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*From Emain Macha to St. Andrews:
Reconciliation and Traditions*



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ACIS West Annual Meeting Program Schedule

Friday, Oct. 5

All Friday events, with the exception of the reception, are in Building 27, room 120

Session 1 3:00 - 4:25

Chair, Audrey Eyler, Pacific Lutheran University

Catherine Duggan "Dispute Resolution in Celtic Ireland"

Bryan Lamkin, Azusa Pacific University, "Database of Letters and Diaries of Nineteenth-century Irish Emigrants"

Martin Seedorf and Rita Seedorf, Eastern Washington University, "Dam' Irishman: James O'Sullivan, Grand Coulee Dam and the Columbia Basin, 1918-1948"

Session 2 4:30 - 5:55

Chair, Martin Seedorf, Eastern Washington University

Thomas Brophy, Chinese University of Hong Kong, "Parnellite Poetry and the Politics of Division"

Julie Dugger, Western Washington University, "Thomas Davis and the Poet-Martyr as Collective Identity"

Mary Wack, Washington State University, "Signal Flare for '98: The McCloskey Murder, Co. Derry, 1795"

6:00 - 6:25 Alan Braden and Richard Wakefield read from their poetry

6:30 -7:45 Reception TCC Art Gallery

Consul General (San Francisco) Émer Deane, Western Region president Helen Lojek, TCC President Pamela Transue and Kendall Reid offer welcomes.

8:00- 9:15

Dolores MacKenna "Making and Mending a Difference in Ireland," introduced by Virginia Mack, Central Washington University

Saturday

Building 27, room 120, except as noted

Session 3 8:30 -9:55

Chair, Brandie Siegfried, Brigham Young University
Marguerite Quintelli-Neary, Winthrop University, "Losing the Faith in Priest"

Mary Power, University of New Mexico, "Edna O'Brien's Lantern Slides and Irish Tradition"

Jodi Chilson, Boise State University, "Reconstructing the Void: Construction of Meaning in Becket's *Watt*."

Session 4 10:10 - 11:05

Chair, Helen Lojek, Boise State University

Matthew Spangler, San Jose State University, "The New Irish in Irish Theater: Arambe Productions, Dublin's West African Theater Company"

Gemma Whelan "Anew MacMaster: Biography and Readings"

Session 5 11:20 - 12:15

Chair, Charlotte Headrick, Oregon State University

Brandie Siegfried "Yeats, Shakespeare and American Community Theater"

Robert Tracy, University of California at Berkeley, "Waking the Dead: Brian Friel's *Post Mortem*"

Lunch 12:30 - 1:30

Session 6 1:45 - 2:45

Chair, Marguerite Quintelli-Neary, Winthrop University

John Murphy, DeVry University, "J. F. Powers and Betty Wahl: Culture Shock in Postwar Pre-Troubles Ireland"

Ann Weekes, University of Arizona, "The Big House, Then and Now."

3:10 - 4:15

Charlotte Headrick, Oregon State University & Matthew Spangler San Jose State University, "A Painful Case" reader's theater

6:30 - 8:00 Building 11 Cafeteria Banquet

8:00-9:00 Building 3

Tess Gallagher reading from *Barnacle Soup* and from her poetry,
introduced by Jeanne Armstrong, Western Washington University

9:20 - 10:20 Building 27, room 102

Dolores MacKenna's RTE documentary "William Trevor"

Sunday Building 27, room 120, except lunch

Session 7 9:00 - 10:00

Chair, Ann Weekes, University of Arizona

Zan Cammack, Boise State University, "Art's Lie: Oscar Wilde and *The Picture of Dorian Gray*."

Kevin Kiely, Fulbright Scholar in Literature, Boise State University
and University College Dublin, "Pound and the Oirish"

Session 8 10:20 - 11:20

Chair, Robert Tracy, University of California at Berkeley

Jeanne Armstrong, Western Washington University, "Cé leis tú? Teeth
Mothers, Muses and the Longing in the Poetry of John Montague and Nuala
Ni Dhomhnaill."

Lindsay Haney, Boston College, "Rackett and Discord: Paul Muldoon as
Rock Lyricist"

11:30 - 11:50 Regional business meeting and election

12:00 - 1:30 Building 11 Cafeteria Lunch

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