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# **Invitation**

Lecture by Nikole Hannah-Jones  
on *The 1619 Project*  
in Middelburg on 13 October 2022



**Nikole Hannah-Jones** is a Pulitzer Prize–winning reporter covering racial injustice for *The New York Times Magazine*, and creator of the landmark 1619 Project. In 2017, she obtained a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, known as the Genius Grant, for her work on educational inequality. In 2021 she received the Freedom of Speech and Expression Award in New York, in addition to many more awards. In 2016, Hannah-Jones co-founded the Ida B. Wells Society for Investigative Reporting, a training and mentorship organization geared toward increasing the number of investigative reporters of color. Hannah-Jones is the Knight Chair in Race and Journalism at Howard University, where she has founded the Center for Journalism and Democracy. In 2021, she was named one of *Time’s* 100 most influential people in the world.

**Leendert van der Valk** is a Dutch journalist specialized in music, trans-Atlantic culture, and the history and legacies of slavery. His work has appeared in numerous national platforms, including *NRC* and *De Groene Amsterdammer*. He is the author of the books *Voudou*, *Duivelsmuziek*, and most recently *De Correspondent in Amerika*.

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## THE 1619 PROJECT AND THE DUTCH ORIGINS OF AMERICAN SLAVERY

**LECTURER** Nikole Hannah-Jones  
**DATE** Thursday, 13 October 2022, 3-5 pm  
**LOCATION** Burgerzaal, Stadhuis, Lange Noordstraat 1, 4331 CB Middelburg

The sale of some “twenty and odd” enslaved Africans to Virginia settlers by Dutch privateers from the vessel *White Lion*—which departed from Vlissingen in Zeeland—in 1619 is widely regarded as the beginning of African slavery in British North America. In this special Black Achievement Month event, the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies and the Kennisplatform Slavernijverleden Zeeland welcome renowned journalist and Four Freedoms Award laureate **Nikole Hannah-Jones**, founder of *The 1619 Project*, for a public dialogue about the Dutch origins of American slavery and the consequences of slavery in both the US and the Netherlands.

*The 1619 Project* is an ongoing journalistic endeavor initiated by Hannah-Jones and other writers from the *New York Times* and *New York Times Magazine*. Its intention is to place slavery and its consequences at the center of American history. The project has produced several articles, essays, books, public events, and a podcast, and commanded national and international attention from scholars and activists alike. Among many other prizes and distinctions, Nikole Hannah-Jones won a Four Freedoms Award in 2021 for her contribution to national and international dialogues on the legacies of slavery.

During this public event, Nikole Hannah-Jones will discuss the origins of American slavery, as well as *The 1619 Project* that she launched in the US. She will subsequently take part in a discussion with Dutch journalist **Leendert van der Valk** on how best to commemorate and engage in fruitful dialogue about the legacies of slavery in our communities.

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To attend the program, please register before 1 October 2022 via the following registration link:

<https://bit.ly/3QRXDwZ>

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