

Presentations

- "Euthanasia and the Dutch," SISWO [Netherlands Institute for the Coordination of Social Scientific Research], University of Amsterdam, 8 June 1999. (James C. Kennedy)
- "Family Feud: The Reformed Church/Christian Reformed Church Split," with Rev. Michael De Vries. Holland Area Historical Society, 12 January 1999. (Elton J. Bruins)
- "From the Bulgaria of the NATO to Hollanditis: Dutch Foreign Policy and Cultural Fermentation," Cold War Conference, Indiana University, 19 February 1999. (James C. Kennedy)
- "From Religious Fervor to Skepticism: Religious Change in the Netherlands," Winter Happenings, Hope College, 23 January 1999. (James C. Kennedy)
- "Holland, Michigan: Roots and Fruits," Christian Schools International Foundation Board, 15 April 1999. (Elton J. Bruins)
- "Holland's Unique History," Van Andel Educators Institute, Holland, Michigan, 29 July 1999. (Robert P. Swierenga)
- "Hope College, Yesterday and Today," Hope Academy for Senior Professionals class. 12 and 19 August 1999. (Elton J. Bruins)
- "In an Age of Decline? The Netherlands in the Century Before the Emigration of the 1840s," Holland Historical Society, 21 November 1998. (James C. Kennedy)
- "Place Mattered: The Social Geography of Dutch Immigration in the Nineteenth Century," Calvin College, 17 November 1998. (Robert P. Swierenga)
- "The Problem of Kuyper's Legacy: Anti-Revolutionaries in the Postwar Period," Acton Institute and Calvin Seminary Conference, 30 October 1998. (James C. Kennedy)

...by 1960 the ARP [Anti-Revolutionary Party of the Netherlands] had lost its way and there was no way back. The religious impulse that had precariously found a third way between socialism and an unfettered free market economy was largely gone. ... To the extent that it succeeded, it depended on a sense of Christian interclass solidarity in the face of secular hostility. By 1960, there was little of this solidarity left. Thus when the Kuyper of the Social Congress was rediscovered by Anti-Revolutionary radicals, it simply splintered the already thin consensus that kept the ARP together, driving conservatives, moderates and radicals apart. In this respect, the ghost of the "young" Kuyper revisiting the Anti-Revolutionary tradition portended not a new beginning but the beginning of the end for Kuyperian politics in the Netherlands. It is a sober reminder that a Christian third way between "individualism" and "socialism" is hard to maintain, and is sustainable only, even for a short time, by a passionate faith rooted both in Christian community and social justice.

From the conclusion of "The Problem of Kuyper's Legacy: Anti-Revolutionaries in the Postwar Period," presented to the Acton Institute and Calvin Seminary Conference. (James C. Kennedy)

"The Reformed Church in America: Its History, Nature, and Connection with Hope College," presentation to second-year faculty members, Hope College, 16 March 1999. (Elton J. Bruins)

"Stellingwerff's *Amsterdamse Emigranten* and Pella History," Association for the Advancement of Dutch-American Studies Conference, Central College, Pella, Iowa, 4 June 1999. (Robert P. Swierenga)

"True Brothers: The Netherlandic Origins of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, 1857-1880," Breaches and Bridges, Archief- en Documentiecentrum van de Gereformeerde Kerk, Kampen, The Netherlands, 6 November 1998. (Robert P. Swierenga)

"Why Are the Dutch Different?" Women's City Club of Grand Rapids, 23 February 1999. (James C. Kennedy)

Fellowship

Visiting Research Fellow, SISWO [Netherlands Institute for the Coordination of Social Scientific Research], Amsterdam, The Netherlands, May-August 1999. (James C. Kennedy)