

NATIONAL AMERICAN STUDIES DAY
NETHERLANDS AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (NASA)
LEIDEN, FRIDAY, 1 APRIL 2011

“American Memory/American Forgetting”

PROGRAM

10.00-10.45 Registration + coffee (Academy Building, Rapenburg 73, Leiden)

10.45-11.30 Opening remarks by NASA president, Adam Fairclough

Keynote lecture: *Civil War Guerrillas, Then and Now* by Daniel Sutherland (Univ. of Arkansas); Place: Academy Building, Klein Auditorium

11.45-13.00 Parallel workshops 1-3

Workshop 1: Transnational American Poetry

Place: Lipsius 001

Chair: Diederik Oostdijk (VU Amsterdam)

- Paola Colombo (VU Amsterdam), *Looking Transnationally, Remembering in Translation: Robert Lowell's Rewritings of Eugenio Montale*
- Evelyn Austin (VU Amsterdam): *Seeing England through American Eyes: The Verticality of Adrienne Rich and Sylvia Plath*
- Amrita Das (VU Amsterdam), *Ghazals in America: Agha Shahid Ali and Adrienne Rich, A Dialogue on Ghazals and Ghalib*

Workshop 2: Revisiting the First and Second Reconstruction (1865-1877 and 1955-1968)

Place: Lipsius 203

Chair: Adam Fairclough (Leiden)

- Mark de Vries (Leiden), *Remembering Reconstruction from the Dunning School through Post-Revisionism*
- Sabrina Otterloo (Leiden), *From Lost Cause to Victory. The Counter-Reconstruction of the Southern Press in the Louisiana Red River Valley, 1862-1877*
- Berdien Wiegant (Leiden), *Leander H. Perez, Sr. and the Struggle of Out-of-State Civil Rights Lawyers in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana*
- Joost Luiten (Leiden), *The NAACP and the Communist Party: The Divided Front for Black Equality, 1931-1952*

Workshop 3: Cultural Identity, Self-Making, and Memory

Place: Lipsius 005

Chair: Margu rite Corporaal (Nijmegen)

- Sara Polak (Leiden), *Franklin D. Roosevelt's Self-Fashioning and Autofabrication*
- Laura ten Thijs (Leiden), *"A House Made of Heart": Redefining Home on the Borderlands in The House on Mango Street*
- Christopher Cusack and Lindsay Janssen (Nijmegen), *Transcultural Hybrids: The Evolving Representation of Cultural Identity and the Great Famine in Irish-American Fiction, 1850-1920*

14.15-15.45 Parallel workshops 4-7

Workshop 4: Outsiders and Outside Perspectives (Place: Lipsius 130)

Chair: Giles Scott Smith (Roosevelt Study Center)

- Joost Baarsen (Nijmegen), *America's True Mother Country: The Netherlands in the Oeuvre of William Elliot Griffis (1843-1928)*
- Albertine Bloemendal (Leiden), *Ernst van der Beugel: A Transatlantic Mediator*
- Marjolein Meindersma (Leiden), *Self-Reliance Revisited: The Beats' Escape from Society*
- Tracy Doyle (UvA), *The Impact of Water on the Development of Urban Los Angeles, 1910-1940*

Workshop 5: Race, Gender, and Memory in the American South (Place: Lipsius 227)

Chair: Mathilde Roza (Nijmegen)

- Suzanne Enzerink (Groningen), *The Paranoid South: The Imbrication of Race, Class, Gender and Nationality in The Birth of a Nation and Gone With the Wind*
- Saskia Bak (Nijmegen), *Memory and American Forgetting in the Representation of Slavery in the Southern Plantation Museum*
- Anne Marie Korfker (Utrecht), *Under The Watchful Eye: Upper-Class Southern Notions of Womanhood in the Antebellum Intimate Sphere*

Workshop 6: AIDS in American Culture (Place: Lipsius 001)

Chair: Diederik Oostdijk (VU Amsterdam)

- Roel van den Oever (Maastricht), *Angels in America and Momism*
- Dirk Visser (Groningen), *"These People Make Me Sick!", or How Hollywood Won an Oscar for AIDS*
- Niels Vonberg (VU Amsterdam), *"Stars Appear Instead of Periods": AIDS, Art and Shame in James Merrill's The Inner Room*

Workshop 7: War and the Politics of American Memory (Place: Lipsius 203)

Chair: Hans Krabbendam (Roosevelt Study Center)

- Monique van Hout (Utrecht), *The Good, the Bad, and the Memory: World War II and the Vietnam War in Individual and Cultural Memory*
- Jelte Olthof (Groningen), *The Price of Independence: Memory and Identity in the Congressional Debate on Revolutionary Debt of 1790*
- Erik Olsen (UvA), *Who Will Guard the Guards Themselves in the American Intelligence Community?*

15.45-16.00 Tea/coffee break

16.00-17.00 Forum Debate: American Memory and Forgetting (Place: Lipsius 005)

Panel Members: Jean Pfaelzer (University of Delaware), Tim Hall (Central Michigan University), Henk Aaij (Calvin College), and Mark Vitullo (Tilburg University)

Moderator: Eduard van de Bilt (Leiden)

17.00-18.00 Drinks (Coffee room on ground floor P.N. van Eyckhof 3)

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