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Spring Institute events

We are ready to go to the printers with the spring list of lectures and events. There will be two Wednesday lectures each month. Our lectures continue to reflect our research program. There will be two lectures supporting our US Department of Education Human Rights Curricula In-servicing Project Proposal (Prof. Joe Lee and the NJ Famine Curriculum Team), two lectures supporting our National Endowment for the Humanities grant (the digitization seminar with participants from UCC, UPitt, UCornell, & Brooklyn C.). Two lectures also stem from individual faculty research, Return Immigration and New Irish Film Screenings. Lastly, two presentations will address general interests including traditional Irish dance and Irish-American history. With the increase of events from six to eight, we will also be able to cover more ground. The Institute hopes to place one spring talk at the College of Staten Island and another at Bronx Community College.

Tour and Lectures in Ireland

The response to our Spring Break Tour and Lectures in Ireland has been beyond belief. While this endeavor

has been consuming a few hours every day of Institute staff time not to mention Michael Paull's time providing answers to our many many questions (he has had much experience in organizing such trips and knowledge about Sligo), this has been a very positive endeavor thus far bringing much needed publicity to the Institute.

Since we have received a few requests from individuals not seeking graduate credits, we have decided to also offer the reduced rate of \$1,200 to those who wish to audit the course. More information can be obtained at www.lehman.edu/cunyiias.

People in the News

Brian Leahy Doyle (Lehman College) was the guest speaker in November at the Columbia University Irish Studies Seminar. His paper was entitled "In the Pocket with Larry Kirwan." A synopsis of the paper can be found at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/seminars/IrishStudies/Nov_2004_minutes.html

Michael Paull (Lehman College) has been serving on the board for the Regeneration of West Belfast and the Greater Shankill districts in Belfast. He has also been acting as a workforce development specialist for the

Services Industrial Professional & Technical Union in the Republic of Ireland.

Grant Opportunities

The Fall ACIS Newsletter posted a Call for Proposals related to conferences and symposia in Irish Studies. The amount of support is indicated as \$500 and it is expected that six awards will be made. Requests should be directed to ACIS President John Harrington at harrij2@rpi.edu.

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>.

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News Briefs

Program Coordinator Position

The Institute has posted the Program Coordinator Personnel Vacancy Notice on our website. Please see www.lehman.edu/cunyiias for more information on this career opportunity. Lehman College/CUNY is an EEO/AA/ADA/IRCA Employer.

Ronnie Drew

The Irish Arts Center is offering CUNY Faculty and CUNY Students the special rate of \$20 to see Evening with Ronnie Drew and Mike O'Hanrahan. The show continues through Sunday, December 12, 2004. See www.irishartscenter.org.

IACI/NUI Visiting Fellowship

Dr. Ken Nilsen is the 2004-2005 IACI/NUI-G Visiting Fellow. He will spend the spring semester at the National University of Ireland-Galway carrying out research on Gaeltacht perspectives on emigration. Dr. Nilsen was a CUNYIIAS guest speaker at Lehman College in 2001. See "Grant Opportunities" above for information on 2005-2006.

Making Plans to Travel to Ireland on Research?

American Airlines is making plans to join Aer Lingus, Continental, Delta, and US Airlines with service to Ireland. (Irish Echo 11.24.04)

News Summary for Researchers of Irish America

Compiled by Elaine Ní Bhraonáin

Fáilte Center

A new Irish Center is to open in Long Island City located at 10-40 Jackson Ave. The Center will be a community resource and will bring people together to meet, learn, listen and experience.

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Sailor's Song & Doubt

A humorous romantic comedy with an underlying sad poignant aspect written by John Patrick Shanley. He is a compassionate, benevolent writer and this play was regarding his own personal heartache, anguish and despair and was performed at Public Theater on Lafayette Street through November 21st. "Doubt" the other new play by Shanley opened November 22nd at the Manhattan Theatre Club at City Center and will play through Jan. 9, 2005.]

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New York State Driver's Licenses

New York's illegal Irish are facing a new Problem and the outcome of this problem is that many are returning to Ireland. It was announced that no longer can New York State Driver's Licences be sought without verification of a legitimate Social number. Many are making use of an International Drivers license that is obtained in Ireland. One cannot use a license from another state because once one becomes a resident in this state, they must apply for a New York Driver's License within 30 days so there is no benefit to obtaining a Driver's License from another State.

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Bewley's

The Irish Nation's most prevalent coffee house closed its doors for the final time on November 26. Bewley's Oriental Cafes have been welcoming customers since 1894. Economic expenses and lifestyle changes were the main factors for its closure. Many Irish-American researchers have undoubtedly visited Bewley's over the years with fond memories.

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Morrison receives Honor

Bruce Morrison, former congressman received an honorary degree from University College Dublin for being the originator of the Morrison Visa and whose outstanding work on this issue helped thousands of Irish Immigrants obtain legal Status here.

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Dr. Flatley

Michael Flatley was conferred with an honorary dergree at University College Dublin last month for his outstanding work and achievements.

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Note: The archives of the CUNYIIAS 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 cunyijas@lehman.cuny.edu.

