

NEWSLETTER

ACIS NATIONAL CONFERENCES

The 1994 ACIS national meeting will take place on 27-30 April 1994 at Creighton University. Those wishing preliminary information can contact Eamonn Wall or Kathleen Collins, English Dept., Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska 68178.

The Executive Committee welcomes formal proposals to host future national conferences. Interested members who would like preliminary information about what is involved should contact Blanche Touhill.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The New England Region Conference--the 1993 regional conference will take place on 15-16 October at Westfield State College. Those interested in additional information should contact Catherine Shannon, Dept. of History, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA 01086.

The Mid-Atlantic Region Conference--the 1993 regional conference, "The Irish in America," will take place on 12-13 November at Siena College. Those interested in additional information should contact Tramble Turner, English, Penn St. Univ.--Ogontz Campus, 1600 Woodland Rd., Abington, PA 19001.

The Midwest Region Conference--the 1993 regional conference, "Emigrants/Immigrants," will take place on 1-2 October at the Irish American Heritage Center in Chicago. For further information, contact Janet Nolan, History Dept., Loyola Univ., 6525 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60626.

The Southern Region Conference--the 1994 regional conference, "Representing Ireland: Gender, Class, Ethnicity," will take place 3-5 March 1994 at the Lakeview Resort, Morgantown, WV, hosted by West Virginia University. Those interested in participating in the 1994 regional conference should send two-page proposals to Susan Shaw Sailer, English Department, West Virginia University, PO Box 6296, Morgantown, WV 26506-6296. (304) 293-3107. FAX (304) 293-5380.

The Western Region Conference--The 1993 regional meeting, "From Maeve to Mary Robinson: The Changing Face of the Women of Ireland," will be held at Oregon State University 15-17 October and hosted by Bill Potts and Charlotte Headrick.

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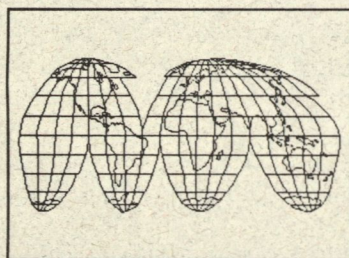
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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The ACIS will be represented at next year's AHA meeting in San Francisco with a panel presented under the affiliated societies program on 8 January from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Powell Room A at the Hilton Hotel. The session is entitled Religion, Gender, and 19th-Century Irish Women in Ireland and the United States. Mary Peckham, University of Wisconsin, will present a paper entitled "Women Religious and the 19th-Century Transformations of Irish Culture." Maureen Fitzgerald, University of Arizona, will present a paper entitled "Irish Catholic Nuns and Protestant Mothers: Constructions of Women's Public Power, New York City, 1840-1900." Cliona Murphy, California State University - Bakersfield will chair the session.



The ACIS will have two sessions at this year's MLA, 27-30 December 1993, in Toronto. The first will be on 29 December from 12:00-1:15 p.m., in the Windsor Room, Sheraton Centre of Toronto. It is entitled "Continuities and Breaks in Irish Culture." Patrick Sheeran, University College, Galway, will present a paper entitled "Towards a Hermeneutics of Continuity in Irish Culture." James Holstun, S.U.N.Y. Buffalo, will present a paper entitled "The Harp and the Cap: Revisionism and the United Irishmen." Guinn Batten, Duke University, will present a paper entitled "Romantic Melancholia: Heaney, Muldoon, Carson." Lucy McDiarmid, Villanova University will chair the session. A second session will take place on 30 December from 3:30-4:45 p.m., in the Conference Room F, Sheraton Centre of Toronto. It is entitled "Literature and Ideology in Irish Writing." Rachel Jennings, University of Texas, will present a paper entitled "From Union to Empire: Maria Edgeworth's Vision of Global Hegemony." Philip O'Leary, Boston College, will present a paper entitled "The Ideology of Gaelic Fiction in the 1920's." Eamon Grennan, Vassar College, will present a paper entitled "Soul-Searching in McGahern and Heaney." Dillon Johnston, Wake Forest University, will chair.

The editors would be pleased to know of any other ACIS members giving papers at this year's AHA and MLA

meetings. We would like to have names, titles, and times of sessions so that interested ACIS members might attend.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Anyone interested in participating in the ACIS/ 1994 MLA sessions, to be held in San Diego, CA, 27-30 December 1994. Should send abstracts or papers of no more than eight pages to Patricia Boyle Haberstroh, English Department, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA 19141.

The AHA has put out its call for papers for the 1995 Conference, to be held in Cincinnati, OH 5-8 January 1995. Since 1995 is the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the AHA committee is particularly interested in proposals that raise "significant theoretical, methodological and pedagogical issues that provide a comparative perspective." The AHA is looking for proposals for entire sessions, panels or workshops. Sessions usually consist of two or three papers with a commentator and a chair. ACIS would like to propose a session, panel or workshop, and those interested should send proposals by 30 September to Cliona Murphy, History Department, California State University Bakersfield, 9001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield, CA 93311.

Miami Joyce 1994, Joyceans Transformations, will be held at the University of Miami, 3-5 February 1994. For information write to the English Department, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL 33124.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Brian Walker has been named Director of the Institute of Irish Studies at the Queen's University, Belfast.

Marianne Elliott has been named to the Chair of History at the University of Liverpool.

Werner Huber, University of Paderborn, Germany, has been awarded a fellowship by the Heinrich Böll Foundation of Cologne. This autumn he will spend two months as critic-in-residence at the Böll Cottage on Achill Island to complete a study of Irish autobiography. The cottage is the former holiday home of Heinrich the Böll, the Nobel Prize Laureate of 1972.

Lucy McDiarmid, Villanova University, has been named a Guggenheim Fellow for 1993-1994 to complete a book called The Irish Art Controversy. She has also been named a Visiting Fellow of the New York Institute for the Humanities.

James W. Flannery, Professor of Theater Studies at Emory University, received an honorary degree from Trinity College

(Hartford, Conn.) at this year's May commencement. He was also named as 1993 recipient of the Wilde Geese Award for Outstanding Contribution to Irish Culture.

Mary Trachsel, Assistant Professor of Rhetoric at the University of Iowa, has been awarded the 1993-94 IACI Visting Fellowship in Irish Studies at Univeristy College, Galway. She will use her fellowship to continue research into the melding of literate and oral traditions in the musical careers of Turlough O'Carolan, Thomas Moore, and Sean O Riada.

Peggy O'Brien, Associate Professor of English at the University of Massachusetts--Amherst, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Directors of the Irish American Cultural Institute.

Sandra Siegel, English Department, Cornell University, has been awarded a one year Fulbright Fellowship to University College, Galway, to work on a study entitled "The Trope of Decorum and the Depiction of the Blunderer."

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

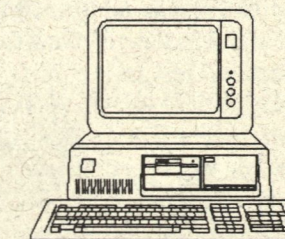
Thomas J. Sullivan, a graduate student working on historical geography and cartography at the University of Montana is developing a historical atlas of Ireland for classroom use. ACIS members interested in contributing their knowledge of Irish history, please contact Sullivan at 723 Jackson Street, Missoula, MT 59802, (406) 549-5133.

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland is interested in learning of plays from the North of Ireland which are being produced in the United States. If you have information or reviews, please contact: Carmel McGill, The British Council, 3100 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC. (202) 898-4277. FAX (202) 898-4612.

Carmel McGill of the British Council has announced that Brian Trainor of the Ulster Historical Foundation is planning to undertake a US lecture tour in May/June 1994. He will give lectures and workshops on Irish emigration to North America 1700-1900, the Great Famine and the mass exodus of the Irish to North America, and Sources for family history research and the use of searching aids and documentation. For more information contact Trainor at the Ulster Historical Foundation, Balmoral Buildings, 12 College Square East, Belfast BT1 6DD. 011 44 232 332288. FAX 011 44 232 239885.

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FEATURES: IRISH STUDIES ON THE INTERNET



by Michael Durkan, Swarthmore College

Internet is a global network of computers and their interconnections that allows electronic communication using a desk computer and communications software. Most academic institutions are connected to the Internet. About a million people use the Internet daily.

The aspect of the Internet that is of direct interest to ACIS is the discussion groups whereby people interested in a common topic raise problems and answer queries. Mail sent to the group address is distributed to all "subscribers." Subscriptions to these discussion groups, mailing lists, or listservs are free. They allow people all over the world to communicate with one another.

Through the efforts of Michael Durkan, librarian at Swarthmore College, a mailing list has been established for the discussion of matters on all aspects of Irish Studies. This Irish Studies list is unmoderated. Any messages sent to the list will be sent to all subscribers. Subscriptions are free.

If you want to subscribe to this mailing list, send your message to:

listserv@cc.swarthmore.edu

Your message should read:

subscribe irish-studies yourfirstname yourlastname
(e.g.: subscribe irish-studies mary magill)

After your subscription has been accepted, you can communicate with the list membership, pose questions, answer queries, etc. by sending your communication to:

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Be sure to include all punctuation, spaces, etc. exactly as indicated.

If you have any questions or comments about the management of this list, please contact:

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An "Early Modern Ireland Committee" has been formed to promote interest in the study of the history and literature of Ireland from 1450 to 1700. It is intended as a loose organization which would disseminate information, provide a forum for work and ideas, and encourage panels on early modern Ireland at relevant British and Irish studies conferences. Organizers are currently compiling directories of scholars and sources. If you are interested in this project or would like more information, write either Vincent Carey, History Department, Plattsburgh State University, Plattsburgh, NY 12901, or Thomas Connors, The Graduate College, 202 Coble Hall, 801 S. Wright Street, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 61820.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

British Council Senior Fellowships are being offered for research at museums and universities in Northern Ireland. Fellowships are 6-12 months in duration. Applicants must have doctorates. For further information and application forms please contact: Carmel McGill, The British Council, 3100 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC. (202) 898-4277. FAX (202) 898-4612.

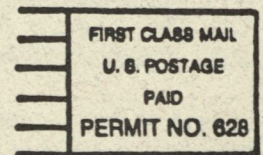
The IACI Visiting Fellowship in Irish Studies at University College, Galway, offers an opportunity to spend a semester in study and research at UCG. Fellowship holders received a stipend of \$13,000 as well as transatlantic transportation. We invite applications from scholars normally resident in America whose work relates to any aspect of Irish Studies. The deadline for the 1994-95 is 31 December 1993. Write to the Irish American Cultural Institute, University of St. Thomas, 2115 Summit Ave. (5026), St. Paul, MN 55105. (612) 962-6040.

IN REMEMBRANCE:

Former ACIS member John G. Nemo, Dean of the Undergraduate College at the University of St. Thomas, died in March of this year of acute leukemia. After receiving his PhD from the National University of Ireland in 1972, he taught at Bradley University. He returned to his alma mater, St. Thomas, as dean in 1981. A long-time active member, Prof. Nemo hosted the 1988 ACIS national conference at the University of St. Thomas. Memorials may be sent to the John G. Nemo Scholarship Fund, University of St. Thomas.

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