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### *ACIS ELECTIONS--A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS*

The chair of the Nominations Committee, James MacKillop, has issued a call for nominations for the positions of Vice President, and the six Discipline Representatives: History, Literature, Social Science, Celtic Studies, the Arts, and Irish Language. Any ACIS member eligible to vote (dues paying members of ACIS as of 1 December 1994) may nominate another member, but the nominee's permission must be secured before submitting his or her name. The Committee does not require a formal letter of nomination, but some statement of the nominee's qualifications will help the committee in forming a slate of candidates. Nominations should be submitted by 1 December 1994 to James MacKillop. Members of the committee include:

James MacKillop (Chair), English/Communications, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY 13215.

Thomas Hachey, College of Arts and Sciences, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

Janet Nolan, History Department, Loyola University, Chicago, IL 60626.

James Doan, Department of Liberal Arts, Nova University, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314.

Nora McGuinness, Integrated Studies, University of California-Davis, Davis, CA 95616.

### *CALL FOR EDITORS FOR THE ACIS ANNUAL*

ACIS is seeking two editors for the first volume of the ACIS Annual. These co-editors will set the theme, select the contributors, and deliver the completed manuscript to the University of Massachusetts Press in 1995. Interested members should contact Charles Fanning, English Department, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901-4503 by 15 October 1994. Suggestions for appropriate themes for the Annual are also invited.

### *DUES REMINDER*

ACIS Treasurer, Carol Berger, will be sending out membership renewal notices during the month of September. These notices reflect the dues increase approved by the membership at the 1994 national meeting at Creighton University in April. Please fill out this form and return it with payment at once to insure continuing delivery of the ILS and ACIS Newsletters and to maintain eligibility for participation in ACIS conferences. Some members who have already submitted their 1994-1995 dues may receive a renewal notice. If you have already renewed your membership, please disregard this notice.

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## ACIS NATIONAL CONFERENCES

In 1995 ACIS/CAIS will hold joint conferences 25 June to 1 July 1995 at Queens University Belfast and will be hosted by Dr. Brian Walker of the Institute of Irish Studies. The non-exclusionary theme of the conference will be Ireland: Island of Diversity. Members of ACIS or CAIS interested in participating should contact James MacKillop, English/Communications, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY 13215.

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--For information on the 1994 regional meeting, University of Massachusetts-Boston, 30 September-1 October, contact Thomas O'Grady, 16 Avoubon Road, Milton, MA 02186.

The Mid-Atlantic Region Conference--The 1994 regional meeting, "Islands of Ireland: Cultural, Historical and Literary Islands of the Diaspora," will be held at Immaculata College, 11-12 November. For information contact Sister Marie Hubert Kealy, Immaculata College, Immaculata, PA 19345. (215) 647-4400, ext. 3720.

The Midwest Region Conference--The 1994 regional meeting will be held 14-15 October 1994 at the University of Detroit Mercy. For further information, contact Dean William J. Lowe, College of Liberal Arts, University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols Road, PO Box 19900, Detroit, MI 48219-0900. (313) 993-1289.

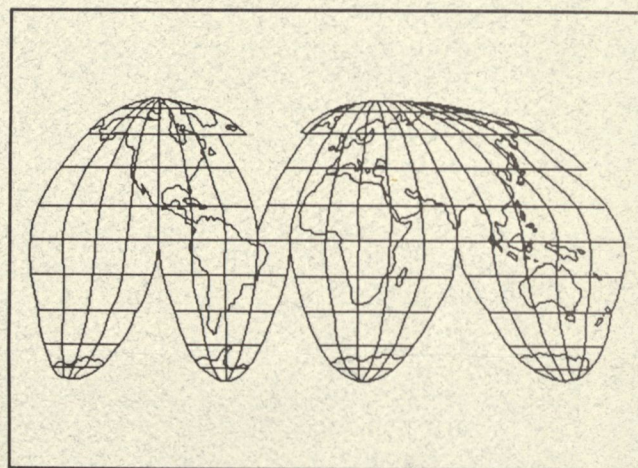
The Southern Region Conference--The 1994 regional meeting will be held at the College of Charleston, 30 March-1 April 1995. The theme of the conference will be "Ireland in the New World," but papers on other topics are welcome also. Send abstracts by 30 October to Joseph Kelly, Department of English and Communication, College of Charleston, 66 George Street, Charleston, SC 29424. (803) 953-4815. kellyj@cofc.edu

The Western Region Conference--The 1994 regional meeting, "Ireland: Progress and Prospects," will be held at San Jose State University, 7-8 October. It will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the formation of the western region. For further information contact Dean James P. Walsh, College of Social Sciences, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA 95192.

## NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

The ACIS will sponsor two sessions at this year's MLA Convention in San Diego, 27-30 December, "Colonialism and Modernism in Modern Irish Literature" on Tuesday, 27 December at 5:15-6:30 pm in the Anaheim Room at the San Diego Marriott, and "Sacrificial Women in Modern Irish Literature" on Thursday, 29 December, 12:00-1:15 pm in the Manchester Room at the San Diego Marriott.

The North East Popular Culture Association will hold its annual conference at Bates College, 28-29 October. For further information, contact Dennis Browne, Bates College, Lewiston, ME 04240.



The Conference on Christianity and Literature will hold its annual regional meeting at St. Joseph's College on 5 November. For further information, contact Christianity and Literature Program Committee, Room 352, St. Joseph's College, 155 Roe Blvd., Patchogue, New York 11772.

A conference entitled "Culture and Colonialism" will be held at University College, Galway, in June of 1995. For further information, write to Dr. Tadhg P. Foley, English Department, University College, Galway, Ireland.

## FELLOWSHIPS

The deadlines for application for the 1995-96 Fulbright Visiting Scholar-in-Residence Program and for the 1995-96 European Communities Official-in-Residence Program are

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both 1 November 1994. For further information, write Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden St., NW, Suite 5M, Box NEWS, Washington, DC 20008-3009. (202) 686-7866.

The British Council in conjunction with a number of Northern Ireland institutions--including Queen's University of Belfast, the University of Ulster, the Ulster Museum, the Ulster Folk and Transport Museum, and the Ulster American Folk Park--is offering a series of six month Fellowships for professional research in Northern Ireland. Applications for research at other Northern Ireland institutions will also be considered. All applicants must be post-doctoral level. For further information and application forms, please contact Ms. Carmel McGill, Northern Ireland Cultural Exchanges Officer, The British Council, 3100 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008. Tel: (202) 898-4277. FAX: (202) 898-4612.

## CALLS FOR PAPERS

Edward A. Kopper, Jr. has announced that in 1995 Notes on Modern Irish Literature will move from an annual to a biannual publication schedule. He welcomes submissions sent to him at 108 Farmington Drive, Butler, PA 16001.

Causeway, a new quarterly journal of Irish studies, edited by Tony Canavan, has recently been launched in Belfast. The journal looks at all aspects of culture, heritage and identity in Ireland, north and south. Articles on topics relevant to cultural traditions are welcomed. Subscriptions are \$25.00. For further information, write to Causeway, 6 Murray St., Belfast, BT1 6DN, Northern Ireland.

Dr. Arthur Gribben is editing an interdisciplinary volume of essays on The Great Famine. He is soliciting manuscripts from scholars in literature, history, and the social sciences. Manuscripts should be 25-30 pages, double spaced, and previously unpublished. For further information, contact Dr. Arthur Gribben, The Union Institute, College of Undergraduate Studies, 6310 San Vicente Blvd., Suite 107, Los Angeles, CA 90048. agribbe@eis.Calstate.edu

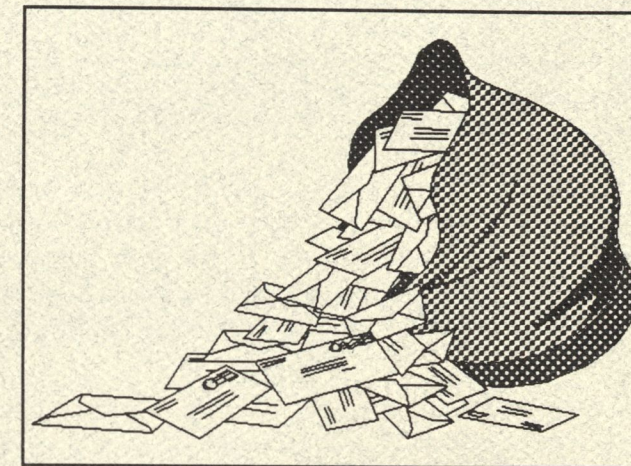
## NEWS OF MEMBERS

ACIS members James M. Cahalan and Mark Roskoski have each published an essay in the 1994 issue of Notes on Modern Irish Literature.

Among the recipients of recent Irish American Cultural Institute Research Awards were ACIS members Jerrold Casway, Joyce Flynn, and Mary Helen Thuente. Additionally

ACIS member Joseph P. O'Grady will be the next holder of the annual IACI Visiting Fellowship in Irish Studies at University College Galway.

ACIS member Robert St. Cyr was recently appointed Associate Director for Education and U.S. Liaison for the newly opened Blackwater Valley Museum and Benburb Heritage Center.



Tadhg Foley, English Department, University College, Galway, would like to hear from anyone with information on the late nineteenth- early twentieth-century Irish artist and illustrator, Aloysius O'Kelly.

ACIS members John J. Hildebidle and David Rafter were among the scholars chosen to receive Fulbright Faculty Fellowships for study in Ireland, 1994-1995.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Ferran, the Director of the Northern Ireland Arts Council in Belfast, and Dr. Edward Walsh, president of the University of Limerick, have been elected to three-year terms as directors of the Irish American Cultural Institute.

Montana: The Magazine of Western History has published a fifteen page essay by Laurie Mercier entitled "We Are Women Irish: Gender, Class, Religious, and Ethnic Identity in Anaconda." Offprints are available through the Montana Historical Society and can be obtained by calling 1-800-243-9900.

ACIS Irish Language Representative, James Blake, informs us that those wishing information on Irish films available in the US should contact Ms. Mary Doran, Irish Film



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Association of New York, 390 Degraw Street, Brooklyn, NY 11231. (718) 643-9307.

**CORRECTION**

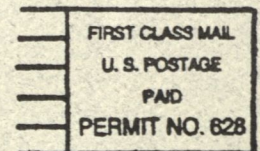
The Fall meeting of the New England Historical Association will be held at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, CT (not at MIT as previously reported) on 22 October 1994. We regret any inconvenience that this may have caused. For further information contact Peter Holloran, Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. (617) 731-7066. pch@world.std.com

The ACIS research report incorrectly listed Paula Kane's research in progress. Happily the book has now appeared, Separatism and Subculture: Boston Catholicism, 1900-1920 (Chapel Hill, 1994). We regret any inconvenience that this may have caused.

*In Remembrance*

*With deep regret we announce the death of Bernard Benstock, Professor of English at the University of Miami, on 14 July at his summer home in South Egremont, Massachusetts. Berni was a long time ACIS member and the co-founder and past president of the International James Joyce Foundation. He was the author and editor of numerous books on Joyce, Sean O'Casey, and detective fiction. He was editor of the James Joyce Literary Supplement and the mentor to hundreds of students of Irish literature. He will be greatly missed by us all.*

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