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American-Dutch Connections in the Revolutionary Era

11-12 December 2025

**Roosevelt Institute for American Studies
Hofplein 16
4331 CK Middelburg**

Conference Program

Program

Wednesday, 10 December 2025

20:00-21:00 **Arrival & Evening Drinks Reception**
Hotel De Nieuwe Doelen, Loskade 5, Middelburg

Thursday, 11 December 2025

10:00-10:30 **Welcome & Introduction** by Damian Pargas (RIAS & Leiden University) and Michelle McDonald (American Philosophical Society, Philadelphia)

Panel 1. Revolutionary Republicanisms

Chair: Carine Lounissi (Université de Rouen)

10:30-10:55 Wyger Velema (University of Amsterdam)
Classical Republicanism Revisited

10:55-11:20 René Koekkoek (Utrecht University)
Liberty as Independence. Vicissitudes of an Ideal

11:20-11:55 Matthijs Tieleman (Illinois University)
A poor facsimile? American Independence in the Context of the Patriot Atlantic

11:55-13:00 Panel discussion

13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

Panel 2. Commercial Interests and Exchanges

Chair: Damian Pargas (RIAS & Leiden University)

14:30-14:55 Victor Enthoven (VU University)
A Dark Forest

14:55-15:20 Pauline Wittebol (VU University)
Dutch Friends of the American Revolution

15:20-15:45 Jessica Roitman (VU University)
Sacking Statia: Rodney, Jews, and the American Revolution Re-evaluated

15:45-16:30 Panel discussion

16:30-17:00 **Break**

17:00-18:00 **Keynote Lecture**
Nathan Perl-Rosenthal (University of South Carolina)
Revolutionary Afterlives Across the Atlantic

18:30 **Dinner**

Friday, 12 December 2025

Panel 3. Brothers in Arms? Imitation and Deviation

Chair: Jaap Jacobs (University of St. Andrews)

10:00-10:25 Dirk Alkemade (Leiden University)
The Dutch Deterrence: American Perceptions of Dutch Decline in the Eighteenth Century

10:25-10:50 Kieran O'Keefe (Lyon College)
The Dutch Revolt and Historical Memory in the American Revolution

10:50-11:15 Leila Tnainchi (Université de Bourgogne Franche-Comté)
The United Provinces and the American Revolution: A History in Pictures

11:15-12:00 Panel discussion

12:00-13:30 **Lunch**

Panel 4. Change and Continuity in Slavery and Colonialism

Chair: Brendan McConville (Boston University)

13:30-13:55 Andrea Mosterman (University of New Orleans)
Enslaved Lives in Revolutionary Dutch New York

13:55-14:20 Michael Douma (Georgetown University)
Dutch American Slavery during the Revolution

14:20-14:55 Lauren Lauret (Leiden University)
Dutch travellers in the United States and colonial policy in the Netherlands in the long 19th century

14:55-15:40 Panel discussion

15:40-16:00 **Break**

16:00-17:00 General Discussion: American-Dutch Connections in the Revolutionary Era
Chair: t.b.a.

17:00 **Reception**

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