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LAWRENCE, KANSAS
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Set in historic Lawrence, Kansas, itself a Free State and the site of different Civil War conflict, this conference takes the theme of "free states" to encourage critical inquiry into freedom, identity, conflict, and place in the literature, culture, and politics of Ireland and the diaspora during the "decade of commemoration." The conference welcomes papers on any aspect of Irish studies, and especially encourages proposals for papers or panels that take the conference theme into account. The conference will include a reception at the Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas, housing rich array of materials in Irish literature, history, culture, and politics, including a significant collection of 1916 ephemera.

Plenary speaker: Eamonn Wall, Smurfit-Stone Prof. of Irish Studies and Prof. of English, University of Missouri-St. Louis, author of *From the Sin-é Café to the Black Hills, Writing the Irish West*, and several books of poetry on the Irish and American experience.

The conference will take place at the historic Eldridge Hotel and its Extension facility. A special rate is available for these dates reserved under "Midwest ACIS." There are several other hotels in the downtown and the wider Lawrence area as well.

Proposals for papers, panels, or roundtables due May 15
Submit via <http://acisweb.org/regionals/midwest/submissions/>

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