cuneiform (3.200 BCE - 100 AD), including several subprojects. Currently some 5,000 individual texts.

## 2. Monographs

- 2014 *History of the Cuneiform Lexical Tradition*. Guides to the Mesopotamian Textual Record 6. Münster: Ugarit Verlag.  
  
reviews: Judith Pfitzner (*Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes* 106, 2016, 326-332); Alexandra Kleinerman (*Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 79, 2016, 163-164); William Brown (<https://thebiblicalreview.wordpress.com/2016/03/12/history-of-the-cuneiform-lexical-tradition-by-nick-velhuis/>).
- 2004 *Religion, Literature, and Scholarship: The Sumerian Composition Nanše and the Birds. With a Catalogue of Sumerian Bird Names*. Cuneiform Monographs 22. Leiden: Brill Publications.
- 1997 *Elementary Education at Nippur. The Lists of Trees and Wooden Objects*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Groningen
- 1991 *A Cow of Sin*. Library of Oriental Texts 2. Groningen: Styx Publications.

## 3. Edited Volume

- 2006 With Piotr Michalowski, *Approaches to Sumerian Literature. Studies in Honour of Stip (H.L.J. Vanstiphout)*. Cuneiform Monographs 35. Leiden: Brill Publications.

#### 4. Articles:

- 2017 Words and Grammar: Two Old Babylonian Lists. Pp. 356-388 in Gonzalo Rubio, Fumi Karahashi and Lluís Feliu (eds.): *The First 90 Years. A Sumerian Celebration in Honor of Miguel Civil*. Studies in Ancient Near Eastern Records 12.
- 2016 Old Babylonian School Curricula. Pp. 1-12 in Shigeo Yamada and Daisuke Shibata (eds.): *Cultures and Societies in the Middle Euphrates and Habur Areas in the Second Millennium BC, vol. 1: Scribal Education and Scribal Traditions*.
- 2015 Schools in Ancient Mesopotamia. In: *Oxford Bibliographies in Biblical Studies*. DOI: 10.1093/OBO/9780195393361-0196
- 2014 Intellectual History and Assyriology. *Journal of Ancient Near Eastern History* 1, 21-36. DOI: 10.1515/janeh-2013-0006.
- 2013 Domesticizing Babylonian Scribal Culture in Assyria: Transformation by Preservation. Pp. 11-24 in W.S. van Egmond and W.H. van Soldt, *Theory and practice of Knowledge Transfer. Studies in School Education in the Ancient Near East and beyond. Papers Read at a Symposium in Leiden, 17-19 December 2008*. Leiden: Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten.
- The Early Dynastic Kiš Tradition. Pp.261-280 in *He Has Opened Nisaba's House of Learning. Studies in Honor of Åke Waldemar Sjöberg on the Occasion of His 89th Birthday on August 1st 2013*, Leonhard Sassmannshausen (ed.). Leiden: Brill.
- Purity and Access: A Catalog of Lexical Texts Dedicated to Nabû. *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 65, 169-180.
- 2012 Prestige: Divergent Receptions of Babylonian Scholarship. Cuneiform Lexical Texts in the Late Bronze Age. Pp. 83-104 in *Ansehensachen. Formen von Prestige in Kulturen des Altertums*, Birgit Christiansen and Ulrich Thaler (eds.). Munich: Herbert Utz Verlag.
- Lexical Texts, Ancient Near East. In *Encyclopedia of Ancient History*, Roger Bagnall, Kai Brodersen, Craig Champion, Andrew Erskine, and Sabine Huebner (eds.).
- Cuneiform: Changes and Developments. Pp. 3-23 in Stephen D. Houston (ed.), *The Shape of Script. How and Why Writing Systems Change*. Santa-Fe: School of Advanced Research Press.
- 2011 Levels of Literacy. Pp. 68-89 in Karen Radner and Eleanor Robson (eds.) *Oxford Handbook of Cuneiform Culture*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2010 Old Babylonian Documents in the Hearst Museum of Anthropology, Berkeley. *Revue d'assyriologie et d'archéologie orientale* 102, 49-70.
- 2010 Guardians of Tradition: Early Dynastic Lexical Texts in Old Babylonian Copies. Pp. 379-400 in Heather D. Baker, Eleanor Robson, and Gábor Zólyomi (eds.), *Your Praise is Sweet. A Memorial Volume for Jeremy Black from Students, Colleagues and Friends*.
- 2010 The Theory of Knowledge and the Practice of Celestial Divination. Pp. 77-91 in Amar Annus (ed.), *Divination and Interpretation of Signs in the Ancient World*. Oriental Institute Seminars 6. Chicago: The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago
- 2009 BAM 7, 51: An Alternative Reading. *Le Journal des Médecines Cunéiformes* 14, 44-48
- 2009 with Rick Kern: Visible Language: From Cuneiform to Text Messaging. *Townsend Newsletter* September/October 2009, 5-7 (<http://townsendcenter.berkeley.edu/article25.shtml>).
- 2008 Kurigalzu's Statue Inscription. *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 60 (2008), 25-51.

- 2008 Orthography and Politics: Adda, "Carcass" and Kur<sub>3</sub>, "to Enter.". In *On the Third Dynasty of Ur* (Journal of Cuneiform Studies Supplement 1). Piotr Michalowski (ed.), pp.223-229.
- 2006 Divination: Theory and Use. In *If a Man Builds a Joyful House: Assyriological Studies in Honor of Erle Verdun Leichty*. Edited by Ann K. Guinan, Maria de J. Ellis, A. J. Ferrara, Sally M. Freedman, Matthew T. Rutz, Leonhard Sassmannshausen, Steve Tinney, and M. W. Waters.
- How did they Learn Cuneiform? "Tribute/Word List C" as an Elementary Exercise. In *Approaches to Sumerian Literature in Honor of Stip (H.L.J. Vanstiphout)*, Piotr Michalowski and Niek Veldhuis (eds.). Brill 2006, 181-200.
- How to Classify Pigs: Old Babylonian and Middle Babylonian Lexical Texts. In *De la domestication au tabou : le cas des suidés dans le Proche-Orient ancien*, Cécile Michel and Brigitte Lion (eds.). Paris 2006, 25-29.
- Another Early Dynastic Incantation. In: *Cuneiform Digital Library Bulletin* 2006:2  
[http://cdli.ucla.edu/pubs/cdlb/2006/cdlb2006\\_002.html](http://cdli.ucla.edu/pubs/cdlb/2006/cdlb2006_002.html)
- 2005 Lexical Bits and Pieces. In: Yitschak Sefati, Pinhas Artzi, Chaim Cohen, Barry L. Eichler, and Victor A. Hurowitz (eds.) *"An Experienced Scribe Who Neglects Nothing" Ancient Near Eastern Studies In Honor Of Jacob Klein*, Bethesda, MD: CDL Press.
- Grammatical Texts in their Intellectual Contexts. *Acta Sumerologica* 22 (2000) [appeared 2005].
- 2004 HI-(še<sub>3</sub>) la<sub>2</sub>. In: *Cuneiform Digital Library Bulletin* 2004:4  
[http://cdli.ucla.edu/pubs/cdlb/2004/cdlb2004\\_004.html](http://cdli.ucla.edu/pubs/cdlb/2004/cdlb2004_004.html)
- 2003 Sumerian Literature. In: Gillis Dorleijn and Herman L.J. Vanstiphout: *Cultural Repertoires. Structure, Function and Dynamics*. Louvain: Peeters 2003.
- Cuneiform Tablets at the Groningen Institute for Semitics. *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* 93 (2003).
- Mesopotamian Canons. In Margalit Finkelberg and Christoph Marksches (eds.). *Homer, the Bible, and Beyond: Literary and Religious Canons in the Ancient World*.
- with H. Hilprecht †, Model Texts and Exercises from the Temple School of Nippur: BE 19. In: *Archiv für Orientforschung* 50 (2003/2004).
- Entering the Netherworld. In *Cuneiform Digital Library Bulletin* 2003:6.  
[http://cdli.ucla.edu/pubs/cdlb/2003/cdlb2003\\_006.html](http://cdli.ucla.edu/pubs/cdlb/2003/cdlb2003_006.html)
- The Sumerian Word na-IZI. In *Cuneiform Digital Library Notes* 2003: 002.  
<http://cdli.ucla.edu/pubs/cdln/archives/000001.html>
- 2002 [Studies in Sumerian Vocabulary: <sup>d</sup>nin-ka<sub>6</sub>; immal/šilam; and še<sub>21</sub>.d](#). *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 54.
- 2001 A Multiple Month Account from the Gu'abba Rest House. *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* 91, 85-109  
[The Solution of the Dream: A New Interpretation of Bilgames' Death](#). *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 53 (2001), 133-148.
- 2000 [Sumerian Proverbs in their Curricular Context](#). *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 120, 383-399.
- [Kassite Exercises: Literary and Lexical Extracts](#). *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 52, 67-94.
- 1999 LÚ<sup>gis</sup>ŠÀ.TAR in Ur III. *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 19, 20.

- Reading the Signs. in H.L.J. Vanstiphout, W.J. van Bekkum, G.J.H. van Gelder, and G.J. Reinink (eds.), *All Those Nations..., Cultural Encounters within and with the Near East*. Groningen: Styx Publications, 161-174.
- Continuity and Change in the Mesopotamian Lexical Tradition. in B. Roest and H.L.J. Vanstiphout (eds.), *Aspects of Genre and Type in Pre-Modern Literary Cultures*. Groningen: Styx Publications, 101-118.
- The Poetry of Magic. In T. Abusch and K. van der Toorn (eds.), *Mesopotamian Magic: Textual, Historical, and Interpretative Perspectives*. Ancient Magic and Divination 1. Groningen: Styx Publications, 35-48.
- Leren Lezen en Schrijven in Nippur. *Phoenix* 45, 30-41.
- 1998 [TIN.TIR = Babylon, the Question of Canonisation, and the Production of Meaning](#). *Journal of Cuneiform Studies* 50, 77-85.
- A Late Old Babylonian Proto-Kagal/Nigga Text and the Nature of the Acrographic Lexical Series. *Acta Sumerologica* 20, 201-216.
- 1997 with J. Oelsner (Jena): Ein keilschriftliches Palimpsest. *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* 87, 219-221.
- The Sur<sub>9</sub>-priest, the Instrument <sup>gis</sup>Al-gar-sur<sub>9</sub>, and the Forms and Uses of a Rare Sign. *Archiv für Orientforschung* 44/45, 115-128.
- 1996 On Interpreting Mesopotamian Namburbi Rituals. *Archiv für Orientforschung* 42/43, 145-154.
- The Cuneiform Tablet as an Educational Tool. *Dutch Studies on Near Eastern Languages and Cultures* 2, 11-26.
- A Nippur Emesal Vocabulary. *Acta Sumerologica* 18, 229-234.
- On a Ritual for opening a Well in Šumma lu 17 (CTN IV 156+160+161+162). *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 117, 104-105.
- The Ugarit Lexical Text RS 13.53 (PRU III, Planche X). *Welt des Orients* 27, 25-29.
- 1995 with H.L.J. Vanstiphout: ṭuppi ilāni takāltu pirišti šamê u eršetim. *Annali* 55, 30-32.
- 1994 A Tablet Recovered and a Missing Barrel of Beer. *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 64, 55-56.
- 1993 An Ur III Incantation against the Bite of a Snake, a Scorpion, or a Dog. *Zeitschrift für Assyriologie* 83, 161-169.
- The Fly, the Worm, and the Chain. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Periodica* 24, 41-61.
- 1992 Comments on IGI-HUL. *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 43, 33-34.
- 1991 On the Reading of GISSU in Ophthalmological Context. *Nouvelles Assyriologiques Brèves et Utilitaires* 106, 74-76.
- 1990 The Heartgrass and Related Matters. *Orientalia Lovaniensia Periodica* 21, 27-44.
- 1989 The New Assyrian Compendium for a Woman in Childbirth. *Acta Sumerologica* 11, 239-260.
- 1987 Geschiedenis van de Joden in Harderwijk. *Studia Rosenthaliana* 21, 73-92. Reprint in: *Historisch Jaarboek Harderwijk 1994*, 5-24.

#### 4a. Articles in the Press

Gender Studies and Assyriology: Expectations of an Outsider. In: Saana Svärd and Agnès Garcia Ventura (eds.), *Gender and Methodology in Ancient Near Eastern Studies*.

School and Curriculum. In: Gonzalo Rubio (ed.), *A Handbook of Ancient Mesopotamia*. Berlin/Boston: Walter de Gruyter.

Translation in the Elevation of Ištar. In: Jay Crisostomo, Terri Tanaka, Eduardo Escobar, and Niek Veldhuis (eds.). *Festschrift for NN*.

#### 5. Reviews:

- 2016 Elizabeth von der Osten Sacken, *Untersuchungen zur Geflügelwirtschaft im Alten Orient*. (Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis 272). Fribourg: Academic press, 2015. In: *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 79: 168-169.
- 2015 Kai Lämmerhirt, *Die sumerische Königshymne Šulgi F*. Texte und Materialien der Frau Prof. Hilprecht-Collection 9. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz 2012. In: *Review of Biblical Literature* 2015/6; <http://www.bookreviews.org/bookdetail.asp?TitleId=9187&CodePage=9187>.
- 2005 Markus Hilgert, *Cuneiform Texts from the Ur III Period in the Oriental Institute Volume 2. Drehem Administrative Documents from the Reign of Amar-Suena*. OIP 121. Chicago, IL 2003. In: *Orientalia Nova Series* 74 (2005), 116-119.
- 2002 E. Flückiger-Hawker, *Urnamma of Ur in Sumerian Literary Tradition*. Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis 166. Fribourg 1999. [Journal of the American Oriental Society](#) 122, 127-130.
- G. Cunningham, *Religion and Magic. Approaches and Theories*. Edinburgh 1999. In *Archiv für Orientforschung* 48/49 (2001/2002), 226-228.
- Petra D. Gesche, *Schulunterricht in Babylonien im ersten Jahrtausend v. Chr.*. Münster: Ugarit-Verlag, 2000. In: *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 123 (2003), 627-633.
- 1999 S. Parpola, *The Standard Babylonian Epic of Gilgamesh* (State Archives of Assyria Cuneiform Texts, Vol. 1). Helsinki 1997, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 56, 388-392.
- V.A. Hurowitz, *Divine Service and its Rewards. Ideology and Poetics in the Hinkel Kurru* (Beer-Sheva, Vol. X). Jerusalem 1997, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 56, 680-685.
- 1998 G. Cunningham, *'Deliver Me from Evil' Mesopotamian Incantations 2500-1500 BC* (Studia Pohl Series Maior 17). Rome 1997, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 55, 850-852.
- 1997 E. Reiner, *Astral Magic in Babylonia*. Philadelphia 1995, *Archiv für Orientforschung* 44/45, 417-419.
- A. Cavigneaux, *Uruk. Altbabylonische Texte aus dem Planquadrat Pe XVI-4/5. Nach Kopien von Adam Falkenstein. Mit einem Beitrag von Rainer Michael Boehmer* (AUWE 23). Mainz 1996, *Archiv für Orientforschung* 44/45, 360-363.
- 1995 R.K. Englund and H.J. Nissen, *Die lexikalischen Listen der archaischen Texte aus Uruk* (ATU 3). Berlin 1993, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 52, 433-440.