

Laurens Thissen – Curriculum Vitae

2006 - present

Owner of TACB (Thissen Archaeological Ceramics Bureau), Amsterdam, NL

Major projects involve the adoption of pottery technology at sites in Romania (Magura, Teleor 003) and in Turkey (Barcin Höyük); the transition from a-ceramic container use to ceramic tools used for cooking and heating food.

Currently, projects on Neolithic, Bronze Age and Iron Age sites in Belgium and the Netherlands, working as a pottery specialist for major archaeological companies based in Holland.

1994 - 2006

Independent pottery analyst. Investigations and analysis of Neolithic pottery assemblages from sites in Turkey (Ilipinar, Mentese, Barcin Höyük, Norsuntepe, Hayaz Höyük), and Southeast Europe (Magura, Karanovo, Galabnik, Drama, Makri)

1991 - 1994 Faculty of Archaeology, University of Leiden

Archaeologist

Preparing my PhD with help of a National Science Foundation (NWO) grant.

My expertise:

Analysis of prehistoric pottery, technological assessments, cultural embedding, digital illustration. Interested in pots as tools, relationships with food preparation and dairy processing, processes of innovation and the adoption of new technologies.