

Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University

in partnership with the Irish Heritage Trust

Irish Famines before 1845 and after 1852



Provisional Conference Programme, 2019

Wednesday, 12 June 2019

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration

2:30 p.m. - Ballykilcline Reunion

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Welcome and Book Launches

4.15 p.m. Travel by Shuttle to Ireland's Great Hunger Museum, Hamden

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Reception and tour of the Great Hunger Museum

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Keynote Lecture (in Great Hunger Museum) Dr. Niamh Ann Kelly, Technological University, Dublin, 'Famine in Art: Imagery, Influences and Exhibition in Mid-Twentieth-Century Ireland'.

6.45 p.m. Depart by Shuttle for Mikro Depot or for the York Hill Campus

Thursday, 13 June 2019

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration

Viewing of Rebecca Abbott of Quinnipiac University, Emmy-winning documentary: ‘Ireland’s Great Hunger and the Irish Diaspora’ (optional)

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Early Famines

Brendan Scott, Independent Scholar, ‘Famine and Poverty in Early Modern Ireland’.

Father Jordan Lenaghan, Executive Director of University Religious Life at Quinnipiac, ‘Weaponizing Famine – the example of Early Munster’.

Robert A. Young, Special Collections, Arnold Bernhard Library, Quinnipiac University. ‘The Irish Poverty Collection, 1683 - 1914: A Review of Publications in the Lender Family Special Collection at Quinnipiac University’.

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Panel A. Post-Famine famines

Dr. Harvey Strum, The Sage Colleges, ‘American and Canadian aid to Ireland in 1862-63 and 1879-80’.

Dr. Catherine Shannon, Westfield State University, ‘Boston and the Threat of Famine and Eviction in Ireland, 1879-1881’.

Dr. Timothy Forest, University of Cincinnati, ‘Fresh Starts, Fenian Exiles, and Frozen Hells, The Irish, Colonization and the (Un)Making of the Canadian West’.

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Panel B. The Irish Imagination

Peter Murphy, Independent Scholar, ‘A Modest Proposal: Jonathan Swift and Hunger’.

Dr. Robert Smart, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Quinnipiac University, ‘The “Vital Blood” of Irish Colonials in America and the Formation of the New Nation’.

Dr. Maureen Murphy, Hofstra University, ‘Heroic Women in the Drumlish Land War’.

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. The Long 18th century

Dr. Karen Sonnelitter, Siena College, ‘Such frequent wants and famines’: Philanthropy and the Famine of 1741’.

Dr. Mary Burke, University of Connecticut, ‘A dangerous memory that had to be controlled or forgotten: Famine and the historiography of 18th-c. Ulster Presbyterian emigration’.

Professor Liam Kennedy, Queen’s University, Belfast, and Dr. Peter M. Solar, Université Saint-Louis—Bruxelles, ‘The Famine that Wasn’t? 1799-1801 in Ireland’.

3:30 p.m. Travel by Shuttle to the Knights of Columbus Museum, New Haven.

4:00 p.m. Reception at Knights of Columbus Museum and a chance to view the exhibits.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Keynote Lecture. (in the Knights of Columbus Museum)

Professor Mary Corcoran, Maynooth University, ‘The Political Economy of the Urban Food Landscape’.

6:00 p.m. Explore New Haven. Dinner on own.

8:30 p.m. Return by Shuttle to York Hill Campus

Friday, 14 June 2019

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration

9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Keynote Lecture. Professor Christine Kinealy, Founding Director of Ireland's Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University, 'Maude Gonne: the real Famine Queen'.

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Panel A. The fate of the Strokestown Emigrants

Professor Mark McGowan, University of Toronto, 'Masters of their own destiny?: Rethinking the Fate of the 1490 from the Mahon Estate, 1847-48'.

Dr. Jason King, Irish Heritage Trust, "'The Black Hole of Calcutta was a Mercy Compared to the Holds of these Vessels": Press Coverage of the *Virginius*, *Naomi*, and the fate of the Mahon Estate 1,490 Emigrants at Sea'.

10:30 p.m. – 12.00 p.m. Panel B. Emigration

Dr. Hanna F. Khaswneh, Yarmouk University, 'The Role of the Press in Supporting the Irish Famine Immigrants'.

Barry Feely, Independent Scholar, 'We Are the Survivors. Boyle Workhouse and Emigration during the Famine'.

Professor Eileen Moore Quinn, College of Charleston, "'We Were Always Hungry": Irish Women's Food Experiences and Strategies for Survival in Scotland's Tattie-Hoking Fields in the Twentieth Century'.

12:00 p.m.– 1:15 p.m. Panel A. Teaching the Famine

Dr. Alan Singer, Hofstra University, 'Teaching the Great Irish Famine'.

Professor Greg Garvey, Director, Game Design & Development, Quinnipiac University, '*The Bad Times/An Droch Shaol*'. Designing an interactive game on the Famine.'

Dr. Mike Murphy, Geography Department, University College Cork, 'Cork University and the Irish Famine Online'.

12:00 p.m.– 1:15 p.m. Panel B. How Emigrants settled. The example of the Strokestown survivors

Bridget Hager, Emma McKean, Jaime McLaughlin, and Sofiya Romashchenko, Undergraduates in St Michael's College, Toronto, 'Irish Famine Children in Montreal, the Churches, and Resettlement'.

1:30 p.m. Travel by Shuttle to Mount Carmel Campus

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch at Quinnipiac University's Center for Religion.

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Tour of Arnold Bernhard Library and James Hack Tuke Exhibition: 'Quaker Philanthropist and Friend to Ireland's Poor'.

4:30 p.m. Return to York Hill Campus

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Great Famine Voices Roadshow Open House event. University Club at the People's United Center, Quinnipiac University, York Hill Campus.

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Irish Heritage Trust / National Famine Museum Reception at the University Club, People's United Center, Quinnipiac University, York Hill Campus.

8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Conference Dinner.

Saturday, 15 June

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Keynote Lecture. Dr. Gerard Moran, NUI Galway, ‘A Philanthropist Responds to the Famine of 1879-82: James Hack Tuke’.

10:15a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The Tuke Emigrants

Dr. Margaret Lynch, Irish American Archives Society, ‘Leaving Mayo in 1883-1884’

Jane Kennedy, Independent Scholar and Tuke Descendant, ‘The Connemaras: Despair in the Heartland’.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Round Table Discussion on Tuke Emigrants.

12:00 p.m. – 12.15 p.m. Farewells and information about the 2020 Famine Summer School in Strokestown.

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