

Comhaltas na gCumman Staire in Éirinn –
Irish History Students' Association
Comhdháil Bhliantúil –
Annual Conference



23-24 February 2018

Ulster University,
Magee Campus, Derry/Londonderry



Friday 23rd February

Welcome Reception

7pm

Great Hall

Saturday 24th February

Registration (£15)

8.30-9.00 – MU319

(All papers will take place in the new MU building)

Session 1: 9am - 10.15am

Panel 1 - Early Modern Kingship, Identity and Linguistics

Chair: TBC

Room: MU308

- Nuno Silva (Ulster University)
Traumatic Marriage: How Philip II of Spain became Philip I of Portugal
- James Greaney (Trinity College Dublin)
'Insula Sanctorum': Irish Protestant Identity and the Past
- Ryan Dempsey (Queen's University Belfast)
Transition or Transformation?: Linguistic Shifts in the Early Modern Scottish Lowlands

Panel 2- Re-evaluating Education in 20th Century Ireland

Chair: TBC

Room: MU309

- Caitlin White (Trinity College Dublin)
Public History and the Academic Study: A case study on public reactions to the Report of the Committee on the Criminal Law Amendment Acts (1880-85) and how this continues to influence the study of the crucial years 1922-37
- Colm Mac Gearailt (Trinity College Dublin)
The Teaching of Irish History in Northern Ireland, 1920-72
- Will Burton (Ulster University)
'May the Lord save us from our universities and protect us from our professors' - Student Publications, Professors and the Spanish Civil War

Panel 3- Women in the Domestic and Public Spheres

(Panel sponsored by the Women's History Association Ireland- WHAI)

Chair: TBC

Room: MU310

- Judy Bolger (Trinity College Dublin)
Breastfeeding in nineteenth-century Ireland
- Daniel McCurdy (Ulster University)
"A work which surely should appeal to the heart of an Irishwoman", The Ladies' Auxiliary and the Ancient Order of Hibernians, 1908-18
- Anna Devlin (Trinity College Dublin)
Assessing the impact of the women's pages in the national Irish newspapers, 1967-75

10.15am-10.30am

Tea/Coffee

Session 2: 10.30am – 12.00

Panel 1: Radicalism, Religion and Race

Chair: TBC

Room: MU308

- Jodie Shevlin (Ulster University)
Catholic clergy, Exorcism and the Supernatural in pre-famine Wexford
- David Collopy (Mary Immaculate College Limerick)
Representations of Republicanism and Race in the journalism of John Mitchel in the United Irishman newspaper of 1848
- Katelyn Hanna (NUI Maynooth)
'A sense of public duty compels me': Rev Edward Glacken and the struggle for Tenant-Right in Donegal, 1848-1853
- Manon Nouvian (Trinity College Dublin)
'Toasting the memory of Thomas Paine in nineteenth-century British popular radicalism'

Panel 2: Transnational Connections and Influence

Chair: TBC

Room: MU309

- Anna Maleszka (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland)
The self-representation of municipal authorities in medieval chartered towns of Ireland, Prussia and Livonia
- Mateusz Maleszka (Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland)
The expansion of "Nordic race" in Ireland and Poland in H.F.K. Günther's works
- Keith Harrington (NUI Maynooth)
Moldovan's and Minorities: The effects of the Moldovan language laws on Transnistria's russified population

Panel 3: Sexuality in Ireland

Chair: TBC

Room: MU310

- Cian Ó Néill (Independent Scholar)
Fashionable sin and the difficult commandment': Examining Irish religious sexual advice pamphlets
- Matthew Molloy (NUIG Maynooth)
Towards a Geertzian Historical-Interpretive Science of Male Homosexuality on Ireland, c.1885-1925
- Connor Heffernan (Trinity College Dublin)
Physical Culture and the Absent Body in Historical Writing

12.00 – 12.15pm

Tea/Coffee

Session 3: 12.15pm-1.30pm

Panel 1: Institutionalised Irish Patients

Chair: TBC

Room: MU308

- Triona Waters (Mary Immaculate College Limerick)
Limerick and the insane: The emergence of Irish psychiatry and its practice concerning Limerick City and County, 1800 – 1840
- Michael Kinsella (Ulster University)
‘The Irish-born private patients of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, 1868-1898
- Olivia Frehill (Trinity College Dublin)
Apart from the World: St Joseph’s Asylum for Aged and Virtuous Women, 1836-1922

Panel 2: Crime and Criminal Behaviour

Chair: TBC

Room: MU309

- Kelvin Gates (Ulster University)
Poitín making, secret societies and the murder of Norton Butler in Inishowen, 1816
- Paul McGinley (Queen’s University Belfast)
The City by night: an analysis of the perceptions of darkness and its association with crime in Ireland, 1870-1920

Panel 3: Politics, Domesticity and Identity

Chair: TBC

Room: MU318

- Laura Mather (Mary Immaculate College Limerick)
Politics and domesticity: The letters of Pamela Fitzgerald and Lucy Fitzgerald between 1796 and 1798
- Úna Kavanagh (NUI Galway)
Anglo-Irish Identity and the Dillon family of Galway: The Clonbrock Photographic Collection

Panel 4: Manuscripts and Connections (Gaeilge)

Chair: TBC

Room: MU319

- Dónal Ó Catháin (Independent Scholar)
Na Gearaltaigh agus Traidisiún Lámhscríofa na hÉireann
- Ciarán Ó Meachair (Queen’s University Belfast)
An cairdeamh idir an tOrd Oráisteach agus an Rialtas sna Tuaisceart ó 1921 go 1968

1.30pm – 2.30pm

Lunch

(AGM will take place in MU319)

Session 4: 2.30pm-3.45pm

Panel 1: Revolutionary Ireland: Evolution and Aftermath

Chair: TBC

Room: MU308

- Pat McGarty (Dublin City University)
Co. Leitrim: Politics and War, 1912-1923
- Sean Donnelly (Teeside University)
'Masters of Our Own House': Post-coloniality and the Shaping of Treatyite Politics, 1922-24
- Dan Haverty (University College Cork)
Echoes of Civil War: The 1930s Blueshirt Crisis

Panel 2: The Troubles': Social and Political Impact

Chair: TBC

Room: MU309

- Josie Richardson (Queen's University Belfast)
Mentalities, Motivations and Priorities of the Derry Crowd during the Riots of August 1969
- Ruth Coon (Ulster University)
The Northern Ireland Troubles and Musgrave Park Hospital
- Elisa Cofini (University of Trento, Italy)
'No Country is an Island'

3.45pm – 4.00pm
Tea/Coffee

Session 5: 4.00pm- 5pm

Panel 1: Military History

Chair: TBC

Room: MU308

- George Evans (King's College London)
The early twentieth-century Irish landed class: a military caste?
- Thomas Tormey (Trinity College Dublin)
Army without bugles: the boys of B Company, 4th Battalion, Dublin Brigade in the War of Independence

Panel 2: Political Debate in Troubled Times

Chair: TBC

Room: MU309

- Michael Heney (University College Dublin)
Aspects of Charles Haughey's Involvement in the 1970 Arms Crisis
- Fiona McKelvey (Ulster University)
'The jezebel who sought to destroy Israel in a day': Thatcher's impact on the Northern Ireland peace process, 1984-1987

5pm – 5.15pm
Tea/Coffee

Session 6: 5.15pm- 6.15pm

Room: Great Hall

- Keynote Lecture: Breandán MacSuibhne
(author of *The End of Outrage: Post-Famine Adjustment in Rural Ireland* - recent winner of the Irish Times non-fiction book of the year award)

6.15pm: Closing Remarks

7pm- Mayoral Reception in the Guildhall
(Kindly sponsored by Visit Derry)

8.30pm- Conference Dinner in the Maldron Hotel

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