

# Nótaí Taighde Research Notes

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## Mini-Grants

We congratulate those who have been successful in applying for a number of mini-grants in the past two months. Elaine Ní Bhraonáin successfully applied for a mini-grant from the American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS) to pay for Peter Flynn's airfare. Peter Flynn of University College Cork will be speaking at the CUNYIAS Digitization of Heritage Languages Symposium. He has coordinated the digitization process for the CELT project which makes primary source texts available to researchers through the Internet. Elaine Ní Bhraonáin and Dr. Thomas Tam, Director, CUNY Asian-American and Asian Research Institute also successfully submitted an application to the Mirror Grant to CUNY Council on Foreign Language Study to pay the honorariums of the three speakers for the CUNYIAS Digitization of Heritage Languages Symposium, Patrick Stevens (Cornell U.), Ed Galloway (U. Pittsburgh), and Peter Flynn (UCC). Lastly, Clare Carroll (Queens C.) and Thomas Ihde (Lehman C.) were awarded travel funds for a panel they are organizing from the Mirror Grant to CUNY Council on Foreign Language Study. Clare, Tom, and Roslyn Blyn-LaDrew (U. Penn.) will be presenting papers focusing on books targeted to be preserved in the Institute's NEH brittle book proposal. The mini-grant funds received will be used to offset some of Clare Carroll's travel expenses.

## The Great Irish Famine

We currently have 25 individuals enrolled in the tour and lectures course on the Great Famine to take place in April during spring recess. Elaine Ní Bhraonáin of the Institute had an opportunity during her holidays at home to visit the Markree Castle Hotel

where the graduate students will be staying and to check out the rooms and classroom meeting space. Elaine had high praises for the facility. The Institute is very grateful for all the support it has received from the History Department, Graduate Admissions & Graduate Studies, and Continuing Education at Lehman College.

## Spring Events Brochure

The spring brochure of events returned from the printer the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> with plenty of time to be sent out to those addresses we already have. We have also been distributing the brochures where ever we think there may be interest. If you did not receive a printed copy, please e-mail us your address and we will send you one. (see <http://www.lehman.edu/lehman/irishamericanstudies/spring2005.pdf> for the on-line copy). Also if you have suggestions regarding places we can leave a few copies for the public to pick up, please let us know. The lectures and symposium have been especially arranged to serve the Institute's current research projects. Four speakers will address the Great Irish Famine area of research. We seek to support high school teachers in New York State who teach the State adopted curriculum. Four speakers will also focus on book preservation and digitization, the topic of our research project into books published in Irish America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Smaller research projects in return emigration and Irish American film are each being supported by individual lectures.

## People in the News

Thomas Ihde (Institute Director) has been asked to serve on two awards committees. The Irish Argentine Historical Society has asked Tom to

chair the Irish Latin American Research Fund 2005-2006. Last year mini-grants were awarded to five researchers ranging from €600 to €200 (see <http://www.irishargentine.org/grant.htm>). In addition to Tom Ihde's interest in Irish American Studies, his ability to read proposals in Spanish was mentioned when being asked to serve on the committee. Tom was also asked to serve on the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages (NCOLCTL) Walton Award Competition committee. Tom is known to NCOLCTL in that he served in the past as the North American Association of Celtic Language Teachers representative to NCOLCTL.

## Call for Papers

Quinnipiac University will be holding a conference entitled "Ireland's Great Hunger: Representation and Preservation" on September 17, 2005. The deadline for submissions is March 15, 2005. For more information, write [david.valone@quinnipiac.edu](mailto:david.valone@quinnipiac.edu).

The University of Salford (UK) will be hosting a conference entitled "Irish Protestant Identities" focusing both on Irish Protestants in Ireland and the Diaspora from September 16-18, 2005. The deadline was January 31, 2005; however, those interested can contact Prof. Frank Neal at [frank32@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:frank32@tiscali.co.uk) to see if the deadline has been extended.

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## News Summary for Researchers of Irish America

### **Ros na Rún**

WYBE, a PBS affiliate in Philadelphia, has purchased the rights to air the Irish language soap opera Ros na Rún. The bi-weekly program now in its tenth year is filmed in An Spidéal (Spiddal) in the Connemara Gaeltacht. WYBE was seeking a program to fill the slot that was until recently maintained by Ballykissangel, an English language Irish soap opera. The new soap opera is being aired in Philadelphia with English subtitles.

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### **Mitchell Scholars Announced**

The US-Ireland Alliance has announced the 2005-2006 Mitchell Scholars. Twelve Americans will be sponsored for a year abroad at Irish universities north and south. Prof. Maureen Murphy was among the members of the selection committee. The application for the 2006-2007 competition will be available in March. Please encourage your graduate students to apply. See <http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/scholarships.html> for more information.

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### **Downtown: My Manhattan**

The Irish Voice reporter Sean O'Driscoll interviewed Pete Hamill regarding his latest work, *Downtown: My Manhattan* published in 2004. See pages 23-24

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### **Tenor Ronan Tynan**

America-based Irish tenor Ronan Tynan performed at the Presidential Prayer Service following the inauguration. Dr. Tynan sang "How Great Thou Art" at the beginning of the service in the National Cathedral on Jan 21<sup>st</sup>. He had previously sang at the National Cathedral last year for the late President Reagan's funeral service.

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### **Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers**

The representatives from the thirteen immigrant centers gathered for the annual general meeting of the Coalition of Irish Immigration Centers the weekend of the 15<sup>th</sup> of January. The meeting was hosted by the Queens Emerald Isle Immigration Center and the Yonkers Aisling Irish Community Center. Seamus Brennan, the Irish government's minister for family and social affairs was on hand with funding from the Irish government to be shared among the 13 centers. Focus at the annual meeting was on the needs of undocumented immigrants. Cities represented in addition to New York were Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Seattle.

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### **Irish Nationality & Citizenship Act**

An advertisement in the Irish Echo reminded readers that those seeking to claim Irish citizenship through marriage to an Irish citizen will see a change in the laws governing such claims. To claim Irish citizenship through marriage under the current law, declarations are required to be lodged in early November of this year. Since the collection of paperwork could take more than six months, one must act fast. See

<http://www.irelandemb.org/> for official dates and procedures.

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### **McKiernan's Gift to Northern Irish Language Schools**

It was announced this past month that the late Dr. Eoin McKiernan left \$40,000 to Iontaobhas na Gaelscolaíochta, a group that finances Irish language schools in Northern Ireland. Dr. McKiernan was well known to many of our readers as a result of his leadership role in the Irish American Cultural Institute. There are presently 3,700 pupils in Irish medium schools in the North.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR RESEARCHERS IN IRISH-AMERICAN/IRISH STUDIES  
SPRING 2005**

2/2/05	7PM	<b>Irish Dance in America, a Changing Tradition</b> Speaker: Niall O'Leary, CCE/NYC Campus: Lehman College Faculty Dining Room, Music Building
2/4/05	6PM	<b>Columbia University Irish Studies Seminar</b>
2/8/05	7PM-8:30PM	<b>Conversational Circle / Ciorcal Comhrá</b> Lehman College, Carman Hall Cafés
2/11/05	7PM	<b>CUNY CLOSED</b>
2/16/05	7PM	<b>Film Series of Movies Directed by The New Irish: Part II</b> Speaker: Mary McGlynn, Baruch College Campus: CUNY Graduate Center, Room C197
2/21/05		<b>CUNY CLOSED</b>
2/22/05	7PM-8:30PM	<b>Conversational Circle / Ciorcal Comhrá</b> Queens College, (New Science Building Starbucks Café)
2/25/05	9:30AM-3:30PM	<b>The Digitization of Heritage Languages Symposium</b> Venue: Room 141, Carman Hall, Lehman College
2/27/05	2PM	<b>Trinity Irish Dance Company</b> Lehman Center for Performing Arts
2/28/05	2 PM	<b>CUNYIIAS Advisory Board Meeting</b>
3/2/05	7PM	<b>Building Irish Identity in America 1870-1915: The Gaelic Revival</b> Dr. Úna Ní Bhroiméil, U. Limerick Campus: Lehman College Faculty Dinning Room, Music Building
3/4/05	6PM	<b>Columbia University Irish Studies Seminar</b>
3/8/05	7PM-8:30PM	<b>Conversational Circle / Ciorcal Comhrá</b> Lehman College, Carman Hall Cafés
3/16/05	7PM	<b>Recent Perspectives on the Great Famine 1845-52</b> Speaker: Prof. Joe Lee, UCC/NYU Campus: CUNY Graduate Center Room C197
3/16/05	7PM	<b>Lehman College Irish Cultural Society Luncheon</b>
3/22/05	7PM-8:30PM	<b>Conversational Circle / Ciorcal Comhrá</b> Queens College, (New Science Building Starbucks Café)
3/25/05-3/29/05		<b>CUNY CLOSED</b>

**DATES TO REMEMBER FOR RESEARCHERS IN IRISH-AMERICAN/IRISH STUDIES  
SPRING 2005**

4/1/05	6PM	<b>Columbia University Irish Studies Seminar</b>
4/6/05	7PM	<b>The New Jersey Great Irish Famine Curriculum</b> Speakers: Dr. Christine Kinealy, U. Central Lancashire, and Mr. James Mullin, Irish Famine Curriculum Committee Campus: College of Staten Island Conference Room, Center for the Arts
4/12/05	7PM-8:30PM	<b>Conversational Circle / Ciorcal Comhrá</b> Lehman College, Carman Hall Cafés
4/13/05-4/17/05		<b>ACIS Annual Meeting, Notre Dame University</b>
4/20/05	7PM	<b>Return Emigration and the New Irish</b> Speaker Mr. Adrian Flannelly Campus: Lehman College Faculty Dinning Room, Music Building
4/22/05	7PM-8:30PM	<b>Conversational Circle / Ciorcal Comhrá</b> Lehman College, Carman Hall Cafés
4/24-4/30/05	<b>(NYCDOE &amp; CUNY Recess)</b>	<b>The Great Irish Famine Tour and Lectures to be held</b>
5/3/05	7PM-8:30PM	<b>Conversational Circle / Ciorcal Comhrá</b> Queens College , (New Science Building Starbucks Café)
5/6/05	6PM	<b>CUNY Irish Studies Seminar</b>
5/11/05	7PM	<b>Recent Comparative Perspectives on the Famine</b> Speaker: Dr. Cormac Ó Gráda Campus: Queens College
5/13/05	2PM	<b>CUNY IAS FACULTY COUNCIL MEETING</b>
5/18/05	2-3:30 & 7-8:30	<b>End of Year Celebration</b> CUNYIIAS Offices, Carmen Hall 188, Lehman College
5/20/05		<b>CUNY FINAL BEGINS</b>
5/27/05		<b>CUNY FINAL ENDS</b>
5/30/05		<b>CUNY CLOSED</b>
6/9/05-6/12/05		<b>NAACLT Annual Meeting, University of Bangor, Wales</b>