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Irish History Students' Association

Conference

11-13 March 2021

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Conference programme

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Day 1: Thursday 11 March

18.00-19.00 **Welcome, Introduction and Opening Address**

- **Professor Colin Graham**

Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Celtic Studies & Philosophy, Maynooth University

- **Simon Harris TD**

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science

- **Professor Marian Lyons**

Professor of History, Maynooth University, and former Senior Archivist of the IHSA

- **Professor Filipe Ribeiro de Meneses MRIA**

Professor of History and Head of Department, Maynooth University

- **Dr. Jennifer Redmond**

Assistant Professor of History, Maynooth University

19.15-20.15 **Panel 1: Women in Twentieth Century Ireland**

Chair: Dr. Jennifer Redmond

- **Morgan Wait (Trinity College Dublin)**

‘A holy show weekly’: Southside and the evolution of soap opera in Ireland

- **Katie Whelan (University College Dublin)**

‘The vocal minority’: Scéal na mban i luathbhlianta an tSaorstáit

- **Hayley Brabazon (Dublin City University)**

‘Shock, Strain and Hardship’: Women and the Irish Revolution, a case study

Day 2: Friday 12 March

09.00-10.00 **Panel 2: Conflict and Ireland**

Chair: Dr. David Murphy

- **Robert Delaney (Maynooth University)**

The 18-pounder field gun and the Irish Civil War

- **Gerard Shannon (Dublin City University)**

‘Worthy successor to Casement’?: Seán Russell and the IRA, 1893-1940

- **Jim Deery (Maynooth University)**

Ireland's First Great War – A socio-economic study of Irish military service in the British Army during the Napoleonic Wars 1808-1815

10.15-11.15

Panel 3: Experiences of Ireland's Institutions

Chair: Dr. Dympna McLoughlin

- **Jane O'Brien (NUI Galway)**

'Oh that's grand, I never was washed like that before!': The Experience of Arrival at the Mercy run Irish Industrial Schools, 1868 – 1910

- **Coral Tearle (University College Dublin)**

Gender ideology and the female experience of Richmond Lunatic Asylum in early twentieth-century Ireland

- **Sarah O'Hagan (Ulster University)**

Derry Boys – Crime and mental health among young men in Derry/Londonderry 1840-1919

11.30-12.30

Panel 4: The Irish Revolutionary Period

Chair: Professor Terence Dooley

- **Benjamin Ragan (Mary Immaculate College)**

'A Sixth and, if Possible, a Seventh Sense': Memorates of Precognition in the Irish Revolution

- **Stephen Poleon (Lancaster University)**

Riff Raff of the Streets: Looters in Dublin's 1916 Easter Rising

- **Elizabeth Kehoe (Trinity College Dublin)**

Forgotten Measures: Curfews in Dublin 1920-21

12.45-13.30

Panel 5: Public Histories, Memories and Identity

Chair: Dr. John Paul Newman

- **Conor Murphy (Trinity College Dublin)**

Memories of a Magdalene Laundry: Revisiting the Magdalene Oral History Collection

- **Caitlin White (Trinity College Dublin)**

'A little grave that has no name... Whence honour turns away in shame': An Exploration of Identity Through Remembrance of the First World War in the Irish Free State, 1922-39

13.30-14.30

Lunch break

14.30-15.30

Panel 6: The Irish Language in America, 1857-1900

Chair: Dr. Dónal Ó Catháin

- **Fiona Ní Liatháin (University College Dublin)**

One for All and All for One? An Analysis of Douglas Hyde's 1892 De-Anglicisation Speech and his speech to the New York Gaelic Society in 1891

- **Matthew Knight (University of South Florida)**

Allies in the Cause, Rivals on the Page: Thomas D, Norris, Daniel Magner, and Efforts to Cultivate the Irish Language in the United States, 1859-1900

- **Patrick J. Mahoney (Drew University)**

Revolutionaries or revivalists? Fenianism and the development of a working class Gaelic print culture

15.45-16.45

Panel 7: The Northern Ireland Troubles and the Peace Process

Chair: Tim O'Connor

- **Josie Richardson (University of Oxford)**

Troubles, Protocol and Snowballs: Visits by Irish Officials and Protest in Northern Ireland, c.1965-1997

- **Martha Beard (University of Brighton)**

Examining the relationship between oral history work and conflict resolution processes – a Northern Irish case study (1998-2015)

- **Áine McKenny (University of Brighton)**

The Troubles in Doagh Famine Village

17.00-18.00

Panel Discussion: History as a professional skill

Chair: Professor Thomas O'Connor

- **Síle Maguire**

Ambassador of Ireland to the Kingdom of Spain

- **Daniel Mulhall**

Ambassador of Ireland to the United States of America

- **Tim O'Connor**

Former Senior Diplomat of the Irish Foreign Service and former Secretary General (Chief of Staff) to the President of Ireland

Day 3: Saturday 13 March

9.00-10.15

Panel 8: The History of Childhood

Chair: Dr. Beatrice Scutaru

- **Eugenie Hanley (University College Cork)**

Child Welfare in Early Twentieth-Century Munster: Infant Mortality and the Women's National Health Association, 1907-1918

- **Helene Haak (University of Limerick)**

Concepts of childhood in the Irish Free State, 1922-32

- **Megan McAuley (Maynooth University)**

Childhood, Interrupted: Infanticide and 'Unknown' Infant Deaths in Co. Donegal, 1870-1930

- **Lorraine McEvoy (Trinity College Dublin)**

'The best War Memorial': Recuperative holidays for children and emotional histories of the postwar, 1945-55

10.30-11.30

Panel 9: Eighteenth Century History

Chair: Dr. Jonathan Wright

- **Tracy McCarthy (Mary Immaculate College)**

The earl of Carhampton's extra-legal suppression of Defenderism in Connacht, 1795

- **Samuel Guthrie (Queen's University, Belfast)**

Thunderstruck: Edward O'Hara, a rebel in two hemispheres

- **Jordan Bertuccelli (Ulster University)**

A Special Relationship – The Unlikely Alliance of Britain and Charles of Bourbon

11.45-12.45

Panel 10: Case Studies in History

Chair: Dr. Sarah Roddy

- **Megan Donnelly (Queen's University, Belfast)**

Muriel MacSwiney: Widowhood, Politics and Propaganda

- **Barbara Watts (University of Limerick)**

A tale of two coal miners: The precariousness of early twentieth-century migration to Alberta, Canada

- **Richard Harrington (University College Cork)**

Siadal mac Testa: bearing Witness to monastic Ardmore

12.45-13.30 **Lunch break and AGM**

13.30-14.45 **Panel 11: Recording disease and death in Ireland**

Chair: Dr. David Lederer

- **Stuart Clancy (University of Limerick)**

Tuberculosis in the Limerick Workhouse

- **Shelby Zimmerman (Trinity College Dublin)**

Dying in the South Dublin Union Workhouse: The Case of Peter O'Neill

- **Ian Walsh (University of Limerick)**

A 'more responsible class of juror': social class and inquest jurors in the Dublin City Coroner's Court

- **Rafflesia Khan (University of Limerick)**

Digitalising historical vital records: Assembling and refining data for knowledge discovery

15.00-15.45 **Panel 12: Economics and Political Policy**

Chair: Dr. Tony McCarthy

- **Kelly Adamson (Dublin City University)**

Food enrichment and fortification in 'Emergency' Ireland, 1939-1948

- **Anna Devlin (Trinity College Dublin)**

Irish Home Rule: Ireland's economic future imagined

16.00-17.30 **Panel Discussion: Navigating the early roads of an academic career and Closing Ceremony**

Chair: Dr. Sarah-Anne Buckley, Chief Organiser of the IHSA

- **Dr. David Spreen (Harvard University)**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History

- **Dr. Ann Marie O'Brien (Maynooth University)**

Occasional 20th Century Irish History Lecturer

- **Dr. Darragh Gannon (Queen's University, Belfast)**

Research Fellow, School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics

- **Dr. Hannah Murphy (King's College London)**

Lecturer in Early Modern History