

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1969-1972 Pedagogische Academie (P.A.), Meppel, College diploma with certification to
a) teach all subjects in an elementary school (grade 1 through 6)
b) be a principal of an elementary school.
- 1972-1977 Ubbo Emmius Lerarenopleiding, Groningen (the Netherlands)
The diploma certifies the capability to teach in a middle school or high school:
a) the Dutch language (i.e. literature, grammar, creative writing)
b) history (world and national history)
- 1987 New York State Education Department, Albany, NY
a) Certificate of Qualification to teach Social Studies, grade 7-12; awarded 2-1-87
b. Computer training in Word Perfect, word processing; awarded 5-19-87
c. Computer training dBase, awarded 10-27-87
- 1987-1990 University of the State of New York, Albany, NY
M.A. in history; awarded August 1990
Master's thesis: " 'For the Benefit of the Poor': Poor relief in Albany/Beverwijck, 1652-1700"
- 2003 Ph.D. Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (the Netherlands). Dissertation title: *Beverwijck. A Dutch Village on the American Frontier, 1652-1664.*

Job experience

- 1977-1985 Hendrik Andriessen Mavo, Haarlem (the Netherlands)
Taught Dutch (13 hours a week), history (12 hours a week) and "study lessons" (4 hours a week). Tutored students and taught fear of failure training courses.
- 1985-1995 New Netherland Project, Albany, NY
Transcribe seventeenth century Dutch documents; do historical research in the USA and the Netherlands; help with other areas of editing such as proofreading; supervise students from the Noordelijke Hogeschool at Leeuwarden (the Netherlands); develop teaching materials; consultant for various archives.
- 1995-present New Netherland Project, full time;
Same as above but added are the planning of an annual seminar, handling of correspondence and preparing a grant proposal. Since 2004 also translating.
- Fall 1985 Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, NY
Instructor, beginning Dutch course.
- 1986-1996 Averill Park High School, Averill Park, NY
Substitute teacher, social studies, art, and languages.
- Spring 1991 Hudson Valley Community College, Troy NY
Instructor, beginning Dutch course.
- Fall 1996 University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany NY
Instructor, beginning Dutch course

Selected publications

- Spring 1991 "Poverty in Seventeenth-Century Albany," *De Halve Maen*, LXIV/1, 1-8.
- May 1993 *Kinderen van weelde en armoede. Armoede en liefdadigheid in Beverwijck/Albany, c. 1650-1700* (Uitgeverij Verloren, Hilversum).
- Summer 1993 "Charity in Seventeenth-Century Albany," *Dutch Settlers Society Yearbook*, 51 (Albany 1989-1993), p. 12-20.
- Summer 1993 with Mary Yench, *From the Old World to the New: Using Primary Sources in the 7th grade Classroom*, a 76-page curriculum packet on daily life in 17th-century Albany (New Netherland Publishing, Albany, NY).
- Jan. 1994 "Primary Research Sources: The Deacons' Account Books" *Newsletter of the Van Voorhees Association*, vol. 12, number 1.
- Fall 1994 *The People of New Netherland: Using Primary Sources in the Classroom*, a 130-page curriculum packet on multi-culturalism in New Amsterdam, New Netherland (New Netherland Publishing, Albany NY).
- 1998 *Deacons' Account Books of Albany's First Church, 1652-1674* (W.B. Eerdmans Publishing, Grand Rapids, MI/Picton Press, Maine). An annotated translation.
- Oct. 1999 "Poverty and Charity in Seventeenth-Century Beverwijck/Albany, 1652-1700," in *New York History* LXXX/4, October, 1999
- Spring 2001 "The Court Case of Brant Aertsz van Slichtenhorst against Jan van Rensselaer," *De Halve Maen*, LXXIV/1, 3-8.
- Spring 2002 "A 1652 Letter by Jan Baptist van Rensselaer," *De Halve Maen*, LXXV/1, 9-13.
- December 2002 "Beverwijck on the Hudson," in *Dutch Heritage Magazine*, 10-16.
- June 2003 *Beverwijck. A Dutch Village on the American Frontier, 1652-1664* (Verloren, Hilversum/State University of New York Press)
- Forthcoming: "2 November 1652: A Second Letter by Jan Baptist van Rensselaer" *De Halve Maen* ***
- Forthcoming "29 November 1655: A Third Letter by Jan Baptist van Rensselaer" *De Halve Maen* ***
- Forthcoming "Burgerwacht en garnizoen in Nieuw Nederland, 1609-1664" in: Victor Enthoven, *Geweld in de West*.

Contacts with the Netherlands

- 1991 Consultant for the establishment of an exchange program between the Noordelijke Hogeschool at Leeuwarden (the Netherlands) and Adirondack Community College. The organized summer school has taken place from 1993 until the present. Part of the program is that some students come to the NNP to transcribe Dutch records of New Netherland.
- 1993 Initiated the establishment of the Werkgroep Nieuw Nederland in Amsterdam (the Netherlands). This work group has organized its first seminar in 1995 and a study day in 1997.
- 1993-95 Cooperation with the Instituut voor Nederlandse Geschiedenis at Den Haag; a start was made with the revision of Dr. Charles Th. Gehring's *A Guide to Dutch Manuscripts Relating to New Netherland*.
- 1997-2000 Consultant for the establishment of an internet program between schools in the province of Friesland (the Netherlands), and New York.
- 2005 initiated and maintains contacts with the KITLV which is preparing a website about the Atlantic World and the Dutch.