

Queen Wilhelmina Workshop
Transmitting Knowledge in the Early Modern Dutch World

December 6-7, 2013
Deutsches Haus, Columbia University

Friday December 6, 2013; 5 pm
Chair: Evan Haefeli (Columbia University)

Lecture:

Natalie Zemon Davis (University of Toronto) - Dealing with Strangeness: Language and Information Flow in Colonial Suriname

Followed by reception

Saturday December 7, 2013; 9:30 am - 4 pm
Chair: Pamela Smith (Columbia University)

Session 1:

9:30 - 11:00: Strategic Knowledge

Maartje van Gelder (University of Amsterdam) - Republican Renegades: Converts to Islam in Seventeenth-Century Dutch Diplomacy with North Africa

Carolyn Arena (Columbia University) - The Carib/Anglo-Dutch/Arawak War: Strategic Knowledge and Alliance Formation in the 17th-Century Caribbean

Session 2:

11:00 - 12:30: Private Knowledge

Deborah Hamer (Columbia University) - Investigations of Marital Status in the Seventeenth-Century Dutch Atlantic World

Michiel van Groesen (University of Amsterdam) - Information vs. Empire: Dierick Ruiters and the Attempted Unmaking of Habsburg America

12:30 - 14:00 LUNCH

Session 3:

14:00 - 15:30: Exotic Knowledge

Daniel Margócsy (Hunter College) - Forging Authenticity: Publishing and Ghostwriting Albertus Seba's Thesaurus

Benjamin Schmidt (University of Washington) - Oriental Despots on Ornamental Desks: On Dutch Geography, the "Decorative" Arts, and the Production of the Exotic World

15:30 - 16:00

Pamela Smith (Columbia University) - Concluding Remarks