



Irish Conference of Medievalists

NUI Galway, 25—27 June 2010

Full registration (including lunch on Saturday): staff/non-students €40, students €25
Friday OR Sunday only: staff/non-students €25, students €15
Conference dinner (subject to available places): €50

Venues:

M Moore Institute Seminar Room
C Cairnes Theatre (concourse)
L Larmour Theatre (concourse)
AO Applied Optics Seminar Room (by Moore Institute)

Friday, 25 June 2010

- 1.00pm: **Conference opening and registration** Venue: M
- 2.30–4pm: **Session 1a** Chair: Mark STANSBURY Venue: L
Fiona EDMONDS (Cambridge): St Cuthbert, ‘Derwentmouth’ and Ireland
Máirín Ní DHONNCHADHA (NUI Galway): New light on Cummean’s paschal letter
Judyta SZACHŁO (QUB): The O’Donohue group—doubts and questions, contents and dates
- 2.30–4pm: **Session 1b** Chair: Michael CLARKE Venue: C
Denis CASEY (Cambridge): Economic disaster in 12th-century Ireland?
Rose-Anne DE FAOITE (NUI Galway): Ordinary theft in early Frankish law
Irene O’DALY (TCD): The metaphor of the body in the works of Isaac of Stella and John of Salisbury
- 4–4.30pm: **Tea/coffee break** Venue: M
- 4.30–5.30pm: **Plenary session 1: Keynote lecture**
Thomas CHARLES-EDWARDS (Oxford): Wales and the Irish, 400–700
Chair: Dáibhí Ó CRÓINÍN Venue: C
- 8pm: **Inaugural Annual NUI Galway Lecture in Medieval Studies**
Jane STEVENSON (Aberdeen): Embroidery and politics
Chair: Máirín Ní DHONNCHADHA Venue: C

Saturday, 26 June 2010

9.30–11am: **Session 2a** Chair: Graham ISAAC Venue: AO

Esther LE MAIR (NUI Galway): Some verbs in the Würzburg and Milan glosses

Eibhlín NÍ FHALLAMHÁIN (NUI Galway): Psalmists and exorcists in Old Irish

9.30–11am: **Session 2b** Chair: Mark STANSBURY Venue: L

Sarah Christine ERSKINE (Glasgow): The early medieval tradition of St Patrick's *Bachal Íosa* and its rise to prominence as Armagh's premier relic

Niamh WYCHERLEY (UCD): *Translatio* and the cult of relics in Early Christian Ireland

9.30–11am: **Session 2c** Chair: Pádraic MORAN Venue: C

Geraldine PARSONS (Cambridge/Glasgow): Muted witness: The Rawl. B. 487 version of *Acallam na Senórach*

Anne CONNOR (Discovery Programme): The monastery of Roscommon and the writing of *Acallam na Senórach*

Patrick WADDEN (Oxford): *Cath Ruis na Ríg for Bóinn*: History and literature in the mid-12th century

11–11.30am: **Tea/coffee break** Venue: M

11.30am–1pm: **Plenary session 2: *Amrae Coluimb Chille***

Chair: Jacopo BISAGNI Venue: C

Pádraig Ó NÉILL (UNC, Chapel Hill): Christian themes and models in the *Amrae*

Brian LACEY (Discovery Programme): The *Amrae Coluimb Chille* and the Northern Uí Néill

Paul RUSSELL (Cambridge): The *Amrae Coluimb Chille* as a learned text

1–2.30pm: **Buffet lunch in Moffetts Restaurant** (on-campus)

2.30–4pm: **Session 3a** Chair: Máirín NÍ DHONNCHADHA Venue: L

Anna MATHESON (DIAS): Ecclesiastical allegory in the depiction of Mór of Munster

Maria MAHONEY (NUI Galway): *Boí rí amra do Grécaib*

Diarmuid Ó RIAIN (Dublin): Saint Patrick's other purgatories: The medieval rivals to Lough Derg

2.30–4pm: **Session 3b** Chair: Donncha Ó HAODHA Venue: C

Eric GRAFF (UCC): 'A'

Francis O'REILLY (DIT): Inversion and order in the Book of Kells: Interpreting the design of folio 8r

Mark STANSBURY (NUI Galway): Different strokes for different folks: The letterforms of the *Ars Sergii*

2.30–4pm: **Session 3c** Chair: Michael SHIELDS Venue: AO
Chiara BULDORINI (TCD): A case of legal affiliation: Drogheda as mother town of Galway (1396)
Steven HROTIC (University of N. Texas): Polyphonic culture: Interdisciplinarity and the Council of Trent
Rosemary POWER (Birkbeck College, London): Meeting in Norway: Scandinavian sources and the Kingdom of Man and the Isles

4–4.30pm: **Tea/coffee break** Venue: M

4.30–6pm: **Session 4a** Chair: Dáibhí Ó CRÓINÍN Venue: C
Shane LORDAN (UCC): Water as doctrine: The importance of the spring in Irish primatial claims
Sarah McCANN (NUI Galway): Aidan's *discretio*: A discerning Irishman in Bede's *Historia Ecclesiastica Gentis Anglorum*
David WOODS (UCC): Crowd-control in 6th-century Clonmacnoise (Adomnán, VC 1.3)

4.30–6pm: **Session 4b** Chair: Michael CLARKE Venue: L
Dagmar BRONNER (Marburg/Bonn): Growth of text and learning in the commentary on *Amrae Coluimb Chille*
Nicholas EVANS (Glasgow): The sources of the *Annals of Inisfallen*, 431–730
Peter WEEDA (Melbourne): The *ceirtle* episode in *Immram Brain* and the Paschal liturgy

4.30–6pm: **Session 4c** Chair: Clíodhna CARNEY Venue: AO
Kicki INGRISDOTTER (NUI Galway): Dismemberment and mutilation in early Irish literature
Katie Louise MATHIS (Edinburgh): From *Aithed* to *Marbadh*: The tri-partite life of the sons of Uisliu and Deirdriu
Mona JAKOB (NUI Galway): Suibhne Geilt as an example of the Ur-poet

7.30pm: **Conference dinner at the House Hotel** (Galway city centre)

Sunday, 27 June 2010

9.30–11am: **Session 5a** Chair: Jacopo BISAGNI Venue: L

Bridgette SLAVIN (Buffalo, NY): Being magical: Supernatural aspects of *druídecht* in early Irish texts

Iлона TUOMI (Helsinki): Crude femininity: Sheela-na-gigs and transgression

Jürgen ZEIDLER (Trier): Irish literary figures, Celtic deities, and Indo-European tradition

9.30–11am: **Session 5b** Chair: Conor NEWMAN Venue: C

Elizabeth O'BRIEN (Ó Cléirigh Institute, UCD): An overview of burial practices in Ireland, 5th to 8th centuries AD

Emmet MARRON (NUI Galway): Studying a monastic landscape: Columbanus' foundations in the Vosges

Michael GIBBONS (Clifden): New insights into the development of Skellig Michael based on recent research

11–11.30am: **Tea/coffee break** Venue: M

11.30am–1pm: **Plenary session 3: The Discovery Programme**

Chair: Brian LACEY Venue: C

Michael RYAN: A review of the Discovery Programme, 1992–2010

Anthony CORNS: New technologies, new discoveries

Brian SHANAHAN: Future directions: The archaeology of 'conversion' in Roscommon

1.15–1.45pm: **Plenary final meeting** Venue: C

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