

ACIS MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING
University of St Thomas
Minneapolis and St Paul campuses

*“What Is Past, Passing, or To Come”:
Voices of Transition in Irish Studies*

October 5-6, 2018

(opening reception on the evening of October 4)

Yeats closes “Sailing to Byzantium,” by declaring his wish to sing “Of what is past, or passing, or to come.” It is a broad charge, to be sure—and in a sense, it is a charge that applies to all our scholarship. We all know that we are now working in a volatile new world of academic reconfiguration. Scholars in all disciplines (and especially in the Humanities) must necessarily understand that they speak in a time of transition.

We invite papers and panel proposals considered about any topic pertinent to Irish or Irish diasporic culture. In keeping with the interdisciplinary remit of Irish Studies, we welcome papers from all disciplines, and especially welcome proposals from disciplines less commonly heard from in Irish Studies, such as art, archaeology, music, politic science, and economics. **Please submit fully formed panels of 3-4 participants, or individual paper proposals, by August 1, 2018 to the online submission page at <https://acisweb.org/regionals/midwest/submissions/>.** For questions please contact Jim Rogers, JROGERS@stthomas.edu.

The Lawrence McBride Lecture will be presented by Dr. Karen Steele of Texas Christian University, whose books include *Maud Gonne’s Irish Nationalist Writings* (2004) *Women, Press, and Politics during the Irish Revival* (2007), and with Michael de Nie, *Ireland and the New Journalism* (2014).

The conference poet will be Thomas McCarthy of Cork, author of six collections (the most recent of which is *Pandemonium*, Carcanet, 2016), as well as two novels and an essay collection. He is a member of Aosdána.

The conference will also feature the launch of an anthology of works by all O’Shaughnessy Poetry Award honorees, to be published this autumn by Dedalus Press of Dublin.

A conference website will be up soon. The conference hotel is the Doubletree Guest Suites in Minneapolis; the booking link is here:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/dt/reservation/book.htm?inputModule=HOTEL&ctyhocn=MSPLSDT&spec_plan=CDTACI&arrival=20181004&departure=20181007&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT