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NEWSLETTER

ACIS Book Prizes

President James S. Donnelly, Jr. has announced the following winners of the ACIS book prizes for 1990:

1. Alvin Jackson's *The Ulster Party: Irish Unionists in the House of Commons, 1884-1911*, has been declared the winner of the 1990 Donald Murphy Prize awarded for a distinguished first book.

2. J. J. Lee's *Ireland, 1912-1985: Politics and Society*, has been declared the winner of the James S. Donnelly, Sr., Prize for History and the Social Sciences. In addition the prize jury awarded Honorable Mention to David M. Emmons's *The Butte Irish: Class and Ethnicity in an American Mining Town, 1875-1925*.

3. R. B. Kershner's *Joyce, Bakhtin, and Popular Literature: Chronicles of Disorder*, has been declared winner of the Prize for Literary Criticism and Related Fields.

Vice-President Mary Helen Thuente has announced that three ACIS book prizes of \$500 each will be awarded in 1991 in the following categories.

Category One: Includes works in literary criticism, literary history, folklore, Irish-language studies, the history of art and architecture, the history of music, the history of ideas, and intellectual history.

Category Two: Includes all other works of history and the social sciences.

Category Three: Includes the first books of junior scholars.

The 1991 competitions will cover books published anywhere in the world in 1990. Eligibility is to be unrestricted by nationality, place of residence, or ACIS membership status. Nominations may be made by either the author or the publisher. The entry deadline is 1 April 1991. It will be the responsibility of the author or the publisher to ensure that copies of the nominated books are in the hands of each of the three members of the proper evaluation committee (listed below) by 1 April 1991.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The news contained in the ACIS Newsletter will be as pertinent, and as inclusive, as our readers choose to make it. If, therefore, you have a news item to share, or an announcement to make, that is in any way appropriate for inclusion in the Newsletter, please get that information to us by the deadline date for the particular issue in which you wish it to appear. We also are interested in obtaining information that you may have pertaining to programs, activities and events of general interest to people in Irish Studies. Please help us to make this thrice yearly publication an informed and timely newsletter for all of our American Conference for Irish Studies members.

Thomas Eugene Hachey

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Announcements:

Laura Fuderer, bibliographer for English and Romance Language and Literature at the Memorial Library, University of Notre Dame, has announced that the catalogue Music Mad, Captain Francis O'Neill and Traditional Irish Music: An Exhibition from the Captain Francis O'Neill Collection of Irish Music, March 1990--August 1990 will be sent free of charge to any ACIS member requesting it. Those interested should write to Ms. Fuderer at the Memorial Library, Univ. of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

New England Regional Representative, Conor Johnston, has announced his impending marriage on 28 December 1990 to Dr. Norma Ware, a Medical Anthropologist at the Harvard Medical Center.

Dr. Csilla Bertha has been given the first appointment at a Hungarian university in Irish and English literature, assuming her duties at Kossuth Lajos University in Debrecen, Hungary, in September 1990. Csilla's spouse, Donald Morse, has been appointed Visiting Professor of American Studies at Kossuth Lajos University for the fall term.

Professor Anthony Roche was recently appointed to the Chair of Anglo-Irish Literature at University College, Dublin and Declan Kiberd has been named Professor of English at University College, Galway.

Senator Mary Robinson, our ACIS banquet speaker at the national meeting held at Dominican College in Columbus in 1983, has been elected President of the Irish Republic.

A collection of late 18th and early 19th century books, pamphlets and newspapers relating to the 1798 rebellion in Ireland has been purchased by the University of Notre Dame library. The \$45,000 purchase from Kenny's Book Shop in Galway was made possible by an anonymous gift to the university libraries.

The Sixth Annual Irish-Australian Conference was held at the Abbotsford Campus of Melbourne's La Trobe University from 2-6 July 1990. Conference papers, on topics as diverse as Irish clergy, settlement, literature, and politics were given by a diverse group, from well-known writers to post-graduate students. Conference papers are expected to be published some time in 1991.

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CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Regional Conferences

Southern Region. 1-2 Feb 1991. Three Irelands: North, South and Abroad. For information, contact Maureen F.G. Hawkins, English Dept. St. 6420, Univ. of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL 35115.

Midwest Region. 18-19 October 1991, Notre Dame University, Notre Dame, IN. A call for papers will be issued in the spring. In the meantime, for further information, contact the new Midwest representative, Lawrence McBride, History Dept., Illinois State Univ., Normal, IL 61761.

National and International Conferences:

The 1991 National ACIS conference will be held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. For information write to Professor James S. Donnelly, Jr., Department of History, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

The Fifth Annual Graduate Student Conference on Irish Literature, Culture, and Politics will be held at the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, on 15-16 March 1991. For information contact Lauren Onkey or Madeleine Marchaterre, Department of English, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801, (217) 333-2633.

1992 ACIS Conference--The 1992 national meeting of ACIS will be held at University College, Galway, 5--11 July 1992. The conference theme and a call for papers will appear in the March 1991 ACIS newsletter. For further information, contact Professor Mary Helen Thuente, Dept. of English, Indiana U.-Purdue U., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805 or Dr. Seamus O'Grady, Summer School Office, University College, Galway.

Calls for papers

ACIS member Peter Holloran has sent word that the annual New England Historical Association (NEHA) will meet on 19-20 April 1991 at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, MA. Send proposed papers or inquiries to Professor Peter Holloran, NEHA Executive Secretary, Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167.

The University of Notre Dame Press and the Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism are soliciting scholarly manuscripts examining some aspect of the Irish experience in the United States for inclusion in a

Irish Literature Panels at the 1990 MLA in Chicago

Nationalism and Literature in Ireland: Three Centuries of Cultural Debate.

Saturday 29 December 1990, 3:30-4:45 p.m., Hyatt Regency. Robert F. Garratt (Chair), Richard Ramsey, Mary Helen Thuente, Anthony Bradley.

New Directions in Irish-American Literature.

Sunday 30 December 1990, 1:45-3:30 p.m., Hyatt Regency. Charles F. Fanning (Chair), Catherine Ward, Dennis A. Flynn, Joyce A. Flynn.

Politics and Language: Aspects of Irish Literature from Hyde to Heaney.

Saturday 29 December 1990, 12:00-1:15 p.m., Hyatt Regency. Michael Patrick Gillespie (Chair), Kieran Quinlan, Tramble Turner, Francis C. McGrath, Rachel Jane Lynch.

ACIS PARTY

The ACIS party at the MLA will be held the evening of Saturday 29 December, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Fred Kirchoff's suite at the Fairmont Hotel, 200 N. Columbus Drive, one block from the Hyatt-Regency where the first ACIS/MLA session will be held from 3:40-4:45 p.m. on 29 December.

JOYCE FOUNDATION PARTY

Karen Lawrence, President of the James Joyce Foundation, has notified us that the Foundation's MLA party will be on Friday 28 December, from 7:30-10:30 pm in Brooke Hopkins' suite at the Swiss Grand Hotel. ACIS members are welcome.

AHA panels at the 1990 AHA convention in New York

Irish-Americans in Massachusetts Urban Politics 1880-1920: New Perspectives on Class, Gender, and Ethnicity.

Catherine B. Shannon (Chair), Lawrence W. Kennedy, Robert J. Kolesar, Paula M. Kane, Timothy Meagher

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publication series The Irish in America. Send two copies of the manuscript and an author's resume to Jay P. Dolan, Cushwa Center, 614 Hesburgh Library, Univ. of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46566 by 15 January 1991.

Deborah Fleming requests manuscripts for a collection of essays on Yeats's influence on modern and contemporary poetry, Irish and non-Irish, to be published in 1992 by Locust Hill Press of West Cornwall, CT. Send abstracts by January of 1991 and final drafts by August of 1991 to Deborah Fleming, The College of Arts and Sciences, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210.

(Announcements, Continued)

The third volume (1990) of The Tipperary Historical Journal, published by the County Tipperary Historical Society, is now on sale at a cost of \$17 + \$3 for postage. Send orders to County Library, Thurles, County Tipperary, Ireland.

President George Bush has signed into law a joint resolution from the Congress designating March 1991 as Irish American Heritage Month.

Eamonn O Broithe, doing research on the Irish language literature and music of Sliabh gCua in County Wexford, has asked for information on manuscripts or editions of the works of the poet Liam O Morian (William O'Moran) who died some time after 1774. Prof. O Broithe can be contacted at 154, Arda Thir Oileain/ Bothar Atha Cinnk/ Gaillimh/ Ireland.

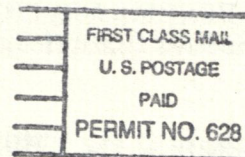
IN MEMORIAM

Breandan O hEithir social critic and author of the first Irish-language novel, Lig Sinn i gCathu (Lead Us Not into Temptation), to lead that country's best-seller list died on 26 October 1990 at the age of sixty. O hEithir was born 18 January 1930, at Inishmore in the Aran Islands, and was a nephew of Liam O'Flaherty. Other works by O hEithir include Over the Bar, The Begrudger's Guide to Irish Politics, This Is Ireland, and Willie the Plain Pint agus An Papa.

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The editors are happy to announce that the Newsletter is not able to receive documents sent by FAX. Items that you wish included in upcoming issues can be sent to either Thomas Hachey, Department of History, or to Michael Patrick Gillespie, Department of English, at the following number: (414) 288-3300. We still, of course, will be happy to receive any material that you care to send through the U.S. mail.

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