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ACIS National Conference - -Revolutions and Evolutions

The ACIS National Conference--Revolutions and Evolutions--will take place 15-19 April 1998 at Nova Southeastern University and at the Fort Lauderdale Airport Hilton Hotel, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Featured speakers include James Flannery, Art Hughes, Declan Kiberd, John McGarry, Bruce Stewart, Robert Welch, and Kevin Whelan. Medbh McGuckian and Desmond Egan will read from their recent poetry. There will be living book reviews on the *Devotional Revolution Revisited* with Emmet Larkin and on *Captain Lavender* with Medbh McGuckian. The conference marks the 200th anniversary of the 1798 Irish Rebellion and the 150th anniversary of the Young Ireland rising, and will focus on these historical events. Additionally it will deal with economic and political changes in contemporary Ireland, cultural and moral revolutions, and technological and intellectual developments in the 1990s. As always, of course, conference organizers welcome paper proposals on any topic relating to Irish Studies. The deadline for submission of paper or panel proposals is 10 October 1997. Papers should not exceed 10-double spaced pages (20-minute delivery). Only ACIS members may participate in the program. Panel proposals should include a brief explanation of its purpose and a list of its members. Paper proposals should take the form of a 1 page abstract for each paper, including the author's name, affiliation, addresses (office and email), phone and FAX numbers. Send either to Professor James E. Doan, Organizer, ACIS, Department of Liberal Arts, Nova Southeastern University, 3301 College Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314. FAX: (954) 262-3931.

ACIS Annual

The first volume of the *ACIS Annual*, *Gender and Sexuality in Modern Ireland*, edited by Tony Bradley and Maryanne Valiulis, will be published by the University of Massachusetts Press in late 1997. The ACIS dues have been raised \$10 to include the cost of this book which will be sent to all dues-paying ACIS members. (The market rate for the book will be higher.) ACIS President Lucy McDiarmid urges all members to pay their dues on time to insure timely receipt of this volume.

Call for Essays for Two Upcoming Issues of the ACIS Annual

The second volume of the ACIS Annual will be edited by John Harrington and Elizabeth Mitchell. They are seeking unpublished work on Northern Ireland in all disciplines in humanities and social sciences. Manuscript submissions should be 20-25 pages including APA/MLA documentation and send by 1 October 1997 to Dean John P. Harrington, Humanities, The Cooper Union, New York, NY 10003. Email: harrin@cooper.edu

A forthcoming volume of the ACIS Annual will focus on the Young Ireland movement. The co-editors, R.V. Comerford and Mary Helen Thuente, envision a multi-faceted group of essays across a range of disciplines that will re-examine Young Ireland in the light of developments in Irish historiography and literary and cultural studies in recent decades. A reassessment of Young Ireland is timely in view of its profound impact on political and literary nationalism in Ireland, and its significance for European studies and for relations between Irish and Irish America.

Proposals for essays on the political, social, economic, literary or cultural dimensions of the topic should be sent to the co-editors by 1 November 1997:

R.V. Comerford, Department of Modern History, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland. FAX: 353-1-708-3573. Email: rvcomerford@may.ie

Mary Helen Thuente, Department of English, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. FAX: (219) 481-6985. Email: thuentem@cvax.ipfw.indiana.edu

Regional Conference Announcements

The New England Region. The 1997 regional meeting, "Famine to Feast?: Ireland 1847-1997," will be held at Suffolk University (Boston). For further information, contact Conor Johnston, English Department, Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA 02402.

The Mid-Atlantic Region. For information on the 1997 regional meeting, contact Sister Marie Hubert Kealy, English Department, Immaculata College, Box 743, Immaculata, PA 19345.

The Midwest Region. The 1997 regional meeting will be held on 17-18 October at St. Norbert College, DePere, WI. For further information contact Stuart Lang, F.K. Bemis International Center, St. Norbert College, DePere, WI 54115.

The Southern Regional ACIS Meeting. The next meeting, "Irish Identities," will take place 19-21 February 1998 at the

University of South Carolina. To submit a paper proposal (deadline 31 October 1997), send a one page abstract (an abstract and 2-5 pages of work for creative writers) or for further information on that meeting, contact Edward Madden, Department of English, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208. Phone: (803) 777-2343. Email: maddene@garnet.cla.sc.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 Convention News

There will be two ACIS panels at this year's MLA convention in Toronto. "Irish Narratives: The Fantastic, the Comic and the Ribald" will take place on Sunday, 28 December, from 8:30-9:45 a.m., in the New Brunswick Room, Royal York Hotel. Speakers will include Sandra Siegel, Susan Bazargan, and James Smith. "New Perspectives on Irish Drama" will take place on Tuesday, 30 December, from 1:45-3:00 p.m., in the Toronto Room, Royal York Hotel. Speakers will include Anthony Bradley, Nora McGuinness, and Francis Charles McGrath.

Details of the ACIS MLA cocktail party will appear in the Winter issue of the newsletter, on the internet, and at the Sunday ACIS MLA panel.

AHA Convention News

On Friday, January 9th, The ACIS will host a session entitled "New Perspectives in Women's History" at the 1998 meeting of the American Historical Association in Seattle. Speakers will include Jennifer Altenhofel, Janet Nolan, Catherine Shannon, and Cliona Murphy.

National and International Conferences

The Eighteenth-Century Ireland Society (ECIS) conference, held in collaboration with the Goldsmith Society, will take place from 29-31 May 1998 in County Longford, Ireland. For further information, contact Conrad Brunstrom, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland. Email: cbrunstrom@ailm.may.ie

The Tenth Graduate Irish Studies Conference, "The Presence of the Past: 1798-1998," will take place at the University of Connecticut-Storrs, 27-29 March 1998. Submissions are welcome from graduate students in all disciplines. Send proposals to Kathleen Koljian, English Department, Box U-25, 337 Mansfield Road, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT 06269-1025. FAX: (860) 486-1530.

The Ulster Historical Foundation will sponsor a conference entitled "That Elusive Irish Ancestor" from 29 September-3

October 1997 at Stranmillis College, Belfast. For further information, contact Shane McAteer, Secretary, Ulster Historical Foundation, 12 College Square East, Belfast, BT1 6DD, Northern Ireland. Phone: (01232) 332288. FAX: (01232) 239885. Email: enquiry@uhf.dnet.co.uk

Calls for Papers

Critical essays requested for collection on the intersections of Irish cultural and historical studies, queer theory, and gay/lesbian studies. Interdisciplinary and comparative approaches encouraged. Deadline for submission is November 1st. Send proposals or papers either to Edward Madden, English Department, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208. Phone: (803) 777-2343. Email: maddene@garnet.cla.sc.edu Or to Marie Honan, 239 E. 5th St., #1E, New York, NY 10003. email: mph2299@is3.nyu.edu

Carson-Newman College has launched Nua: Studies in Contemporary Irish Writing, a semi-annual journal that will provide a forum for scholarship about contemporary Irish writing. Nua invites submissions on any aspect of Irish writing during the past thirty years. For further information on submissions or subscriptions, contact Shawn O'Hare, English Department, Box 71978, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, TN 37760. Email: ohare@cncacc.cn.edu

The North East Popular Culture Association (NEPCA), holds its annual conference in Boston on 1 November 1997. Send proposals or inquiries to Peter Holloran, NEPCA, 41 Linnaean Street, Cambridge, MA 02138. Email: pch@world.std.com

News of Members

In conjunction with his retirement from teaching after 37 years as speech professor at Wabash College, Joseph O'Rourke has been named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Frank O'Bannon. The Sagamore of the Wabash is the highest honor that the Governor of the State of Indiana can bestow on a private citizen for exemplary contributions to the community.

Alexander V. Miroshnikov has been named editor of Shamrock, a new Irish Studies journal, published in Russian by Voronezh State University. He welcomes correspondence from other ACIS members. His address is 15 Lenin Square, Fl. 1, Voronezh, 394000, Russia.

James MacKillop was mentioned in the 10 June 1997 issue of the Congressional Record when Congressman James T. Walsh congratulated MacKillop for the service done to Irish Studies during his term as ACIS president.

Donna L. Potts of Kansas State University has received a Fulbright Fellowship to lecture on American literature at

University College-Galway for the 1997-1998 academic year.

Alexander G. Gonzalez has edited a collection of essays entitled Assessing the Achievement of J.M. Synge and published by Greenwood Press. It contains essays by a number of ACIS members, including past president Robert Rhodes.

From September 1997, Lance Pettitt will take over as the new director of the Centre for Irish Studies at St. Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, London. The Centre is the largest undergraduate program of its kind in Britain.

Announcements

The Council on International Education Exchanges (CIEE) has announced their 1998 Faculty Development Seminar, "Conflict Resolution: On the Threshold of Peace in Northern Ireland," to be held 4-10 January 1998 and hosted by the University of Ulster at Coleraine. The seminar fee is \$1,725, and the application deadline is 1 November 1997. For further information, contact IFDS at Council, by phone at (212) 222-2747. Email: IFDSRegistrar@ciee.org

The Centre for Irish Studies at St. Mary's University College, Strawberry Hill, London is hosting a lecture series in Fall/Winter 1997 featuring Roy Foster, Thaddeus O'Sullivan, and Maria Luddy. Lectures will take place in the Waldegrave Drawing Room at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings, 11 November-2 December. For further information, contact Lance Pettitt, email: pettittl@smuc.ac.uk

The Chicago Irish Studies Seminar has announced its 1997-1998 program to be held at the Chicago Historical Society. Talks will run from September to May, and speakers will include Deborah Skok, Michael Patrick Gillespie, Matthew L. Jockers, Emmet Larkin, and Deirdre Mageean. For further information, contact Lawrence McCaffrey (847) 475-7693.

The Michael J. Durkan Prize

The ACIS Executive would like to express its gratitude to Michael Durkan's many friends who gave generously to the fund set up in his memory. The annual book prize for literary and cultural criticism has been named in his honor. The first Michael J. Durkan Prize for a Book in Literary and Cultural Criticism, awarded last spring at the national conference in Albany, was won by Declan Kiberd for Inventing Ireland: The Literature of the Modern Nation. ACIS continues to solicit funds to support this prize. Gifts may be sent along with dues to John Harrington, ACIS Treasurer, The Cooper Union, New York, NY 10003. Names of donors will be published and distributed at the national meeting every year.

A Change in Editors

After seven years Thomas Hachey and Michael Patrick Gillespie are stepping down as editors of the ACIS Newsletter. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Marquette University community, particularly Paula Gillespie and Mary Dunnwald, who have done so much to facilitate the production and distribution of every issue. We would also like to thank all of those members whose support and encouragement made the task of putting together the newsletter so much easier.

The new editor of the ACIS Newsletter will be Jim Rogers of the Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas. Jim is a longtime ACIS member, and with his wide knowledge both of Irish culture and of publishing he brings the perfect background to the job. The ACIS Executive welcomes him warmly (as do the current editors) and thanks John Harrington and the regional representatives for their work on the selection committee. The Executive also

expresses its gratitude to the other candidates who volunteered their services but were not selected.

Message from the President

Finally, President Lucy McDairmid and the Executive wishes to thank Michael Patrick Gillespie and Thomas Hachey for their long years of service: work on a newsletter is never glamorous, and only the truly dedicated will take it on. Their patience, punctuality, and efficiency have been exemplary, and the ACIS could not have managed without them.

A New Address

Items for the newsletter should be sent to ACIS Newsletter, c/o Center for Irish Studies, University of St. Thomas, Mail # 5008, St. Paul, MN 55105-1096.
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