

Tom Van Daele

EDUCATION

2009-2013 PhD in Psychology, KU Leuven.
2006-2009 Master in Clinical Psychology, KU Leuven
2004-2009 Bachelor in Psychology, KU Leuven

EMPLOYMENT

2020-present Visiting scholar, Queen's University Belfast, UK
2016-present Research coordinator of Psychology and technology,
Thomas More University of Applied Sciences, BE
2015-present Research Fellow, KU Leuven, BE
2014-present Freelance consultancy
2013-2016 Researcher - Lecturer, Thomas More University of Applied Sciences, BE
2009-2013 Researcher, Policy Research Centre on Welfare, Health & Family,
KU Leuven, BE

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSABILITIES

2021-present Associate Editor for Specialty section Digital Mental Health,
a part of Frontiers in Digital Health & Frontiers in Psychiatry
2016-present Research coordinator of Psychology and technology, TM

MEMBERSHIP

2019-present Visa holder clinical psychologist in Belgium
2012-present Registered psychologist in Belgium
2021-present Active expert and Chair for the project group on technology in mental
healthcare for the Superior Health Council of Belgium
2020-present Member of the Telemedicine Working Group of the Belgian National
Institute for Health and Disability Insurance
2020-present Member of the Center for Research on Experience sampling and
Ambulatory methods Leuven
2018-present Founding member of the Network Online Care Flanders
2017-present Convenor of the EFPA Project Group on e-Health
2011-current Member of the Flemish Association for Clinical Psychologists
2008-present Member of the European Society for Research on Internet Interventions
2016-2017 Member of the European Federation of Psychologists' Associations
(EFPA) Project Group on e-Health
2013-2020 Effective committee member of the Registration commission for
psychologists in Belgium

HONOURS and AWARDS

2020 PsychSolutions Finalist
awarded by the American Psychological Association
2020 Yearly Prize Science Communication
awarded by the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium
for Science and the Arts

PUBLICATIONS

[Google scholar profile](#)

Number of articles in international peer-reviewed journals: 39

Times cited, h-index & i10-index: 1491 - 16 - 25

FUNDING

Tom's work has obtained over 6M euro of competitive funding, of which 900k as PI, mainly focusing on translational research, including several Technology Transfer projects (primarily on wearables and virtual reality in healthcare) from the Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Interreg projects on digital mental health dissemination and 2 KU Leuven internal funds on website and app development within the mental healthcare domain.

EXPERTISE

Tom Van Daele focuses on translating existing insights and tools from theory to practice-oriented applications and services, primarily in the field of digital mental health. He coordinates the Psychology and technology research line, which is a part of the Expertise Centre Care and Well-being at Thomas More University of Applied Sciences. The conducted research is predominantly practice-oriented, combines both quantitative and qualitative research methods, and works most of the time multidisciplinary: both with technical profiles (e.g., engineers, computers scientists, media & entertainment professionals), as well as with professionals with a background in (health)care (e.g., psychotherapists, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, nurses).

Through both national and international collaborations, Tom has built up extensive expertise on how to create added value in mental healthcare through the evidence-based use of websites, apps, wearables, virtual and augmented reality. He facilitates organizations with the integration and implementation of these technologies within their services, educates students and therapists on their use, and advises policy makers on how to accommodate to healthcare system to accommodate these innovations. As a result, has given over 120 invited presentations on these topics. His practice-oriented focus is also supplemented with more basic research, through his positions at both KU Leuven and Queen's University Belfast. At KU Leuven, he is currently a research fellow at the [Centre for the Psychology of Learning and Experimental Psychopathology](#). At Queen's University Belfast he is a visiting scholar and member of TIME, the [Centre For Technological Innovation In Mental Health And Education](#).