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About the Author

Tania Oudemans was born on April 21st, 1962 in Upper Fern Tree Gully (Victoria) in Australia. In 1980 she obtained her VWO degree at the 'Kruissheren College' in Uden, the Netherlands and left her residence in rural Brabant to become a student at the University of Leiden. Studying Biology (Bachelors in 1985) and Prehistoric Archaeology she obtained her Masters in 1989 at that same University. After a three month and 15000 mile road-trip around the United States, she was ready to start her PhD studies at the AMOLF in January of 1990 under the guidance of Prof. Jaap Boon (AMOLF, University of Amsterdam) and Prof. Corrie Bakels (University Leiden). This multi-disciplinary project continued through the spring of 1994, when Tania left for a 18 month Post-Doctoral position as a Research Fellow and Visiting Fullbright Scholar at the Museum Conservation Institute (formerly known as Conservation Analytical Laboratory) of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington DC in the USA. Here she continued her work on the analysis of solid surface residues and extractable lipids from ceramics in collaboration with Dr. David Erhardt, Dr. David Von Endt and Walter Hopwood. A collection of ethno-archaeological ceramics originating from a Kalinga Village in the Philippines was studied. During an additional six months in 1995 and 1996 Tania was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institute, Washington DC in the group of Dr. Ed Hare. After her return to the Netherlands in 1996 (and a long spell of disabling RSI), work was found in forensic trace-analysis and dactyloscopy for the police department of 'Hollands Midden' in Leiderdorp in 1998 and as a University Lecturer in the International Masters program of the Design Academy in Eindhoven (1998 through 2000) where she taught Research Methodology, and Research Design and Management. Tania has continued to work for the police and has held the job of Crime Analyst since 2002. After her complete recovery, Tania returned to AMOLF Institute on a part-time basis to update and renew her work on the study of solid organic residues in indigenous Roman ceramics, and to complete the thesis that is currently in front of you.