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## ACIS NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Plans are moving forward for the 1997 ACIS conference to be held from 17-19 April 1996 at the Omni Hotel, Albany, New York. The conference theme--Faultlines--will focus discussion on (1) a faultline defined in terms like gender, geography, generation, nation, religion, language, or politics, (2) a faultline defined by a conference participant, or (3) a topic related to faultfinding or blaming in Ireland. Those interested in participating should submit a 200 word explanation of a paper, panel, or colloquium proposal. The conference will feature a poetry reading by Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill, and plenary addresses by Margaret MacCurtain, Angela Bourke, and Roy Foster. To submit a proposal or for further information, contact Lucy McDiarmid, 1931 Panama St., Philadelphia, PA 19103. FAX: (618) 453-3253 (after 1 October). Deadline for proposals: 10 October 1996.

## ACIS ANNUAL: A CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The first volume of the ACIS Annual, co-edited by Anthony Bradley and Maryann Valiulis, on the topic of "Gender & Sexuality in Modern Ireland" will be published in October 1997 by the University of Massachusetts Press. Contributors include: Guinn Batten, Elizabeth Butler Cullingford, Mary Daly, Adrian Frazier, Margaret MacCurtain, Lucy McDiarmid, Maureen Murphy, and Catherine Shannon. The second volume, co-edited by R.V. Comerford and M.H. Thuent, will focus on the Young Ireland movement and the events of 1848. ACIS members are invited to submit proposals for essays on the political, social, economic, literary or cultural dimensions of the topic to the editors: R.V. Comerford, Modern History Department, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland. (FAX: 353-1-708-3573; e-mail: rvcomerford@may.ie). M.H. Thuent, English Department, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. (FAX: (219) 481-6985; e-mail: thuentem@cvax.ipfw.indiana.edu)

## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Although Thomas E. Hachey and Michael Patrick Gillespie will continue to serve as editors of the newsletter, James MacKillop has generously agreed to take over the publishing duties. The new return address for the newsletter reflects this change. Requests for back issues should be sent to MacKillop at that address.



**ACIS Elections: A Call for Nominations**

The Chair of the Nominations Committee, Lucy McDiarmid, has issued a call for nominations for 1997-99 terms for Vice-President and the six Discipline Representatives. (The other members of the Nominating Committee are Maureen Murphy, Nancy Curtin, Charles Curran, and C  il  n Owens.) Any ACIS member eligible to vote (dues paid as of 1 December) may nominate any other dues paying member. The nominee's permission must be secured prior to nomination. Those elected must commit to attending the Executive Committee meetings at the ACIS national meetings. The letter of nomination should be accompanied by a CV and should reach Lucy McDiarmid--1931 Panama St., Philadelphia, Pa 19103--no later than 1 December 1996

**Regional Conference Announcements**

**The New England Region.** This year's regional meeting--Ireland and Western Civilization--will take place at Providence College, 11-12 October 1996. For further information, contact Charles F. Duffy, English Department, Providence College, Providence, RI 02918-0001; or Paul F. O'Malley, History Department, Providence College, Providence, RI 02918-0001.

**The Mid-Atlantic Region.** This year's regional meeting will take place at St. Joseph's College, 25-26 October 1996. For further information contact Monica Brennan, St. Joseph's College, 1515 Roe Blvd., Patchogue, New York 11772.

**The Midwest Region.** This year's regional meeting will be held on 11-12 October at Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI. For further information, contact Michael Patrick Gillespie, Department of English, Marquette University, PO Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881. (414) 288-3480 FAX: (414) 288-5433 E-mail: gillespiem@vms.csd.mu.edu

**The Southern Regional ACIS Meeting.** This year's regional meeting will be held at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, 20-22 February 1997. Papers and proposals on any aspect of Irish studies should be sent no later than 15 November 1996 to Thomas C. Ware, Department of English, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN 37350. FAX: (423) 755-2282; e-mail: tware@cecasun.utc.edu

**The Western Region.** Plans are underway for this year's

meeting. For further information, contact Stephen Arkin, English Department, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 93132.

**MLA Convention News**

ACIS is sponsoring two panels at this year's MLA convention in Washington, D.C., "Crossing Boundaries: The Irish Poet at the Close of the 20th Century" on Saturday, 28 December, 10:15-11:30 a.m., Truman, Sheraton Washington; and "The Autobiographical Voice" On Monday, 30 December, 1:45-3:00 p.m., Truman, Sheraton Washington. The time and location of the ACIS party will be announced in the December Newsletter. Members can also contact Maureen Waters at the MLA.

ACIS will sponsor two panels at the 1997 MLA: 1) "Irish Narratives: the Fantastic, the Comic, and the Ribald"; 2) "New Perspectives on Irish Drama." Proposals should be sent to Maureen Waters, Department of English, Queens College-CUNY, Flushing, NY 11367. Deadline for submission is March 1997.

**National and International Conferences**

**Revisioning Yeats: An International Conference** will be held at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on 3-4 October 1996. For further information, contact Professor William Halloran, 902 Curtin Hall, P.O. Box 413, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Phone: (414) 229-2420. FAX: (414) 229-5964.

The eleventh annual Miami J'yce Birthday Conference--James Joyce through the Ages--will be held on 30 January- 1 February 1997 in Coral Gables, Florida. Proposals for papers, one page abstracts, are due 31 October 1996, and should be sent to Michael Patrick Gillespie, Department of English, Marquette, P.O. Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881. Contact Mary Donnelly, English Department, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248145, Coral Gables, FL 33124. Phone: (305) 284-3140 E-mail: jjls@umiami.miami.edu

Irish Studies at SIU-Carbondale will host a weekend of workshops, symposia, and performances of Irish/American music 4-6 April 1997. Details will appear in the next issue of this newsletter (space permitting), or contact Charles Fanning, Department of English, SIU-Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901.

**Calls for Papers**

Working Papers in Irish Studies is accepting submissions for the 1997 volume. Contributions dealing with any aspect of Irish or Irish-American studies, including reports of empirical research, theoretical analyses and essays, and creative writing in poetry, prose, and drama, will be considered. The MLA or Chicago style is preferred. Papers should be sent in triplicate with the author's name on a separate sheet to James E. Doan, Editor, Working Papers in Irish Studies, Department of Liberal Arts, Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314. FAX: (954) 475-7622; e-mail: doan@polaris.acast.nova.edu

New Hibernia Review invites scholars of all disciplines whose work examines the culture of Ireland and the Irish in North America to submit their work for consideration. The editors have a strong interest in submissions from disciplines that have been under-represented in Irish Studies publications. These would include history before 1800, cultural studies, art history, and economics. Essays of 20-25 double-spaced pages should be prepared according to the Chicago Manual of Style or the MLA Style Sheet with end note citations rather than Works Cited. The author's name should appear only on a separate title page. Please submit articles, in duplicate, to Thomas Dillon Redshaw, editor, New Hibernia Review, Center for Irish Studies, University of St. Thomas (#5008), 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105. Or to James Rogers at the same address.

**News of Members**

ACIS Secretary, Tony Bradley, has been awarded a year's fellowship in Galway by the Irish American Cultural Institute to work on a study of Yeats' journalism. ACIS President, Jim MacKillop, praised Bradley for his work for ACIS and congratulated him on receiving this prestigious award. History Representative, Nancy Curtin, has graciously agreed to fill out the remainder of Bradley's term.

In May of this year, Desmond Egan received an Honorary Doctorate in Letters from Washburn University.

Southern Illinois University Press recently published Earl Ingersoll's Engendered Trope in Joyce's Dubliners.

Vivian Valvano Lynch was recently awarded the Marilyn and Ira Hechler English Dissertation Scholarship at SUNY-Stony Brook for her 1995 dissertation "Portraits of Artists

and Artificers: Warriors in the Novels of William Kennedy."

James Doan has recently become IASIL's American Secretary-Treasurer. Those interested in joining IASIL should contact Doan at the Department of Liberal Arts, Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314. FAX: (954) 475-7622; e-mail: doan@polaris.acast.nova.edu

**Announcements**

The Attic Press Ireland has established a web site at: <http://www.iol.ie/~atticirl/>

Irish Studies at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is collecting course syllabi in Irish and Irish Immigration Studies to publish at their web site:

<http://www.lib.siu.edu/projects/irish/>  
Please send hard copy and/or disk format of syllabi that you are willing to share among colleagues to: Charles Fanning, Department of English, SIU-Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901.

The Gerard Manley Hopkins Annual International Summer School will be held 2-7 July 1997. For further information contact Bernadette Smyth, The Red House, Kilbelin, Newbridge, County Kildare, Ireland.

The University of St. Thomas' Center for Irish Studies announces the launch of New Hibernia Review, a quarterly journal of Irish Studies that will begin publication in March of 1997 with Dr. Thomas Dillon Redshaw as editor. The journal is offering a special subscription rate to ACIS members of \$20/year or \$40/two years for individual U.S. subscriptions. To take advantage of this rate, send this announcement (or a photocopy) with a check to James Rogers, Center for Irish Studies, University of St. Thomas (#5008), 2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105.

**ACIS Web Site**

Johann Norstedt and Robert Brinlee have very generously set up an ACIS web site at <http://athena.english.vt.edu/ACIS/FRONTPAGE.HTML> (Note: be sure to capitalize the upper-case letters.) Please drop in, and let them know how much you enjoyed browsing.





### A Memorial for Robert O'Driscoll, 1938-1996

Longtime ACIS member and University of Toronto Professor Robert O'Driscoll died of a massive heart attack in Dublin on February 29th. Professor O'Driscoll was a prolific scholar, critic, and editor. His best known work is probably The Celtic Consciousness (1981). He was one of the moving forces in the founding of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies and in the establishment of the Celtic Studies Program at the University of Toronto.

### A Memorial for Michael J. Durkan

On 10 June 1996 Michael J. Durkan died suddenly at the age of 70 of an apparent heart attack at his home in Wallingford, Pennsylvania. He had just retired from his position as Librarian of Swarthmore College after 20 years of service. Born in Louisburg, County Mayo, Michael

received a B.A. from St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, and a graduate degree in library studies from the University College, Dublin. He held many ACIS offices, most recently Treasurer and Irish Language Representative, and will always be remembered for his warmth, affection, courtesy, kindness, and great good humor and wit. He is survived by his daughter, Maeve Walsh, his sons Michael, Ciaran, and Niall, and five grandchildren. His wife Yvonne Marie died in 1986.

### The Michael J. Durkan Book Prize

In memory of our distinguished member Michael J. Durkan, who passed away in June, the ACIS book prize for a work in literary studies will be named in his honor. Contributions to the award can be made to the ACIS Treasurer, John P. Harrington. Donations of more than \$75.00 will be acknowledged in writing. A check-off for donations to the Michael J. Durkan Book Prize will appear in the annual renewal form sent to all members.

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