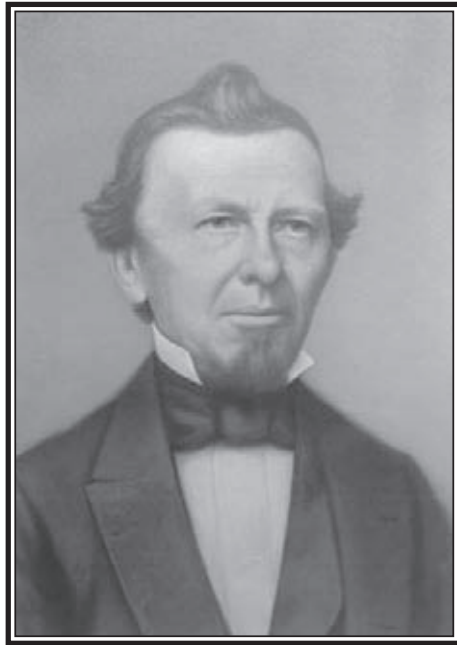


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A Message from the Director

Greetings from all of us members of the Van Raalte Institute! We are pleased to present to you our annual accounting of the work of the Institute. This year's report documents the work not only of the resident members of the Institute, but also of a new group of honorary fellows, who will be introduced in a separate section. The Van Raalte Institute continues to be a very lively and active center of scholarship and publication.

Although I will provide a separate summary of my research activities, I will begin with a project that involved several of us.

Tena Huizenga Book Project



I am happy to report that this project was completed in record time and on schedule, exactly fifteen months after the first documents were delivered to the Van Raalte Institute by Peter H. Huizenga. *Aunt Tena, Called to Serve: Journals and Letters of Tena A. Huizenga, Missionary Nurse to Nigeria* was published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company at the end of July 2009. Tena Huizenga represented the Christian Reformed Church as a missionary nurse in Lupwe, Nigeria, from 1937 to 1954, although she worked initially under the auspices of the Sudan United Mission.

This 976-page book is no. 63 in the Reformed Church in America Historical Series. I was joined by Robert Swierenga and Lauren M. Berka as co-editors. Some of you readers may recognize Lauren as one of our recent student research assistants. She began work in May 2008, immediately after graduation *summa cum laude* from Hope. Lauren transcribed all the journals and most of the correspondence, except for the letters written in Dutch, which were transcribed and translated by Nella Kennedy. She also produced a preliminary draft of the extensive glossary of names that appears as an appendix in the book.

One of our previous visiting research fellows, Dr. Harry Boonstra, wrote two major essays for the book, a biography of Tena Huizenga and a history of CRC missions in Nigeria from its inception to the present. Mark Cook produced several fine maps of Nigeria and the Benue Area where Aunt Tena worked. We also had the very able assistance of Karen G. Schakel as copyeditor.

Following the publication of *Aunt Tena, Called to Serve*, Bob Swierenga and I attended the Huizenga Family Reunion in August at Bay Harbor, Michigan, where we presented lectures on Aunt Tena and the editorial process.

Visiting Research Fellows Program

Since launching the Visiting Research Fellows Program in 2003, we have normally brought in two fellows each year. In 2006-07, however, we added a Netherland-America Foundation Visiting Research Fellowship, thanks to a grant from NAF (see next section).

David E. Zwart, a doctoral candidate in history at Western Michigan University and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute in 2007-08, received a second fellowship for 2008-09 to enable him to complete his research on “Celebrating the Past: Creating an Identity in the Dutch-American Community of West Michigan, 1926-1976.” A graduate of Dordt College, Zwart was a Middle School Social Studies teacher at Central Valley Christian School, Visalia, California, for three years. He earned an M.A. in history from California State University, Fresno, before enrolling in the doctoral program at WMU in 2004. In August 2008, he joined the faculty of Dordt College as Assistant Professor of History. He returned in October 2008 to deliver his public address, “**Preachers, Pews, and Pupils: Commemorating the Past in Twentieth-Century Dutch America.**” Publication of his paper is pending.

Our second Visiting Research Fellow for 2008-09, **Elizabeth J. Harvey**, was in residence during August and September 2008. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of Texas at Austin in 2005, she also studied as an undergraduate at both Michigan State University and the Autonomous University of the Yucatán in Mérida, Yucatán, México. She subsequently enrolled in the graduate program in Latin American Studies and History at the University of California at Berkeley. Her research for her Master’s thesis and eventual doctoral dissertation focuses broadly on missionaries and their work in the Southeastern Mexican state of Chiapas.



For her visiting research fellowship at the Institute, however, she focused mainly on Reformed Church in America missionaries in Chiapas, where she had previously conducted field research. On 19 February 2009, she returned to campus to deliver her public lecture, “**The RCA Mission to Chiapas, 1925-2000: Re-evaluating Traditional Theories about Mission.**” Publication of her paper is pending.

For the third year in a row, we brought back a former Visiting Research Fellow, **Professor J. I. Vorst**, of the Department of Economics and Labour & Workplace Studies, University College, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, who came initially in 2006 to organize the Theil Archive in the Hope College Collection at the Joint Archives of Holland. A former student of Dr. Henri Theil, Professor Vorst intends ultimately to publish one or more articles based on this research.

Netherland-America Foundation Visiting Research Fellowship



The NAF Visiting Research Fellow for 2008-09 was **Dr. George Harinck**. Dr. Harinck completed his undergraduate degree and most of his graduate studies at Leiden University during the years 1976-84, specializing in History, Museology, Dutch Literature, and Philosophy. He earned a Ph.D. in Reformed history from the Vrije Universiteit (Free University), Amsterdam, in 1993. He concurrently holds appointments as Professor of the History of Neo-Calvinism

at the Free University in Amsterdam and Professor of the History of Reformed Protestantism at the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Churches (liberated) at Kampen. He also serves as the director at each school of a research institute for the history of (Reformed) Protestantism.

Professor Harinck has published extensively—his list of books, monographs, articles, and reviews fills sixteen pages of his *curriculum vitae*. Among them is an article in the Princeton Seminary Bulletin (2007), “The Position of the Church as Institute in Society: A Comparison between Bonhoeffer and Kuyper.” He has also served as one of the editors of the three-volume *Bibliografie van Nederlandse Protestantse Periodieken*.

During his fellowship at the Van Raalte Institute, he focused his research on Dr. Nicholas Martin Steffens, who taught at Hope College and Western Theological Seminary from 1884 to 1895 and again from 1903 to 1912. Steffens also served pastorates at the First Reformed Church of both Zeeland and Holland, Michigan, and Orange City, Iowa. On 4 September 2008, Dr. Harinck delivered his lecture, “**Nicholas Steffens and Trans-Atlantic Relationships within the Reformed Church.**” Publication of his paper is pending.

NAF Fellowship Program Extended by a Gift from the Dutch American Council



Although Prof. Harinck was the third and final visiting research fellow covered by the three-year grant from NAF, we are happy to report that we have received additional funding from the Dutch American Council. This gift enables us to continue this very valuable program.

We therefore have awarded two NAF Visiting Research Fellowships for 2009-10. **Dr. C. Leon van den Broeke** is spending September and October 2009 at the Institute to pursue research on Albertus C. Van Raalte and his role as a leader of Classis in both the Netherlands and here in

Holland, Michigan. As one of the founding fathers of the Secession of 1834 in the Netherlands, Van Raalte was a leader and church organizer, serving as pastor of several churches and as president and clerk of Classis. He took this experience with him when he emigrated to the U.S.A., where he founded Holland in West Michigan in 1847.

Dr. van den Broeke seeks to make an ecclesiological, church historical, and church political comparison of the Classis of Nieuwleusen/Zwolle and the Classis of Ommen in the Netherlands with the Classis of Holland. Questions addressed in his research are: What was the influence of Van Raalte in classis matters? Did he bring his Dutch experience to the Holland Classis? What was the church order basis of these classes? Did Van Raalte institute the Classis of Holland?

Dr. van den Broeke is Assistant Professor of Religion, Law, and Society (including Church Polity) at the Vrije Universiteit (VU/Free University) of Amsterdam. He also serves as pastor of the Protestant Church of Sint Pancras. He has given numerous lectures on church order, classis, women in the church, and the Christian life, both in the U.S.A. and in the Netherlands. He received his doctorate in 2005 from the VU and was awarded the Albert A. Smith Fellowship at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Jersey in 2007.

He is scheduled to deliver his public address, “**A. C. Van Raalte as a Churchman,**” on 12 October.

In April and May 2010, we expect to welcome a second NAF VRF, **Dr. Rein Nauta**, Professor of Pastoral Psychology and Psychology of Religion at the Department of Religious Studies and Theology, Faculty of Humanities, University of Tilburg, the Netherlands. The theme of his research project is “Religious Leadership and Cultural Change.” He proposes to complete “a comparative analysis, at least in its intended effects, of the development of an immigrant town of Dutch settlers, dominated in its spiritual culture by the Reformed tradition, into a pluralistic, multi-ethnic, religiously diverse modern American city, in relation to recent developments in the Netherlands.” He intends to focus primarily on development during the final quarter of the twentieth century.

Adjunct Research Professor Moves to Utrecht University

During June 2009, Dr. Peter Ester left the University of Tilburg and joined the faculty of Utrecht University as Professor of Sociology and

Director of the Institute for Labour Studies, which he took with him to Utrecht. We look forward to having him in residence at the Institute during the first week of November.

Appointment of Honorary Research Fellows

With the approval of Provost James N. Boelkins, we have appointed three former Visiting Research Fellows—**Dr. George Harinck, Dr. Hans Krabbendam, and Dr. J. P. Verhave**—as Honorary Research Fellows at the Van Raalte Institute, effective in February 2009. They have an initial three-year appointment, with the mutual option of renewal.

Dr. Harinck's academic affiliation is given above. **Dr. Krabbendam** has served since 1997 as Assistant Director of the Roosevelt Study Center, Middelburg, Zeeland, the Netherlands. He studied at both the Free University of Amsterdam (philosophy) and Leiden University, from which he received an M.A. degree in history (1988); he earned a second Master's degree (in immigration history) from Kent State University (1989), under the tutelage of Dr. Robert P. Swierenga. He was awarded a Ph.D. degree in 1995 by Leiden University: his dissertation, *The Model Man: A Life of Edward William Bok, 1863-1930*, was published at that time. He held a Fulbright Junior Scholarship in 1991 and was named a Salzburg Seminar Fellow in 2001. He is the author or editor of numerous books, including his *Vrijheid in het Verschiet: Nederlandse Immigranten in Amerika, 1840-1920* ("Freedom on the Horizon: Dutch Immigrants in America, 1840-1920"), which was completed while he was at the Institute in 2003 as our first Visiting Research Fellow; it is soon to appear in English translation as part of the RCA Historical Series.

Dr. Verhave is retired from the Radboud University Medical Centre in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, where he was a microbiologist with a specialty in parasitology. Following his receipt of his master's degree at the Free University of Amsterdam, he went on to earn a Ph.D. in Medical Sciences, with a specialty in malaria, at the University of Nijmegen in 1975. He then spent a postdoctoral year at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, before returning to Nijmegen to teach and conduct research.

He is a widely recognized authority on the history of malaria and tropical diseases, with over one hundred research publications in international professional journals on malaria alone. He has also been actively engaged

in the study of the history of medicine and led the history section of the Netherlands Society of Tropical Medicine and International Health. JP, as we affectionately call him, has broad interests, ranging from religious and social matters of nineteenth century Netherlands to church history to folk art (on which he has published a book with his wife, Johanna Verhave-van Duijn). He is currently working on a biography of a Dutch-American writer, Paul De Kruif.

Criteria for this category include the following:

1. Candidates must have already held a Visiting Research Fellowship at the Van Raalte Institute (VRI);
2. They must have an ongoing research project that warrants return visits to conduct research at VRI;
3. They should have an institutional tie that would be valuable to VRI and Hope College;
4. In most cases, they would live and work overseas, but exceptions could be made.

All of our Honorary Research Fellows meet these criteria. Ever since their time in residence at the Van Raalte Institute, we have maintained regular communication and some scholarly collaboration with them. We are very pleased to have them as honorary members of our staff and we look forward to active engagement with them in the years ahead. Their reports on their scholarly activities are included elsewhere in this report.

Research Assistants

One of our former research assistants, **Michael Douma** (Class of 2004), who worked with Bob Swierenga on his comprehensive history of the City of Holland, has received a Fulbright Fellowship to the Netherlands for the academic year 2009-10. He will work on his doctoral dissertation for a degree from Florida State University.



Two of our long-time research assistants, **Lauren Berka** (right, Class of 2008) and **Laura Shears** (Class of 2009) have left us and are now enrolled in graduate school. Lauren is in the History Department at Arizona State

University and Laura is at North Carolina State University pursuing graduate study in the field of student development.



For the academic year 2009-10, we have two new research assistants. **Kimberly Boyd**, a senior from Westlake, Ohio, has a double major in Biology and Classics; she aspires to go to medical school next year. Being expert in Latin, she was of great help

to me last spring on the third edition of *Latin Via Ovid*. **Brigid Maniates**, a junior from Muskegon, has a double major in History and Classics. Since one of her hobbies is architecture, she is ideally suited for work with me on the architectural history of Hope.

Conclusion

Again this year we express our enduring gratitude to our patrons, Peter H. and Heidi Huizenga, for their initial endowment of the Institute and for their ongoing support of our work. Their continuing interest and support provide all of us with great encouragement. Now in our sixteenth year as a research institute with a focus on historical studies, we still pursue with energy and enthusiasm the vision that they articulated when they so generously endowed the Institute.

We also express our ongoing gratitude to Eleonore “Lore” Goldschmidt Theil for a gift in honor of her late husband, Dr. Henri Theil, which enabled us to acquire the building—the Theil Research Center—that we have shared since 2004 with the Joint Archives of Holland.

It is a pleasure to introduce this report to the Hope College community and to our broader constituency—scholars and others interested in the history of Dutch-Americans and of the college and the local community. I invite you to read the reports of my colleagues and to take note of the research opportunities afforded by the Van Raalte Institute.

Jacob E. Nyenhuis
Director

In Memoriam: Jeanne M. Jacobson



It is with deep sadness that we report the death of a long-time Senior Research Fellow, Dr. Jeanne McKee Jacobson, who passed away at her home in Sarasota, Florida, on 29 January 2009. She had joined the Institute staff in 1996 and remained active almost to the end of her life, working from her home after she moved to Florida with her husband, Dr. John H. Jacobson Jr. (1933-2005), the tenth president of Hope College, following his retirement in 1999.

She is survived by three children, Mr. John Edward Jacobson of Lake Forest, Illinois, Mrs. Jean Katharine Jacobson Pokrzywka of Amsterdam, New York, and Dr. Jennie Grace Jacobson of Carmel, Indiana, and by eight grandchildren: John Francis Jacobson, Grace Hsiang-Ying Jacobson Huang, Sarah Elizabeth Jacobson, John Pokrzywka, Jacqueline Marie Jacobson, Molly Pokrzywka, Miranda Hsiang-Ning Jacobson Huang, and Michael Erik Jacobson. Her husband and their son, James George Jacobson, preceded her in death.

Dr. Jacobson earned a Bachelor's degree in English literature in 1953 from Swarthmore College, a Master's degree in Reading Education in 1973 from SUNY Brockport, and a Ph.D. in Education Psychology and Statistics in 1981 from SUNY Albany. After college, she taught kindergarten and then became head teacher of three-year-olds at the Yale Child Study Center. Subsequently she ran her own nursery school, worked as a reading teacher in the public schools, and served as a private school principal. When she moved to Michigan with her husband in 1987, she joined the faculty of Western Michigan University in the Department of Educational and Professional Development. In 1996, she became a Senior Research Fellow at the A. C. Van Raalte Institute at Hope College.

Dr. Jacobson authored *Content Area Reading: Integration with the Language Arts*, and co-authored *Albertus C. Van Raalte: Dutch Leader and American Patriot*, *A Dream Fulfilled: The Van Raalte Sculpture in Centennial Park*, and *Detecta-Crostics: Puzzles of Mystery*.

On the occasion of the Jacobsons' retirement in 1999, the Hope College Board of Trustees recognized their dedicated leadership and faithful service with the establishment of an endowed chair in their honor.

A memorial service, for the immediate family, was held on 16 February in the Siesta Key Memorial Garden. It was conducted by Dr. Karl Kling, pastor of Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Jacobson was a member, and by Dr. Margaret Towner, a long-time friend.

A second memorial service was held on 13 September 2009 in Winants Auditorium, Graves Hall, at Hope College. Participants included President James E. Bultman, Dean Trygve D. Johnson, and members of the family, the faculty, and the Van Raalte Institute.



Jeanne M. Jacobson (second from left) with Institute members Robert P. Swierenga, Simone and James Kennedy, Karen Schakel, and Elton Bruins, April 1999

Dedication



Each year since 2002, I have selected a person to whom the Annual Report will be dedicated. It is with great pleasure and high esteem that I dedicate the 2008-2009 Annual Report to a dear friend and colleague, **Dr. Donald J. Bruggink**. The following quotation from a tribute that I wrote for a festschrift presented to him on the occasion of his eightieth birthday makes it clear that he is eminently deserving of this recognition.

“If Don had published nothing more than the two books he wrote with his architect cousin Carl H. Droppers—*Christ and Architecture* (1965) and *When Faith Takes Form: Contemporary Churches of Architectural Integrity in America* (1971)—his scholarly reputation would have been secure. But of course he wrote more, much more, as can be seen in his bibliography published in the *Reformed Review* (spring 1999) and in this current festschrift. His is a fertile mind, and his knowledge of church history, architecture, and Christian worship is both broad and deep. One can only guess at how many more books he would have published, if he had limited himself to his own research interests. . . . Instead, he devoted a great deal of his energy to advancing the scholarly careers of others. In his role as founding general editor of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, Don has shepherded sixty books into print since 1968.”

Source: Jacob E. Nyenhuis, “A Tribute to Donald J. Bruggink,” in *Tools for Understanding*, xix-xxi.

Dr. Bruggink Reports

This has been a banner year for the Historical Series with the publication of five hardcover books with a combined total of over 3,000 pages, copy-edited, page-formatted, proofread, indexed, printed, bound, and financed. All were published by the Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. of Grand Rapids and Cambridge, U.K.

First published was ***Old Wing Mission: Cultural Interchange as Chronicled by George and Arvilla Smith in Their Work with Chief Wakazoo's Ottawa Band on the West Michigan Frontier***, edited by Robert P. Swierenga and William Van Appledorn. While we have taken a bit of kidding concerning the length of the title, the clarity of description should get it noticed in word searches with resultant topical referents by the likes of Amazon. While Bob and Bill did all the heavy lifting in the editing of the diaries and correspondence of the Smiths, my major contribution was finding an appropriate image of an Ottawa for the dust jacket—in itself not an easy task. I found that when Ottawas were first photographed, they preferred formal poses in European dress, or, a decade or two later, in “Indian costumes” for the tourist trade. The photo used was found in the archives of the Grand Rapids Public Museum.

The next volume was ***Herman J. Ridder: Contextual Preacher and President***, edited by George Brown Jr. While the bulk of the book contains sermons preached at the Central Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, the book also contains a brief biography of Ridder co-authored by his wife Lenora and George Brown, and a chapter by Norman J. Kansfield on Ridder's role as president of Western Theological Seminary and New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Kansfield was a student at the beginning of Ridder's tenure at Western, and several decades later became President of New Brunswick Theological Seminary.

Chinese Theological Education 1979-2006 was edited by Marvin D. Hoff, who as executive secretary of the Foundation for Theological Education in Southeast Asia traveled to China at least annually during the above period. In addition to the reports furnished by Hoff to the Foundation, there are essays by Bishop K. H. Ting, as well as reports by Asians and other members of the Foundation. The book is introduced by an extended foreword by myself, followed by chapters by Charles W. Forman of Yale Divinity School and Daniel H. Bays of Calvin College.

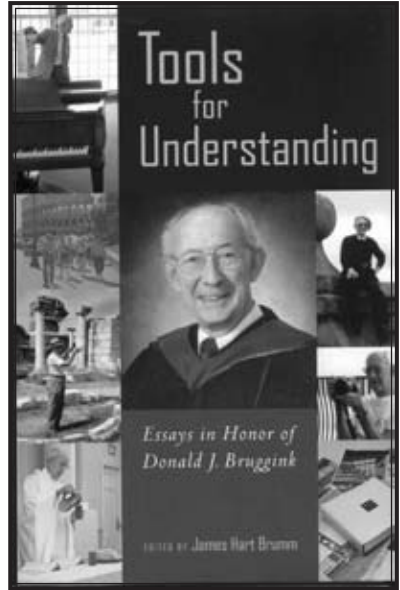
The importance of the book lies in an accurate, firsthand chronicling of the gradual opening of the government to the church as it progressively allowed theological education to develop and flourish. In telling the story of theological education, insight is also given into the flourishing of Christianity in China.

A volume with which I had nothing to do except for its reception was *Tools for Understanding: Essays in Honor of Donald J. Bruggink*, edited by James Hart Brumm. The volume is a solid contribution to the history of the RCA. It includes a tribute to the recipient by the Director of the Van Raalte Institute, Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis.

Part 1 offers tools for understanding Western Seminary. Dr. Eugene Heideman traces the teaching of historical theology from its first professor, Dosker, to that of Bruggink. Dr. George Brown Jr. chronicles the contributions of Western's first woman professor, Elaine Lubbers. Mary L. Kansfield gives us a glimpse into the lives of Holland's leading ladies through the five-year residence of Frances David Beardslee. Part 2 offers tools for understanding historiography. Russell L. Gasero offers a history of the archives of the RCA, while Laurie Z. Baron offers a perception of the Historical Series of the RCA through the eyes of its copyeditor.

Part 3 presents tools for understanding theological education. Dr. Norman J. Kansfield gives the most thorough history extant of the office of Professor of Theology, while Dr. John W. Coakley focuses on the role of John Henry Livingston as the first Professor of Theology of the RCA. Dr. Dennis Voskuil offers an analysis of the tensions between the eastern and midwestern portions of the church to which the seminaries contributed.

Part 4 gives us tools for understanding God's church. Dr. J. Jeffery Tyler deals with the question as to whether diversity is a part of God's present and eschatological plan. Dr. Allan J. Janssen deals with the relation



of the church to the state. James Hart Brumm offers a refreshing view of the role of aesthetics in Reformed worship. Dr. I. John Hesselink presents a re-examination of Calvin on the atonement.



*James Hart Brumm presenting festschrift to Don Bruggink
at 2009 RCA General Synod*

The fifth volume produced this year is *Aunt Tena, Called to Serve: Journals and Letters of Tena A. Huizenga, Missionary Nurse to Nigeria*, edited by Jacob E. Nyenhuis, Robert P. Swierenga, and Lauren M. Berka, with essays by Harry Boonstra, and a foreword by Peter H. Huizenga. This handsome volume, number 63 in the Historical Series, was produced in cooperation with the Van Raalte Institute. It should serve as a model for solid historiography. The essays by Boonstra set Tena's service within its historical context. The letters offer primary source material, both of the mission field in Nigeria but also of the Dutch community in South Chicago. All of the above are made accessible through the appendices and extensive index. A volume of this quality and thoroughness would not have been possible without the generous support of Peter H. Huizenga.

As this year's report is ended, volumes for which manuscripts have been completed by their authors and are in active production are: *The Practice of Piety: The Midwestern Reformed Church in America, 1866-1966*, by Eugene P. Heideman; *Freedom on the Horizon*, by Hans Krabbendam; *Liber A of the Collegiate Church Archives*, translated and edited by Francis J. Sypher Jr.; "*Many Points of Contact*": *The Christian Reformed Church in China, 1920-1951*, by Dr. Kurt D. Selles; and *The Church under the Cross: A Missionary Memoir*, by Wendell Karsen.

The American Institute of Architects, through their subgroup the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art, and Architecture, invited me to organize their conference in Rome 10-18 October 2008. Titled “Masters of Light: A Study Tour of Sacred Architecture,” I also acted as guide to churches old and new that were notable for their use of light to augment the religious experience. In addition to the participation of the famous architect Paolo Portoghesi, we were hosted by the American Academy of Rome. I also presented a paper on “Light as a Metaphor of the Divine.” An optional tour of Southern Italy and Sicily was offered 18-26 October.

“Bulgaria and Romania: Crossroads of Faith & Culture,” 12-26 June 2009, was initially planned in cooperation with the Center for Religious Architecture located in Chicago. Bulgaria and Romania were chosen because of their wide variety of functioning religious buildings: synagogues, mosques, and Orthodox, Uniate, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Reformed, and Unitarian churches. With religious art and architecture as an avocation, planning, organizing, and presenting on tour was all very gratifying.

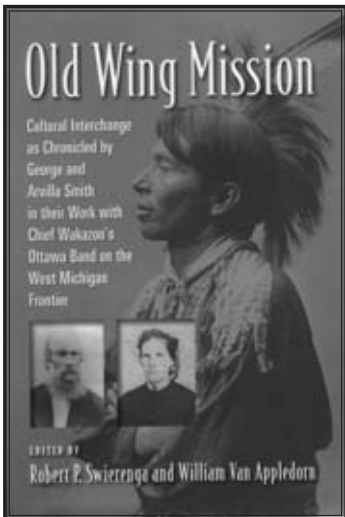


Dr. Swierenga Reports



I co-edited two books in the past twelve months, the first with William Van Appledorn entitled *Old Wing Mission: Cultural Interchange as Chronicled by the Reverend George N. and Arvilla Smith in Their Work with Chief Wakazoo's Ottawa Band on the West Michigan Frontier*, and the second with Jacob E. Nyenhuis and Lauren M. Berka entitled *Aunt Tena, Called to Serve: Journals and Letters of Tena A. Huizenga, Missionary Nurse to Nigeria*. Both books are part of the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America, general editor Donald Bruggink and published by Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co.

Old Wing Mission tells the story of an educational, evangelical, and agricultural endeavor on the Black River in Allegan and Ottawa counties, Michigan, that the Rev. George N. Smith established in 1838 at the request of Chief Joseph Wakazoo for his Ottawa Indian band. The Mission continued until 1849, when the Indians relocated to Northport on the Leelanau Peninsula. Two years earlier, in 1847, Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte had selected the same Black River watershed as the site for his Holland Colony. By 1849, several thousand Dutch immigrants had opened farms in the area, thereby making the Indian way of life in the region untenable.



The major part of the text includes extensive diaries of both Rev. Smith and his wife Arvilla. Both offer rare firsthand looks at daily life on the Michigan Indian frontier. Arvilla Smith's diary is even more unusual, because few pioneer women left such detailed accounts of their daily lives and sufferings in the years before white settlement.

The Aunt Tena book is described elsewhere in this report.

In addition to these books, I wrote several more chapters of a comprehensive

history of Holland, Michigan, on which I have been working for seven years, notably chapters on religion and city services.

Besides these major projects, I presented a number of lectures for academic and community groups and contributed chapters to scholarly books and academic journals. They are noted in the “Publications” and “Presentations” sections later in this report.

Go to the United States, Friends!

An Excerpt

The Netherlands poet, Everhardus Jan Potgieter, plumbed the national mood in 1855 when he penned these lines: “Go to the United States, friends! . . . Westward the Star points the way.” America was the land of rising expectations with plenty of “free land,” while at home land was scarce, times hard, and the Golden Age only a distant memory. Some 200,000 compatriots—75 percent of all overseas emigrants, followed Potgieter’s advice and settled in the United States before Congress in 1921 closed the “golden door” with the first quota law. Yet, this was a comparatively low rate of only 72 per 100,000 average Netherlands population from 1820 to 1920. Except in a few villages, the Dutch never contracted “America fever,” as did the Irish and Italians. Most Dutch stayed close to home and hearth, or they crossed into neighboring countries, notably Germany and Belgium. Among European nations, the Netherlands ranked only tenth in the proportion of their population that emigrated overseas in the nineteenth century, and in the United States, the Dutch were seventeenth among foreign-born groups.

Source: “The New Immigration” in *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009*, 2:295-306.

Dr. Kennedy Reports

As I compose my annual report, I realize that much of what I said in the 2008 report still applies. As a result, some of the following is largely repetition. The present year has brought me slowly but surely closer to completing the major project that I began early in the present decade, not realizing how big a task it would prove to be. My initial assignment was to provide annotations for the previously unpublished (and just translated by William and Althea Buursma) Dutch minutes of the Classis of Holland during the final eighteen years (1858-76) of the life of the Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, the primary organizer of the classis in 1848. Having more or less completed that work, I was asked to annotate the 1848-58 classical minutes, already translated and published in 1943 with only minimal footnoting by a joint committee of the Christian Reformed Church (CRC) and the Reformed Church in America (RCA).



The current plan is to issue the entire translated and annotated minutes of the Classis of Holland 1848-76, either in one large volume or two smaller volumes, totaling perhaps about 1,000 pages (including an index), as part of the Historical Series of the RCA. The notes identify every person (minister, elder, deacon, member, or occasional “outsider”) appearing in the minutes (e.g., dates and places of birth, immigration, and death; family, occupations, church activities, anecdotes), as well as explain the classical decisions, issues, practices, theology, etc., against their historical and ecclesiastical background in the Netherlands and the U.S.A.

I reported four years ago that I had finished the years 1848 to 1850; three years ago I had reached the middle of 1853; two years ago I was ready to begin the minutes of 1856; and last year I covered the crucial happenings of that year and of the first part of 1857, that is, the period of the birth pangs of the CRC, when Gijsbert Haan and his compatriots left the Classis of Holland (1856) to be followed the next spring by portions of four congregations led by Rev. Koene van den Bosch. Those who separated would become the unwitting nucleus of a new denomination. At

first, they saw themselves as simply returning to the *status quo ante*—i.e., the time before the fateful union in 1850 of the Classis of Holland with the “liberal” Reformed Protestant Dutch Church (the later RCA), centered in the East. Put otherwise, they thought that they were still tied umbilically to their mother, the Seceded Church in the Netherlands.

Although the CRC commemorated its 150th birthday in 2007, a good case could be made that the celebration came a year too late, since, in retrospect, the handwriting was clearly on the wall in 1856 during the classical and congregational disputes—and some minor hemorrhaging of membership—of that crucial and difficult year. Because the classical minutes, composed by Clerk Van Raalte, were, understandably, very full for 1856 and the spring of 1857, I was only able to cover a year and a half in 2007-08, although I worked almost full time for about eight months on this project (my wife and I are away at least one quarter of each year, living in the Netherlands).

During this past year (again working about eight months), I have finally finished annotating the minutes up to where I began nearly a decade ago, i.e., the middle of 1858. I also began revising and refining my earliest work, to bring it up to the higher standard that I gradually developed in the intervening years, as I became more familiar with the Van Raalte era and the growing number of sources available for it. In particular, I have been rounding out the vignettes of the persons appearing in the minutes, making greater (albeit discriminating) use of data increasingly accessible by means of the internet. By the middle of this year, I was nearly done with the personal sketches for the 1860s, and by early autumn I should finish these up to 1876. I then plan, as time allows, to review and to enrich the other annotations, particularly from the middle of 1858 up to around 1870. That task should be completed during the following year, making the entire work ready for final editorial revision and ultimate publication.

In addition to my principal work at the Van Raalte Institute, I do occasional ad hoc research for my colleagues there, as well as some (re)translation of Dutch documents. Outside the Institute, I continue to abstract the articles in the annual *Archiv für Reformationsgeschichte* for publication in *Religious and Theological Abstracts*, review an occasional book, serve on the Board of Directors of the Dutch Reformed Translation Society, participate in the Holland Symphony Orchestra League, and speak occasionally for the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals. This spring and summer I have been doing research in the Netherlands and the

U.S.A. on the Rev. Guiliam Bertholf (1656-ca.1724) of Hackensack and Passaic. For thirty years this immigrant Dutch Reformed minister with pietist leanings labored faithfully and fruitfully in northern New Jersey (and into neighboring southern New York), whereby he became the real founder of the Reformed Church in that whole area, as well as a forerunner of the Great Awakening in the Middle Colonies. The results of my research are to be presented in a paper to be delivered at a conference on colonial Dutch Reformed clergy to be held the end of September here in Holland. My wife Nella, a regular translator (and expert adviser) at the Institute, and I continue to enjoy the stimulation and fellowship of its members and visitors, especially but not exclusively during the coffee times.

Schisms and Church Property Issues

An Excerpt

The Graafschap seceders had taken the church building and its land with them. It was, however, wishful thinking for the classis as well as the few remaining members (five families) of the RPDC [Reformed Protestant Dutch Church; Reformed Church in American since 1867] at Graafschap congregation to suppose that the property would soon—or ever—be returned to them. It never was. The Graafschap church's (CRC) majority was soon able to obtain legal title to the sanctuary, possession being nine-tenths of the law. In 1859 Elder A. J. Neerken gave the Graafschap RPDC an acre of land, on which the nascent minority built a sanctuary that same year 500 feet west of the CRC building; the Graafschap Reformed Church has since relocated and is now known as the Central Park Reformed Church of Holland. In the early 1880s, during the schisms occasioned by the Masonic controversy, the RCA minority of the First Reformed Church of Holland went to law but failed in its efforts to regain the property of Van Raalte's Pillar Church; it remains in the hands of the CRC to this day. On the whole, however, twentieth-century American courts tended to award the property involved in congregational schisms to the parent denomination (i.e., not necessarily to the majority of members) if it had a connectional church government, such as the presbyterial polity of the RCA.

Source: Earl Wm. Kennedy, *Classis Holland Minutes 1848-58*, annotated, n. 1057.

Dr. Nyenhuis Reports



My time this past year was concentrated most heavily on editing—along with Bob Swierenga and Lauren Berka—*Aunt Tena, Called to Serve: Journals and Letters of Tena A. Huizenga, Missionary Nurse to Nigeria* (Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 2009). As managing editor of this substantial work, I also devoted considerable time to administering the project in order to bring it to publication. The remainder of my time was taken up with the usual responsibilities of directing the Institute, along with squeezing in work on an

occasional paper, a lecture, or service to church and community.

My long-term research project, an architectural history of Hope College, had to be put on hold during the editing of *Aunt Tena, Called to Serve*. I hope to take it up again in the coming academic year, with the help of two new research assistants. Thanks to one of these assistants, Kimberly A. Boyd (who joined us in March), I managed to make some progress on a third edition of *Latin Via Ovid* for Wayne State University Press, on which I am working with my co-authors, Norma Goldman and Preston Shea.

My service to church, college, and community consisted of: 1) serving as a member of the West Michigan Dutch-American Heritage Day Committee; 2) serving on the local Dutch Heritage Coordinating Council led by President Emeritus Gordon J. Van Wylen; 3) consulting on the restoration of all of Hope College's presidential portraits in preparation for their installation in the new Presidents Room in the adaptively-restored Graves Hall; 4) leading the planning for the memorial service for Dr. Jeanne M. Jacobson; and 5) organizing the adult education class and carrying out other tasks for my local church.

I also traveled to the Netherlands in November 2008 with Alfredo M. Gonzales, Associate Provost and Dean for International and Multicultural Education, to meet with faculty members and administrators at six institutions in and south of Amsterdam. The president of one of the institutions has already paid a return visit to Hope College as part of our effort to build ongoing relationships and exchanges with Dutch educational

institutions. During that visit, I was able to spend some time with many of our previous Visiting Research Fellows and our former colleague, James C. Kennedy, now on the faculty of the University of Amsterdam. The professional and personal friendships that have resulted from our Visiting Research Fellows Program have been a great blessing to me and the other members of the Institute.

I remain grateful for the privilege of working with truly wonderful colleagues at the Van Raalte Institute to fulfill the mission of the Institute.



Coffee time at the Van Raalte Institute. Clockwise starting at left: Bob Swierenga, Don Bruggink, Bill Kennedy, Elton Bruins, Peter Schakel, Lee Nyenhuis, Nella Kennedy, and Karen Schakel

Introduction to Aunt Tena, Called to Serve

An Excerpt

The story of Tena Huizenga contained in this book is told largely in her own words. Her journals and correspondence reveal her deep faith, her strong attachment to her family, her commitment to nursing as a calling, her personal sacrifices for the sake of missions, and her hopes and fears. She did not write her journals for anyone but herself, so we felt at times that we were invading her private realm, but we are publishing them in the hope and expectation that they will both interest and enlighten the reader. Her letters, moreover, were written for an audience—an audience of one, as in the case of Jennie Stielstra, or for an entire family, as in the case of most of her letters to her mother and her siblings. This book, we hope, will greatly enlarge that audience. . . .

Through reading Tena's journals and letters, we get a glimpse into the life of missionary communities in Africa and, specifically, Nigeria. She wrote about the challenges of learning the Hausa language in order to communicate effectively with the native population, the complexities of dealing with tribal differences and tribal rivalries, and the frustrations of handling conflict within the newly developing churches or within the mission compound. When Tena became more proficient in Hausa, she began to intersperse Hausa words and phrases in her letters, especially to Jennie Stielstra (who was even more proficient in Hausa, since she had lived there longer). . . .

The letters from Peter to Tena offer a remarkable testament to the love and dedication that he showed to his family. For a man who was extremely busy running a successful business, he was exceptionally faithful in writing to his sister. His letters are filled with stories about family—both his own immediate family and his extended family—in whom he took great pride and delight. His letters are at times playful, witty, even poetic, at other times, simply chatty, but

always warm and loving. He was not above sharing neighborhood and churchly gossip with his beloved sister, and he sometimes included harsh remarks about certain people, but his letters were overwhelmingly generous and kind. From his letters we therefore gain considerable insight into the subculture in which he lived and worked, as well as learning about the family's increasing prosperity due to his hard work and wise decisions.

Source: *Aunt Tena, Called to Serve: Journals and Letters of Tena A. Huizenga, Missionary Nurse to Nigeria*, ed. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, Robert P. Swierenga, and Lauren M. Berka (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2009), xix, xx, xxx.

ADJUNCT AND HONORARY STAFF

Dr. Ester reports



It was another busy but highly interesting year. My Netherland-America Foundation (NAF) study was published by the Van Raalte Institute—*Growing Up Dutch-American: Cultural Identity and the Formative Years of Older Dutch-Americans*. I worked on a series of academic articles based on my NAF study. Two have already appeared, one in the *Oral History Review* and one in the 2009 winter issue of the *Michigan Oral History Newsletter*. Two articles are accepted for publication and will appear later

in 2009 in *Reformed Review* and in the Dutch social science journal *Religie en Samenleving* (Religion and Society).

Together with VRI director Jack Nyenhuis, several papers on my NAF study were presented at international conferences, including the “Peoples Conference: Ethnic and Racial Diversity in Michigan” of the Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, Western Michigan University (October 2008) and the seventeenth Biennial Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies (AADAS), Redeemer University College, Ancaster, Canada (June 2009).

My AADAS study on the American experiences of return migrant Andries Wormser (““Nothing but troubles, worries, and grief”: The American Disillusionment of Dutch Immigrant Andries Wormser”) was published in a book well edited by Robert P. Swierenga, Jacob E. Nyenhuis, and Nella Kennedy, *Dutch-American Arts and Letters in Historical Perspective*.

My present VRI project is the American diary of Jacob Van Hinte (1889-1948), author of the classic study on Dutch immigration *Netherlanders in America: A Study of Emigration and Settlement in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries in the United States of America*. The diary was kept by Van Hinte during his 1921 study trip to America, written in Dutch. The 40-page booklet, *Naar Amerika* (To America), describes his observations, experiences, and encounters during this voyage. The diary is crucial for the understanding of Van Hinte’s still pioneering study on Dutch immigration and settlement. This rare document, however, is still only available in

Dutch. I am presently working on an annotated translation of this diary—a unique document for Dutch-American studies—with Nella Kennedy of the Van Raalte Institute. A first article on the project has been accepted by *Origins* and will appear in the fall of 2009. The full study will appear in early 2010 and will be published by the Van Raalte Press.

Finally, I published—together with my colleagues Henk Vinken and Isabelle Diepstraten—a book on generations in the Netherlands entitled *Mijn generatie, Tien jaar later: Generatiebesef, jeugder-varingen en levenslopen in Nederland*. The book summarizes much of our knowledge on generations, generational changes, and intergenerational relationships and contains many thoughts that I apply in my VRI studies on older Dutch-American generations. I published other books and articles but they are only indirectly related to my VRI adjunct professorship and will not be included here.



*Jack Nyenhuis, Alfredo Gonzales,
and Hans Krabbendam*

Last but not least I organized the Dutch part of a trip to the Netherlands in November 2008 by Alfredo Gonzales, Associate Provost and Dean for International and Multicultural Education of Hope College, and Jack Nyenhuis, Director of the Van Raalte Institute. Visits

included the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Utrecht University, Tilburg University, Roosevelt Study Center in Middelburg, Roosevelt Academy, and the Christelijke Hogeschool Ede (CHE). The purpose of this intensive visit was to strengthen cooperation between Hope College and Dutch universities and colleges. The results are very promising and several projects have been (or will be) started soon.

George Harinck reports

Dr. Harinck's publications and presentations are reported later.

Hans Krabbendam reports

My main task in the past academic year was to complete the editing of the most ambitious publication project of the Roosevelt Study Center so far. One day before the summer recess we were able to unwrap the



book *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009*. The book was edited with RSC colleagues Kees van Minnen and Giles Scott Smith and underwritten by a number of sponsors. The Van Raalte Institute not only offered financial support, but also scholarship: Robert Swierenga and Michael Douma contributed essays. We are proud of the product but also rejoice about the mutually profitable cooperation of the VRI and RSC.

My specific contribution to this collection of ninety essays covering the political, economic, social, and cultural aspects of Dutch-American relations was tracking down the American religious impact on the Netherlands after World War II, a most rewarding and still very relevant topic.

The Hudson commemoration led to a flurry of activities. I was involved in a number of projects to inform a large audience, mainly in the Netherlands, about the versatile and enduring bilateral relationship. The Dutch weekly *Elsevier* (comparable to *Newsweek*) published a special edition on the Dutch in America (called *Our America*), to which I contributed an article about Dutch immigrants and provided a number of lists of Dutch institutions in the U.S.

In order to make the commemoration more specific for a regional audience (the Zeeland region), I created and led the project group *Zeeland Rediscovered America* with the regional museums, heritage centers, libraries, and archives in Zeeland organizing lectures, exhibits, concerts, and a cultural festival (see <www.zeelandherontdektamerika.nl>). My personal favorite was the production of a booklet with city walks in Vlissingen, Middelburg, and Veere passing dozens of surprising sites with

connections to America. The presentation coincided with the visit of one of Henry Witte's tour groups in the city of Middelburg, which inaugurated these walks. The regional media covered this remarkable event. Another highlight was the joint concert of the Holland (Mich.) American Legion Band and the Middelburgs Muziek Korps on 10 June in Middelburg's concert hall, which I helped to organize.

In addition, I wrote articles about the American consular agent in Vlissingen and newspaper editor Jacob Quintus (1821-1906), who based the first Dutch-language newspaper in the United States, the *Sheboygan Nieuwsbode*, on his regional Zeeland newspaper, the *Zierikzeesche Courant*. I lectured to a number of civic and academic audiences on aspects of Four Centuries of Dutch-American relations and gave a number of interviews. During the presidential election campaign of the fall of 2008, I kept a weblog for a Christian newspaper, covering issues of religion and politics for a Dutch daily (*Reformatorisch Dagblad*).

Somewhat more loosely connected to the Hudson 400 theme were two articles that connected Dutch and American events. The first analyzed the commemoration of the Pilgrims' stay in the Dutch Republic between 1609 and 1620 published in *Het Gereformeerde Geheugen: Protestantse herinneringsculturen in Nederland, 1850-1960*, ed. George Harinck, Herman Paul, en Bart Wallet (Amsterdam: Bert Bakker, 2009). The second essay explained the failure of Dutch immigrants to establish a Christian trade union in the United States and was published in *Cahier over de Geschiedenis van de Christelijk-Sociale Beweging* (2009). Interestingly, this American story contrasted with the success of the Christian Labour Association in Canada, which figured prominently at the biennial AADAS conference held at Redeemer University College in Ancaster, Ontario, on 2-5 June 2009. At this venue I reflected on the presentation of the story of the Dutch immigration to North America in Dutch juvenile literature. I am still collecting copies of children's books to complete my survey, which was triggered by the previous AADAS conference on Dutch-American Arts and Letters.

In the meantime, I edited the translation of my book *Freedom at the Horizon: Dutch Immigration to North America, 1840-1940*, which is scheduled for publication in the Historical Series of the Reformed Church in America in the fall of 2009.

J. P. Verhave reports



In 2006 I was a Netherland-America Foundation Visiting Research Fellow at the Van Raalte Institute. The publication of this research in *Disease and Death among the Early Settlers in Holland, Michigan* (2007) is presently being condensed for publication in an American journal on medical history.

I made a presentation on Paul De Kruif of Holland, Michigan—“Paul De Kruif: Medical Conscience of America”—at the AADAS conference in June 2007. After its publication in *Dutch-American Arts and Letters in Historical Perspective*, I continued my studies on his life and activities. I revisited the Holland Museum Archives in November 2008. Unfortunately, hardly any of his correspondence survived there. However, I did find three letters from Clifford Dobell, a British biologist and Fellow of the Royal Society, who had put De Kruif on the trace of early discoverers of microscopical agents of diseases. It resulted in De Kruif’s famous book *Microbe Hunters* (1926), in which he pioneered popularization of biomedical science. The editors of the Wellcome Series in the History of Medicine have accepted my article on the relationship between Dobell and De Kruif and their views on malaria.

I have been busy tracing through the internet the correspondences of De Kruif with fellow Americans. I did find several major collections of letters in various American libraries and archives. This information will be used for two purposes: a. publication in scientific journals on De Kruif’s importance for American public health and health reform (a topical subject in present American politics!) and beginning the writing of a biography of Paul De Kruif. I am currently working on both fronts.

For the coming period, I will apply for a grant to study the archives of De Kruif’s publisher, formerly Harcourt & Brace, and those of the *Reader’s Digest*, in which he published some sixty articles on health and disease. Also I hope to interest an American company to publish the biography.

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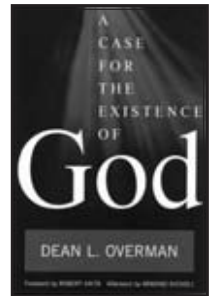
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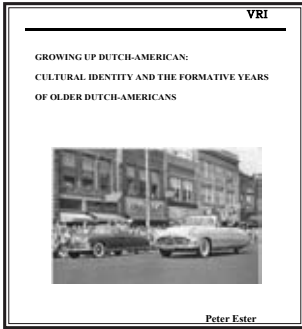
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Book Signings

Book signing of *Old Wing Mission* at historic Old Wing Mission, 16 November 2008. (Robert P. Swierenga)

Book signing of *Old Wing Mission* at 2009 General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, Hope College, 9 June 2009. (Robert P. Swierenga)

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Inaugural Lecture – 18 September 2003

Dutch-American Identity Politics: The Use of History by Dutch Immigrants, Hans Krabbendam, Roosevelt Study Center, NL

Lecture No. 2 – 2 April 2004

The Rain of God: Reformed Church in America Growth and Decline in Historical Perspective, Lynn M. Japinga, Hope College

Lecture No. 3 – 16 February 2006

Reassessing 1857: Overlooked Considerations Concerning the Birth of the Christian Reformed Church, James A. De Jong, Calvin Theological Seminary

Lecture No. 4 – 9 November 2006

Disease and Death among the Early Settlers in Holland, Michigan, J. P. Verhave, Radboud Univ. Medical Center, Nijmegen, NL

Lecture No. 5 – 28 August 2007

Growing Up Dutch-American: Cultural Identity and the Formative Years of Older Dutch-Americans, Peter Ester, Tilburg Univ., NL

Lecture No. 6 – 18 February 2008

The Dutch Equation in the RCA Freemasonry Controversy, 1865-1885, Harry Boonstra, Calvin College and Seminary

Lecture No. 7 – 4 September 2008

Nicholas Steffens and Trans-Atlantic Relationships within the Reformed Church, George Harinck, Free University Amsterdam*

Lecture No. 8 – 2 October 2008

Preachers, Pews, and Pupils: Commemorating the Past in Twentieth Century Dutch America, David Zwart, Dordt College*

Lecture No. 9 – 19 February 2009

The RCA Mission to Chiapas, 1925-2000, Elizabeth Harvey, University of California, Berkeley*

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST, EXCEPT THOSE THAT ARE PENDING (*)

Applications Invited Visiting Research Fellows Programs for Academic Year 2010-11

The Van Raalte Institute at Hope College invites applications from qualified scholars for a fellowship offered through the Visiting Research Fellows Program. Up to two fellowships per academic year, each for not more than ten weeks in duration, will be awarded. Stipend: Up to \$3,000, at \$300 per week.

The Netherland-America Foundation Visiting Research Fellowship was established by a grant in 2006 from the Netherland-America Foundation. The goal of this fellowship is to promote international linkage between the Netherlands and the U.S.A. in order to enhance mutual understanding and respect.

Criteria for Selection:

Proposals for support must demonstrate that the proposed research fits the Mission Statement of the Institute (p. 36), that the scholar is qualified to conduct such research, and that the resources of the Institute and that of the Joint Archives of Holland are essential to the conduct of that research. A current curriculum vitae should be submitted with the application. The NAF Fellowship is intended solely for respected scholars from the Netherlands.

Application Process and Deadline:

The candidate is to submit a written application no later than 15 January 2010 via e-mail, fax, or post. Further information about expectations, arrangements, and the application process may be obtained by contacting the Van Raalte Institute at <vanraalte@hope.edu> or from our website at <<http://www.hope.edu/vri/>>.



Mission Statement

A. C. Van Raalte Institute at Hope College

The A. C. Van Raalte Institute is a department of Hope College. Hence, its mission relates directly to and supports the mission of Hope College, an undergraduate liberal arts institution offering academic programs in the context of the historic Christian faith. The Institute is closely related to another department of Hope College, the Joint Archives of Holland.

The mission of the Institute is to honor the memory and the vision of the Reverend Dr. Albertus C. Van Raalte, the founder of Holland, by studying his life and work. From this mission also is derived the scholarly investigation and publication of materials concerned with the immigration and the contributions of the Dutch and their descendants in the United States of America. Furthermore, the Institute is dedicated to the study of the history of all segments of the community throughout its history.

The Institute derives its vision from a letter dated 27 November 1846, by A. C. Van Raalte, written shortly after his party landed in New York. As he was headed westward, he declared, "I hope that a large colony can be established here in America which will focus its work on the Kingdom of God." His vision also extended far beyond the boundaries of Holland, Michigan, to other colonies and immigrants throughout the United States. The bold Christian vision that he had for the church, education, and community continues to have an impact on the "colony" that he founded on 9 February 1847, and on the college which he helped to establish fifteen years later.

The Institute carries out its educational mission not only through research and publication, but also through the sponsorship of lectures and presentations by its members and its invited guests. Through liaison with scholars and educational and cultural institutions in the Netherlands and other countries, the Institute seeks to promote the understanding of the history of this community. From time to time, the Institute will host visiting scholars from these countries to enable them to engage in research in our local archives and to provide a broader perspective to our own endeavors.