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Events of interest

October 5, 2013. The 36th annual New Netherland Seminar will be held at the New-York Historical Society. “The Dutch Revolt and New Netherland” will explore the period of time when the Low Countries began a break with the Habsburg Empire. It was a brutal struggle fought for political and religious reasons that would last 80 years. During this tumultuous time there was a great displacement of people: some fleeing the ravages of war; others fleeing religious persecution. A disconnect from the Empire meant a disruption in normal commercial activity. Markets and waters once friendly turned hostile. Trading companies eventually replaced the former commercial routes and exploration for new routes and markets was undertaken. Five speakers will relate the effects of the revolt on the Low Countries and the settlement of New Netherland. A special feature will be a profile of Govert Loockermans of Turnhout whose correspondence as a private trader will appear in translation for the first time.

Speakers:

Guido Marnef (University of Antwerp): “People on the move:

migration movements from the Southern to the Northern Netherlands in the time of the Dutch Revolt”; Kees Zandvliet (Amsterdam Museum, University of Amsterdam): “Flemish cartographers of the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries and the mapping of North-America”; Maarten Prak (University of Utrecht): “Antwerp = Amsterdam? Migration and trade between two commercial centers c. 1600”; Wim Vanraes (independent translator/researcher/linguist): “Govert Loockermans. A personal look at source material from a 17th-century Flemish settler”; David Baeckelandt (Independent Scholar, President, De Gazette van Detroit): “Flemish Contributions to European Settlement of America.”

For additional information contact the New Netherland Institute. The next issue of the newsletter will provide a complete program.

November 8 to 10, 2013. The 13th Annual New Sweden History Conference (NSHC), “Encountering ‘Others’ in the Atlantic World: Perspectives from the Material World,” will be held at Clayton

Hall, on the University of Delaware’s Newark campus and at Lund University in Sweden. The conference will meet jointly with the annual meeting of the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology (CNEHA) and NSHC registrants will be able to attend CNEHA sessions. A special feature of this year’s NSHC is the transatlantic component—scholars will also convene at Lund University on the theme, “Encountering the ‘Other’—Understanding Oneself: Colonialism, Ethnic Diversity and Everyday Life in Early Modern Sweden and New Sweden.” Joint US-Sweden sessions will be presented at both venues via real time video conferencing, and all Sweden and New Sweden papers and sessions will be recorded for later viewing.

Cost: Approximately \$50 per person for the two-day conference. Additional fees for field trips and meals. Program and registration information, and online registration will be posted at <http://cneha.org/conference.html>, or contact the American Swedish Historical Museum, 215.389.1776, info@americanswedish.org; Craig Lukezic, Delaware Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs,

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News

Downtown Albany's oldest house, now mostly encircled by parking lots, has been donated by Orion Enterprises to the Historic Albany Foundation. Built in 1728 by Common Councilman Johannes Van Ostrand, the Van Ostrand-Radliff House sat just a few hundred yards from the original Fort Orange. It was built near a creek just outside the old stockade walls. The 23- by 33-foot building's first level featured a brick exterior, while the upper portion and its steeply pitched roof were covered with pine shakes typical of thousands like it built by the Dutch, according to historical accounts. "This represents a great opportunity to build on Historic Albany Foundation's successes over the past 40 years and establish a presence in the city's oldest building that will help forge our identity and broaden our base of support in the future, all while protecting a valuable piece of Albany's past," said foundation president Mary Ellen Piche. The building at 48 Hudson St., adjacent to the vacant former home of the Albany Rescue Mission, is surrounded by property acquired the Albany Convention Center Authority for a proposed convention center, which has been on the drawing board for years. Foundation members said any center would accommodate the historic structure in its design.

Read more: <http://www.timesunion.com/local/article/An-old-house-for-Historic-Albany-4573116.php#ixzz2VvBR1MJ3>

The Shinnecock Nation of Long Island has announced the opening of Wikun Village next to its museum. For more information about the village, museum, and activities of the Shinnecock Nation in general, go to: Shinnecock museum .com.

Study Abroad

The University of Amsterdam's Graduate School of Humanities has announced its programs for the academic year 2013-2014. Courses range from Archaeology, the Classics, History, Literary and Religious Studies, the Dutch Golden Age, to Linguistics, which course has been ranked the best in Europe for two years in a row. Courses are given in English. For more information go to: www.gsh.uva.nl.

Publications

Munsee Indian Trade in Ulster County, New York 1712-1732.

Edited by Kees-Jan Waterman and J. Michael Smith.

This book offers the full, annotated translation of a recently discovered Dutch account book recording trade with Native Americans in Ulster County, New York, from 1712 to 1732. The ledger contains just over two-thousand transactions with about two-hundred native

individuals. Slightly more than one-hundred Indians appear with their names listed. The volume and granularity of the entries allow for detailed indexing and comparative analysis of the people and processes involved in these commercial dealings in the mid-Hudson River Valley.

Syracuse University Press. Cloth \$34.95. ISBN: 978-0-8156-3316-7.

Opening Statements: Law, Jurisprudence, and the Legacy of Dutch New York. Edited by Albert M. Rosenblatt and Julia C. Rosenblatt.

This beautifully illustrated collection of essays explores the influence of Dutch law and jurisprudence in colonial America. "No society can function without laws, that set of established practices and expectations that guide the way people get along with one another and relate to ruling authorities. Although much has been written about the English roots of American law and jurisprudence, little attention has been paid until recently to the legacy left by the Dutch. In *Opening Statements*, a broad spectrum of eminent scholars examine the legal heritage that New Netherland bequeathed to New York in the seventeenth century. Even after the transfer of the colony to England placed New York under English Common Law rather than Dutch Roman Law, the Dutch system of jurisprudence continued to influence evolving American concepts of governance, liberty, women's rights, and religious

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freedom in ways that still resonate in today's legal culture."

SUNY Press. Price: \$35.00
Hardcover - 268 pages.

Dutch language courses

The University of Leuven announces its 2013 "Joos Florquin Dutch as a foreign language summer course." This intensive course is intended for those who wish to begin learning Dutch or improve their knowledge of the language. There are 5 levels: Elementary, Intermediate A, Intermediate B, Advanced A, Advanced B. The teaching language is Dutch. Passive knowledge of English and/or French is an advantage. Prior knowledge will be tested on the first day. The results of the placement test will be communicated to the students on the following day.

Program schedule:

August 2, Friday:
9 - 12 a.m.: Placement Test
Intermediate and advanced level (levels 2 - 5)
2 - 4 p.m.:
Guided tour of Leuven
August 5, Monday:
9 a.m.: First class
August 30, Friday:
End of the course.
For complete information go to:
ilt.kuleuven.be/summercourse.

NNI News

We are continually updating and adding new materials and features to our website. Some recent

additions are below. Watch this space for future updates.

"Dissing the Dutch: All's Fair in Love and War"

New in More Historical Fun: Peter Douglas compiled this rich collection of pejorative, humorous & pointed labels the English have pinned on the Dutch over the last five centuries.

Visit our new calendar to find and suggest events such as book talks, conferences, and other happenings related to the seventeenth-century Atlantic World.

New Netherland and the Global Marketplace: The Transportation of Goods and People Across the Atlantic Ocean - A Lesson Plan for 7th Graders

New in Education: This lesson focuses on the essential question: What was New Netherland's role within a larger global network of trade in goods and bound labor (both slaves and indentured servants)? By analyzing historic documents, students will be able to map and to analyze the flow of goods and people to New Netherland from Europe, Africa, and South America.

2013 Annual Meeting:

At the 2013 Annual Meeting, outgoing Senior Scholar Dennis Maika recounted his experiences during his prior year of residency, and incoming Senior Scholar Russell Shorto outlined some of his research goals for the coming year. Danny Noorlander, the 2012 winner of the Hendricks Award, spoke on "Merchants, Ministers, and the Making (and Unmaking) of

the Dutch Atlantic, 1621 – 1674." The 2013 Alice P. Kenney Award was presented to Ruth Piwonka for her contributions to the study of Dutch colonial material culture and her work to increase historical awareness throughout the Hudson Valley.

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New Trustees:

E. Carl Fabend, NNI Treasurer. Carl is a 1959 graduate from Syracuse University. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps, until 1968, attaining the rank of Captain in the U.S.M.C. Reserves. He has an MBA program from New York University School of Business. He is currently President of Cardinal Components, Inc., in Wayne, NJ. See www.cardinalxtal.com. He is a member of Union Congregational Church in Montclair, NJ, where he served as Treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, and chair of the Personnel Department, and where back in the 1980s he set the church upon its journey to become computerized. He is married to Firth Haring Fabend, whom he has known since the sixth grade in Nyack, NY. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Michael Vande Woude, Trustee, is recognized as one of the prominent technology management leaders in Financial, DOD and Technology

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industries He is a former Executive Vice President of Citigroup. Michael was the Vendor Manager for high profile vendors i.e., IBM, Dell, HP, Microsoft, Oracle, Computer Associates, Thomson Reuters, AT&T, ADP and many others. Today, Michael is a senior management executive advising major companies on technology risk management. He further supports several major companies with staff augmentation for short and long-term technology needs. He has a Bachelor of Professional Studies (Double Major) in Information Systems and Business Administration from Empire State College (SUNY), New York, New York and is an avid Golfer, private pilot, CFO Blawenburg Reformed Church.

James F. Sefcik, Trustee received a B.S., Saint Joseph's College, Philadelphia, 1964; M.A., Temple University, 1967 and was a PhD Candidate., University of Notre Dame, 1968. He retired as Assistant Secretary, Office of State Museums and Director, Louisiana State Museum, 1987-2004. For more than 45 years, he has studied American history particularly the Colonial and Revolutionary era and has shared what he's learned with both undergraduate and graduate students, museum visitors, and adult lifelong learners. He is married with two sons, and three grandsons. He enjoys traveling in Europe and is an avid hiker.

New Staff at NNI/New Netherland Research Center:

Stephen McErleane is NNI's new webmaster. He holds a MA in

History and Master of Science in Information Science from SUNY Albany. In addition to website development, he provides technical support for the New Netherland Research Center.

Dr. Dennis J. Maika is NNI's Associate for Education and Web Content. Dennis received his PhD. in History from New York University; his dissertation was awarded the Hendricks Manuscript Prize and was NNI's 2012 Senior Scholar. He is a Fellow of the Holland Society of New York, the New Netherland Institute, the New York Academy of History, and has participated in the International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World at Harvard University. As a historian of colonial New York, he has served as a consultant for local history and education projects and has written numerous articles and papers. He has also taught history at the university and secondary level for several decades. **MD**

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Risky Business

Although "Carnival" is putting adventure back into ocean cruises, they still don't compare to travel on the high seas in the 17th century. Without going into gruesome details, life aboard ship was rough. Sailors survived on salted meat (frequently goat) and hard tack. The constant search for fresh water to assuage the effects of this diet put crews in danger when attempting to fill barrels on unfamiliar islands and shores. At sea deadly storms and

pirates were waiting just over the horizon. Scurvy was rampant aboard ship. The Dutch shipped barrels of lemon juice out of Curaçao as a preventative but it wasn't always available. The daily ration of dried meat and hard bread would have been a major challenge for loose teeth. Teenage boys who took to sea were in for the time of their lives—in many cases shortened by one disaster or another. Consider the *Diemen* that left Curaçao in September of 1658 with eight casks of preserved lemons and citrus juice, five parrots, 36 parakeets, and a heavy load of salt. It disappeared without a trace on its way to Manhattan. Or, consider the case of the *Vos* and *Kraen*, (Fox and Crane), sent out by the admiralty of Amsterdam in 1611 to look for the fabled passage to the Far East. While probing along the coast of Maine near Machias Bay nine men went ashore after receiving signs that trading was possible. The first three men who waded ashore were killed instantly and beheaded. Five others behind them were badly wounded but managed to return to the *Kraen* where they also died. Only the chief boatman's mate escaped unscathed. The headless bodies were recovered and buried together with the others on an island christened *Kerkhoff* (Churchyard). The bay was named *Droeve-bay* (Sorrow Bay). Neither name survives but memory of the event and the names of those seamen killed live on in the journal of Jan Cornelisz May, skipper of the *Kraen*. **CG**