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Innovative Study of Peter Stuyvesant Wins New Netherland Institute's Hendricks Award

ALBANY, NY - A recently released book that takes a new look at an often misunderstood and reviled figure in colonial American history has won the annual Hendricks Award for 2015 from the New Netherland Institute. *Stuyvesant Bound: An Essay on Loss Across Time* by Donna Merrick is an innovative and compelling evaluation of the last director general of New Netherland.

Merwick's book examines the culture and historical backdrop in which Peter Stuyvesant forged his career and performed his responsibilities, ultimately reappraising the view of Stuyvesant who has been maligned by generations of American historians and literary luminaries. Rigorously researched, *Stuyvesant Bound* makes a major contribution to understanding the cultural and religious diversity that marked colonial America.

The Hendricks Award is presented by the New Netherland Institute (NNI) at its annual seminar to the best book or book-length manuscript relating to any aspect of New Netherland and its legacy. The Award carries a prize of \$5,000 as well as a framed print of a painting by historical artist L. F. Tantillo.

Previous recipients of the award include *The Pinkster King and the King of Kongo: African-American Performance Culture and the Master-Slave Relationship in Dutch-American Society from New Amsterdam to New York*, by Jeroen Dewulf in 2014 and *Killiaen van Rensselaer (1586-1643): Designing a New World*, by Janny Venema in 2011.

Stuyvesant Bound: An Essay on Loss Across Time can be purchased through the NNI online shop. Go to <http://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/> and click on "NNI Shop."

Book-length manuscript submissions for the 2016 Hendricks Award are due February 1, 2016. For more information on the award as well as a listing of other Award winners, go to www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/programs/awards/hendricks-award/.

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