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CUNY IAS Open House

The CUNY Institute for Irish-American Studies welcomes all to attend an Open House to celebrate the new home of the Institute in Carman Hall at Lehman College. An afternoon open house will run from 2PM-3:30PM with refreshments and background music from Borough of Queens native Bernadette Fee (fiddle) and County Kerry native Mary Courtney (guitar & vocals), members of the Irish-American band Morning Star. The 7PM-8:30PM open house will also have refreshments with background music supplied by Bronx native and Lehman College alumnus Jimmy Coen (guitar). Please phone 718-960-6722 or e-mail cunyiias@lehman.cuny.edu to let us know which open house you'll be able to attend. We look forward to showing you our great new home!

ACIS National Meeting

The last time a national American Conference for Irish Studies conference was held in New York was in 2000 when the conference was hosted by Fordham University. The CUNY Institute for Irish-American Studies hopes to host this national conference in 2007. Ideally, all campuses that are currently involved in our public events series would host some aspect of the conference. For example, the conference could be opened with a keynote Wednesday night at CUNY Graduate Center, papers Thursday and Friday at Baruch College, a Friday evening lecture and reception at Queens and Saturday lectures and closing banquet at Lehman. This will involve some bussing. Those with suggestions or with interest in serving on the local planning committee should contact Tom Ihde at tihde@lehman.cuny.edu or 718-960-6722.

September Videoconference

Please phone in reservations for our first fall lecture, Wednesday, September 22nd at 7PM. Matthew Jockers of Stanford University will speak to us about the topic of "The Irish American West Project: a hypertext corpus of literature on-line." We would like to encourage all CUNY Irish/Irish-American researchers to e-mail/phone in reservations early since seating will be limited to 23 participants.

Pending Grant Proposals

We neglected last month to indicate assistance received from non-CUNY colleagues in preparing the NEH proposal. Sincere thanks go out to Ann Moyer (University of Pennsylvania), Diana Kiel, Richard Palladino, and Br. Charles Quinn (Iona College), Robert O'Neill (Burns Library Boston College) and Kathy Williams (O'Neill Library Boston College), and Mark Savolis (College of the Holy Cross).

Fall Conferences

Midwest Region of the ACIS will hold its annual meeting on **October 14-17, 2004**, at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. See <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/celtic/conference/index.html>.

The annual fall meeting of the New England chapter of the ACIS will be **October 15-16, 2004** at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. For more information, e-mail acis@anselm.edu.

The Mid-Atlantic Regional ACIS annual meeting will be held **October 22-23, 2004** at Princeton University, New Jersey. See <http://www.princeton.edu/~acis/> for the tentative schedule.

Calls for Papers

ACIS Southern Regional Conference will be held at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas, February 24-27, 2005. The deadline for proposals is **October 15, 2004**. For more information see <http://www.stthom.edu/irishstudies/>.

Eighth Annual Meeting of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL) is scheduled for April 15-17, 2005, in Madison, WI. The final deadline for receipt of proposals is **November 1, 2004**. See <http://www.councilnet.org/> for more information.

The North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers will hold its eleventh annual meeting at the University of Wales, Bangor, from June 9 to 12, 2005. Proposals are due by **January 23, 2005**. See <http://www.naaclt.org> for more information.

Grant Opportunity

The IACI/NUI Visiting Fellowship in Irish Studies provides researchers with a \$13,000 stipend, transportation costs, office space at the National University of Ireland-Galway, and Visiting Professor status. The deadline for the next grant cycle is **December 31, 2004**. See <http://www.iaci-usa.org/fellowship.html>.

People in the News

- Thomas Ihde, Associate Professor of Middle & High School Education at Lehman College has been appointed as the new director of the CUNY IAS.
- Elaine Ní Bhraonáin, with BA and MA in Irish Folklore from UCD, has been appointed as substitute Program Coordinator of the CUNY IAS.

News Summary for Researchers of Irish-America

New York, NY – The frequent updates on the **Randall's Island Gaelic Sports** (RIGS) plan (in the *Irish Echo* and *Irish Voice*) appear to be Irish-American history in the making. The current plan calls for a 5,000-seat stadium with a dome to be built at Randall's Island. The facility would cater to Irish-American sports as well as serve other groups.

New York, NY – The *Irish Echo* ran an interesting article August 18-24, 2004 on the **National Theatre Workshop of the Handicapped Performing Company**. NTWH holds classes in New York City and at their residential campus in Belfast, Maine. In addition to serving American actors, the program also hosts disabled students from Ireland at summer workshops in Maine. The program was founded and is directed by Br. Rick Curry.

New York, NY – The *Irish Echo* ran a 12-page special insert in its August 18-24, 2004 issue on **Irish universities**. NUI-G, UCC, UCD, UL, TCD, and DCU participated. Each university placed at least a full page advertisement. Schools indicated their semester/junior year abroad programs, summer schools, and graduate programs. Additionally most universities were marketing a complete bachelor's degree to American students.

Immaculata, PA - The historic plaque commemorating 57 Irish immigrant workers buried in a mass grave in 1832 that was dedicated on June 18, 2004 was scheduled to be placed on location August 15, 2004. Researchers at **Immaculata University** involved are looking into other possible causes (other than cholera) that may explain such a large number of workers passing on at once. (August 11-17, 2004 *Irish Echo*).

Note: The archives of the CUNY IAS has subscriptions to the Irish Echo, Irish Voice, New Hibernia Review, Éire-Ireland, and Irish America. If you are interested in a particular article, please contact us at cunyiias@lehman.cuny.edu.

Recent Publications

[Compiled from the *Irish Echo*, *Irish Voice*, and Library of Congress]

Angela Bourke, *Maeve Brennan: Homesick at The New Yorker*. (New York: Counterpoint, 2004).

Jimmy Breslin, *The Church That Forgot Christ*. (New York: Free Press, 2004).

Michael Doorley, *Irish-American diaspora nationalism: the friends of Irish Freedom, 1916-35*. (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2004).

Malachy McCourt, *Bush lies in State* (Fairfax, VA: Sensei, 2004).

Michael P. Quinlin, *Irish Boston*. (Guilford, CT: Globe Pequot, 2004).

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