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## The Rising Tide Program

### What we can learn from the Dutch and their relationship with water

The Rising Tide program consists of a series of lectures, discussions and multimedia events throughout the Fall 2015 semester, October 7 - November 19. Nearly a dozen lectures and discussions are planned along with film screenings, an art exhibition and a concert that all explore the Dutch and their uneasy relationship with water in an attempt to learn what New Jersey can do in the wake of Hurricane Sandy. To better comprehend the Dutch mindset, the program will address related themes such as the Dutch Republic, a former maritime power, and its legacy in New Jersey and New York. The history of human understanding regarding the sea and natural disasters will also be examined from a local and global perspective.

### Organized By

Montclair State University's College of Science and Mathematics (CSAM), Harry A. Sprague Library, Global Education Center, College of the Arts, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, WMSC Radio, and the Office of Civic Engagement. The library also has information about the program and relevant resources on the [Rising Tide subject guide](#) website.

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### Upcoming Events

Wednesday  
October 14  
7:00 PM

**Living with Water: A History of Holland's Unique Experience with the Sea**

Author and journalist Tracy Metz, author of *Sweet & Salt: Water and the Dutch*

Thursday  
October 15  
7:00 PM

**Delta Works: The Massive Water Project Born Out of the 1953 North Sea Flood**

Author and journalist Tracy Metz, author of *Sweet & Salt: Water and the Dutch*

Monday  
October 19  
2:00 PM

**All That is Blue: A Reading of Select Works by Author Pia de Jong**

Author Pia de Jong, author of *Long Days and Fear of Depth*

Wednesday  
October 21  
6:30 PM

**Preparing for the Next Superstorm: Where Do We Stand Three Years After Sandy?**  
Passaic River Institute director Meiyin Wu

Thursday  
October 22  
5:00 PM

**Escaping the Flood**  
Anthropology professor Neeraj Vedwan presents a film screening and lecture

Monday  
October 26  
6:15 PM

**Trial By Water: The Sea and the Dutch National Character**  
John Roney, Sacred Heart University

Tuesday  
October 27  
6:00 PM

**The Dutch Way in Hoboken: A Rotterdam Design Firm's Plan to Protect the City from the Next Superstorm**  
A panel discussion consisting of Eric Stern (Montclair State University), Henk Ovink (Kingdom of the Netherlands), Daniel Pittman (OMA Design), Mayor Dawn Zimmer (Hoboken) and John Boule (Dewberry)

Thursday  
October 29  
6:15 PM

**The History, Archaeology and Social Context of the Van Reyper-Bond House in Upper Montclair**  
Dr. Peter Siegel, Montclair State University professor

Monday  
November 2  
6:30 PM

**The Netherlands, New Amsterdam, and the Origins of Modern America**  
David Voorhees, Jacob Leisler Institute

Thursday  
November 5  
6:30 PM

**The Sand Engine: An Innovative Approach to Creating a Natural Water Barrier**  
Karel Heijnen, Deltares USA Inc.

Wednesday  
November 11  
7:00 PM

**Remembering Holland**  
Henry Luttkhuizen, Calvin College

Thursday  
November 19  
6:30 PM

**The Power of the Sea: A History of Man's Quest to Predict Storm Surges, Floods and Other Marine Catastrophes**  
Dr. Bruce Parker, Professor, Stevens Institute of Technology

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