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ACIS reminder!

Don't forget the deadline for submitting proposals for the American Conference for Irish Studies Annual General Meeting, Oct. 15, 2004. Visit www.acisweb.com for more information. They are encouraging papers to be relevant to the topic "'Ireland beyond Borders' exploring new conceptions of Ireland, Irishness, and Irish Studies that challenge the boundaries that politics, the academy, and culture have set for them". The Annual General Meeting will take place in Notre Dame, Dame University from April 13-17 2005. It would be great to see as many CUNY professors there as possible.

People in the News

There will be an Evening with Billy Collins, distinguished Professor of English at Lehman College to establish The Billy Collins Scholarship. This event will be held on Wed. Oct. 13 at 6:30pm at the Graduate Center on 365 5th Ave. Special Guest Frank McCourt, author of *Angela's Ashes*. Call 718-960-8766 for further information.

CUNY IIAS Open House

The CUNY Institute for Irish-American Studies held an Open House to celebrate the new home of the Institute in Carman Hall at Lehman College. There was an action packed afternoon with an open house which ran from 2PM-3:30PM with refreshments and wonderful 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 had background music supplied by Bronx native and Lehman College alumnus Jimmy Coen (guitar). Almost 70 people turned out for this event. Thanks to all who attended!

Matthew Jocker's lecture

On Wednesday September 22nd The CUNY Institute for Irish-American Studies hosted a video conference lecture by Stanford University Professor Matthew Jockers entitled "The Irish American West Project" Prof. Jockers spoke about developing a database of Irish-American writers from the American West and about making some of these publications available through the internet for the public to enjoy. The Conference was videotaped and is available through the Institute's Archives.

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

The 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 .

Up coming events.

The Irish Cultural Society of Lehman College will hold their next meeting entitled "What is Irish American Studies and the future of the Institute for Irish-American Studies." on Oct. 20th at 1pm in the Faculty Dining Room in Lehman College. All welcome.

CUNY Institute for Irish-American Studies, Lehman College, Bronx are having a conversational circle at 7pm on Oct 19, Nov 23 & Dec 14. All levels welcome.

We will also be hosting the following lectures:

"Implementing the New York State Great Irish Famine Curriculum" by Prof. Maureen Murphy on Wed. Oct. 27 at 7pm in Lehman College Library, 2nd floor Atrium.

"The Great Irish Famine: a historical account of famine immigration" by Prof. M. Mulroony on Wed. Nov 3rd at 7pm in CUNY Graduate Center, 365 5th Ave. Room C202

News Summary for Researchers of Irish-America

The **Irish Republic's 26 counties are above 4 million** for the first time in 133 years (4.04 million). Its population was almost 8.5 million prior to the Famine in 1845 but decreased sharply after this due to spread of disease, death and large volumes of people emigrating. At present there are more births than deaths in Ireland. Emigration is lower than immigration in Ireland today, 18,500 left Ireland in 2003. Over 11,000 went to the U.S to live with the remainder moving to Australia or New Zealand.

The following was recently acquired by the Lehman College Library: **Saints and Patriots: Catholicism in the Bronx 1920-1940** by Jane Colleen Hannon. This Dissertation examines Catholic life in a community composed largely of first, second and third generation Americans of Irish, Italian and Jewish heritage. It explores how the Catholic residents in the Bronx adjusted to the demands of life outside of their old immigrant neighborhoods while remaining true to their essential values.

Note: The archives of the CUNY IIAS has subscriptions to the Irish Echo, Irish Voice, New Hibernia Review, New York Catholic, 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, & Irish Literary Review]

Jerrold Casway, *Ed Delahanty in the Emerald Age of Baseball* (Notre Dame: Uni. of Notre Dame 2004)

John Knoepfle, *Prayer against Famine and other Irish Poems* (Kansas City: BKMK 2004)

Adrian Mc Kinty, *Dead I well may be* (fiction) (New York: Pocket Book 2004)

Sharon O Brien, *The Family Silver-a memoir of depression and inheritance* (Chicago: Uni. Chicago Press 2004)

James Ryan, *Natural Affinities, a Romance in the Bronx of Classical Mode.* (Cambridge Massachusetts: Trafford Publishing, 2004)

Strempek Shea, *Becoming Finola* (New York: Washington Square Press 2004)

Todd Tucker, *Notre Dame vs. The Klan* (Chicago: Loyola Press 2004)

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