NEWSLETTER

1992 ACIS BOOK PRIZES

President Mary Helen Thuente has announced the following winners of the ACIS Book Prizes for 1992:

The 1992 Donald Murphy Prize for a Distinguished First Book has been awarded to Nerys Thomas Patterson's Cattle-Lords and Clansmen: Kingship and Rank in Early Ireland (Garland Publishing, New York).

The 1992 ACIS Prize of Literary Criticism has been awarded to John Wilson Foster's Colonial Consequences: Essays in Irish Literature and Culture (Lilliput Press, Dublin).

1993 ACIS BOOK PRIZES

Three ACIS Book Prizes of $500 each will be awarded in 1993 in the following areas: Literary Criticism and Related Fields (literary criticism, literary history, folklore, Irish-language studies, the history or architecture and art, the history of music, the history of ideas, and intellectual history); History and Social Sciences; First Book. The 1993 competition will cover books published anywhere in the world in 1992. There are no other restrictions on eligibility. Nominations may be made by either the author or publisher who must insure that copies of the nominated books are in the hands of each member of the appropriate evaluating committee by the entry deadline of 7 April 1993. Awards will be announced in November of 1993. For further information, contact Mary Helen Thuente, English Department, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, IN 46805, USA.

Book Prize Committees for 1993

Literary Criticism and Related Fields: Elizabeth Cullingford, English Department, University of Texas, Austin TX 78712; Richard Peterson (chair), English Department, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901; Robert Tracy, English Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

History: Robert Burns (Chair), History Department, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556; Kevin O'Neill, History Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; Catherine Shannon, History Department, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA 01086.

First Book: Lawrence McCaffrey (chair), 1227 Maple Ave., Evanston, IL 60202; Maryann Valiulis, Newcomb College, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118; Stephen Watt, English Department, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.
Conference Announcements


*Celticity in 20th-century Poetry,* Sunday, 27 December, 9:00-10:15 a.m., Carnegie Suite 3, Sheraton New York

*Lady Gregory: Herself Alone,* Tuesday, 29 December, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Room 540, New York Hilton.

*Anglo-Irish Literature as a (Post) Colonial Literature,* Tuesday, 29 December, 1:45-3:00 p.m., Room 540, New York Hilton.

*The Irish Art of Personality: Shaw, Wilde, Moore,* Tuesday, 29 December, 7:15-8:30 p.m., Bryant Suite A & B, New York Hilton.

*Exile and Censorship: Reflections in Anglo-Irish Literature,* Tuesday, 29 December, 9:00-10:15 a.m., Carnegie Suite 1, Sheraton New York.

*Joyce's ALP: Woman in Conflict,* Wednesday, 30 December, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Room 520, New York Hilton.

*Irish Drama and Irish Nationalism,* Wednesday, 30 December, 14:35-4:00 p.m., Nassau Suite B, New York Hilton.

*Joyce's Sexual Politics,* Wednesday, 30 December, 3:30-4:45 p.m., Rendezvous Trianon, New York Hilton.

Professor Richard Fallis has very generously agreed to host the ACISMLA cocktail party on Tuesday, 29 December, from 8:30-10:30 p.m. at his suite at the New York Hilton, room to be announced at "The Irish Art of Personality" panel.

Regional Conference Announcements

Melus announces its special Irish-American Literature issue—Volume 18, Number 1, due out in the spring of 1993—guest-edited by Professor Charles Fanning, of the University of Missouri at St. Louis. The issue includes articles on Tom Flanagan, William Kennedy, the Irish-American political novel, Mary Doyle Currin, Irish-American Women's poetry, Maureen Howard, James T. Farrell and others. This issue is available at a cost of $9. For further information or to order a copy, write MELUS, 272 Bartlett Hall, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst, MA 01003.

The New England Region Conference—Myths and Realities of Oppression: Church, Family, State, and Colonization—take place on 30-31 October at Fairfield University.

Conference Reports

The Mid-Atlantic Region Conference—Constructing Ireland: Images in History, Literature, and the Arts—took place on 6-7 November at the Fashion Institute of Technology, 100 registrants attended. The featured speakers were Margaret MacKail of UCD and Eithne Steen, a Dublin poet and novelist. Tramble T. Turner was elected the new regional president.

The Midwest Region Conference took place on 22-24 October at Southern Illinois University. Janet Nolan of Loyola University was elected Midwest ACISR Representative, and will assume office in April. Larry McBride of Illinois State University will serve as Midwest Secretary-Treasurer. The 1993 Midwest ACISR meeting will be held 1-2 October at the Irish-American Heritage Center in Chicago. The theme of the conference will be announced in the spring newsletter when a call for papers will be issued.

The Southern Region Conference—The Consciousness of a Race: Irish Studies in the 90's—will be held on 26-27 February 1993 at the University of Tulsa. For further information, contact Professor Robert Sproo, English Department, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK 74104, (918) 631-2501.

The Western Region Conference—The Search for Truth in Irish Studies—will be held on 9-11 October 1992 at Loyola Marymount University. Sixteen papers were delivered in five sessions. Highlights included a photographic exhibit of ancient sites in County Donegal by John P. Coyle and Allen Kennedy, a poetry reading by Paul Muldoon, and a production of Daniel Mornin's Belfast play Built on Sand. The 1993 regional meeting will be held at Oregon State University and hosted by Bill Potts and Charlotte Headrick.

National and International Conferences

The California Joyce 1993 Conference will be held 27 June-2 July 1993 at the University of California-Irvine. Paper and panel proposals or general inquiries should be sent to Kimberly J. Devlin, English Department, University of California-Riverside, Riverside, CA 92521. Deadline for proposals is 15 January 1993.

Planning is going forward for the 1993 ACISR Conference at Villanova University entitled "Ireland and America: from Famine to Cultural Renewal," and scheduled for 14-17 April 1993. Papers will cover a full range of subjects, with special emphasis on the Famine. Special events will include readings by Paul Durcan and Paula Meehan and an evening concert, "The Green Fields of America," arranged by Mick Moloney. Registration material will be available in late January. For further information contact Professor James J.
“The Joyce That Beckett Built”: Accepted for publication in the proceedings of the Beckett and Beyond Conference at the Princess Grace Irish Library in Monaco, April, 1991. Publication date unknown.


“W.B. Yeats and the ‘Golden Age’ in A Literary History of Modern Ireland: Yeats and the Modern Irish Experience: an essay as a form of political negotiation in Irish culture. (Research in Progress.)

“Comedy and the Land: Somerville and Ross’s Irish R.M.” (Research in Progress).


At work on the Anthony C. West. Papers. (Research in Progress)

FALLS, RICHARD. Reading Yeats on the reception and interpretation of Yeats and his work since (1992).

GAGE, SHELLEY. "Yeats' Sweeney's Night," a revised text of Sweeney Ash by Shelley Heaney. Included thirty-four monochrome illustrations by Rachel Giggs.

GEORGE, RICHARD. Filet: A revised text of Sweeney Ash by Shelley Heaney. Included thirty-four monochrome illustrations by Rachel Giggs.


HOLDEN, DAVID. "Revision and Closure in Yeats’s The Rose," in Yeats: Elst Red, vol. 12, 1992. (Research in Progress)

HODGES, DAVID. "The Seven by Yeats: Yeats and the Seven Sages of Helaine." A book-length study explores the history of two of Yeats’s most important poetic volumes. (Research in Progress)

WOLF, JAMES B. "Yeats’s and the Problem of God?" (Fellows accepted by Yeats Annual, pending revision). Essay examines the issue of Yeats’s beliefs in divine being and natural forces of the poet’s concept of God.


WOLFF, JAMES B. "Encouraged Emigration; Social and economic, and diplomatic, and social consequences of the effort of working men and women from a neutral to a belligerent. (Research in Progress)

ADAM, HAZARD. The Books of Yeats’s Vision: A Study of Vision

ALEXANDER, JAMES D. "Frank O’Connor in The New Yorker," Frank O’Connor’s narrative style and subject matter changed to adjust to his New Yorker readership. (Research in Progress)


“Yeats’s Joyce’s Criticism,” in Journal of Irish Literature. (Research in Progress)


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(National and International Conferences, continued)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

British Council Travel Grants to Northern Ireland

The following ACIS members have received British Council Travel Grants to Northern Ireland: Dr. Catherine Shanahan, Westfield State College; Dr. Larry McBride, Illinois State University; Mr. Thomas Maloney, University of Wisconsin.

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland is interested in learning of plays from the North of Ireland that are being produced in the United States. If you have information, please contact Carmel McCull, The British Council, 3100 Massachusetts Ave. N.W., Washington D.C. 20008. Telephone: (301) 898-4277.

In May 1992 the new Celtic Studies Program at the University of California—Berkeley awarded its first two BA's in Celtic Studies to Margaret McPeake and Kirsten Walshe. Both plan on graduate work in the Celtic languages and literatures, McPeake in Irish and Walshe in Welsh. In addition to the two new Celtic Studies majors, two other students graduated in minors in Celtic Studies.

The University of Miami will host the 2002 Annual Miami Bay Birthday Conference: Joyce and Biography on 28-31 January 1993. Inquiries concerning topics and panels should be sent to: Dr. B. Nadol, English Department, University of British Columbia, #339-1873 East Mall, Vancouver, B.C., CANADA V6T 1Z1.

The 18th International gathering of historians, under the auspices of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, will be taking place in Montreal, Canada from 27 August to 3 September 1995. For information on participation contact Professor Jean Quartard, History Department, P.O. Box 6000, S.U.N.Y.—Binghamton, Binghamton, NY 13902-6000.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Anyone wishing to propose a paper for a special session on Patrick Kavanagh at the Midlands Conference on Literature & Culture at Creighton University 2-3 April 1993 should contact Kathleen R. Collins, English Department, Creighton University, Omaha, NE 68178. (402) 480-2822 or (402) 426-3294.

The Institute of Irish Studies at Queen’s University Belfast announced that forms for new fellowships will be available from 23 November 1992. The closing date for applications is 15 January 1993. Two senior fellowships for established academics and six junior fellowships for postdoctoral researchers will be awarded. For further information and application forms write to the Institute of Irish Studies, Queen’s University, Belfast BT7 6AW, Northern Ireland.
(Announcements, Continued)

Beginning in January, The Working Papers in Irish Studies will be published and distributed by Nova University. Orders for individual issues, subscriptions, and manuscript submissions should be sent to Professor James E. Doan, Department of Liberal Arts, Nova University, 3301 College Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314. The series includes empirical research, theoretical analyses, essays and creative writing in all areas of Irish and Irish-American studies. Work by young scholars is particularly encouraged.

The Institute of Irish Studies is conducting its 32nd International Summer School at Trinity College, Dublin. For further information, write to The Institute of Irish Studies, 6 Holyrood Park, Dublin 4, Ireland.

The Irish American Cultural Institute is accepting applications for its annual IACI Visiting Fellowship in Irish Studies at University College, Galway. The Fellowship is open to scholars normally resident in the United States whose academic work concerns any aspect of Irish Studies and who wish to spend a semester in study and residence at University College, Galway. The Fellowship provides a stipend of $13,000 plus transatlantic transportation.

Applications must be received by 31 December 1992. For application guidelines and further information, write James Rogers, Director of Operations, Irish American Cultural Institute, 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas (5026), St. Paul MN 55105-1096.

In remembrance

ACIS member Tom Biuso died at the age of 49 on 15 August 1992. He was in the English Department at Colby-Sawyer, was active in the New England Region, and was one of the hosts of the 1981 New England Region meeting. In the past few years he has been working on a project involving the Blasket Islanders who settled in the Connecticut River Valley.