The Dutch Adapting in North America

Please join us on the campus of Calvin College for the 13th Biennial Conference of the Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies on June 22-23, 2001.

Scholars from the Netherlands and the United States, specializing in the study of the Dutch in North America, will present results of their current investigations on the variety of manifestations of the Dutch immigrants’ response to their new environments in North America. Presenters include those representing such academics and research institutions as the Roosevelt Study Center, the Free University, Hope College, the Van Raalte Institute, Calvin College, Trinity College, Butler University, as well as individuals conducting independent investigation.

The session will begin with papers on efforts by the Dutch immigrants to plant some of their ethnic uniqueness by establishing institutions of higher education, initially for the purpose of training candidates for the ministry. Other sessions will examine the process of acculturation, Dutch Roman Catholic settlements, and the response of an individual immigrant and a community of immigrants to the settlement experience.

The conference keynote speaker at the Friday evening banquet is Dr. Robert Swierenga, noted scholar of and author on the Dutch emigrant experience and recently named Knight of the Order of the Dutch Lion by Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. Dr. Swierenga will review the recent scholarship and present a summary of the current status of Dutch-American studies.

I invite you to join us for an exciting and informative conference on the campus of Calvin

Information about off-campus lodging is available.

Dr. Richard H. Harms
Curator of Archives
2001 AADAS Conference Schedule

Friday, June 22

9:00-10:30 am  Registration, Lobby Gezon Auditorium, Spoelhof Center

10:30-12:00 m  Session I - Higher Education

Elton Bruins, “A Christian College for the Holland Colony, 1851-1877”

Harry Boonstra, “Calvin College and the Christian Reformed Church”


12:00-1:30 pm  Lunch, Knollcrest Dining Hall (pre-registration required)

1:30-3:00 pm  Session II - Acculturation

Margriet Bruijn Lacy, “Americanization: Fact or Fiction?”

Jaap van Marle, “The Unique Process of Dutch Acculturation as Immigrants in the US”

3:00-3:30 pm  Break

3:30-5:00 pm  Session III - Acculturation

George Harinck, “The ‘Liberated’ Church in North America”

Hans Krabbendam, “Avant La Lettre: The Use of Dutch Immigrant Letters in Historical Research”

5:00-5:30 pm  AADAS Business Meeting

Robert Swierenga, president

7:00-9:00 pm  Banquet, Knollcrest Dining Hall (pre-registration required)

Keynote address: Robert Swierenga, “Current Status of Dutch-American Scholarship”

Saturday, June 23

8:30-10:00 am  Session IV - Immigrants in North America

Robert Schoone-Jongen, “Klaas D. Feyma: Minnesota’s Dutch-American Carpenter/Correspondent”

Huug van den Dool, “Noordeloos on Two Continents”

10:00-10:30 am  Break

10:30-12 m  Session V – Dutch Roman Catholic Immigrants

Cornelis Van Nuis, “Fr. Frencken’s St. Joseph’s Parish”

Lucas Ligtenberg, “Christiaan Verwayen and the Lost Disabdera Settlement”

Registration

Name_________________________________
Institution _____________________________
Address_______________________________
Phone ________________________________
Registration ($25 per person) __________
Friday Lunch ($7 per person)* __________
Friday Banquet ($18 per person)*__________
Total Enclosed __________

*No registrations for the meals can be accepted after June 12.

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