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1995 ACIS Book Awards

ACIS President James MacKillop has announced that Declan Kiberd's Inventing Ireland has won the Michael J. Durkan Literary and Cultural Criticism Book Award and that Maria Luddy's Women and Philanthropy in Nineteenth-Century Ireland has won the James S. Donnelly, Sr., History or Social Sciences Book Award. Our congratulations go out to both winners.

1996 ACIS Book Awards

The 1996 competition will cover scholarly books on Irish subjects published anywhere in the world in 1996. There are no other restrictions on eligibility. Nominations may be made by author or publisher, but copies of the books nominated must reach all members of the appropriate committee by 1 May 1997. Awards will be announced in November 1997. For further information, contact Lucy McDiarmid, 1931 Panama St., Philadelphia, PA 19103. The following people have generously agreed to serve as judges:

The Donald H. Murphy Prize for a distinguished first book

Karl Bottigheimer, History Department, SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794; Maria Tymoczko, Comparative Literature Department, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, Amherst, MA 01003; Ann Owens Weekes, Humanities Department, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721

The James S. Donnelly, Sr., Prize for a book in history or social sciences

Nancy Curtin, History Department, Fordham University, Bronx, NY 10458; Perry Curtis, History Department, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912; Elizabeth Mitchell, Sociology and Anthropology Department, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837

The Michael J. Durkan Prize for a book in literary and cultural criticism

Nicholas Grene, School of English, Trinity College, Dublin 2, Ireland; Riana O'Dwyer, English Department, University College-Galway, Galway, Ireland; Philip O'Leary, English Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

Faultlines--ACIS National Conference, 17-19 April 1997 at the Omni Hotel, Albany, New York

Speakers at the ACIS National Meeting will include Margaret MacCurtain, Angela Bourke, Sean Connolly, Monica McWilliams, Alan Ward, and Roy Foster. Members may also look forward to panels on Irish film, Iconography and Ideology, Queer Revisions of Irish Culture and Society, the Literature of Immigration, Religion and Gender in Nineteenth-Century Ireland, the Northern Conflict, and Northern Irish Poetry; three living book reviews, including Foster's *W.B. Yeats. A Life, Vol. I: The Apprentice Mage*; and readings by Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill and "Nina Fitzpatrick." The Program Committee received over 250 proposals and is currently putting the details of the program into final shape. Information should be mailed before Christmas to those who submitted proposals. Registration material and a provisional program will be available in late January. For further information, contact Lucy McDiarmid, 1931 Panama St., Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Regional Conference Announcements

The New England Region. For information on the 1997 regional meeting, contact Conor Johnston, English Department, Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA 02402.

The Mid-Atlantic Region. For information on the 1997 regional meeting, contact Mary Fitzgerald-Hoyt, English Department, Siena College, 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, NY 12211.

The Midwest Region. The 1997 regional meeting will be held on 17-18 October at St. Norbert College, DePere, WI. For site information, contact Stuart Lang, F.K. Bemis International Center, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI 54115. For information on the academic program, contact Michael Patrick Gillespie, Department of English, Marquette University, PO Box 1881, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881. (414) 288-3480 FAX: (414) 288-3591. 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. For further information, contact 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. For information on the 1997 regional meeting, contact Stephen Arkin, English Department, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA 93132.

MLA/AHA 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 ACIS cocktail party, a cash bar subsidized by ACIS, will be held at 5:00 p.m. on 28 December at the Sheraton Washington. The location will be announced in the Program Addendum. Members can also contact Maureen Waters at the MLA for further information.

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.

The joint AHA-ACIS session at this year's AHA convention in New York City is entitled "Republican Political Ideology in Modern Ireland." It will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, 5 January in the Hilton Hotel, Nassau Suite B.

The deadline for submission of panel proposals for the January 1998 AHA convention in Seattle is 15 February 1997. For information on proposing joint AHA-ACIS panels, contact Nancy Curtin, History Department, Fordham University, Bronx, NY 10458 by 15 January 1997.

National and International Conferences

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. For further information contact Wim vanMerlo, English Department, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248145,

Coral Gables, FL 33124. Phone: (305) 284-3140 E-mail: jjls@umiami.miami.edu

The Chicago Irish Studies Seminar will continue its year long series of programs at the Chicago Historical Society. ACIS member Charles Fanning will speak on 25 January 1997. Other talks are scheduled for 22 March and 17 May. For further information contact Larry McCaffrey, (847) 475-7693.

The Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland will hold its 1997 conference, Regionalism and Nineteenth-Century Ireland, at the Queen's University of Belfast, 4-6 April 1997. For further information contact Dr. Leon Litvack, School of English, Queen's University of Belfast, Belfast BT7 1NN, Northern Ireland, UK. FAX: (44) 1232-314615. Email: l.litvack@qub.ac.uk

The IASIL Conference of 1997, Irish Literatures--Areas of Research Today, will be held at Goteborg University, Sweden, 5-9 August. Additional information can be found at the IASIL web page: <http://ulst.ac.uk/iasil> or from IASIL Secretary, Bruce Stewart, email: bsg.stewart@ulst.ac.uk For further information contact Conference Director, Britta Olinder, phone: (0) 31 773 17 85; fax: (0) 31 773 47 26; email: britta.olinder@vinga.hum.gu.se

Irish Studies at SIU-Carbondale will host a weekend of workshops, symposia, and performances of Irish/American music 4-6 April 1997. For further information, contact Charles Fanning, Department of English, SIU-Carbondale, Carbondale, IL 62901.

Calls for Papers

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

Conor Johnston was recently elected ACIS New England Regional Representative.

Thomas H. O'Connor of Boston College won the 1996 New England Historical Association annual book award for his *The Boston Irish: A Political History*.

The Milwaukee Irish Fest Foundation contributed \$1,000 to the costs of production of William H.A. Williams' *Twax Only an Irishman's Dream: The Image of the Irish and Ireland in American Popular Songs, 1800-1920*, published by the University of Illinois Press.

The final volume of Patrick O'Sullivan's six volume history, *The Irish World Wide*, will be published by Leicester University Press in December 1996.

Donald Harman Akenson has been named 1996 Molson Laureate for Lifetime Contribution to Canadian Culture.

Tom Phelan's novel *Iscariot* has been nominated to the long list for the 1997 *Irish Times* Literary Prizes.

Sanford Sternlicht, Department of English, Syracuse University, has been named to succeed Richard Fallis as head of the Irish list of Syracuse University Press.

M.J. Fitzgerald's journal *Bonded Shores* in its August 1996 issue, vol. II, no. 4, highlighted James S. Donnelly, Jr.'s University of Wisconsin course on Revolution and Nationalism in Ireland, 1780-Present.

Announcements

The Kerry International Summer School of Living Irish Authors will be held 27 July- 8 August 1997. For further information contact Bernie Parker, Secretary, KISS 97, Ashe Memorial Hall, Tralee, Co. Kerry, Ireland.

The 38th Yeats International Summer School will take place in Sligo from 2-16 August 1997. Brochure-applications soon available from the director, Ronald Schuchard, English Department, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322. Phone: (404) 727-7985. Email: engrs@emory.edu Web home page: http://www.rtc-sligo.ie/rtc_ug/yeats.html

The James Joyce Annual Summer School will meet in Newman House, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, from 13-25 July 1997. For further information, contact Anne Fogarty,

English Department, University College-Dublin, Belfield,
Dublin 4, Ireland. email: afogarty@macollamh.ucd.ie
Website: http://www.artsworld.ie/joyce_school

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.

The Michael J. Durkan Book Prize: ACIS Treasurer John Harrinton reports that many members have contributed to the Michael J. Durkan Fund which will subsidize the annual ACIS Literary and Cultural Criticism Book Award. The fund has also received a donation of \$1,000 from the National Library of Ireland.

In Memoriam, Mary Lavin (1912-1996)

It is with deep regret that we note the death in Dublin on March 25th of Mary Lavin, author of nineteen short-story collections and novels. Lavin was born on 11 June 1912 in Walpole, MA, and at the age of ten returned with her family to Athenry in Western Ireland. She wrote her first short story in 1938 and continued to write for the next four decades.

Annual Research Report

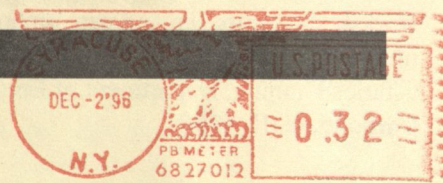
The ACIS Research Report compiled by DeeGee Lester can be found on the ACIS website at <http://athena.english.edu/ACIS/FRONTPAGE.HTML>

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