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Curriculum Vitae

Tijm Lanjouw (Groningen, 1982) earned his BA (2005) and RMA (2011, *cum laude*) in Archaeology from the University of Groningen. His RMA thesis focused on Mediterranean landscape archaeology, combining field surveys with spatial analysis in GIS. During this period, he gained extensive field experience through projects in Italy, Romania, and Ukraine, and also worked as a fieldwork assistant in Dutch commercial archaeology.

From 2012 to 2016, he pursued a PhD track at Leiden University as part of the project “Consolidating Empire”, where he investigated the Middle Assyrian fortified settlement (*dunnu*) of Tell Sabi Abyad in northern Syria. His research concentrated on building techniques and architectural analysis.

Following his academic work, Tijm broadened his professional experience as a bicycle messenger, self-employed web designer, and videographer. He later joined the 4D Research Lab at the University of Amsterdam as a 3D Technician and Modeler, where he deepened his expertise in 3D modeling and expanded into digital humanities.

At the 4D Research Lab, he collaborates with a wide range of specialists, academic institutions, and museums - both nationally and internationally. His primary focus lies in virtual reconstruction, particularly of historical architecture in Amsterdam from the 17th to 19th centuries. Maintaining a strong connection to archaeology, he continues to participate in fieldwork projects in the Netherlands, Turkey, and Greece as a 3D capture and drone remote sensing specialist.