

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION:

- Masters degree in Sociology, University of Groningen, The Netherlands, September, 1991. Major in Sociology of Education.
- Ph.D. traineeship 1991-1995 at the Interuniversity Centre for Social Science Theory and Methodology at the University of Groningen. Courses in social science theory, social science methodology and integration of theory and methodology.
- Obtained PhD on inter- and intra-country differentials in the wage returns to education in 1997.
- Title of dissertation: *Sectoral Composition and the Effect of Education on Wages: An International Comparison*, ICS dissertation series, no. 47, Amsterdam: Thesis Publishers.

## RELEVANT WORK HISTORY:

- 1991-1995: PhD trainee, at the Interuniversity Center for Social Science Theory and Methodology at the University of Groningen
- 1996-1997: Lecturer in Social Science Methodology at the University of Groningen.
- 1997-present: (Senior) researcher at the Research Centre for Education and the Labour Market (ROA), Department of Economics and Business Administration, University of Maastricht, The Netherlands

## DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:

- Employed as senior researcher in the Education and Occupational Career Division of ROA.
- Responsible for coordinating the annual national university graduate survey in the Netherlands (WO-Monitor).
- From 1998 to 2001 was a team member in the project *Careers after Higher Education: a European Research Study (CHEERS)*, an international comparative study under higher graduates in 11 European countries and Japan.
- Starting in spring of 2004 will assist division head Rolf van der Velden in coordinating the project *The Flexible Professional in the Knowledge Society: New Demands on Higher Education in Europe (REFLEX)*, a new international comparative graduate survey that is intended to build on and expand the insights of the CHEERS study.
- Research interests are primarily focused on the relation between education and the labour market, which has resulted in publications on among other topics differential returns to education, career development, overeducation, skill utilisation and skills obsolescence. Is currently working together with division head Rolf van der Velden and colleague Ger Ramaekers on developing an internationally comparable instrument for measuring competencies of higher education graduates through graduate surveys.

#### KEY PUBLICATIONS:

- Allen, J., Boezeroy, P., Weert E. de, & Velden R. van der (2000) Higher Education and Graduate Employment in the Netherlands, *European Journal of Education*, vol. 35, no. 2, pp. 211-219.
- Allen, J. & Velden, R. van der (2001) Educational mismatches versus skills mismatches: effects on wages, job satisfaction, and on-the-job-search, *Oxford Economic Papers*, Vol. 53, No. 3, pp. 434-452
- Allen, J. & Sanders, K. (2002) Gender Gap in Earnings at the Industry Level, *The European Journal of Women's Studies*, vol. 9, no. 2, pp. 163-180.
- Allen, J. & Velden, R. van der (2002) When do Skills Become Obsolete, and When Does it Matter? In: A. de Grip, J. van Loo and K. Mayhew (editors), *The Economics of Skills Obsolescence: Theoretical Innovations and Empirical Applications*, Research in Labour Economics Series, vol. 21, Amsterdam etc.: JAI Press.