

Comhaltas na gCumman Staire in Éirinn –  
**Irish History Students' Association**  
Comhdháil Bhliantúil –  
**Annual Conference**



**1-3 March 2019**

Tara building,  
Mary Immaculate College,  
Limerick

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# IHSA Annual Conference March, 2019

## Programme:

*Friday, 1 March 2019*

*Tara Building, MIC*

**Room: T116**

6.15 p.m.            Opening address by Dr Liam Chambers  
(Head of History Department, MIC)

6.30 p.m.            **Keynote address – (T116)**  
Professor Jane Ohlmeyer (TCD):

‘Late the wife of ...’: Widows and the 1641 Depositions.

7.45 p.m.            Wine and cheese reception (**Students’ Union**)  
(Kindly funded by the President’s Office, MIC)

9.30 p.m.            Food, drink and live music at Bobby Byrnes

*Saturday, 2 March 2019*

*Rooms: T202, T203, T204, T205, T206*

*Tara building, MIC*

8.30 – 9.00 a.m. Registration for conference and dinner  
(Students' Union)

**Session 1: 9.00 a.m. – 10.15 a.m.**

Panel 1: Labour histories

**Chair:** Dr Paul O'Brien (MIC)

**Room:** T202, Tara Building

- Conor McFall (QUB): 'Set the World Ablaze': The British Labour Party, The 1956 Hungarian Uprising and the Year of Crisis
- Matthew Gerth (QUB): Cryptos and Lost Sheep: The Fear of Communist Infiltration in the British Labour Party during the Early Cold War

Panel 2: Murder, death and burial histories

**Chair:** Dr Clodagh Tait (MIC)

**Room:** T203, Tara Building

- Geraldine Brassil (MIC): For Early Modern Populations in the British and Irish Isles, funerals were about the living as well as the dead
- Chloé Lacoste (Sorbonne Université): Fenian political funerals – the use of ritual and memory to claim national space and sovereignty, 1858-1916
- John A. Phayer: 'Man judges man's actions, God judges a man's heart.' The murder of Peter Nash: Conspiracy or Loyalty?

Panel 3: Visual histories

**Chair:** Dr Ciara Breathnach (UL)

**Room:** T204, Tara Building

- Siobhan Osgood (TCD): Brick-Branding: Architectural Archaeology of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland)
- Úna Kavanagh (NUIG): Aesthetics, Identity Politics and the Dillon family through the lens of the Clonbrock Photographic Collection (1860-1930)

#### Panel 4: Irish Agricultural histories

**Chair:** Dr Liam Irwin

**Room:** T205, Tara Building

- Declan O'Brien (MIC): The Mighty Quinn – the story of Ireland's first beef baron
- Anna Devlin (TCD): National self-sufficiency: Agriculture and government in Ireland, 1932-8

Tea & Coffee: 10.15 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Session 2: 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

#### Panel 5: Music, Myth and Medieval histories

**Chair:** Dr Clodagh Tait (MIC)

**Room:** T202, Tara Building

- Jodie Shevlin (UU): 'Supernatural Visitings:' Poltergeist Phenomenon in Nineteenth and Twentieth century Ireland
- Aoife Cranny Walsh (UCD): Historical Truth and Literary Embellishment: The Historical and Legendary Perceptions of Queenship in Early Medieval Irish sources
- Catherine Barnwell (TCD): Saints and Song: The role of Devotional music at Medieval Christian Heritage Sites

#### Panel 6: Biographical histories

**Chair:** Dr Paul O'Brien (MIC)

**Room:** T203, Tara Building

- Michael Loughman (NUIG): Oliver J. Flanagan – Monetary Reformer

- Stephen Griffin (UL): ‘Avec distinction, zele, fidelité et attachement’: Count O’Rourke and service, patronage and social advancement in the duchy of Lorraine, 1698-1727
- Tracy McCarthy (MIC) Morty Óg O’Sullivan Beare, c. 1710-1754

### Panel 7: Women’s histories of Ireland

(Kindly sponsored by Women’s History Association of Ireland)

**Chair:** Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley (NUIG)

**Room:** T204, Tara Building

- Morgan Wait (TCD): Conspicuous Absence: Irish Women and the formation of Teilifís Éireann
- Susan Byrne (TCD): Keeping company with the enemy: Gender and sexual violence during the Irish War of Independence and the Civil War (1919-1923)
- Judy Bolger (TCD): ‘A hopeless case’: the representation of mothers and the workhouse in Irish newspapers (1870-1910)

### Panel 8: 19<sup>th</sup> Century health and body histories

**Chair:** Dr Ciara Breathnach (UL)

**Room:** T205, Tara Building

- Shelby Zimmerman (TCD): ‘An Incalculable Amount of Misery’: South Dublin Union and Cork Street Fever Hospital’s Response to the Smallpox Epidemic of 1871-3
- Joyce-Elena Ní Ghiobúin (Independent): ‘I was sick, and ye visited me’. Re-evaluating the role of Protestant lady visitors in Irish healthcare and social welfare (c.1850-1920)
- Connor Heffernan (UCD): Marching Forwards or Backwards? Drill, Physical Education and the Army in Early Twentieth-Century Ireland

### Panel 9: Irish Revolutionary histories

**Chair:** Dr Martin Walsh (Independent)

**Room:** T206, Tara Building

- Leona Armstrong (Independent): 'Donegal Amazon': the Extraordinary Role of Eithne Coyle in the Revolutionary Period
- Cian Flaherty (TCD): Lucky escapes, rising damp or something else entirely? Why so few Co Waterford big houses were burned in the Irish Revolution
- Eilish Kavangh (GMIT): A Silk Blouse, a Spy and a Priest: A Brief Overview of Key Incidents in 1920-1921 that led to the escalation of 'Terror' in County Galway's War of Independence

Lunch/IHSA AGM: 12.00 p.m. – 1.00 p.m.

**Keynote address – (Room T116) 1.00 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.**

Dr Maura Cronin (MIC)

"Were *you* there?" Memory and the historian'

Session 3: 1.45 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

Panel 10: The Irish Abroad

**Chair:** Dr Gavin Wilk (UL)

**Room:** T203, Tara Building

- Robert Keenan (Utrecht University): Catholic and Protestant Integration in Belfast, Glasgow and Liverpool, 1850-1975
- David Collopy (MIC): 'The Fighting Irish, A most unholy row:' The controversy between John Mitchel and John Hughes, Archbishop of New York in *The Citizen* newspaper of 1854
- Liam Barry-Hayes (MIC): 'A veritable palace of journalism, unequalled by any newspaper establishment in New York': Richard K. Fox's *National Police Gazette* building, Franklin Square

Panel 11: Contextualising history through literature

**Chair:** Paul McNamara (MIC)

**Room:** T204, Tara Building

- Adele Hannon (MIC): A Monster's Lesson on History: Examining the Political and Cultural Agendas of the Literary Villain
- Jade Dillon (MIC): Reflected Realism: How Children's Literature Simultaneously Reflects and Deconstructs Social Ideologies
- Ian Hickey (MIC): Repeating the Past: Hauntology, History and the Poetry of Seamus Heaney

### Panel 12: Irish Institutional histories

**Chair:** Dr Anne-Marie Brosnan (MIC)

**Room:** T205, Tara Building

- Victoria Anne Pearson (UCC): 'We saw a Vision.' The Cork Charitable Society, 1791-1815
- Jane O'Brien (NUIG): An analysis of Managers' Diaries and correspondence from the Irish Industrial School System: 1868-1920
- Christopher Costigan (TCD): The Irish Big House and the 1837 Slave Compensation Act

### Panel 13: The Material Culture of Revolutionary Ireland

**Chair:** Dr Úna Ní Bhroiméil (MIC)

**Room:** T206, Tara Building

- Timothy Ellis (Teesside University): 'Putting the blue shirt back into the Blueshirts': Politics and clothing in 1930s Ireland
- Niall Murray (Independent): Printing the Irish Revolution: The life and work of Cork nationalist and printer, Patrick Corcoran
- Caitlin White (TCD): 'A heady mixture of the big business, the state, and the local': Irish public history in Dublin and Nenagh after the civil war

[Tea & Coffee: 3.15 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.](#)

**Session 4: 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.**

### Panel 14: 20<sup>th</sup> Century health and body histories

**Chair:** Dr Sarah-Anne Buckley (NUIG)

**Room:** T203, Tara Building

- Ruth Coon (UU): ‘It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.’ Healthcare during the Troubles
- Eugenie Hanley (UCC): Public Health Nurses and the expansion of Maternal and Infant Provision, 1922-1960
- Aisling Shalvey (University of Strasbourg): The Eight Amendment in Historical Perspective

### Panel 15: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Political histories

**Chair:** Dr Richard McMahon (MIC)

**Room:** T204, Tara Building

- Seán Donnelly (Teesside University): Purging the ‘Slave Mind’: Cumann na nGaedheal and the Philosophy of Irish-Ireland
- Ronan Francis Doherty (TCD): Patrick McGilligan and his infamous quote: ‘Characteristic or out of context?’
- Brian Daly (GMIT): Electoral Politics in the Irish Free State Constituencies of Galway, Mayo South and Mayo North: A Study of the 1923 General Election and the Political Parties and Politicians who contested it

### Panel 16: Northern Irish histories

**Chair:** Dr Brian Hughes (MIC)

**Room:** T205, Tara Building

- Noel Lindsay (MIC): Belfast, ‘The Good Old Days?’ Conditional Relations and Government
- Aleja Allen (UCD): Under the Wrong Banner: Springtown Camp and the Peaceful Fight for Better Housing
- Elisa Cofini (QUB): The definition of Terrorism as a bullet in the war of words: *The legacy of Operation Demetrius in Northern Ireland*

### Panel 17: Textual analysis of Irish history

**Chair:** Dr Liam Chambers (MIC)

**Room:** T206, Tara Building



- Maelle Le Roux (UL): Three nationalist women in the *Capuchin Annual* (1930-1977): the representation of Constance Markievicz, Miss Pearse and Mrs Pearse
- Natasha Dukelow (UCC): Sex, Sin and Social Concern in the *Liber Exemplorum*
- James Greaney (TCD): Richard Cox's History of Ireland, *Hibernia Anglicana*, on William of Orange's Reformation and Godly War

5.00 p.m. - 5.05 p.m. Closing remarks

6.30 p.m. - 7.45 p.m.

Wine reception at  
**St. Mary's Cathedral, Limerick**  
Bridge St, Limerick, V94 E068

Address by Mayor James Collins and Press  
(Kindly sponsored by EML Architects)

8.00 p.m.

Conference Dinner and live music  
The Locke Bar, 3 George's Quay,  
Limerick, V94 K8KX

9.30 p.m.

Social night

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Lastly, a sincere thank you to all of the delegates who travelled from near and far, to present their research. We wish you all the success in your future studies.

*Triona Waters, Laura Mather, Tracy McCarthy, David Collopy, Liam Barry-Hayes, Maelle Le Roux and Noel Lindsay*



In Memory of our dear friend, David Loughnane (MIC)