

Curriculum vitae prof. dr. Cornelis (Kees) Abraham van Minnen (as of 2017)

Position:

Cornelis Abraham van Minnen (born May 14, 1956) is Professor of American History at Ghent University, Belgium since 2001. From 1984-2017 he has served as Founding Director of the Roosevelt Study Center, a research and conference center for modern U.S. history and U.S.-European relations in Middelburg, the Netherlands. In 2017 the Roosevelt Study Center has been reorganized and renamed as Roosevelt Institute for American Studies and is affiliated with Leiden University.

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Research interests:

U.S.-Dutch/European relations from the eighteenth through twenty-first centuries; U.S. foreign policy; U.S. cultural history; history and culture of the modern U.S. South.

Education:

Atheneum diploma, Zeldenrust College, Terneuzen (1975).

Certificate Teachers Training College Moller Instituut, Tilburg (1980) in history and Dutch literature and linguistics.

Masters degree in history, University of Nijmegen (1983).

Teaching certificate in history, University of Nijmegen (1984).

Doctorate in history, University of Leiden (1991).

Languages: Dutch, English, French, German.

Awards and honors:

Honorary award of the French Embassy in the Netherlands for obtained results in French literature and linguistics (1975).

Fulbright Research Grant and affiliation with the Library of Congress, Washington, DC (1983).

Fellow of the Salzburg Seminar American Studies Programs (2000, 2004, 2011, and 2015).

Fellow of the National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina (2010).

American Mosaic: Festschrift in Honor of Cornelis A. van Minnen, edited by William E. Leuchtenburg (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2017). A collection of essays by European and American historians and American Studies scholars offered to C.A. van Minnen in appreciation of his work as Director of the Roosevelt Study Center, 1984-2017.

Professional affiliations:

Member of the Netherlands American Studies Association, 1982-present (served on the board from 1988 to 2008, served as treasurer 2005-2008).

Member of the European Association for American Studies, 1982-present (served as chair of the Historians' Shoptalk meetings at the EAAS conferences from 1994 through 2006 and served as editor of the *European Journal of American Studies (EJAS)*, the official peer-reviewed journal of the European Association for American Studies, 2006-2011).

Founding member of the American Studies Network in Europe since 1990 (served as vice president 1998-2000, and president 2000-2002; served as chair of the jury of the American Studies Network Book Prize 2004; served as treasurer 2004-2013).

Member of the Southern Studies Forum since 2005 (served as co-organizer of the 2005 SSF conference “Poverty and Progress in the U.S. South” which was held at the RSC).

Member of the Transatlantic Studies Association since 2008.

Member of the Southern Historical Association since 2012.

Advisory Board member of the Center for New Deal Studies, Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois, 1996-present.

Advisory Board member of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, Oyster Bay, New York, 2004-present.

Board member of LeidenGlobal, a cooperation of Institutes of Global and Area Studies and Leiden University, 2013-2017.

Book publications:

Yankees onder de zeespiegel. De Amerikaanse diplomaten in de Lage Landen en hun berichtgeving, 1815-1850. Ph.D. dissertation Universiteit Leiden (Amsterdam: De Bataafsche Leeuw, 1991).

FDR and His Contemporaries: Foreign Perceptions of an American President, ed. with John F. Sears (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 1992).

American Diplomats in the Netherlands, 1815-1850 (New York: St. Martin’s Press, 1993).

Reflections on American Exceptionalism, ed. with David K. Adams (Keele: Keele University Press, 1994).

Aspects of War in American History, ed. with David K. Adams (Keele: Keele University Press, 1997).

Religious and Secular Reform in America: Ideas, Beliefs and Social Change, ed. with David K. Adams (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press and New York: New York University Press, 1999).

Beat Culture: The 1950s and Beyond, ed. with Jaap van der Bent and Mel van Elteren (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 1999).

Federalism, Citizenship and Collective Identities in U.S. History, ed. with Sylvia L. Hilton (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2000).

Een slingerbeweging tussen aanvaarding en verzet: Europese beeldvorming over Amerika. Inaugurele rede, Universiteit Gent 9 oktober 2001 (Middelburg: Roosevelt Study Center, 2001).

Nation on the Move: Mobility in U.S. History, ed. with Sylvia L. Hilton (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2002).

Frontiers and Boundaries in U.S. History, ed. with Sylvia L. Hilton (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2004).

Van Loon: Popular Historian, Journalist, and FDR Confidant (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2005).

Amerika's beroemdste Nederlander. Een biografie van Hendrik Willem van Loon (Amsterdam: Boom, 2005).

Teaching and Studying U.S. History in Europe: Past, Present and Future, ed. with Sylvia L. Hilton (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2007).

Political Repression in U.S. History, ed. with Sylvia L. Hilton (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2009).

Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009, ed. with Hans Krabbendam and Giles Scott-Smith (Amsterdam: Boom, 2009 and Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2009).

The U.S. South and Europe: Transatlantic Relations in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, ed. with Manfred Berg (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013).

Articles, book chapters and book reviews:

- "De sociaal-economische structuur van Terneuzen, 1850-1900," *De Stem van Oud-Terneuzen* 19.2 (april 1982): 18-25.
- "De ontwikkeling van het lager onderwijs in Terneuzen in de tweede helft van de negentiende eeuw," *Jaarboek van de Oudheidkundige Kring 'De Vier Ambachten'* (1982-1983): 97-192.
- "Thorbecke als historicus. Een schets," *Ex Tempore* 2.3/4 (mei-juni 1983): 16-23.
- "American History Abroad: The Roosevelt Study Center," *Organization of American Historians Newsletter* 15.2 (May 1987): 23-24.
- "Percepties van een Amerikaans gezant: Harmanus Bleecker in Nederland (1839-1842)," *Americana. Tijdschrift voor de studie van Noord-Amerika* 1.1 (1987): 15-33.
- "Perceptions of an American Charge d'Affaires: Harmanus Bleecker in the Netherlands (1839-1842)," in Cornelis A. van Minnen, ed., *A Bouquet from the Netherlands. Liber Amicorum presented to Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. on the occasion of his seventieth birthday* (Middelburg: Roosevelt Study Center Publications, 1987), 9-25.
- "210 Years of Dutch-American Friendship: An Introduction," in Cornelis A. van Minnen, ed., *A Transatlantic Friendship. Adresses by Queen Wilhelmina, Queen Juliana and Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands to the joint sessions of the United States Congress* (Middelburg: Roosevelt Study Center Publications, 1992), 7-10.
- "Zeelands venster op de wereld: de Four Freedoms Awards en het Roosevelt Study Center," *Zeeuws Tijdschrift* 42.6 (1992): 224-227.
- "Een fenomeen herdacht: De terugkeer van Hendrik Willem van Loon in Veere," *Zeeuws Tijdschrift* 44.4-5 (1994): 184-193.
- "In Memoriam J.W. Schulte Nordholt (1920-1995)," *American Studies in Europe* 35 (October 1995): 12.
- "In Memoriam J.W. Schulte Nordholt (1920-1995)," *NASA-Nieuwsbrief* 5.1 (najaar 1995): 3-4.
- "Tenth Anniversary of the Roosevelt Study Center in Middelburg, The Netherlands," *American Studies in Europe* 37 (October 1996): 5-7.

- Biographical entries on “Auguste Davezac,” “Alexander Hill Everett,” and “Christopher Hughes” in Cathal J. Nolan, ed., *Notable U.S. Ambassadors Since 1775: A Biographical Dictionary* (Greenwood Press: Westport, Connecticut, and London, 1997), 69-75, 99-105, 176-182.
- “Historians’ Shoptalk at EAAS Lisbon Meeting,” *American Studies in Europe* 41 (September 1998): 14-15.
- Book review of Peter J. Parish, ed., *Reader’s Guide to American History* (London and Chicago: Fitzroy Dearborn Publishers, 1997) in *American Studies in Europe* 41 (September 1998): 36-37.
- (with Jaap van der Bent and Mel van Elteren) “Introduction,” in Cornelis A. van Minnen, Jaap van der Bent, and Mel van Elteren, eds., *Beat Culture: The 1950s and Beyond* (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 1999), 1-11.
- (with David K. Adams) “Introduction,” in David K. Adams and Cornelis A. van Minnen, eds., *Religious and Secular Reform in America: Ideas, Beliefs and Social Change* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press/New York: New York University Press, 1999), xi-xiv.
- “Franklin D. Roosevelt en zijn Four Freedoms,” *Zeeuws Tijdschrift* 50.2 (2000): 3-6.
- “America’s Most Popular Dutchman: Hendrik Willem van Loon,” in Hans Krabbendam and Larry J. Wagenaar, eds., *The Dutch-American Experience: Essays in Honor of Robert P. Swierenga* (Amsterdam: VU Uitgeverij, 2000), 273-287.
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- (with Sylvia L. Hilton) “Introduction,” in Cornelis A. van Minnen and Sylvia L. Hilton, eds., *Federalism, Citizenship, and Collective Identities in U.S. History* (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2000), 1-6.
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- (with Sylvia L. Hilton) “The Rocky Road to Greener Grass: Mobility in U.S. History. An Introduction,” in Cornelis A. van Minnen and Sylvia L. Hilton, eds., *Nation on the Move: Mobility in U.S. History* (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2002), 1-15.
- “Inleiding,” in David B. Roosevelt, *Grandmère. Een persoonlijke geschiedenis van Eleanor Roosevelt* (Rijswijk: Uitgeverij Elmar, 2003), vi-ix.
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- “Europees centrum voor Amerikanistiek: Roosevelt Study Center in Middelburg,” *Zeeuws Tijdschrift* 54.3-4 (2004): 15-16.
- “Hendrik Willem van Loon. Gevierd historicus in Amerika,” *Geschiedenis Magazine* 41.2 (Maart 2006): 30-34.
- (with Sylvia L. Hilton) “The Academic Study of U.S. History in Europe,” in Cornelis A. van Minnen and Sylvia L. Hilton, eds., *Teaching and Studying U.S. History in Europe: Past, Present and Future* (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2007), 7-45.
- “Een korte geschiedenis van de Four Freedoms Awards/The Four Freedoms Awards: A Short History,” *Zeeuws Tijdschrift* 58.5-6 (2008): 10-15.
- “Dutch-Americans die geschiedenis schreven,” *Elsevier Speciale Editie Ons Amerika* (Maart 2009): 50-57.
- (with Sylvia L. Hilton) “Introduction: Revisiting the Historical Role of Political Repression in the United States,” in Cornelis A. van Minnen and Sylvia L. Hilton, eds., *Political Repression in U.S. History* (Amsterdam: VU University Press, 2009), 7-26.

- (with Hans Krabbendam and Giles Scott-Smith) "General Introduction. Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009: A Major Contribution to Atlantic History," in Hans Krabbendam, Cornelis A. van Minnen, and Giles Scott-Smith, eds., *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009* (Amsterdam: Boom/Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2009), 17-24.
- "Dutch-American Diplomatic Relations," in Hans Krabbendam, Cornelis A. van Minnen, and Giles Scott-Smith, eds., *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009* (Amsterdam: Boom/Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2009), 260-270.
- "Dutch Perceptions of American Culture and Promotion of Dutch Culture in the United States," in Hans Krabbendam, Cornelis A. van Minnen, and Giles Scott-Smith, eds., *Four Centuries of Dutch-American Relations, 1609-2009* (Amsterdam: Boom/Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 2009), 431-441.
- (with Manfred Berg) "The U.S. South and Europe: An Introduction," in Cornelis A. van Minnen and Manfred Berg, eds., *The U.S. South and Europe: Transatlantic Relations in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries* (Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2013), 1-14.
- Book review of Joseph Keith, *Unbecoming Americans: Writing Race and Nation from the Shadows of Citizenship, 1945-1960*, in *Journal of American History* 100.3 (December 2013): 892-893.

Editor of the series Roosevelt Study Center Publications:

- No. 1 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1984*
Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on June 23, 1984 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1985.
- No. 2 *FDR's Place in Past and Present: An Evaluation Forty Years after his Death*
Lectures delivered in Middelburg on April 12, 1985, by J.W. Schulte Nordholt and Leon Gordenker. Middelburg, 1986.
- No. 3 *The Many-Sided Theodore Roosevelt: American Renaissance Man*
Lecture delivered in Middelburg on December 3, 1985, by John A. Gable. Middelburg, 1986.
- No. 4 *The Roosevelts: Nationalism, Democracy and Internationalism*
Lectures delivered by David K. Adams, Carl-Ludwig Holtfreich, Edmund Morris, and Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. on the occasion of the inauguration of the Roosevelt Study Center on September 19, 1986. Middelburg, 1987.
- No. 5 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1986*
Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on September 20, 1986 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1987.
- No. 6 *A Bouquet from the Netherlands*
Liber amicorum presented to Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr. on the occasion of his seventieth birthday (contributions by Rob Kroes, Alfons Lammers, Cornelis A. van Minnen, J.W. Schulte Nordholt). Middelburg, 1987.
- No. 7 *The Decolonization of Indonesia. International Perspectives*
Lectures delivered at the Roosevelt Study Center on September 2, 1987, by Pieter J. Drooglever, Leon Gordenker, Joop J.P. de Jong, and Soedjatmoko. Middelburg, 1988.
- No. 8 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1988*

- Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on June 4, 1988 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1989.
- No. 9 *The European Democratic Left and the Atlantic Alliance* (co-edited with Rio D. Praaning). Proceedings of an international conference held in Middelburg on June 24 and 25, 1988, attended by politicians and researchers from Western Europe and North America. Middelburg, 1989.
 - No. 10 *Human Rights in a Pluralist World. Individuals and Collectivities* (co-edited with Jan Berting, Peter R. Baehr, et al.) Proceedings of an international conference on human rights held at the Roosevelt Study Center on June 1-3, 1988, sponsored by UNESCO, the Netherlands Commission for UNESCO, and the Roosevelt Study Center. Published by Meckler (Westport, Connecticut-London, 1990).
 - No. 11 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1990* Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on May 19, 1990 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1990.
 - No. 12 *A Transatlantic Friendship: Addresses by Queen Wilhelmina, Queen Juliana and Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands to the Joint Sessions of the United States Congress* Published on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the first presentation in Middelburg of the Four Freedoms Awards. Middelburg, 1992.
 - No. 13 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1992* Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on June 13, 1992 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1992.
 - No. 14 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1994* Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on June 4, 1994 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1994.
 - No. 15 *Remembering Franklin D. Roosevelt 1882-1945. A Celebration of his Life and Legacy* Speeches delivered on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Franklin D. Roosevelt's death in 1945 and the Four Freedoms Award Ceremony in Utrecht on April 3, 1995 (Wim T. van Gelder, Alfons Lammers, William J. vanden Heuvel, and Ruud Lubbers). Middelburg, 1995.
 - No. 16 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1996* Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on May 11, 1996 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1996.
 - No. 17 *Ten More Years! A Celebration of the Roosevelt Study Center's Tenth Anniversary* Lectures delivered by Anthony J. Badger, Douglas Brinkley, K. Terry Dornbush, William J. vanden Heuvel, Heinz Ickstadt, Michiel Westerlaken, and Erik Zürcher on September 19, 1996. Middelburg, 1997.
 - No. 18 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 1998* Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on May 2, 1998 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 1998.
 - No. 19 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 2000*

- Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on May 27, 2000 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 2000.
- No. 20 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 2002*
Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on June 8, 2002 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 2002.
 - No. 21 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 2004*
Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on May 8, 2004 (Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 2004.
 - No. 22 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 2006*
Speeches delivered on the occasion of the presentation of the Four Freedoms Awards in Middelburg on May 13, 2006 (Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, William J. vanden Heuvel, et al.). Middelburg, 2007.
 - No. 23 *The Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Awards 2008*
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Editor of other publications:

- The Roosevelt Review*, the annual newsletter of the Roosevelt Study Center, 1989-2010.
- European Journal of American Studies (EJAS)*, the official peer-reviewed journal of the European Association for American Studies, 2006-2011.
- Roosevelt Study Center 25 Years Anniversary Magazine*, 2011.
- The Roosevelt Herald*, the newsletter of the Roosevelt Study Center, 2012-2016.

Co-supervisor of Ph.D. dissertations:

- Usha Wilbers, “Enterprise in the Service of Art: A Critical History of *The Paris Review*, 1953-1973” (Ph.D. diss. Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, 2006).
- Elke van Cassel, “A Cold War Magazine of Causes: A Critical History of *The Reporter*, 1949-1968” (Ph.D. diss. Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, 2007).
- Kim van der Wijngaart, *Bondgenootschap onder spanning. Nederlands-Amerikaanse betrekkingen, 1969-1976* (Hilversum: Verloren, 2011; Ph.D. diss. Universiteit Utrecht, 2011).

Member of Ph.D. dissertation committees:

- P.A.J. Meulendijks, “Verschuivende beelden van de Dien Bien Phoe-crisis van 1954,” (Ph.D. diss. Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen, 2000).
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