

Johan van Oldenbarnevelt
Land's Advocate of Holland
(1547-1619)

The New Netherland Institute

presents

Rensselaerswijck Seminar xxx

The Truce 1609–1621

Saturday, September 15, 2007

The New Netherland Institute announces its 30th Rensselaerswijck Seminar, a one-day conference to be held on Saturday, September 15, 2007, in the Carole Huxley Theater of the Cultural Education Center at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY. The theme is “The Truce, 1609–1621” — a breathing spell in the United Provinces’ eighty year struggle for independence. During this period the Dutch East India Company [VOC] searched for safer trade routes to Asia and expanded its commercial operations. 1609 marks the explorations of the VOC ship *De Halve Maen* in what will become New Netherland, while 1621 marks the establishment of the West India Company, founded when the truce ended and the war with Spain resumed. An icon of the period is Johan van Oldenbarnevelt who physically lost his head advocating peace. The following speakers will explore the ramifications of this period of peace with Spain on developments in the Netherlands and the New World:

Speakers

Jaap Bruijn (emeritus, Rijksuniversiteit, Leiden, the Netherlands)
Henk den Heijer (Rijksuniversiteit, Leiden, the Netherlands)
Joost Jonker (Rijksuniversiteit, Utrecht, the Netherlands)
Arthur Kirmss (Vander Ende–Onderdonk House, Long Island, NY)
Kevin McBride (University of Connecticut)
Janny Venema (New Netherland Project, Albany, NY)

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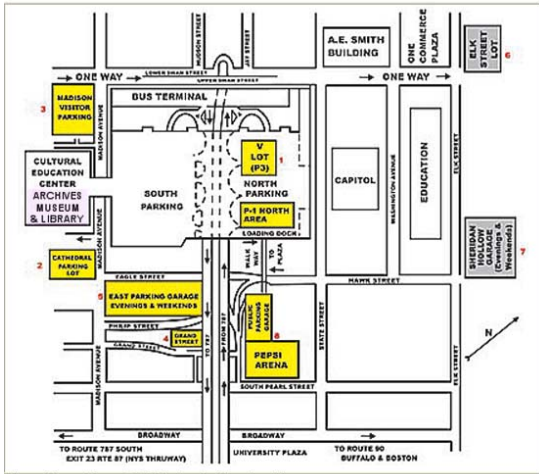
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Location: The Carole Huxley Theater of the Cultural Education Center. The CEC is located at the southern end of the Empire State Plaza on Madison Avenue in Albany.

Directions: From the south take Thruway exit 23 to 787 north. Follow signs for 20 West and Madison Avenue. From the north take Northway exit 7 to 787. Follow signs for 20 West and Madison Avenue.

Parking: Parking lot entrance is just past the Cathedral at the top of the hill or on the west side of the CEC. The lot is open and free to the public on weekends.



Map adapted from OGS Visitor Parking Lot Map

Program

Saturday, September 15, 2007

Carole Huxley Theater (CEC West Hall)

9:30 am Registration and Coffee

10:00 am Introductory Remarks (Gehring)

10:30 am **Morning Session:**

“The Twelve Years’ Truce and the Foundation of the Dutch West India Company” (Den Heijer)

“Did the Twelve Years’ Truce alter Dutch Shipbuilding, Shipping and Trade?” (Bruijn)

Break

“‘The Source and Mother of the Fur Trade’: Native-Dutch relations in Eastern New Netherland” (McBride) with a demonstration of the production of wampum (Kirmss)

1:00 pm **Lunch**

On the Terrace Gallery (4th floor) or at local restaurants in the neighborhood.

2:30 pm

Presentation of the 2007 Hendricks Manuscript Award

Afternoon Session:

“A Tale of Two Revolutions: Financial Parallels between the Dutch Revolt and the American Revolution.” (Jonker)

“Kiliaen van Rensselaer and the Twelve Years’ Truce.” (Venema)

5:00 Cocktail Party on the 4th floor and NNI Dinner (additional cost)