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Spring 2021 Lecture Series

WE HAVE AN EXCITING LINEUP OF SPEAKERS
COVERING A BROAD RANGE OF TOPICS
FOR OUR SPRING 2021 LECTURE SERIES
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS.

- 27/1/2021 MARK REGAN, RESEARCH ASSISTANT ESRI, 'CHILD POVERTY AND THE PANDEMIC'
3/2/2021 PROFESSOR GAVIN D'COSTA, UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL, 'CATHOLICS AND JEWS: THE
DISPUTED QUESTION OF "MISSION"'
10/2/2021 VIVEK DA SILVA, VERITAS IRELAND, 'RELATIONSHIP AND SEXUALITY EDUCATION IN
SCHOOLS IN IRELAND'
17/2/2021 CAELAINN HOGAN, 'REPUBLIC OF SHAME: MAGDALEN LAUNDRIES OF IRELAND AND THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH'
24/2/2021 DR IAN HICKEY, IICS, 'A DOOR INTO THE LIGHT: CATHOLICISM IN THE POETRY OF
SEAMUS HEANEY'
3/3/2021 DR ROS STUART-BUTTLE, LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY, 'AUTHORITY, PEDAGOGY, AND
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ONLINE'
10/3/2021 DR DONNA DOHERTY, ULSTER UNIVERSITY, 'EXPLORING THE ROLE OF RELIGIOUS BOOK
PUBLISHING IN LIFELONG RELIGIOUS EDUCATION'
24/3/2021 CARLEIGH GARCIA, IICS, 'COUNTRY GIRLS' SHAME: IRISH CATHOLICISM IN EDNA
O'BRIEN'S INFAMOUS TRILOGY AND EPILOGUE'
7/4/2021 CATHERINE STAPLETON, MIC, 'A REFLECTION ON SCHOOL ETHOS AND RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION'
14/4/2021 PROFESSOR PETER FINN KSG, PRINCIPAL OF ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, BELFAST,
CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION
21/4/2021 DR AOIFE NEARY, UL, 'TRANSGENDER EQUALITY IN SCHOOLS'
28/4/2021 ALICE LEAHY, ALICE LEAHY TRUST, 'WASTING TIME WITH PEOPLE'
5/5/2021 MÍCHEÁL O' SUILLEABHAIN, 'TEACHING VIRTUOSITY AND IRISH RAP'
12/5/2021 DR TOM FINNEGAN, MIC, 'COMPARATIVE RE IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS'
19/5/2021 DR AMY HEALY AND PROFESSOR MICHAEL BREEN, MIC, 'HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND
EXPLOITATION, THE ISLAND OF IRELAND'



PICTURED: CARLEIGH GARCIA CHAIRING THE LECTURE BY CAELAINN HOGAN

IICS PHD SCHOLARSHIP



THE IRISH INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES (IICS) IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE A FOUR-YEAR FULLY FUNDED PHD SCHOLARSHIP. THE AWARDEE WILL BE LOCATED AT MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE AND THE RESEARCH UNDERTAKEN DURING THIS SCHOLARSHIP WILL SERVE TO ADVANCE THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE IRISH INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES. THE SCHOLARSHIP IS WORTH €18,203 P.A. AND IS AVAILABLE FOR FULLTIME STUDENTS FOR UP TO FOUR YEARS TO ENGAGE IN DOCTORAL STUDIES IN THE INTERDISCIPLINARY AREA OF CATHOLIC STUDIES.



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Advancing Catholic Education**

POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER G.R.A.C.E. PROJECT (FIXED TERM POST)

GRACE IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO WILL ESTABLISH A CLEAR BASELINE AND A SET OF SIGNPOSTS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF VALUE-LED CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN DIVERSE SETTINGS IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND BY:

- UNDERTAKING A COMPLETE STAKEHOLDER MAPPING THAT IDENTIFIES ALL THE RELEVANT ACTORS, AND ASSESSES THEIR VISION AND ROLES – ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL – IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROVISION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS;
- CAPTURING AND CLASSIFYING THE VALUES THAT UNDERPIN STAKEHOLDERS' APPROACHES; AND
- ESTABLISHING STAKEHOLDERS' CAPACITY TO PROGRESS AND FURTHER CATHOLIC EDUCATION;
- ASSISTING IN THE DISSEMINATION OF RESEARCH FINDINGS INCLUDING THROUGH CONFERENCE PRESENTATION AND PUBLICATION.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE G.R.A.C.E. PROJECT SEE: [HTTPS://WWW.MIC.UL.IE/FACULTY-OF-ARTS/DEPARTMENT/
THEOLOGY-RELIGIOUS-STUDIES/GRACE?INDEX=0](https://www.mic.ul.ie/faculty-of-arts/departments/theology-religious-studies/grace?index=0)

THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION CAN BE FOUND AT: [HTTPS://WWW.MIC.UL.IE/ABOUT-MIC/VACANCIES](https://www.mic.ul.ie/about-mic/vacancies)

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'IMAGING THE BIBLE IN STAINED GLASS IN 20TH CENTURY IRISH CHURCHES'

Dr. Myra Hayes, MIC



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MARK REGAN, ESRI



'CHILD POVERTY AND THE PANDEMIC'

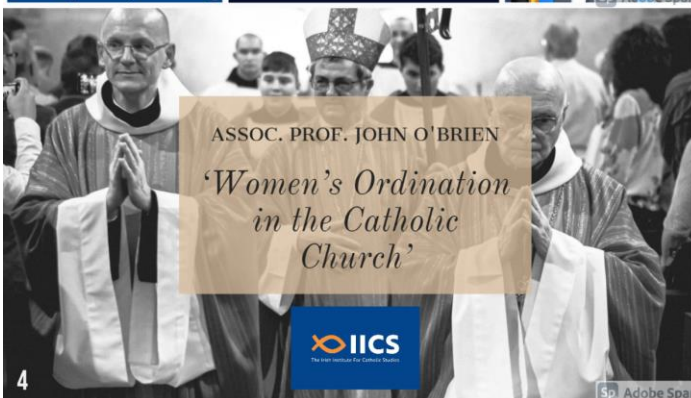




*IICS Inaugural
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Professor
Michael A
Hayes
Memorial*





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ASSOC. PROF. JOHN O'BRIEN

'Women's Ordination in the Catholic Church'

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Professor Gavin D'Costa,

CATHOLICS AND JEWS: THE DISPUTED QUESTION OF "MISSION"

University of Bristol



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'BEYOND A SINGLE NARRATIVE: ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES IN IRELAND'



MARGARET MURPHY, MIC




What does the season of Advent mean to you?

Dr Noirin ni Riain and Dr Patricia Kieran





CARLEIGH GARCIA
LIVED CATHOLICISM CONFERENCE, DURHAM

Shame and Shamelessness in Edna O'Brien's The Country Girls Trilogy and Epilogue



**Professor Gavin D'Costa,
University of Bristol**



Prof. Gavin D'Costa is Professor in Catholic Theology at the University of Bristol. He was born in Kenya, East Africa and he completed a degree in English and Theology at Birmingham University before completing his doctorate in the University of Cambridge. His acclaimed research career began with his doctoral work on John Hick's theology of religions and the publication of *Theology and Religious Pluralism: the challenge of other religions* (1986) and *John Hick's Theology of Religions: a critical evaluation* (1987). Since then his research has focused on modern Roman Catholic theology, systematic theology, theology of religions and aspects of philosophical theology related to religious pluralism. He has held the Joseph McCarthy Professorship at the Gregorian University, Rome. In 2021-2022 he will be visiting Professor at the Angelicum Pontifical University, Rome. Gavin acts as an advisor to the Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales and the Anglican Church on matters of interreligious dialogue and theology. He also advises the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. His contribution to research has been enormous with 12 authored books and 9 edited books; 142 Academic Journal articles and 66 Chapters in books. In Spring 2021 he gave a guest lecture to the IICS reflecting on Catholic-Jewish dialogue, drawing on recent research as well as his book *Catholic Doctrines on the Jewish People after Vatican II* (2019).

FEATURED RESEARCHERS



**Dr Catherine
Swift, MIC**

Dr Catherine Swift is a medievalist who works on Irish ecclesiastical history and, in particular, on the nature of the international connections of the early Irish church. An IRCHSS New Foundations grant in 2019 funded a successful conference on the context of the *Black Book of Limerick*: a collection of episcopal documents of largely 13th C date which she is currently translating and which provides a unique overview of the organisation of an Irish diocese in the first century of Anglo-Norman rule. Her most recent article on this research was published in the *Proceedings of the Harvard Celtic Colloquium* for 2018. Other publications include *Ogham Stones and the earliest Irish Christians* (Maynooth 1997) and numerous articles on St Patrick, the status of early Irish priests and their areas of ministry, Irish and British saints and early Irish marriage laws.



Romanesque statue of Christ from Ufsir in northern Iceland, carved from birchbark c. 1200 AD. The Irish verse is of roughly the same period.
A Christ rochés croich corcra
Co nderna grés glé-molta
Duit a rí búan cach beinne
Ar lúad cach láech dreimne
After telling of innumerable warriors, O Christ who suffered the purple cross, let me raise a poetic song of loud praise to you, o eternal king of every mountain top
Metrical Dindshenchas IV

The Human Trafficking and Exploitation Project in Ireland (HTEPII)

Professor Michael Healy, Professor Michael Breen, and Dr Amy Erbe Healy



Human trafficking is a global issue on an enormous scale. It is estimated by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) that the total illegal profits obtained from the use of forced labour worldwide amount to US\$150.2 billion per year. The ILO estimate in 2016 was for more than 40 million victims. In 2020 the UNODC listed the 8 most prevalent forms of exploitation among detected trafficking victims: sexual exploitation, forced labour, criminal activity, begging, forced marriage, baby selling, organ removal, and mixed forms where more than one type of exploitation occurred. No country is immune to this crime. The Human Trafficking and Exploitation Project in Ireland (HTEPII) is a research project led by Mary Immaculate College (MIC) which brings together the experience and expertise of researchers and personnel at An Garda Síochána, the Irish Department of Justice & Equality, the Police Service of Northern Ireland, the Department of Justice Northern Ireland and MIC in an effort to share their resources in a project that addresses aspects of the societal challenge posed by human trafficking and modern-day slavery in Ireland.

The primary purpose of the project has been the generation and analysis of data relating to the scale and scope of human trafficking into and within the island of Ireland. The project has delivered a comprehensive overview and rigorous assessment of human trafficking in Ireland, and has made a series of recommendations to assist in the provision of care for victims as well as future investigation and prevention of this crime. The project was led by Professor Michael Healy Professor Michael Breen, and Dr Amy Erbe Healy.

**IICS RESEARCH &
FEATURED RESEARCH**

IICS RESEARCH PROJECT



The IICS is undertaking research designed to help to understand the impact of clerical child sex abuse in Ireland and the failure of the Church to respond appropriately to it. Phase One of this listening exercise involves an overview of publications and scholarly articles exploring the nature of clerical child sex-abuse in Ireland, the Church's official response to it, Government inquiries and media coverage of the events. Researchers from the IICS carried out voluntary, on-line, semi-structured interviews with adult members of the public, coming from a variety of religious and secular backgrounds. The purpose of the research was to listen to participants to discern what impact clerical child-sex abuse had on their attitudes toward and understanding of Catholicism in Ireland. The purpose of this listening exercise is to understand more fully what gave rise to these horrific abuses and to ensure that they will never be replicated again within the Catholic church. The focus of the research is on what can be learned from participants' perceptions and understanding of the abuses. The research findings will be disseminated by Dr. Patricia Kieran and Dr. Ian Hickey through conference presentations and in a scholarly article.

Future Visiting Professor to the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies 2021-2022

Pictured: Professor Marc A Hight and his dachshund, Adel



Marc A. Hight, Professor of Philosophy at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia USA, plans to return to Mary Immaculate College during the 2021-2022 academic year. He last visited Limerick in 2008 when he spoke about the philosophy of religion of George Berkeley, arguably Ireland's most famous philosopher. Hight specializes in early modern philosophy and has published numerous articles in the field. In addition, he is the author of *Idea and Ontology* (Penn State, 2008) and *The Correspondence of George Berkeley* (Cambridge, 2013). Most recently Hight has been working in the philosophy of economics and analytic theology. He hopes to spend time in Ireland doing additional research on Berkeley, but more importantly he envisions working on his next book project. Tentatively titled *Good Christians are Immaterialists*, Hight argues that one's ontological assumptions (our views about the fundamental nature of reality) profoundly impact the plausibility and nature of religious belief. By examining the Christian mysteries, Hight asserts both that Christianity is more robust if one rejects the existence of material substance and that there is good evidence (from Scripture, by argument, and from the history of the Church) that Christians need not be materialists. Hight envisions his project as a part of a larger research theme exploring the rationality of religious belief and what elevates belief into reasoned faith.

Some of his recent work in political economy includes 'Better off as judged by themselves: a critical analysis of the conceptual foundations of nudging' (Cambridge Journal of Economics), 'Poverty and Prosperity: The Irish School of Political Economy, 'Berkeley's Economic Thought and "A Catholic Enlightenment in Ireland?" (all forthcoming). In the philosophy of religion, some of Hight's publications include 'Immaterialism, Miracles, and Natural Law' in *Idealism and Christian Philosophy*, edited by Jim Spiegel, Mark Hamilton, Steve Cowan, and Joshua Farris (Bloomsbury Press, 2017; 'Preserving the Torments of Hell: Berkeleyan Immaterialism and the Afterlife' (Science & Esprit); 'The Son More Visible: Immaterialism and the Incarnation', with Joshua Bohannon, *Modern Theology*, 'How Immaterialism Can Save Your Soul', (*Revue Philosophique*) and "Berkeley and Bodily Resurrection," (*Journal of the History of Philosophy*).



Call for Papers for Online
Conference taking place on 22
and 23 July 2021

Deadline for proposals: 19th
March 2021

Abstracts of 300 words along
with a brief bio and contact
details should be sent to
ian.hickey@mic.ul.ie



INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON CATHOLICISM IN IRELAND AND BEYOND

Professor Richard Kearney, Boston College, USA.

Professor Tom Inglis, University College Dublin, Ireland.

Professor Emeritus Marie Parker-Jenkins, University of Limerick,
Ireland.

Dr Nóirín Ní Riain, Limerick, Ireland.

Mark Patrick Hederman OSB, Glenstal Abbey, Ireland.

Rita Ann Higgins, Poet, Galway, Ireland.

Dr Liam Chambers, Mary Immaculate College, Ireland.

INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON CATHOLICISM IN IRELAND AND BEYOND JULY 22-23, 2021

Overview:

The inaugural 2021 'Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Catholicism in Ireland and Beyond' conference, organised by the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies in Mary Immaculate College, will facilitate an interdisciplinary discussion of Catholicism across the Humanities and Education. The aim of this conference is to bring together scholars, writers, educators, artists and musicians across a wide range of disciplines and perspectives to discuss Catholicism in Ireland and beyond, both past and present. Conference participants are invited to explore diverse aspects of Catholicism and its impact on culture and tradition both nationally and internationally. As an interdisciplinary organisation, the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies welcomes papers from scholars / writers working in, amongst others, art, architecture, cultural studies, education, gender studies, history, law, literature, sociology, media, musicology, politics, philosophy, theology and the visual arts.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic we also welcome papers that address new angles and visions in terms of Catholicism and the contemporary world. The conference is open to presentations from early career and established scholars and writers in Ireland and internationally. As well as a selection of interdisciplinary keynotes by internationally established experts in the field, there will be three categories of presentation:

- Digital Poster Presentation summarising work pre-recorded with voiceover (3 minute max).
- Short pre-recorded video presenting a key aspect of research (5 minute).
- 15 minute paper presented on Microsoft Teams followed by a 5 minute live Q&A*.

A bursary of 100 euro will be presented to three outstanding posters / 5-minute presentations / papers by postgraduate students. The deadline for proposals is 19 March 2021. Abstracts of 300 words along with a brief bio and contact details should be sent to ian.hickey@mic.ul.ie

Submissions are welcomed on themes and topics including but not limited to:

- Catholic Aesthetics
- Catholicism and Architecture
- Catholicism and Culture
- Catholic Education
- Catholic Ethics
- Catholicism and the Environment
- Catholicism and Literature
- Catholic Media and Social Media
- Catholicism and Music
- Catholicism and Non-religious Belief
- Catholicism and Social Justice
- Catholicism and Sport
- Catholicism and Society
- Ecumenism and Inter-religious relationships
- New Directions in Catholic Theology
- History of Catholicism
- Legacy of Catholicism
- Political Engagement
- Women and Catholicism



'AUTHORITY, PEDAGOGY, AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ONLINE'

DR ROS STUART-BUTTLE, LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY



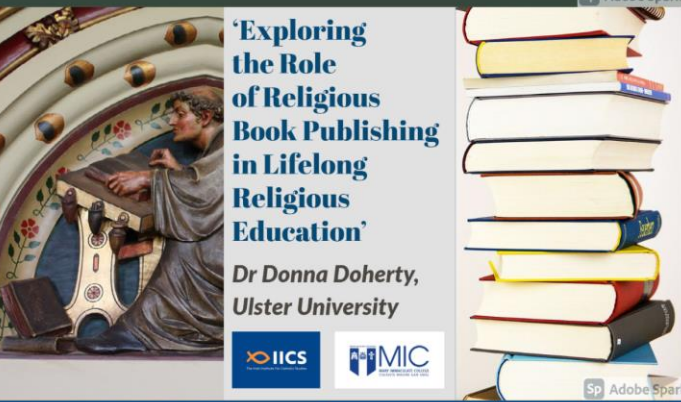
'Exploring our Christian Community'

Dr. Maurice Harmon



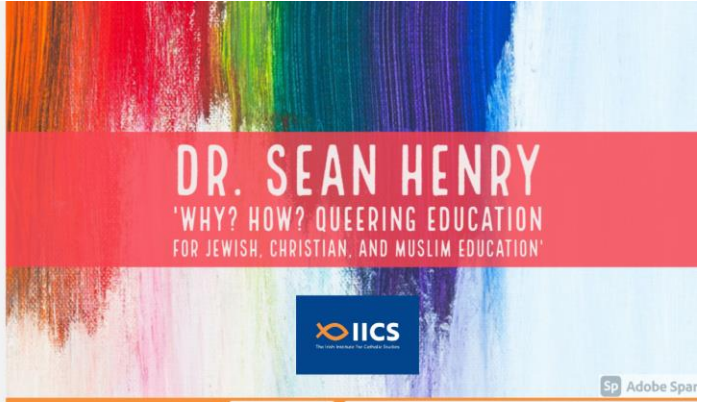
DR. GERRY JEFFERS, MAYNOOTH UNIVERSITY

'Telling Tales: Cruelty and abuse in schooling in Ireland'



'Exploring the Role of Religious Book Publishing in Lifelong Religious Education'

Dr Donna Doherty, Ulster University



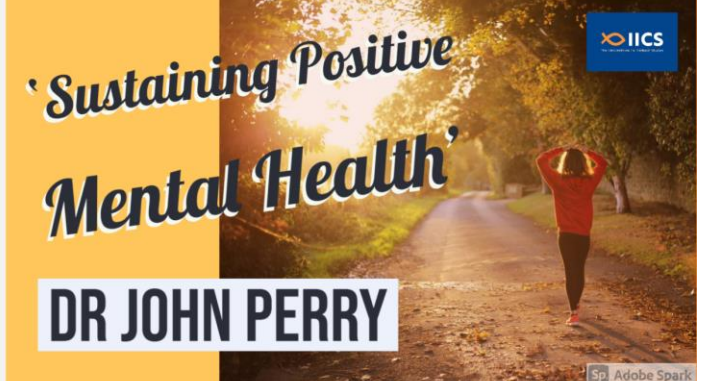
DR. SEAN HENRY

'WHY? HOW? QUEERING EDUCATION FOR JEWISH, CHRISTIAN, AND MUSLIM EDUCATION'



Dr Ian Hickey

'A Door into the Light: Catholicism in the poetry of Seamus Heaney'



'Sustaining Positive Mental Health'

DR JOHN PERRY



'Gifts of the Holy Spirit'

Dr. Daniel O'Connell



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OUR NEW
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OUR FIRST BLOG WAS WRITTEN BY MIC APPLIED LINGUISTICS
PHD STUDENT, LYLIAN FOTABONG.
A PREVIEW OF HER BLOG CAN BE FOUND BELOW.



FROM 'RELIGIOSITY OF BLACK LIVES MATTER MOVEMENT' BY LYLIAN FOTABONG, MIC

More than 150 people across Ireland attended an online candlelight vigil to honour the memory of murdered African Irish man, George Nkencho. He was shot and killed by armed gardai in an incident that involved a kitchen knife. His killing, outside his family home in Dublin on December 30th, led to anger and outrage by many, especially the black community in Ireland. Following this, protesters gathered for several days outside the Blanchardstown Garda station to demand justice.

In the case of the death of Nkencho, protesters and BLM activists again raised many concerns, including racial bias and profiling of black people by gardai, and systemic racism in Ireland in general. They wept, knelt, and marched in protests, but also importantly, they prayed in protests. Prayer and fasting initiatives for the healing of the family of Mr Nkencho were organised among black communities across Ireland and one could be forgiven for thinking this was the first-time prayers were pivotal at protests organised by BLM. Just recently, prayers were a regular feature throughout the Floyd protests in America, United Kingdom, Ireland and many parts of the world, and few people will disagree that this is integral to BLM.

I argue that this aspect of the struggle – prayers – makes BLM a unique liberation movement, and it is easy to see why. Most of the recent BLM protests address the theme of death. One may argue that most people tend to seek the face of God during crisis, sad, traumatic, and violent end to life. That is true. There is, however, a distinctive way black people pray, and in America, as well as most parts of the world where Africans are present, their struggle for equality and justice is also fought through prayers that very often include chants, and weeping. Their practical testimonies are cemented in the hope that alongside protests, “God will make a way where there seems to be no way” (Isaiah 43:19). Even for some non-believers, this belief can uplift and elevate one’s faith in the omnibenevolent.

Though one does not have to be religious to pray, many activists of the BLM movement believe that they must be faithfully devoted to the cause and robustly prayerful for a future of inclusion, justice, and equality of all black lives.





IICS Team

THE IICS IS EXCITED TO WELCOME BACK OUR FORMER RESEARCH ASSISTANT, DR IAN HICKEY, AS A POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHER.

IICS ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

PROFESSOR STEPHEN MC KINNEY, GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

PROFESSOR SUSAN DOCHERTY, NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

PROFESSOR PAUL MURRAY, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

PROFESSOR ELŻBIETA OSEWSKA, UKSW POLAND

PROFESSOR MARTIN O'KANE, LAMPETER UNIVERSITY

PROFESSOR LIAM GEARON, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

PROFESSOR JOHN SULLIVAN, LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

DR ROS STUART-BUTTLE, LIVERPOOL HOPE UNIVERSITY

Dr Ian Hickey is a postdoctoral researcher in the Irish Institute for Catholic Studies. He is currently working on the project 'Reading the sign of the Times: A listening exercise to discuss the impact of clerical child-sex abuse on people's attitudes to and understanding of Irish Catholicism' as well as being a co-convener of the inaugural IICS conference Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Catholicism in Ireland and Beyond. His research focuses on twentieth and twenty first century British and Irish literature and his first monograph, *Haunted Heaney: Spectres and the Poetry*, is forthcoming in June 2021 with Routledge as part of their new 'Routledge Studies in Irish Literature' series. His most recent research has appeared in *C21 Literature: Journal of 21st Century Writings* on the poetry of Colm Keegan, Stephen James Smith and Rachel Hegarty, and in *Études Irlandaises* on Seamus Heaney's translation of Virgil's *Aeneid*, Book VI. In 2021, he will have a chapter on Benjamin Zephaniah's poetry included in *Spoken Word Poetry in the UK*, edited by Lucy English and Jack McGowan and published by Routledge. His review of Marie Mianowski's *Post Celtic Tiger Landscapes in Irish Fiction* is forthcoming in *Irish Studies Review* in their January 2021 issue. His current research project focuses on Catholicism in Seamus Heaney's later poetry as well as the place of Catholicism in post-Celtic Tiger literature.

**2020-2021
IICS VISITING
PROFESSOR,
PROFESSOR
LIAM GEARON**



**RESEARCH
ASSISTANT,
CARLEIGH
GARCIA**

**DIRECTOR OF
THE IICS, DR
PATRICIA KIERAN**



Research & Publications

DIALOGUE PERSPECTIVES PROGRAMME

IIGS RA, CARLEIGH GARCIA HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN DIALOGUE PERSPECTIVES FOR THE SECOND YEAR. DP IS A PROGRAMME OF THE LEO BAECK FOUNDATION. IT IS FOCUSED ON THE DISCUSSION OF RELIGION AND WORLDVIEWS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FUTURE LEADERS AND EDUCATORS OF EUROPE THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN TWO SEMINARS AND AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. GARCIA IS AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE PHD STUDENT AT MIC, STUDYING THE AFFECT OF SHAME AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRISH LITERATURE WRITTEN BETWEEN 1940 AND 2010.



LIVED CATHOLICISM CONFERENCE

CARLEIGH GARCIA AND DR PATRICIA KIERAN PRESENTED SEPARATE RESEARCH PAPERS IN NOVEMBER 2020 AT THE LIVED CATHOLICISM CONFERENCE, HOSTED BY THE DURHAM UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES. GARCIA'S PRESENTATION CAN BE FOUND ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.

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DR IAN HICKEY PUBLICATIONS

BOOK CHAPTERS:

· 'CHALLENGING SOCIETAL NORMS THROUGH THE SPOKEN WORD: BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH'S CITY PSALMS' IN THE ROUTLEDGE COMPANION TO SPOKEN WORD POETRY IN THE UK, ROUTLEDGE. [FORTHCOMING MARCH 2021]

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

· 'VIRGILIAN HAUNTINGS IN THE LATER POETRY OF SEAMUS HEANEY' (2018) IN ESTUDIOS IRLANDESES, ISSUE 13. PP. 27-40.

· 'THE HAUNTED BOG AND THE POETRY OF SEAMUS HEANEY' (2018) IN NORDIC IRISH STUDIES, VOLUME 17, NUMBER 2. PP. 35-54

· 'ELEGISING THE PAST AND FUTURE: SEAMUS HEANEY'S "ROUTE 110" SEQUENCE' (2019) IN IRISH UNIVERSITY REVIEW, VOLUME 49, NUMBER 2. PP. 340-355.

· "THE OLD CAUSE IS NEVER DEAD": HAUNTOLOGY AND BRENDAN BEHAN'S THE HOSTAGE' (2020) IN IRISH STUDIES REVIEW, DOI:

10.1080/09670882.2020.1742461

· "DUBLIN YOU ARE": REPRESENTATIONS OF DUBLIN IN TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY IRISH POETRY'. (2020) IN C21 LITERATURE: JOURNAL OF TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WRITINGS. DOI:

[HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.16995/C21.1778](https://doi.org/10.16995/c21.1778)

· 'DERRIDA, HEANEY AND THE TRANSLATION OF VIRGIL'S AENEID BOOK VI' IN ÉTUDES IRLANDESES. [ACCEPTED AND FORTHCOMING]

DR PATRICIA KIERAN PUBLICATIONS

PATRICIA KIERAN & JOHN MC DONAGH (2021) BRITISH JOURNAL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VOL. 43 ISSUE 1, PP. 123-135. THE CENTRE CANNOT HOLD: DECOLONISING THE RE CURRICULUM IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND.

PATRICIA KIERAN & AIVEEN MULLALLY (2020) COVID-19 A WATERSHED FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, DOCTRINE & LIFE, VOL. 70 NO. 7, PP. 2-10.

PATRICIA KIERAN & AIVEEN MULLALLY (2020) COVID-19 A WATERSHED FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, DOCTRINE & LIFE, VOL. 70 NO. 7, PP. 2-10.

PATRICIA KIERAN (2021) 'A BRIEF HISTORY OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN IRELAND FROM THE PENAL LAWS TO THE FOUNDING OF THE FREE STATE (1922) AND BEYOND' IN WHITTLE, S. (ED) IRISH AND BRITISH REFLECTIONS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION. SINGAPORE: SPRINGER, PP.67-80.

PATRICIA KIERAN (2021) 'INTERBELIEF DIALOGUE IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS VIEWED THROUGH THE LENS OF THE ENQUIRING CLASSROOM' IN WHITTLE, S. (ED) IRISH AND BRITISH REFLECTIONS ON CATHOLIC EDUCATION. SINGAPORE: SPRINGER. PP. 221-234.

HAUNTED HEANEY: SPECTRES AND THE POETRY

DR IAN HICKEY'S FORTHCOMING MONOGRAPH IS ENTITLED HAUNTED HEANEY: SPECTRES AND THE POETRY AND IS FORTHCOMING WITH ROUTLEDGE IN JUNE 2021 AS PART OF THEIR 'ROUTLEDGE STUDIES IN IRISH LITERATURE' SERIES. THE BOOK EXAMINES THE GHOSTS AND SPECTRES THAT INHABIT SEAMUS HEANEY'S POETRY THROUGH THE LENS OF JACQUES DERRIDA'S THINKING ON GHOSTLINESS AND HAUNTOLOGY, ESPECIALLY IN SPECTERS OF MARX. THE PROJECT LOOKS AT FOUR DISTINCT AREAS OF HEANEY'S WORK; BRITISH AND NORSE COLONIAL HAUNTINGS; THE BOG POEMS; VIRGILIAN AND DANTEAN HAUNTINGS; AND 'ROUTE 110'. THE MONOGRAPH ARGUES THAT THERE IS A DISTINCT PROCESS OF HAUNTOLOGY AT WORK IN THESE AREAS AS THE PAST SUTURES ITSELF WITHIN THE CONTEMPORARY MOMENT OF HEANEY'S WRITING AND OUR READING OF THE WORK. THE PAST IS GIVEN TO REPETITION AND RETURN IN HEANEY'S WRITING THROUGH SPECTRALITY AND THIS WILL BE EXAMINED THROUGHOUT THE HEANEY CANON FROM DEATH OF A NATURALIST (1966) TO THE

POSTHUMOUSLY PUBLISHED AENEID BOOK VI (2016) 

St Brigid's Day Webinar on Women of Strength Hosted by Irish Embassy to the Holy See

MODERATED BY IICS DIRECTOR, DR PATRICIA KIERAN

SPEAKERS AT THE WEBINAR WERE SR ANNE LYONS, SR. BRENDA DOLPHIN, SR. PAT MURRAY.

BRENDA DOLPHIN IS A SISTER OF MERCY. SINCE 2006 SHE HAS BEEN THE POSTULATOR FOR THE CAUSE OF THE FOUNDER OF THE CONGREGATION CATHERINE MCAULEY. SINCE 2019 SHE HAS ALSO SERVED IN LEADERSHIP IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL PROVINCE OF THE CONGREGATION (SINCE 2019). PRIOR TO THIS SR. BRENDA WAS A SECONDARY/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHER, TEACHING LANGUAGES AND MATHS). SHE HAS WORKED AS FORMATION DIRECTOR AND SPENT TWENTY YEARS WORKING IN THE GREGORIAN UNIVERSITY IN ROME LECTURING IN THE AREA OF PSYCHOLOGY.

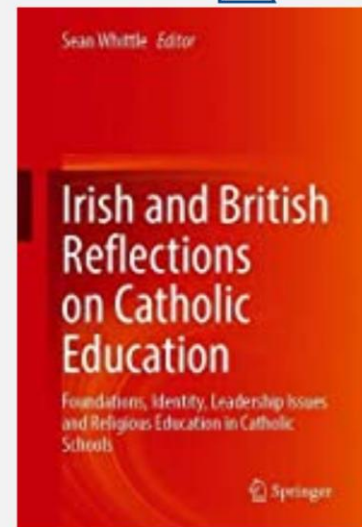


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Interdisciplinary Scholarly Publication on Catholic Education

Prof Gerald Grace, who is editor of the *International Studies in Catholic Education Journal*, described this stimulating, scholarly volume which brings together a range of scholars at the forefront of Catholic education in Ireland and the UK, as a model that could be adopted in International contexts. The volume is recently published by Springer (2021) and it brings together recent research emerging from Catholic scholars in the Network for Researchers in Catholic Education in Ireland and Britain. Its twenty one chapters drill down deeply into the core of Catholic education and reflect upon its complex, evolving nature.



In this volume, Sean Whittle, a leading international researcher on Catholic education, brings together key thinkers including Stephen Mc Kinney, University of Glasgow; Margaret Buck, Archdiocese of Birmingham; Paddy Walsh, Centre for Research and Development in Catholic Education, St. Mary's University; Peter Ward, St Mary's University; Mary Mihovilovic, St Mary's University; David Torevell, Leeds Trinity University; David Fincham, St. Mary's University; David Fincham, Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Authority; Caroline Healy and John Lydon, St Mary's University; Louise Mc Gowan, Jesus and Mary Language College, London and John Moffatt, School of Oriental and African Studies, London.

The beauty of this volume is that it connects the latest research from the UK with research in Ireland and facilitates a rich international dialogue about the research foundation, religious and cultural identity and legacy and challenges for Catholic education. Dr. Fiona Dineen has contributed a very fine, critically robust, thought-provoking chapter surveying the current field entitled 'Religious Education in Catholic schools: Troubling Times or Routine Ructions?' Dr. Maurice Harmon provides an innovative, exciting and research-based chapter 'Exploring the Voice of Children in Catholic Education in an Irish Primary School'. Giving an overview of the whole contemporary educational and cultural context Dr. Amalee Meehan and Dr. Daniel O'Connell have written a cutting edge, powerful and scholarly reflection on 'Religious Education in Irish Catholic Primary Schools: Recent Developments, Challenges and Opportunities'. Other highlights of this volume include thoughtful, scholarly and accessible chapters on a 'Jesuit Critique of Catholic Faith Education' by Michael Kirwin SJ, Loyola Institute, Trinity College Dublin; 'The Queerness of Education' by Sean Henry, Maynooth University; 'An Exploration of Different Voices within Irish Catholic Post-primary Religious Education Classroom' by Gillian Sullivan, Dublin City University; 'Religious Education in Irish Secondary Schools: A Future?' by Brendan Carmody, Institute of Education, London and A De Fide Case Against 'Faith Development'? by John Murray, Dublin City University.

LET US DREAM

THE PATH TO
A BETTER FUTURE

POPE FRANCIS

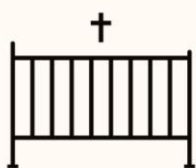


'At least in *The Handmaid's Tale* they value babies, mostly. Not so in the true stories here'

Margaret Atwood



CAELAINN HOGAN

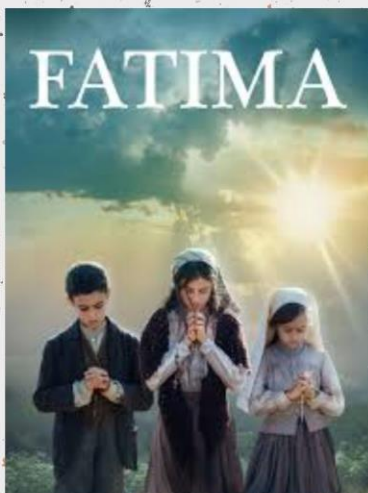


Republic of Shame

How Ireland Punished
'Fallen Women' and Their Children

'It's utterly brilliant. Please read it'

Marian Keyes



Interesting Books, Publications, Movies, and more!

AUSTEN IVEREIGH IS A FELLOW IN CONTEMPORARY CHURCH HISTORY AT CAMPION HALL, AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD AND HAS CO-AUTHORED A BOOK WITH POPE FRANCIS TITLED LET US DREAM: A PATH TO A BETTER FUTURE. HE HAS ALSO RECENTLY WRITTEN WOUNDED SHEPHERD: POPE FRANCIS' STRUGGLE TO CONVERT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, PUBLISHED BY HENRY HOLT.

IRELAND'S EDUCATION YEARBOOK 2020: GERRY JEFFERS HAS AN ARTICLE IN THIS EDITION TITLED 'ADAPTING TRANSITION YEAR IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS'. THE FULL PUBLICATION CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTPS://IRELANDSEUCATIONYEARBOOK.IE/IRELANDS-EDUCATION-YEARBOOK-2020/](https://irelandseducationyearbook.ie/irelands-education-yearbook-2020/)

PROFESSOR STEPHEN BULLIVANT, ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY, TWICKENHAM, HAS WRITTEN A BOOK TITLED MASS EXODUS: CATHOLIC DISAFFILIATION IN BRITAIN AND AMERICA SINCE VATICAN II.

CAELAINN HOGAN, WHO IS SPEAKING FOR THE IICS LECTURE SERIES IN SPRING 2021, HAS WRITTEN A BOOK TITLED REPUBLIC OF SHAME: STORIES FROM IRELAND'S INSTITUTIONS FOR 'FALLEN WOMEN'.

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JIM DEEDS AND BRENDAN MCMANUS, SJ HAVE WRITTEN FINDING GOD IN THE MESS, PUBLISHED BY LOYOLA PRESS. A PERFECT BOOK FOR LENT 2021!

DERMOT LANE HAS WRITTEN A BOOK TITLED STEPPING STONES TO OTHER RELIGIONS, ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PROGRESS IN DIALOGUE WITH OTHER RELIGIONS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE.

FATIMA, RELEASED IN AUGUST 2020, IS A FILM BASED ON THE 1917 MARIAN APPARITIONS TO THREE PORTUGUESE CHILDREN.

I AM PATRICK, RELEASED IN 2020 AND CENTERED ON THE LIFE OF THE PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND, IS A GREAT FILM TO WATCH ON ST PATRICK'S DAY.



Interesting Books, Publications, Movies, Forthcoming Events, and more!

SPEAKERS FOR IICS AUTUMN 2021 LECTURE SERIES: SR ANNE LYONS, DR ORLA SLATTERY, DR MARY MOLONEY, DR MARY SHANAHAN, DR JONATHON BURROUGHS, DR BERNIE COLLINS, SR BRENDA DOLPHIN, AND DR EAMONN MAHER.

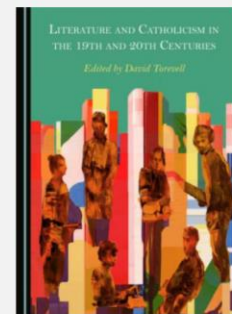
KIERAN QUINLAN, 'SEAMUS HEANEY AND THE END OF CATHOLIC IRELAND' (2020), THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA PRESS, WASHINGTON D.C.

THOMAS AQUINAS & CONTEMPLATION BY RIK VAN NIEUWENHOVE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MEDIEVAL THOUGHT AND MEMBER OF THE CENTRE FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES, DURHAM UNIVERSITY

WHAT WOULD POPE FRANCIS DO?: EDINBURGH JESUIT CENTRE IS MARKING THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' ELECTION WITH A SERIES OF EVENTS. WATCH THEM ON FACEBOOK LIVE ON THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE - EDINBURGH JESUIT CENTRE. DR LORNA GOLD WILL SPEAK ABOUT POPE FRANCIS ON THE ENVIRONMENT ON MARCH 23RD AT 7:30. JAMES MARTIN SJ WILL SPEAK ABOUT POPE FRANCIS ON LGBTQ+ MINISTRY ON MARCH 9TH AT 7:30. GEMMA SIMMONDS CJ WILL SPEAK ABOUT POPE FRANCIS ON WOMEN IN THE CHURCH.

LITERATURE AND CATHOLICISM IN THE 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES,
EDITED BY DAVID TOREVELL

THIS VOLUME INVESTIGATES HOW LITERARY TEXTS HAVE REFLECTED, IN GROUND-BREAKING WAYS, DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF A CATHOLIC PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE. IT DEMONSTRATES HOW LITERATURE, BY ITS ABILITY TO CAPTURE THE IMAGINATION, IS ABLE TO EVOKE FACETS OF HUMAN EXPERIENCE RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO A CATHOLIC UNDERSTANDING OF LIFE.



THE FOURTH SEMINAR IN A SERIES OF RELIGIONS AND BELIEFS IN CHANGING TIMES (RBCT) NATIONAL FORUM SEMINARS TAKES PLACE ON MARCH 31, 2021. THIS FREE, ON-LINE SEMINAR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND INCLUDES RESEARCH EXPLORING ISSUES SUCH AS: AUDISM; RELIGIOUS & BELIEF FLUIDITY AND BLENDED IDENTITIES; THE IMPACT OF BLM ON IRISH SOCIETY & EDUCATION; RELIGIOUS & SECULAR BELIEFS; BELIEFS ABOUT MONEY; TEACHERS' & TEENAGERS' BELIEFS; HETERONORMATIVITY IN EDUCATION; PHILOSOPHICAL PERSPECTIVES AND VEGANISM.



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Autumn 2020 Lecture Series

DR. PATRICIA KIERAN, 'CATECHISMS AND FAITH FORMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'

DR. GERRY JEFFERS, 'TELLING TALES: CRUELTY AND ABUSE IN SCHOOLING IN IRELAND'

JACQUI WILKINSON, 'PRAYER FREQUENCY IN 10-13-YEAR-OLDS: THE STUDENT VOICE IN CHURCH OF IRELAND PRIMARY SCHOOLS'

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR JOHN O'BRIEN, 'WOMEN'S ORDINATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'

DR. SEAN HENRY, 'TOWARDS A QUEER RELIGIOUS ETHOS: DISRUPTING HETERONORMATIVITY IN FAITH SCHOOLS'

DR. MYRA HAYES, 'IMAGING THE BIBLE IN STAINED GLASS IN 20TH CENTURY IRISH CHURCHES AND CATHOLIC IDENTITY'

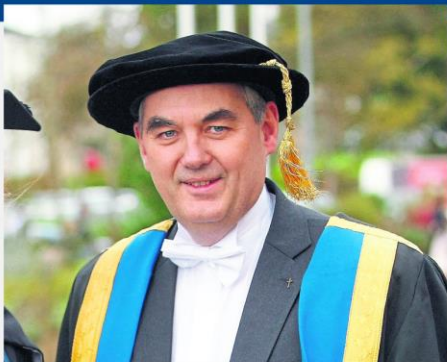
DR. DORIS KAIJE, 'CONTEMPORARY UNDERSTANDINGS OF TRADITIONAL AFRICAN RELIGION'

DR. DANIEL O'CONNELL, 'CATHOLIC EDUCATION ON RAPIDLY THINNING ICE'

MARGARET MURPHY, 'BEYOND A SINGLE NARRATIVE: ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES IN IRELAND'

DR. FIONA DINEEN, 'TEACHER IDENTITY IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN ROI'

A REVIEW OF AUTUMN 2020 IICS EVENTS



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