

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.



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## A. C. Van Raalte Institute Celebrating 25 Years



1993 – 2018



27 NOVEMBER 2018  
4:00—6:00 PM  
Theil Research Center

- \* Words of *Welkom*
- \* Video Premier:  
*Celebrating 25 Years*
- \* Dedication:  
Professor Elton J. Bruins Library

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11 JANUARY 2019, 6:00—8:00 PM  
Holland Area Arts Council

Reception and  
Opening of the Exhibit:  
*Seeing through Dutch Eyes: Landscape  
Images of Chris Stoffel Overvoorde*

Exhibit on display:  
11 January—27 February 2019



26 JANUARY, 9:30—11:00 AM  
Haworth Conference Center

A Play by Nella Kennedy  
VRI Senior Research Fellow  
In Conjunction with Hope College's Annual  
*Winter Happening*

*The Diary of Christina Van Raalte:  
Fact or Fiction?*

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26 JANUARY, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
27 JANUARY, 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
Howard Recital Hall, J. H. Miller Center

A Play by Max Bush  
*Vision of a New Life*

Van Raalte leads Dutch immigrants to  
establish the *Holland Kolonie*, where they  
encounter unexpected challenges in this  
strange new world.

20 FEBRUARY 2019, 9:30—11:00 AM  
Holland Area Arts Council

A Presentation by Henk Aay  
VRI Senior Research Fellow

*A Geographer Looks at Dutch  
Landscape Paintings*

Cosponsored by HASP and  
Hope College Retirees

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27 APRIL 2019, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM  
Maas Auditorium

Formal Release of  
Sesquicentennial Publication:

*Hope College at 150*,  
by Jacob E. Nyenhuis  
Hope College Provost Emeritus  
Director, Van Raalte Institute  
Editor-in-Chief, Van Raalte Press

Reception & Formal Presentation to  
President Dennis N. Voskuil

*Luncheon: 11:45*

Overview of *Hope College at 150*  
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*Books will be for sale*