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EDUCATION

Ph.D.

University of Edinburgh, 2013-2016 (expected)

Thesis entitled 'Identity and Nationalism in the Irish Diaspora: Chicago and Melbourne, 1850-1890'.

Supervisors: Professor Enda Delaney and Dr Niall Whelehan
William McFarlane Scholar (see below).

M.Phil Modern Irish History

Trinity College, Dublin, 2010-2011

Thesis entitled: "A policy of terrorism is not one to which Englishmen will succumb":
British policing and the Irish-American Dynamite Campaign'.

Supervisor: Professor David Fitzpatrick. (73%)

BA (Hons.) History

University of Exeter, 2007-2010

Thesis entitled: 'Irish nationalism in the American press: 1889-1918'.

Supervisor: Dr Kristofer Allerfeldt

Degree Class: 2.1

PUBLICATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Conferences and Seminars

Invited Presentations

"O'Meara was a far better Irishman than Rafferty': Being 'Irish' in nineteenth century Chicago', British & Irish Worlds Seminar (Northumbria University, December 2015)

'Irish Society and Identity in Victorian Melbourne', Irish Studies Seminar (Institute of English Studies, London, January 2015).

Papers Delivered (Select)

"You'll make a Shamus O'Brien out of him': Christopher Rafferty and the politics of nationality and class in nineteenth century Chicago', British Crime Historians Symposium (University of Edinburgh, October 2016)

'The Education Question: Transnational Influences on Religious Schooling in Irish Melbourne and Chicago', Transnational Ireland Colloquium (University of Edinburgh, May 2016)

"That is a strange sentence to come from the pen of an American': Re-imagining Irish identity abroad during the mid-nineteenth century', Joint Conference of the British and Irish Associations for American Studies (Queen's University Belfast, April 2016)

‘Community expressions of Irish identity in ‘new’ urban environments: Chicago and Melbourne, 1848-70’, American Conference of Irish Studies (University of Notre Dame, March 2016)

‘Changing Narratives: Memory and Identity in the Victorian Irish Diaspora’, Irish Association of Australia and New Zealand (NUI Maynooth, June 2015)

‘Stretching the Parameters of Loyalty: Irish Identity in Victorian Melbourne’, ‘Loyalism and Loyalists in the British Empire’ (Northumbria University, April 2015)

‘Compromised Identities: Nineteenth Century Demonstrations of Irishness Abroad’, Social History Society Annual Conference (University of Portsmouth, March 2015)

‘The Silent Irish Diaspora? Respectability and Irishness in Melbourne, 1850-1880’, Nineteenth Century Seminar Series (University of Edinburgh, February 2015)

‘Contested Identities: The Irish Diaspora in Victorian Melbourne’, Diaspora Studies Graduate Workshop (University of Edinburgh, January 2015)

‘Learning and Teaching in the Context of/about Migration’, ‘First Edinburgh Conference in Critical Migration and Border Studies’ (January 2015)

‘Irish Nationalism and the Creation of ‘The Other’ in the Diaspora, 1850-1890’, Postgraduate Work in Progress seminar (University of Edinburgh, March 2014)

‘The Irish-American Dynamite Campaign - 1883: The Year the Bombs Came to Glasgow’, Scottish Catholic Historical Association (Edinburgh, February 2014)

‘Militant Nationalism in the Irish Diaspora: A Comparative Study of Chicago and Melbourne, 1865-1885’, Modern Irish History seminar (University of Edinburgh, November 2013)

‘The Irish-American Dynamite Campaign and the Reaction of the British Police’, ‘Crime, Violence and the Irish in the Nineteenth Century’ (Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland 21st Annual Conference, University of Northumbria, June 2013)

‘Nationalism and the Irish-American Contingent: Press Reactions to the Irish-American Dynamite Campaign’, ‘The Irish National Invincibles and Their Times: Perspectives on late Victorian Irish nationalism’ (Dublin, May 2013)

‘Irish-Americans and the Fight for Irish Freedom: The Dynamite Campaign, 1881-1885’, ‘The Irish Diaspora and Revolution, 1845-1945’ (NUI Maynooth, October 2012)

‘A Short Guide to Archives in Ireland: Dublin - Police Records and Guinness’ (Manchester and Lancashire Irish Family History Society, October 2012)

Publications

Articles

‘The Patrick Joseph Carroll Papers’, *The Manchester Genealogist* (the journal of the Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society) (April 2013)

‘How were the 1641 depositions manipulated in England to persuade the English masses of Catholic persecution’, *History Studies*, 12 (2011), pp25-36 [peer reviewed].

Reviews

Angela McCarthy (ed.), *Ireland in the World: Comparative, Transnational, and Personal Perspectives* (Routledge Studies in Modern History: New York & London, 2015), *Australasian Journal of Irish Studies* (forthcoming)

Marcia Chatelain, *South Side Girls: Growing Up in the Great Migration* (Duke University Press: Durham & London, 2015), *U.S. Studies Online* (April 2016)

Alyosha Goldstein (ed.), *Formations of United States Colonialism* (Duke University Press: Durham & London, 2014), *U.S. Studies Online* (November 2015)

Media Publications

Blogger for the Journal of Victorian Culture Online (January 2015-)

‘Oh woman! woman! Who can resist thy influence’: Male personal writings on romance in mid- nineteenth century Chicago’ (September 2015)

‘Outlander’ and the Victorian resurgence of Highland romanticism’ (July 2015)

‘The rush for gold - a global quest’ (May 2015)

‘Can “middle child syndrome” be applied to four nations history?’, *Four Nations History* blog (August 2014)

‘Why Me?’, *At Home In Scotland* blog (May 2014)

COMPETITIVE PRIZES, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Individual Prizes

Postgraduate Conference Bursary / Irish Historians in Britain, 2016: Award of £50 towards IHiB conference attendance costs (University of Liverpool).

Travel Bursary /Royal Historical Society & Institute of Historical Research, 2016: Award of £30 to attend Publishing for Historians workshop (University of Glasgow).

King V. Hostick Scholarship / Illinois State Historical Society, 2015: Award of \$4,000 to cover research costs in Chicago and Illinois research institutions.

Peter Parish Memorial Fund Research Grant / British American Nineteenth Century Historians, 2015: Award of £250 towards research in the United States.

Simon Fennell Postgraduate Research Award / University of Edinburgh, 2014: Award of £1,000 to cover the cost of accommodation in Melbourne during my one month research trip.

British Association of Irish Studies Postgraduate Travel Bursary, 2014: Award of £300 towards the cost of flights to Melbourne for research.

Royal Historical Society Research Support Award, 2014: Award of £500 towards the cost of flights to Melbourne for research.

William McFarlane Scholarship / University of Edinburgh, 2013-2016: Three year doctoral scholarship covering tuition, maintenance, and £450 for research per year.

Joint Prizes

Researcher-Led Initiative Fund / Institute of Academic Development (University of Edinburgh) 2016: Award of £2,350 to organise, along with Catherine Bateson and Bobbie Nolan, a graduate one-day workshop related to transnational history. This will be held at the University of Edinburgh in May 2016.

Social History Society, 2015: Award of £250 to organise, along with Maeve O'Dwyer, a one-day conference entitled 'Irishness? Changing Perspectives on Irish Identity, 1700-1914'.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Conference & Seminar Organisation

Transnational History Workshop (one day postgraduate workshop, 26 May 2016)
<https://transnationalhistoryworkshop.wordpress.com>

University of Edinburgh Modern Irish History Seminar Series (September 2015-May 2016)
<http://edin.ac/1ONFJYk>

Irishness? Changing Perspectives on Irish Identity, 1700-1914 (one day conference, 14 May 2015) - The conference drew speakers and audience members from around the UK and Ireland, and received funding amounting to £990. <https://perspectivesonirishness.wordpress.com>

University of Edinburgh Scottish Centre for Diaspora Studies Graduate Workshop (2013-2016) - Organised and co-chaired the graduate seminar series. The blog and schedule for this series can be found at <http://edinburghscottishdiaspora.com>

Teaching

Undergraduate Tutor (September 2015-April 2016), University of Edinburgh.

American History 2 - a pre-honours (second year) full year course covering the period of 1700-2001.

British History 1 - a pre-honours (first year) one semester course covering the period of 1832-2007.

Kickstart Summer School (July 2014) - this summer school was a collaboration between local Edinburgh Higher Education Institutions and local senior school students (16-18 year olds). My workshop was on the role of the press and freedom of speech in forming nationalist thought.

Administrative Experience

Irish Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (ISAANZ) Postgraduate Representative - (June 2015 - present)

Student Staff Liaison Committee Representative (University of Edinburgh) - (September 2013 - present) I represent my cohort of 17 History PhD students in meetings between students and administrative and academic staff.

Curator of Transnational Ireland Network Twitter Account (2014-present)

Senior School Leader for Peer Support (University of Edinburgh) - (September 2014 - July 2015) I worked with the Edinburgh University Student Association (EUSA) and the School of History, Classics and Archaeology (HCA) academic and administrative staff to coordinate peer support schemes and networks for undergraduate students in HCA.

Exam Invigilation (Trinity College Dublin) - (April-May 2011)

Professional Research Experience

Freelance Researcher, October-November 2015

Elbow Productions - research on Irish migration for visual elements of the Epic Ireland Museum, Custom House Quay, Dublin.

Consultant Researcher, January-March 2014

Wafer Hadley - this research was required for 150 year anniversary celebrations, both internal and for national advertising, of the Yorkshire Building Society.

Consultant Researcher, April-August 2013

Wafer Hadley - research for the Halifax Piece Hall (Heritage Lottery Funded) rejuvenation project. Research focused on the worsted trade in West Yorkshire, and particularly Halifax, during the Georgian period. Eventually this research will make up the foundation research for the Piece Hall's new exhibition and heritage centre.

Freelance Researcher, November 2012

Ormandy Group - catalogued the archives of the West Yorkshire-based engineering company the Ormandy Group, specifically the company Hartley & Sugden.

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

Irish Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (2015-present)

Royal Historical Society (2014-present)

British Association of Irish Studies (2014-present)

British Association of Victorian Studies (2014-present)

British Association of American Studies (2014-present)

Transnational Ireland Network (2013-present)

REFERENCES

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