

# Annelies Vredeveldt

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Area of Expertise

My area of expertise is memory in legal settings. I have conducted research and testified as an expert witness on topics including eyewitness memory, investigative interviewing, police reports, face recognition, own-race bias, composite construction, and deception detection.

## Education

- 2008–2011 **Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology** *The benefits of eye-closure on eyewitness memory*  
University of York, United Kingdom. Advisors: Alan D. Baddeley and Graham J. Hitch.  
Fulbright-funded research visit to John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, USA.
- 2007–2008 **M.Sc. in Psychology and Law**  
Maastricht University, The Netherlands. Graduated *cum laude* (highest distinction).  
Research internship at University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand.
- 2004–2007 **B.A. in the Social Sciences**  
University College Utrecht, The Netherlands. Graduated *summa cum laude* (highest distinction).

## Academic Positions

- 2013— **Assistant Professor | Branco Weiss Fellow**  
Department of Criminal Law and Criminology, VU University Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2012–2013 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**  
Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, South Africa

## Selected Grants and Awards

- 2013–2019 **Branco Weiss Fellowship**, Society in Science (success rate: 1.6%). €450,000.  
Awarded to “exceptionally qualified researchers at the frontiers of their discipline”.
- 2015–2016 **Police and Science research grant**, Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice. €75,000.  
Principal investigator: *Truth-finding and collaborative police reports*.
- 2013 **Humanities Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**, University of Cape Town. €15,000.
- 2012–2013 **High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group research grant**, J-FBI-10-009. €100,000.  
Principal investigator: *The effectiveness and feasibility of the Eye-Closure Interview in the South African Police Service*.
- 2012 **AW Mellon Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**, University of Cape Town. €15,000.
- 2012 **PhD award**, British Psychological Society - Social Psychology Section. €200.  
Awarded for outstanding research derived from a doctoral thesis in social psychology.

- 2011 **Dissertation Award: First Place**, American Psychology-Law Society. €800.  
Awarded for scientific research and scholarship relevant to psychology and law.
- 2010 **Fulbright Visiting Scholar grant**, Fulbright Center. €3,000.
- 2009–2011 **Departmental studentship**, Department of Psychology, University of York. €35,000.
- 2009–2010 **Vice-Chancellor's Teaching Award 2009/2010**, University of York. €600.  
Awarded for my "thoughtful approach to learning and teaching, attention to the range of students' learning needs, and support for other postgraduates who teach".
- 2009–2010 **VSF Foundation scholarship**, for study abroad. €10,000.
- 2008 **Top 3% award**, Maastricht University. €1,500.  
Awarded to best 3% of M.Sc. students.
- 2007 **UCAA Alumni Award**, University College Alumni Association.  
Awarded to the top alumnus each year for academic excellence combined with social involvement.

## Publications

\* Indicates that the author is a student

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2017 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, \*Knol, J.W., & Van Koppen, P.J. Observing offenders: Incident reports by surveillance detectives, uniformed police, and civilians. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 22, 150–163.
- 2016 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Van Koppen, P.J. The thin blue line-up: A comparison of eyewitness performance by police and civilians. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, 5, 252–256.
- 2016 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, \*Groen, R.N., \*Ampt, J.E., & Van Koppen, P.J. When discussion between eyewitnesses helps memory. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*.
- 2016 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, \*Hildebrandt, A., & Van Koppen, P.J. Acknowledge, repeat, rephrase, elaborate: Witnesses can help each other remember more. *Memory*, 24, 669–682.
- 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Hollins, T.J. Metacognition moderates the effects of distraction on cognition. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 6.
- 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Sauer, J.S. Effects of eye-closure on confidence-accuracy relations in eyewitness testimony. *Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, 4, 51–58.
- 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, Tredoux, C.G., \*Kempen, K., \*Nortje, A. Eye remember what happened: Eye-closure improves recall of events but not face recognition. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 29, 169–180.
- 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, Tredoux, C.G., \*Nortje, A., \*Kempen, K., \*Puljević, C., & Labuschagne, G.N. A field evaluation of the Eye-Closure Interview with witnesses of serious crimes. *Law and Human Behavior*, 39, 189–197.
- 2014 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Perfect, T.J. Reduction of environmental distraction to facilitate cognitive performance. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5.
- 2014 Mastroberardino, S., & **Vredeveltdt, A.** Eye-closure increases children's memory accuracy for visual material. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 5.
- 2014 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, Baddeley, A.D., & Hitch, G.J. The effectiveness of eye-closure in repeated interviews. *Legal and Criminological Psychology*, 19, 282–295.

- 2013 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Wagenaar, W.A. Within-pair consistency in child witnesses: The diagnostic value of telling the same story. *Applied Cognitive Psychology*, 27, 406-411.
- 2013 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Penrod, S.D. Eye-closure improves memory for a witnessed event under naturalistic conditions. *Psychology, Crime, & Law*, 19(10), 893-905.
- 2012 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, Baddeley, A. D., & Hitch, G. J. The effects of eye-closure and “ear-closure” on recall of visual and auditory aspects of a criminal event. *Europe’s Journal of Psychology*, 8, 284-299.
- 2011 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, Hitch, G.J., & Baddeley, A.D. Eye-closure helps memory by reducing cognitive load and enhancing visualisation. *Memory & Cognition*, 39(7), 1253–1263.

### Books

- 2017 \*De Bruïne, G., \*De Boer, A., \*Dehaene, T., **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Van Koppen, P.J. (in press). *Een Rwandees kaartenhuis: Een wirwar van wankelende verklaringen. [A Rwandan house of cards: A labyrinth of wavering statements]*. Den Haag: Boom.
- 2017 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, \*Hildebrandt, A., Van der Kemp, J.J., & Van Koppen, P.J. *De thuishulp in het Laakkwartier: Sporen van moord, diefstal of schoonmaak. [The housekeeper in Laakkwartier: Traces of murder, theft or cleaning]*. Den Haag: Boom.
- 2017 \*De Boer, M.M., \*Wiznitzer, S.N.P., \*Evertzen, M.J.C., **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Van Koppen, P.J. *De gescheurde nagel: Een alternatieve verklaring voor DNA-bewijs. [The torn fingernail: An alternative explanation for DNA evidence]*. Den Haag: Boom.
- 2016 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, Kesteloo, L. & Van Koppen, P.J. *Samen of apart: De invloed van overleg tussen agenten tijdens het opstellen van het proces-verbaal. [Together or apart: The influence of discussion between police officers while writing incident reports]*. Apeldoorn: Programma Politie & Wetenschap.

### Book Chapters

- 2017 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Van Der Zee, S. (in press). De betekenis van consistentie in verklaringen. [The meaning of consistency in statements]. Book chapter forthcoming in P. J. van Koppen, J. de Keijser, R. Horselenberg, & M. Jelicic (Eds.), *Routes van het recht: Over de rechtspsychologie*. Den Haag: Boom.
- 2017 Horselenberg, R., Boon, R., Odinot, G. & **Vredeveltdt, A.** (in press). Het interviewen van getuigen. [Interviewing witnesses]. Book chapter forthcoming in P. J. van Koppen, J. de Keijser, R. Horselenberg, & M. Jelicic (Eds.), *Routes van het recht: Over de rechtspsychologie*. Den Haag: Boom.
- 2017 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, & Tredoux, C.G. (2017). The Eye-Closure Interview: The practical utility of instructing eyewitnesses to close their eyes. In P. A. Granhag, R. Bull, A. Shaboltas, & E. Dozortseva (Eds.), *Psychology and Law in Europe: When West meets East* (pp. 231-246). Boca Raton, USA: CRC Press.
- 2014 **Vredeveltdt, A.**, Van Koppen, P.J., & Granhag, P.A. The inconsistent suspect: A systematic review of consistency in truth tellers and liars. In R. H. Bull (Ed.), *Investigative interviewing*. London: Springer.
- 2012 **Vredeveltdt, A.** Eyewitness memory. In J. Shaw (Ed.), *The psychology and law factbook*. Maastricht, The Netherlands: European Association of Psychology and Law publishing house.
- 2012 **Vredeveltdt, A.** Can we “repress” memories of sexual abuse? In J. Shaw (Ed.), *The psychology and law factbook*. Maastricht, The Netherlands: European Association of Psychology and Law publishing house.

### Edited Journal Issues

- 2014 **Vredeveldt, A.** & Perfect, T.J. (Eds.) Reduction of environmental distraction to facilitate cognitive performance. *Frontiers in Psychology*.

### Other Publications

- 2016 Horselenberg, R., **Vredeveldt, A.**, & Van Koppen, P.J. Nederlandse politieverhoren in de praktijk. [Dutch police interviews in practice.] *Nederlands Juristenblad*, 43, 3185.
- 2015 **Vredeveldt, A.** 'Had hij echt geen snor?' Do's en don'ts bij het verhoren van ooggetuigen. ['Really, no mustache?' Do's and don'ts when interviewing eyewitnesses]. *Online article on popular science website Kennislink*.
- 2014 **Vredeveldt, A.** Open-access publishing around the world: The ultimate guide. *Online article on European Association of Psychology and Law – Student website*.

### Under Review

- 2017 **Vredeveldt, A.**, Kesteloo, L., & Van Koppen, P.J. Writing alone or together: Police officers' collaborative reports of an incident. *Manuscript under review*.
- 2017 **Vredeveldt, A.** & Van Koppen, P.J. Instructing eyewitnesses to collaborate effectively. *Manuscript under review*.
- 2017 Pike, G.E., Brace, N.A., Turner, J., & **Vredeveldt, A.** The effect of facial composite construction on eyewitness identification accuracy. *Manuscript under review*.

### Ph.D. Co-Supervision

- 2013— Nortje, A. *Investigating facial recognition for multiple-perpetrator crimes*. Ph.D. thesis, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2013— Kempen, K. *The effects of composite construction on facial recognition*. Ph.D. thesis, University of Cape Town, South Africa.

### Teaching Experience

- 2013— **Project supervisor**, Project Gerede Twijfel [Project Reasonable Doubt], VU Amsterdam.  
As a supervisor on this Masters course I instruct and advise teams of 8-12 students investigating selected criminal cases. Past investigations have contributed to the re-opening of closed cases.
- 2012— **Thesis supervisor**, Universities of Cape Town, Utrecht and VU Amsterdam.  
I have supervised >10 research thesis students at the Masters, Honours and Bachelors level.
- 2011— **Guest Lecturer**, Universities of York, Cape Town, Utrecht, Maastricht and VU Amsterdam.  
I regularly give guest lectures on legal psychology, witness memory and investigative interviewing.
- 2017 **Ph.D. examiner**  
Vana Webster, Macquarie University, Australia (*completed 2017*)  
Pamela Rae, Plymouth University, United Kingdom (*expected 2017*)
- 2008–2011 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University of York.  
Tutorials, practicals, and marking for a Masters/Ph.D. course on Research Design & Statistics and undergraduate courses on Cognition, Comparative Cognition, Development & Language, Brain & Behaviour, Social Psychology, and Scientific Skills for Psychologists.

- 2009–2010 **Preparing Future Academics (PFA) programme**, University of York.  
Training on lecturing, course design, assessment, plagiarism, and quality enhancement; development of teaching plans; reflections on teaching practice; and construction of a final portfolio of evidence. Equivalent to Dutch university teaching qualification (BKO).

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## Service to Profession

- 2014— **Expert witness on criminal cases**  
I regularly serve as an expert witness on criminal cases. I evaluate case files (paper, audio, video) to analyse statements made by witnesses, victims and suspects. My analysis is presented in a written report and I may be asked to appear in court to give testimony.
- 2015— **Member of American Psychology-Law Society Dissertation Awards Committee**  
Reviewing PhD dissertations to determine who wins the annual award.
- 2017— **Member Advisory Committee for Assessments, Netherlands Register of Court Experts**  
Assessment of applications for registration as an expert witness in legal psychology.
- 2016–2017 **Member Advisory Committee for Standards, Netherlands Register of Court Experts**  
Establishing guidelines and registration criteria for expert witnesses in legal psychology.
- 2009–2015 **Co-founder & vice-president of European Association for Psychology and Law–Student**  
Two colleagues and I founded the EAPL-S in 2009 and ran the society until 2015. It has become a flourishing society with numerous student members, local representatives in over 15 countries, many publications on psychology-law topics and a range of annual awards.
- 2014–2015 **Associate Editor of Archives in Forensic Psychology**  
Recruiting editorial board members and reviewers, inviting article submissions, and overseeing the review process for a newly founded open-access journal in forensic psychology.
- 2013–2014 **Guest Associate Editor of Frontiers in Psychology**  
Inviting article submissions for a special issue, identifying suitable reviewers, overseeing the interactive review process, and deciding on acceptance of submissions.
- 2012–2013 **Founding member of South African Research Staff Association (SARSA)**  
SARSA represents the interests of research scientists in South Africa.
- 2011— **Ad hoc reviewer**  
*Applied Cognitive Psychology; Erasmus Law Review; Frontiers in Psychology; Journal of Applied Research in Memory & Cognition; Law & Human Behavior; Legal & Criminological Psychology; Memory; Memory & Cognition; PLOS One; Psychological Research; Psychological Science; Psychology, Crime, & Law; Psychology Press.*

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## Selected Presentations

*Selection of most recent presentations from >25 invited talks and >25 conference presentations.*

- May 2017 **Vredevelde, A.**, & Van Koppen, P.J. *Instructing eyewitnesses to collaborate effectively*. Paper presented at the European Association for Psychology and Law conference, Mechelen, Belgium.
- Jan 2017 **Vredevelde, A.**, Kesteloo, L., & Van Koppen, P.J. *Together or apart: Effects of collaboration between police officers on incident reports*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition conference, Sydney, Australia.
- Mar 2016 **Vredevelde, A.**, & Van Koppen, P.J. *Come witness this today in this theatre: The benefits of co-witness discussion*. Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, Atlanta, USA.

- Nov 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.** *Putting heads together: The benefits of collaboration between eyewitnesses.* Invited talk at the annual symposium of the Society in Science, ETH, Zürich, Switzerland.
- Aug 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.,** Groen, R.N., Ampt, J.E., Ramdihal, M.S.S., & Van Koppen, P.J. *Putting heads together: Collaboration improves memory accuracy.* Paper presented at the European Association for Psychology and Law conference, Nuremberg, Germany.
- Jun 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.** *Collaborative remembering in applied settings: New findings, implications, challenges and solutions.* Symposium organized at the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition conference, Victoria, B.C., Canada.
- Jun 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.,** Hildebrandt, A., De Haseth, S., & Van Koppen, P.J. *Acknowledge, repeat, rephrase, elaborate: Witnesses can help each other remember more.* Paper presented at the Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition conference, Victoria, B.C., Canada.
- Jun 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.** *Helping witnesses remember.* Invited talk at the Department of Psychology, Florida International University, Miami, United States.
- Apr 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.** *Remembering together.* Invited talk at the Department of Psychology, University of Cape Town, South Africa.
- Jan 2015 **Vredeveltdt, A.** *How to improve eyewitness memory.* Invited talk at the Department of Psychology, University of York, United Kingdom.
- Jun 2014 **Vredeveltdt, A.,** Tredoux, C.G, Kempen, K., Nortje, A., Puljević, C., & Labuschagne, G.N. *Enhancing the quality of information reported by witnesses of serious crimes.* Paper presented at the European Association of Psychology and Law conference, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- May 2014 **Vredeveltdt, A.** *Factors in witness memory.* Invited talk at the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- Mar 2014 **Vredeveltdt, A.,** Tredoux, C.G, Kempen, K., Nortje, A., Puljević, C., & Labuschagne, G.N. *A field study on the feasibility and effectiveness of the Eye-Closure Interview.* Paper presented at the American Psychology-Law Society conference, New Orleans, United States.
- Sep 2013 **Vredeveltdt, A.** *How to improve eyewitness memory.* Invited TEDx talk, South Africa.
- Sep 2013 **Vredeveltdt, A.** *Close your eyes and remember: Effects of eye-closure on event recall and face recognition.* Invited talk at ARC Centre for Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia.

## Selected Media Coverage

- Jul 2016 A pair of witnesses can be better than one. *The Wall Street Journal.*
- Jun 2016 Onderzoek: getuigen verbeteren elkaars verklaringen. *De Volkskrant.*  
[Research: witnesses improve each other's statements. *Top quality Dutch newspaper.*]
- Aug 2015 Nederlandse rechercheurs zijn échte Sherlock Holmes. *NOS op 3.*  
[Dutch detectives are real Sherlock Holmes. *Dutch public broadcaster.*]
- Jul 2013 Samen weet je meer. *Dagblad de Limburger.*  
[Two heads know more than one. *Regional Dutch newspaper.*]
- Feb 2013 Utrechtse hulp voor FBI. *De Telegraaf.*  
[Help from Utrecht for FBI. *Top popular Dutch newspaper.*]
- Oct 2011 Why do you close your eyes to remember? *Psychology Today.*

## Languages

- Dutch Native language
- English Excellent written and oral skills
- French Intermediate written and oral skills
- German Intermediate written and oral skills
- Spanish Basic written and oral skills

## Professional Memberships

Association for Psychological Science, European Association for Psychology and Law, American Psychology-Law Society, Society for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Associate of the Higher Education Academy.