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IICS Doctoral Award Recipient, Teresa O'Donnell



Last September, I commenced doctoral studies on 'Catholic liturgical music practices of Polish and Filipino migrants in Ireland.' Focussing on two communities from each country, I will examine to what extent their changed social, cultural and linguistic surroundings, and access to appropriate sacred spaces, have shaped and influenced their participation and practice of various Catholic liturgies, including the celebration of the mass (Eucharist) and the conferral of sacraments within a community ritual context. My primary focus will be on examining to what extent their liturgical music practices evince continuity or change from those practiced in their countries of origin. I will also assess if these Catholics attend liturgies primarily for worship, to reconnect with their own ethnic communities, to access support networks, or whether they use them as an opportunity to forge stronger links with Irish Catholics in their local parish community, thereby further integrating into Irish society and culture. The Catholicism of these migrants has enriched the liturgical, musical and sonic landscape of a rapidly changing church in Ireland. Their impact is considerable. I believe this research will contribute significantly to our understanding of the experiences of migrant Catholic communities in Ireland and the consequential affects of migration on the liturgico-musical religious landscape of the migrant's home and host countries.

My contribution to the recent publication on the life, work and legacy of Irish composer, academic, broadcaster, artist and musician, Brian Boydell is available in 'A voice for Irish art music: Brian Boydell and the Music Association of Ireland,' in Creative impulses, cultural accents: Brian Boydell's music, advocacy, painting and legacy, eds. Barbara Dignam and Barra Boydell. Dublin: UCD Press, 2011: 155-68.

I was delighted to receive a Hibernian Research award grant from the Cushwa Center at University of Notre Dame. The Hibernian Research awards are granted for the study of Irish and Irish American history. My research paper is entitled "Bridging the Emigrant Gap- The Norwalk Catholic Club 1897-1940". It will focus on the Norwalk Catholic club in Norwalk, Connecticut and how it bridged the emigration gap between Irish natives and Irish Americans. The Catholic club was a place where both Irish born and Irish American men could meet to socialize and to network with one another and to reconnect with those Irish emigrants who were settling into Norwalk, Connecticut.

The club's activities took place in a newly purchased house across from the main parish church of St. Mary's in Norwalk and social events were held there regularly. While the initial Club membership was Irish and Catholic, it extended its welcome to all Catholic men in the Norwalk community. This Club continues in existence today with its annual Lincoln Day Banquet dinner.

The award will be used to travel to Norwalk to conduct research on the Club archives and to interview members.

Jane Halloran, PhD Hibernian Research Award recipient





Vivek Da Silva, DCU; Rev Dr Gareth Byrne, Moderator of Dublin Diocese; Dr Aiveen Mullally, Marino Institute of Education at the Recovery and Renewal in Faith Schools Conference, Killarney April 2022



Participants of the Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education (GRACE) Rome Seminar had an audience with Pope Francis in April 2022.



Above: Professor Roisin Coll, Glasgow University; Dr Cora O Farrell, Director Mater Dei Centre DCU; Dr Sean Whittle, St Mary's University; Dr Patricia Kieran, IICS; and Dr Paddy Walsh, London Institute



Below: Members of the Midwest Interfaith Network with Bishop Brendan Leahy at a meeting on dialogue and the Synodal process in Limerick, May 2022.



Dr Sean Whittle, Chair of the Association of University Lecturers in Religious Education, with his book Religious Education in Catholic Schools



Professor John Sullivan, Liverpool Hope University; Dr Patricia Kieran, IICS; and Dr Paddy Walsh, Institute of Education, London.



Dr Marie Griffin, Chair of the Catholic Education Partnership; Mr Netta Kennedy, Liturgical Musician; and Dr Catherine McCormack, Postdoctoral Researcher GRACE Project MIC





Presenters at the 2022 NFRCE Conference in London, May 2022: Vivek Da Silva, DCU; Dr Aiveen Mullally, Marino Institute of Education; Associate Professor Amalee Meehan, DCU (keynote); Dr Daniel O Connell, MIC; Dr Patricia Kieran, IICS; and Joanne Ferguson, Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education



Joanne Ferguson, MIC, presenting a research paper on leadership in Catholic Schools at the Catholic Association of Teachers, Schools and Colleges (CATSC) Annual Conference 2022.



Dr Gillian Sullivan presenting her research on inclusion in Catholic Schools at the LGBTQI+ Conference in DCU, February 2022.

Carleigh Garcia, IICS, at Dialogue Perspectives Alumni Meeting and Culture of Remembrance Conference, Berlin September 2022



Dr Claire Jenkins from Cambridge University presenting her keynote on Transgender research and Catholicism at the International Conference on LGBTQI+ issues hosted by the Mater Dei Centre DCU, February 2022



At the National Forum Seminar in the Chester Beatty Library, organised by the IICS, Joanne Sunderland Boewe from the British Library and HERITEC leads a workshop on Sacred Artefacts and Object-Based Learning.



IICS Doctoral researcher Dr Teresa O Donnell gives a workshop on the harp and sacred music traditions in Ireland in March 2022.



Carleigh Garcia, IICS, married MIC alumnus, Anthony Sheehan, in June 2022 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, Denver.



The award certificates in Understanding Islam in Education took place at the Islamic Cultural Centre in Clonskeigh. IICS staff participated in the certificate.

Associate Professor Thomas Grenham DCUS and Dr Cora Farrell Mater Dei Centre.



A training session on developing media skills for radio interviews was provided in MIC in Spring 2022. IICS personnel took part.

Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, opened the IICS National Forum Seminar in Chester Beatty Library Dublin.



IICS Assistant Director and Postdoctoral Researcher's Latest Book: Seamus Heaney's Mythmaking (Routledge) **Dr Ian Hickey and Ellen Howley, co-editors**



The IICS's Assistant Director and Postdoctoral Researcher, Ian Hickey, is currently working on his second book on the poetry of Seamus Heaney. He is currently co-editing a volume of essays alongside Dr Ellen Howley (Dublin City University) entitled *Seamus Heaney's Mythmaking*. The book is under contract with Routledge as part of their Routledge Studies in Irish Literature Series and is forthcoming in early 2023. The book contains contributions from established and early-career scholars of Heaney's work. Contributors include Professor Meg Tyler, Professor Michael Parker, Professor Stephen Regan, Professor Magdalena Kay, Professor Henry Hart, Dr Debora Biancheri, Dr Eugene O'Brien, Dr Brendan Corcoran, Dr Michael Hinds, Dr Joanne Piavanini, Dr Ian Hickey and Dr Ellen Howley.

This edited collection examines Seamus Heaney's poetic engagement with myth from his earliest work to the posthumous publication *Aeneid Book VI*. The essays in the volume explore the ways in which Heaney creates his own mythic outlook through multiple mythic lenses. They reveal how He adopts a demiurgic role throughout his career, creating a poetic universe that draws on diverse mythic cycles from Greco-Roman to Irish and Norse to Native American.

Seamus Heaney's Mythmaking takes a thematic approach to these concerns, viewing his poetry as dynamic and generative as it crosses thematic and formal boundaries. Beginning with the essential tools of poetry the collection's essays engage with both transformation and translation, revealing how poetic and mythic forms guide Heaney's work and emphasising the dialogical elements of linguistic translation. In later sections transpositional border crossings are complemented by an examination of the metaphorical transitions across mythical boundaries and the descent into the underworld. Heaney's transnational approach to myth is evident in his use of motifs such as gift-giving and tricksterism. Ending with often unresolved

transitions between spaces emphasises the pliability of Heaney's interests and the hybridity of his mythic worldview.

The book continues a recent interest in Heaney's work on myth. It takes heed from the scholarship that comes before, noting the ways in which myth has been shown to be a central part of the work. At the same time, it extends far beyond the Greco-Roman focused vision that much of the work on Heaney's relationship to myth has taken to date. In its focus on Heaney's personal metamorphosis of several mythic cycles, it reveals more fully the poet's unique approach to mythmaking. *Mythmaking*, an act for which Heaney has faced severe criticism, is reconsidered by all contributors, prompting multifaceted and nuanced readings of the poet's work.

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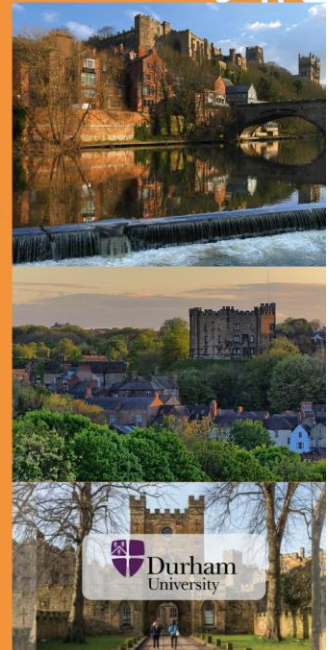
Congratulations to Dr Ian Hickey who recently received notice of being joint winner of the British Association for Contemporary Literary Studies Monograph Prize for his first monograph entitled *Haunted Heaney: Spectres and the Poetry* (Routledge). Ian shared this award alongside Dr Caroline Magennis (Salford University) for her monograph *Northern Irish Writing After the Troubles: Intimacies, Affects, Pleasures* (Bloomsbury).



Dr Patricia Kieran during a papal audience with Pope Francis in Spring 2022.

Dr Ian Hickey's visit to Durham University and the Centre for Catholic Studies

In May 2022, Dr Ian Hickey was awarded an Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Grant in order to facilitate a visit to the Department of English and the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University. Ian spent one week in Durham and gave a public lecture for the Centre for Catholic Studies' Catholic Theology in the Public Academy lecture series. Ian's lecture was entitled 'Seamus Heaney and Catholicism', and the event was attended by upwards of one hundred members of staff and the public. He also attended lunch the Irish Ambassador to the UK Adrian O'Neill and the Irish Consul General for the North of England Sarah Mangan along with Professor Paul Murray and other members of the CCS, who then attended his public lecture. He also gave a lecture to a group of MA students in the department of English on Seamus Heaney's bog poems.



Global Researchers Advancing Catholic Education (GRACE) in Rome



Mary Immaculate College, along with University of Notre Dame Fremantle, Australia, Boston College, and St Mary's University, Twickenham, partnered with the International Office of Catholic Education to form an international research-based group, GRACE. Thirty-five people travelled to Rome over Holy Week this year to be part of a colloquium on Catholic Education in Ireland. MIC's Dr Eamon Conway and Dr Daniel O'Connell organised the pilgrimage to Rome as part of GRACE, and the IICS Director, Dr Patricia Kieran attended. As pictured, the pilgrims enjoyed a papal audience with Pope Francis at the Vatican, a visit to the Irish College in Rome, attended a meeting at the Vatican Dicastery for Education, and partook in workshops, seminars, and discussions on Catholic Education.

IICS Research Assistant, Carleigh Garcia, receives Erasmus Mobility Funding to Study at Regis University in Denver, Colorado, USA in Spring 2022



Regis University's Campus



Carleigh walked in the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade.



Carleigh's academic advisor in Colorado, Dr James Walsh, helped to bring a delegation to Colorado from Allihies, West Cork. Leadville, CO and Allihies are now sister-cities due to their historical connections through mining. Pictured is an event celebrating the delegation coming to Denver.



Donnchadh Gough, a fourth-year Mary I History and English student, who studied at Regis University during the Spring 2022 semester. Learn more about Regis University and its relationship to MIC in Carleigh's IICS blog, 'Sister Schools: The relationship between Regis University, Denver and Mary Immaculate College, Limerick, my Erasmus+ experience, and why students should participate in international exchange', found on the IICS website.



Dialogue Perspectives

Our IICS Research Assistant, Carleigh Garcia, continues to be part of Dialogue Perspectives, a programme of interfaith and worldview dialogue funded by the German Foreign Federal Office and the Leo Baeck Foundation. In March, she attended a DP seminar entitled, 'Religious Diversity and the Sociopolitical Responsibility of Religious Communities in the Center of Europe'. They were hosted by the Luxembourg School of Religion and Society, and the Centre Jean XXIII. She has published two blogs for DP, the most recent in December 2021, which can be found on the programme's website. She is also featured on the DP podcast, and attended the September 2022 DP Alumni Meeting in Berlin.



'A Story Un-earthed' Molly Sturdevant, PhD Philosophy, DePaul



Since January 2020, I've been writing a novel. Here's the 'Historical Note' at the beginning:

HISTORICAL NOTE

The town of Leadville, Colorado sits at 10,100 feet above sea level. The wealth in diverse metals exported from the hard-rock mines of Leadville in the latter half of the nineteenth century is staggering. An example: the total output sold in the single year of 1882 equaled 15,250,000.00 dollars. No other town in the nation was its peer. At that same time, the price of a gravestone was too high for those that died digging it out, or for their loved ones who lived and struggled alongside them.

The story here is resurrected from archival material, telling the story of true events from the year of the Silver Crash of 1893, up through the state militia's march through a neighborhood of mining families in the fall of 1896.

This book is dedicated to the descendants of that struggle, to those laid to rest in Catholic Free, and to labor organizers everywhere.

The question about how I got interested in this project can be answered in a few ways. One answer goes as far back as growing up in a working class family in Colorado and hearing the same stories about the same two or three rich men as the sole explanations of the mountain towns and the wealth that was made there. I've been writing poetry, short fiction, and creative nonfiction since then, and recently taught a university philosophy elective about property acquisition in the American west, in which (among other things) we read and watched some so-called revisionist westerns. Then one day in 2019, I found a book about labor unrest in Leadville: 'The Lessons of Leadville,' by William Philpott. Five or six late-night rabbit tunnels later, I was immersed in a search for more information about the predominantly Irish mining community that was directly affected by those struggles, about 19th century mining practices and technologies, and about labor history generally.

The novel's 'acknowledgments page' is ever-growing. I'm finally drawing close to filling out the middle of the novel in a way that does justice to what I've learned. I've been culling the story from actual Pinkerton spy reports and other materials held at the Western Federation of Miners Union Archive at the University of Colorado Boulder, materials found during several recent trips to Leadville, including the public library's 'Leadville Room,' and countless conversations with researchers and Leadville residents.

What I'm doing isn't quite "made-up" fiction; it's something resurrected from traces left behind by a moment in history that I believe deserves center stage. Presently, a memorial is being constructed in the part of the cemetery in Leadville where the mostly young, mostly Irish, working people of 19th Century Leadville are laid to rest, in what are now nameless graves reaching about 1,400 in number. My walks there have been beyond inspiring.

The novel has been in query for about month, is being adjusted in a few places, and then I hope it gets published within a year or so. It's been an honor to discover stories about mining in Colorado that have never been told, and to practice using historical and archival material in constructing long-form

fiction. The greatest lesson has been learning about the significance of Irish immigrant labor in the high-elevation gold and silver mines, while also being reminded of the importance of unions, past and present. I'll close with a favorite quote from the Leadville miners' union newspaper, which I tracked down in an archive in Amsterdam last year:

The star of the people is in the ascendant.

—The Leadville Miner

October 1896

Professor John Sullivan's October 2022 Visit to IICS and MIC & Book Launch



Bishop Brendan Leahy gave the official launch of the book, Lights for the Path, published by Veritas.



**Prof Marc Hight, IICS
Visiting Professor**

Professor Hight is working on a monograph about how our beliefs concerning the nature of reality (called an ontology) impact religious belief. His thesis might surprise some: If one wants to be a (good) Christian, then one ought to be an immaterialist. Immaterialism is an umbrella term that refers to any theory of reality that denies the existence of a mind-independent, external substance. That is, the core doctrines of mainstream Christianity are not a good fit with the supposition that there exists a mind-independent world of material substance. Furthermore, there is good reason to think that embracing an immaterialist view of the world makes theism significantly more plausible. He opens the book by motivating the plausibility of immaterialism as a rival theory of reality. The core insight is that there is an important distinction between the physical world (the world as sensed, observed, and experienced) and the material world (which posits that there exists substances independent of our minds that somehow explain what we do experience). Immaterialists are physicalists, claiming that reality is fundamentally just what we perceive and experience. The rest of the book discusses core doctrines in Christianity (from divine attributes to the Incarnation and the Holy Trinity), arguing that Christianity is both more coherent and faith-inspiring when paired with an immaterialist ontology. He contends that many of the alleged problems and inconsistencies of Christianity are due to an unreflective adherence to materialist intuitions. The book is designed to be accessible to educated lay readers with an interest in rational Christianity.

Dr David Torevell, Liverpool Hope University & Visiting Professor to IICS



David is Honorary Senior Research Fellow at Liverpool Hope University, UK, and Visiting Professor at Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick, Ireland. He was previously Honorary Research Fellow at Leeds Trinity University, UK, and taught in secondary schools for 17 years. He has edited many books and published numerous articles in international journals on a range of theological, philosophical and educational issues. His research interests include Catholic theology, philosophy, theology and literature, theology and the arts, sport and religion and Catholic education.

Recent Publications:

***Training the Body: Perspectives from Religion, Physical Culture and Sport*, edited by David Torevell, Clive Palmer and Paul Rowan (Routledge, 2022)**

This is the first book to examine the body in training in the context of religion, sport and wider physical culture, offering important insight into the performative, social, cultural and gendered aspects of somatic discipline and exercise. The book presents a series of fascinating thematic and case-study led chapters from around the world, examining topics including the martial discipline and symbolism of artistic gymnastics; religious interpretations of body vulnerability in the context of marathons; the religious language of corporeal training in sport and martial arts. Drawing on multi-disciplinary perspectives, from sport, religion, history and philosophy, the book explores the often contested and sometimes over-zealous application of training in both sport and religion and the ways in which this can cause harm to athletes or adherents.

This is fascinating reading for any advanced student or researcher with an interest in the body, physical cultural studies, the ethics and philosophy of sport, the sociology of sport, religious studies, Asian studies or philosophy.

David Torevell and Maria McHugh (2021) 'The power of love: The spiritual foundations of chaplaincy in Catholic universities – A framework for discussion' in International Journal of Christianity & Education pp. 1-21.

This article delineates the foundational theological principles upon which a Catholic Higher Education chaplaincy devoted to the spiritual development of staff and students might rest. We claim that this is a key dimension of chaplaincy work. In a (post)modern culture where staff and students exhibit a range of beliefs or none, we offer a broad definition of spirituality not necessarily tied to religion and construct a framework which might appeal to a wide cross section of people attending Catholic Universities. It examines how the insights and guidance of two French Catholic writers, the 16th century priest St. Francis de Sales and the contemporary philosopher Jean-Luc Marion, offer a basis for understanding what constitutes a spiritual approach to life. We suggest that their emphases on the power of love, the heart, God's glory, imago Dei and gift constitute a ground of hope and stable base from which spiritual progress might take place. We also outline how this template challenges the emphasis on autonomous agency at the centre of much educational discourse at the present time.

David Torevell & Clive Palmer (2022) 'Are you out of your mind? The challenge and benefits of self-acceptance: Christian and Buddhist perspectives', Theology & Sexuality DOI: 10.1080/13558358.2022.2054253

Mental health issues continue to beset sportsmen and women. This article explores the challenge of self-acceptance in relation to sexual identity and orientation within the footballing world. With reference to John Donnelly's play *The Pass* it suggests that, largely due to personal, financial, social and media pressures, some professional athletes not only succumb to living up to the image others create for them, but more dangerously, begin to believe that image is real and do everything in their power to hold on to this self-deception. This simulacrum has a severe impact on their mental and physical health and creates what Merton refers to as 'spiritual death', leaving victims lonely and desolate, unable to form meaningful relationships. Primarily drawing from key theological/spiritual, sociological, philosophical and literary texts and, without ever implying a moral judgement on those who wrestle with this difficult issue, we illuminate the phenomenon of self-delusion from Christian and Buddhist perspectives in the hope that it might highlight some of its ensuing dangers.

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Autumn 2022 Lecture Series

- 9/11/2022: Dr Eamon Maher, TU Dublin, 'Representations of Catholicism in the Work of Some Contemporary Female Irish Novelists'
- 23/11/2022: IICS Visiting Professor, Prof Marc Hight, Hampden-Sydney College, 'God's Love as Forgiveness'
- 30/11/2022: Dr Jonathan Burroughs, MIC, 'The Saint John's Bible: Seeing is believing or is it believing is seeing?'
- 8/12/2022: Annual Rev Prof Michael A Hayes Memorial Lecture *More details to follow
- 14/12/2022: Dr Agata Rejowska & Dr Anna Szwed, Jagiellonian University, Poland, 'For Better or For Worse. Practices of sustaining the durability of Roman Catholic marriage'

Our lectures take place via Microsoft Teams from 3-4 pm (Irish) on Wednesday afternoons. All are welcome!

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Watch past lectures on our YouTube channel: Irish Institute for Catholic Studies IICS

Featured Irish Studies Project in USA Funded by Irish Government

**Dr James Walsh, University of Colorado (Denver)
& Regis University**

Thousands of Irish immigrants flooded into Leadville, Colorado between 1877-1890 during one of the largest silver rushes in North American history. About one third of them came from the copper mining region on the tip of the Beara Peninsula, near the village of Allihies. Many others came from other mining districts in the British Isles and North America such as Cleator Moor, Nova Scotia, the Pennsylvania anthracite coal region, the upper peninsula of Michigan, and the Nevada gold fields. During the early 1880s, Leadville boasted the largest Irish immigrant community between the west coast and Mississippi River. In Leadville, the Irish occupied the lowest rung of the social ladder, twice leading massive strikes to improve their salaries and working conditions. They demanded an eight hour workday, a wage of \$4/day, better safety codes, and the right to form a union. In both strikes, the Governor declared martial law and occupied Leadville with Colorado National Guard troops. During the 1890s, the town declined as the govt. stopped monetizing silver. Today, in a lonely Catholic Pauper cemetery at the back of Leadville's Evergreen Cemetery, lie the sunken, unmarked graves of about a thousand Irish immigrants and hundreds more of other ethnic groups. Of the 1339 recorded burials in this section, the average age at death was 23. Half of them are children twelve or younger. This memorial is now under construction, strongly supported by the Irish Government. Ambassador Daniel Mulhall visited the memorial site in 2019. Construction is expected to wrap up in the fall of 2022.



Pictured: Dr James Walsh at the memorial, what the memorial and burial grounds look like now, and the mock-up for the memorial.

Dr Marc Hight, IICS Visiting Professor on-campus Autumn 2021

Prof Marc Hight, Ms Triena Delaney, Prof Emer Ring and Fr Michael Wall



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Vincent's, Watch House Cross, Limerick

Vincent's have recently reopened a retail shop situated at Unit 12, Watch House Cross Shopping Centre, Kileely Road, Limerick (behind Iceland). This is a community based store and one of the only charity shops based on the northside of Limerick City. There are over 2,500 items at any given time on the shop floor which are updated on a daily basis. We stock adults clothing and shoes, kids clothing and shoes, handbags and accessories, toys, bric 'a' brac, puzzles, games, homeware, books, DVDs and CDs. We are open from 9:30 to 4:30 Monday to Friday and welcome all customers and donations within these hours. You can find daily updates on the Vincent's Watch House Cross Facebook page.

Over 100 billion garments are produced globally each year, with over 70% going to landfill or incineration. The Fast Fashion industry is the 4th largest polluter of our environment and by donating and shopping at Vincent's you are supporting the local community and protecting the environment.

Vincent's, which is the retail branch of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, provide people with new and lightly worn items at affordable prices, they also provide an income source for the Society, which is recycled directly back into the community. We receive over 14,000 tonnes of pre-loved textiles a year and use our network of 230 shops and Order Fulfilment Centres to keep them in circulation, and out of landfill. The charity shops are managed by a small number of professionals, assisted by a large number of volunteers and by community employment trainees. Local SVP Conferences can also provide people with Vincent's Gift Vouchers for clothing and furniture, which they can use in any of our shops to pick out what they need. By donating your second-hand clothes and unwanted items to your closest charity shops, not only will you be freeing up space in your home, you will also be making a difference to people in need in your community. The Society operates on a non-judgemental and compassionate basis with an aim towards social justice in the community.

Exciting Projects, Publications, Conferences, Events, and More to Look Forward to

IICS Conference 2023

Details to come! We are excited to see your contributions to our second IICS Conference.

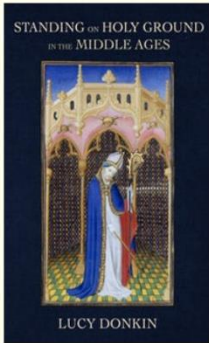
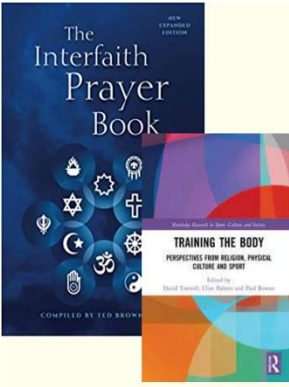
Conferences

- October 27-28, 2022 Demons: Good and Bad - An Interdisciplinary Conference, Trinity College, Dublin
- November 3-5, 2022 African Political Theologies. Mapping and Constructing a Contested Field – Centre for Liberation Theologies, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven, Belgium, in Collaboration with Political Theology Network, Villanova University, Wake Forest University and Virginia Theological Seminary
- November 18-20, 2022 International conference marking the 400th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622), Pontifical Salesian University, Rome
- December 8, 2022 International Symposium Decolonizing Contemporary Women's Spirituality – Ghent University, Belgium
- December 12-14, 2022 Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies – Wadham College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
- January 12-15, 2023 International Conference Towards a Synodal Church – Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore, India
- March 23-24, 2023 International Conference Augustine and the Making of Christian Practice (400-1000) – Durham University, UK
- June 21-22, 2023 Religion & Spirituality in Society – Common Ground Research Networks, Athens, Greece
- June 21-23, 2023 Annual Conference 2023 Negotiating Boundaries in Buddhism and Buddhist Studies – UK Association for Buddhist Studies, St. Andrews, UK
- June 22-25, 2023 The International Thomas Merton Society will host its 18th General Meeting at Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame, IN)
- 2023 Britain and Ireland Network of Researchers Conference

Scholarships & Bursaries

- International Fellowships: awarded for full-time study or research in the United States to women who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, must have an undergraduate degree, Master's \$18,000; Doctoral fellowship \$20,000; Postdoctoral \$30,000, due date: December 1st
- Fulbright Scholarships - due date: October 25th
- CHARLOTTE W. NEWCOMBE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS, \$18,000 to cover PhD dissertation writing on ethical or religious values in all fields of the humanities and social sciences(citizen of any country may apply), Due date: Nov 1
- Trinity Scholars Program. \$40,000 scholarship to undergraduate students attending Northwestern US Christian colleges
Application window: December 1, 2022 to March 1, 2023
- August 2023: Dialogue Perspectives Programme (a programme of interfaith and worldview dialogue funded by the German Federal Foreign Office and Leo Baeck Foundation - 3 paid conferences/seminar within programme a year) applications due in August each year
- Hilltop Short-Term Fellowships
For research in-residence at Georgetown University, due date: December 15th, 2022
- Cushwa Funding opportunities: Apply by December 31st, 2022





Books, Podcasts, & Film

- Interfaith Interpretations Podcast (podcast 2022)
- Powers of Pilgrimage: Religion in a World of Movement (book 2022)
- Religion in Rebellion, Revolutions, and Social Movements (book 2022) ed. by Warren Goldstein and Jean-Pierre Reed
- Remember Their Sin No More? Forgiveness and the Hebrew Bible (book 2002) Edited by David J. Shepherd and Richard S. Briggs
- Father Stu (film 2022)
- Eucharistic Miracles - (film) coming soon
- The Catholic Feminist (podcast)
- The Bible in a Year (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) (podcast)
- Cambridge Interfaith Programme Podcast: Religion and Global Challenges (podcast)
- Interfaith Matters (podcast)
- The Interfaith Prayer Book by Ted Brownstein (book)
- Forging Identities in the Irish World: Melbourne and Chicago, C.1830-1922 (book, 2022) by Sophie Cooper
- The Making of the Bible: From the First Fragments to Sacred Scripture (book, Harvard University Press, 2021) by Konrad Schmid and Jens Schröter
- Standing on Holy Ground in the Middle Ages (book, Cornell University Press, 2022) by Lucy Donkin
- Gay and Lesbian Activism in the Republic of Ireland, 1973-1993 (book, 2021) by Patrick McDonagh
- The Privilege of Being Banal: Art, Secularism, and Catholicism in Paris (book, University of Chicago Press, 2021) by Elayne Oliphant
- Female Monasticism in Medieval Ireland: An Archaeology (book, Cork UP, 2021) by Tracy Collins
- Kindred Spirits: Friendship and Resistance at the Edges of Modern Catholicism (book, University of Chicago Press, 2021) by Brenna Moore
- Eating Together, Becoming One: Taking Up Pope Francis's Call to Theologians (book, Liturgical Press Academic, 2019) by Thomas O'Loughlin
- Haunted Heaney: Spectres and the Poetry (book, Routledge, 2021) by Ian Hickey
- IICS Visiting Prof, Dr David Torevell's new book, Training the Body: Perspective's from religion, physical culture, and sport

More Publications

- Flannery, E. & O'Brien, E. (2022) 'Introduction: Critiquing crisis and commemoration', Irish Studies Review.
- Hourigan, N. (2022) 'The politics of Irish primary education: reform in an era of secularization', Irish Political Studies.
- Treacy, M. (2022) 'Unsupported and unrealistic expectations? Misalignment between teachers' required knowledge of the law in the Code of Professional Conduct for Teachers and Céim Standards for Initial Teacher Education', Irish Educational Studies.
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