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ACIS Elections

ACIS Vice President, James MacKillop, has recently mailed out the ballots for the 1995 election of officers. Ballots should be returned no later than 25 March 1995. Any members who have not yet received them should immediately contact MacKillop at the English Dept., Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY 13215.

ACIS Book Awards

ACIS President Blanche Touhill is pleased to announce the following recipients of this year's ACIS Book Awards. James Fairhall's book, James Joyce and the Question of History, has been selected to receive the Donald Murphy Prize for First Book. Jane Ohlmeyer's book, Civil War and Restoration in the Three Stuart Kingdoms, has been awarded the James S. Donnelly, Sr., Prize for History and Social Sciences. And Claudia Kinmonth's book, Irish Country Furniture 1700-1950, has received the Prize for Literary Criticism and Related Fields.

ACIS Book Prize Committees for Books Published in 1994

Three ACIS Book Prizes of \$500 each will be awarded in the following areas: Literary Criticism and Related Fields (literary history, folklore, Irish-language studies, art/architecture history, music, history of ideas, intellectual history); History and Social Sciences; First Book. There are no other restrictions for eligibility. Nominations may be made by either the author or his or her publisher, and that individual must ensure that copies of the nominated books are in the hands of each member of the appropriate evaluating committee (listed below) by 1 May 1995. Awards will be announced in the fall of 1995. For further information, contact James MacKillop, English Dept., Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY 13215.

First Book: Sanford Sternlicht (chair), English Department, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 13244. Heather Bryant Jordan, 821 Barretts Mill Road, Concord, MA 01742. Maureen Waters, English Department, Queens College of CUNY, 65-30 Kissena Boulevard, Flushing, NY 11367.

History and Social Sciences: Lawrence W. McBride (chair), History Department, Illinois State University, Normal, IL 61761. Karen J. Harvey, History Department, Lock Haven University, Lock Haven, PA 17745. Gary L. Owens, History Department, Huron College, London, Ontario, Canada N6G 1H3.

Literary Criticism and Related Fields: Susan Shaw Sailer (chair), English Department, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV 26506. Jose Lanters, Classics Department, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019. Eamonn Wall, English Department, Creighton University, Omaha, NE 68178.

ACIS National Conferences

Plans are nearly complete for the 1995 ACIS/CAIS joint conference entitled "Ireland: Island of Diversity," to be held from 25 June to 1 July 1995 at Queen's University Belfast and hosted by Dr. Brian Walker of the Institute of Irish Studies at Queen's. Members should by now have received a detailed information packet from program organizer James MacKillop. If you have not, or if you seek further information, contact James MacKillop, English Dept., Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY 13215.

British Council Travel Awards

Carmel McGill of the British Council has announced the Council's generous intention of providing funding for the cost of five airline tickets for travel from the US to the conference in Belfast. In recognition of past service, the Executive Committee has decided to offer the tickets to James MacKillop, organizer of the academic program for the Belfast conference, and the four most recent former ACIS presidents who plan to attend the Belfast meeting. (A complete list of recipients will appear in the next ACIS Newsletter.) With so many deserving members, one could cite a great many more individuals qualified to receive such honors. The Executive Committee regrets that limitations of funds from this grant precluded additional selections.

Regional Conference Announcements

The New England Region Conference meeting, entitled "Ireland and the Great Hunger," will be held 29-30 September 1995 at Saint Anselm College, Manchester, NH. Prospective participants are asked to send completed papers or proposals by 15 May 1995 to Jerome Joseph Day, O.S.B., Saint Anselm College, 100 Saint Anselm Drive, Manchester, NH 03102. For further information, contact Charles Curran, Department of Communication and Theatre Arts, Stonehill College, North Easton, MA 02357. e-mail: curran@lcc.stonehill.edu

The Mid-Atlantic Region Conference meeting, entitled "Images of Ireland: Myths and Reality," will be held 10-11 November 1995 at California University of Pennsylvania. For further information contact Fred Lapisardi, 312 Van Buren Ave., West Brownsville, PA 15417. The new regional representative is Mary Fitzgerald-Hoyt. Monica Brennan, Sister Marie Hubert Kealy, and Fred Lapisardi are new regional Executive Committee members.

The Midwest Region Conference meeting, entitled "Remembering the Famine," will be held 6-7 October 1995 at Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana. A call for papers will be made in March. For further information, contact Professor Joseph O'Rourke, Department of Speech, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. (317) 364-4246.

The Southern Region Conference 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," and for further information contact Professor Joseph Kelly, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC 29424. e-mail: kellyj@cofc.edu

The Western Region Conference meeting will be held at the University of Arizona in Tucson, 6-8 October 1995. For further information, contact Ann Weekes, Humanities Division, Harvill Building, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ 85721.

National and International Conferences

The Ninth Annual Graduate Irish Studies Conference, entitled "Fighting Irish Studies in America," will be held 10-12 March 1995 at the University of Notre Dame. For further information, contact Skip Thompson, English Department, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Phone: (219) 273-9883. e-mail: spurgeon.w.thompson.45@nd.edu.

The Zurich James Joyce Foundation will sponsor an Easter workshop entitled "Colonial Issues and Joyce's Nationalism," 14-17 April in Zurich. For further information, contact Fritz Senn, Zurich James Joyce Foundation, Augustinerstrasse 9, CH 8001 Zurich, Switzerland. e-mail: joyce@es.unizh.ch

A conference entitled "Gender and Nineteenth-Century Ireland," sponsored by the Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland, will be held at All Hallows College, Drumcondra, Dublin, 28-30 April 1995. For further information, contact Dr. Margaret Kelleher, Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland, Mater Dei Institute of Education, Clonliffe Road, Dublin 3, Ireland. Phone: 01-83-76-027. FAX: 01-83-70-776.

Novel and the Malcolm S. Forbes Center for Modern Culture & Media, will sponsor a conference entitled "Joyce and Modern Culture," to be held at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, from 12 to 16 June 1995. For further information, contact Richard Pearce, Joyce 95, Wheaton College, Norton, MA 02766. e-mail: joyce95@wheatonma.edu

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.

The Irish Studies center at St. Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, will sponsor a conference entitled "Writing Out of Ireland: The Fiction and Autobiography of the Irish

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in Britain" to be held 1-2 July. For further information, contact Dr. Liam Harte or Dr. Lance Pettitt, Centre for Irish Studies, St. Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, TW1 4SX, UK. Tel: 0181 892 0051. FAX: 0181 744 2080.

The Northeast Conference on British Studies will hold its 1995 meeting on 29-30 September at Brown University. Send paper proposals or inquiries for further information to Robert Tittler, History Department, Concordia University, 7141 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, Quebec H4B 1R6, Canada. e-mail: tittler@vax2.concordia.ca

A "Bicentennial Celebration of the O'Sullivan/Sullivans" will be held in October in Sullivan, Maine. For further information, contact Dr. Eileen A. Sullivan, The Irish Educational Association, 7900 A1A South #214A, St. Augustine, FL 32086.

ACIS Research Report

This issue includes the form requesting information for the annual ACIS research report, now being compiled by DeeGee Lester. This is an important service of great value to the general membership. To facilitate Lester's efforts, please fill out the form and return it to her as soon as possible.

Calls for Papers

ACIS member Alexander G. Gonzales is editing for Greenwood Press a volume entitled *Modern Irish Writers: A Bio-Critical Sourcebook*. A number of essays on specific authors have already been assigned, but opportunities for writing on selected authors remain. For further details on this project, write Professor Alexander G. Gonzalez, English Department, Box 2000, Cortland College, State University of New York, Cortland, NY 13045.

The North East Popular Culture Association (NEPCA) holds its annual conference in Worcester, MA, 6-7 October 1995. Proposed papers or panels on any popular culture or culture studies topic may be submitted (with an abstract and short c.v.) by 1 June to Professor James P. Hanlan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Humanities Division, Worcester, MA 01609. Irish studies topics are especially invited.

The Zurich James Joyce Foundation is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Homer behind Joyce behind Homer," from 30 July to 5 August 1995. Participation is welcomed from any individual wishing to discuss some aspect of this topic. Workshop procedures strictly prohibit reading papers and instead encourage open discussion. For further information, contact Fritz Senn, Zurich James Joyce Foundation,

Augustinerstrasse 9, CH 8001 Zurich, Switzerland. e-mail: joyce@es.unizh.ch

ACIS will sponsor two panels at the MLA convention to be held in Chicago, 27-30 December 1995. Session one is entitled "Cultural Politics in Irish Literature," and session two is entitled "Recent Irish Fiction." Literature Representative Patricia Haberstroh has asked that anyone interested in participating send a one page proposal or an 8-10 page paper to her at the Department of English, LaSalle University, Philadelphia, PA 19141. The deadline for these submissions is 15 March 1995.

The Princess Grace Irish Library of the Principality of Monaco has announced that its next international conference will be held in Monte Carlo from 24 to 27 May 1996. The conference will be entitled "That Other World: The Supernatural and the Fantastic in Irish and Other Literatures." This international conference is both invitational and open to the widest public at the same time. The thirty or so scholars who are invited to serve as speakers will have their Monaco expenses covered and their papers will be published in the Princess Grace Library Series. The venue for the conference can accommodate well over three hundred participants, and all are invited to attend. There will be no registration fee and no parallel sessions. Proposals for papers can be sent to the Library's Director, Dr. C. George Sandulescu, The Princess Grace Irish Library, 9 rue Princesse Marie de Lorraine, MC 98000, MONACO. Phone: 33-93-50-12-25. FAX: 33-93-50-66-65.

News of Members

The Zurich James Joyce Foundation will hold a memorial gathering 17-19 March 1995 for former ACIS member Bernard Benstock (1930-1994). For further information, contact Fritz Senn, Zurich James Joyce Foundation, Augustinerstrasse 9, CH 8001 Zurich, Switzerland. e-mail: joyce@es.unizh.ch

The Schultz Foundation of Jacksonville, Florida, has awarded ACIS member Richard Bizot a grant of \$50,000 over a ten year period to support the John Frances Reilly Fellowships in Irish Studies and the John Francis Reilly Irish Studies Performance and Lecture Series at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville.

ACIS members Patrick A. McCarthy and John Hobbs published essays in the spring 1995 issue of *Notes on Modern Irish Literature*, a journal edited and published by ACIS member Edward A. Kopper, Jr.

ACIS member Mark Harman has completed a translation of Kafka's *The Castle* which was commissioned by Schocken

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Books, a division of Random House. He believes that this new translation will indicate certain affinities between Kafka and Irish writers such as James Joyce and Samuel Beckett. Work on the translation was supported in part by a grant from the Austrian Ministry of Education and Art.

Announcements

ACIS member James Bradley has received grants from the Irish American Cultural Institute (MN), the Irish Institute (NY), and the Wilde Geese (CT) to advance research and development for a nonfiction feature film treating the history of three generations of Irish and Irish-American women. Bradley is interested in hearing of related research or of primary materials (especially letters, diaries, family photos of women and family life ca. 1860-1920) in key locations (Co. Clare, Nowell, New Haven, New York, and Southern

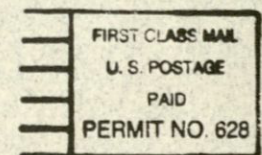
California). Please contact The Bridget Project, 183 East Broadway, New York, NY 1002-5546. Tel: (212) 260-2567. FAX: (212) 228-1480. e-mail: jasbrad@aol.com

In the summer of 1995 The Southern Review will publish a special issue devoted to Irish literature. A number of prominent writers and critics--including Guin Batten, Eavan Boland, Ciaran Carson, Paul Durcan, Seamus Heaney, Thomas Kinsella, Edna Longley, Michael Longley, Mebdh McGuckian, John Montague, and Paul Muldoon--will contribute.

The Linen Hall Library has announced the publication of Robert Hall's Northern Ireland Political Periodicals, 1966-1992: A Bibliography of the Holdings of the Linen Hall Library. For further information, contact Robert Bell, Linen Hall Library, 17 Donegal Square, North Belfast BT1 5GD, Northern Ireland.

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