



On 1 August 2016, the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics was officially established. Professor Yvonne Galligan is the Head of School and Mr Conor O'Neill is the School Manager. Reception for the School is located in 25 University Square.

### Staff news:

#### **The School welcomed some new staff in the past year including –**

- **Dr Laura Pfuntner** – Lecturer - Roman empire, especially Sicily; urban history
- **Dr Tom Hulme** - Lecturer – 20<sup>th</sup> Century Britain, urban history of UK and USA, citizenship
- **Dr John Cunningham** – Lecturer – 17<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland, Cromwellian Ireland, medical history
- **Dr Sparky Booker** – Lecturer – Late medieval Ireland, Dublin
- **Dr Jack Seddon** – Lecturer – International political economy
- **Dr Viviane Gravey** – Lecturer – European union politics, environmental and agricultural policies, policy dismantling, European (dis) integration
- **Dr Floris Verhaart** – Research Fellow – Early-Modern Britain Europe: War and the Supernatural
- **Dr Todd Rester** – Research Fellow – Early-Modern Britain and Europe: War and the Supernatural
- **Dr Ashok Malhotra** – Research Fellow – 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Century British Empire: India: cultural and scientific history
- **Dr Leonie Hannan** – Research Fellow – Early-Modern Britain; gender, intellectual history and science in the 18<sup>th</sup> century; heritage and material culture
- **Dr David Heffernan** - Research Fellow - Ulster plantation
- **Mrs Teresa Cotton** - Research and Postgraduate Administrator
- **Mr Paul Lappin** – Clerical officer

#### **There were also some promotions within the School –**

- **Mrs Gemma Bruen** - Education Administrator
- **Ms Marie George** – Clerical Grade 5

Since the new School was formed, some colleagues have left their posts in the University and we acknowledge their valuable contribution. They will be missed and we wish them well for the future:

- Ms Frances Mercer
- Dr Ephraim Nimni
- Ms Christine Bell



Professor Sean Connolly (History) was among the 42 new Fellows admitted to the British Academy at a ceremony on 26 September. He was one of two new Fellows asked to speak briefly to the assembly, presided over by the President of the Academy, Lord Stern. His remarks were as follows:

“I have been asked to do two things: to introduce myself, and to say what being elected to a British Academy Fellowship means to me. I have also been given a firm instruction to keep

it short.

The first part of these instructions is easy to follow. I am a historian of early modern and modern Ireland, based at Queen’s University, Belfast. And each of these two simple facts has a direct bearing on why being elected to the Academy has a special meaning for me.

First of all, Queen’s University, Belfast. That is the university whose Vice Chancellor, in May of this year, gave a notorious newspaper interview, in which he talked proudly of how he was downgrading some subjects in favour of others of greater relevance, summing up his plans with the sentence: **“Society doesn’t need a 21-year-old who is a sixth-century historian.”** He later tried to claim that he had been misconstrued. Unfortunately for him, the reporter he was talking to was herself a graduate in medieval history, and had her own clear ideas on how that training had equipped her for her career. And a tape recorder was running.

There was nothing very surprising in that throwaway comment about the uselessness of the Humanities: it is the sort of thing that a certain type of scientist says all the time, to other scientists, in among the test tubes. But to have it proclaimed as a managerial goal by the vice chancellor of a university was a shock. And that background gave a special meaning to being invited, almost immediately after, to become part of an organisation that has built a worldwide reputation on precisely the academic values that were being so comprehensively rubbished in that interview.

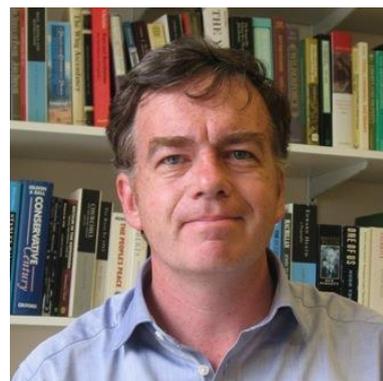
Turning to the second part of my introduction, to present oneself, in this company, as an Irish historian feels inevitably a bit like failing to rise to the occasion. If you look down the list of existing Fellows, what you see is a massive diversity of expertise, relating to languages and places from all parts of the world and all historical ages. In this company, the history of an English-speaking offshore island has to appear a rather narrow field of activity. One can try not to be. When I worked on eighteenth-century Ireland, for example, my interest was in exploring how far its specific conflicts and internal tensions could be fitted into the context of ancient regime Europe, and now I am working on a study of the Irish diaspora in the context of the growth of the world economy. But all Irish historians, however, hard they try, are haunted by the words of Louis MacNeice:

Why should I want to go back  
To you, Ireland, my Ireland?  
And, more particularly, the killer final lines:  
I hate you grandiose airs,  
Your sob-stuff, your laugh and your swagger,  
Your assumption that anyone cares

Who is the king of your castle.

However, there is another side to the story. To look at the list of Fellows of the British Academy, at that vast array of specialisms, is also to be reminded that all scholarship, to mean anything, has to be cooperative. There is so much to know and no one can know all of it. What is important is that there are institutions and places where the results of many different types of specialised thinking and enquiry can be brought together, in order to get at least the occasional glimpse of the bigger picture. The British Academy is one such place. And that is why this historian of a small corner of the world is so pleased to become a part of it.”

Professor Peter Gray will be taking on the role of Director of the Institute of Irish Studies. Peter’s home school is History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics but he and Professor Adrienne Scullion are keen that moving forward is on the basis that the Irish Studies project is a multi-School, multidisciplinary one that must engage colleagues in all parts of this Faculty and indeed beyond in the wider University too. The study of the culture, history, geography, politics and economics of Ireland are areas of distinction for Queen’s and Peter will be keen to work with everyone with a research or teaching interest in Irish studies as broadly conceived. Priorities this year include the enhancement and delivery of the Irish Studies summer school and the development of a contemporary multidisciplinary PGT programme.



Professor Chris Marsh has won the Vice-Chancellor’s Research Innovation Prize 2016. Professor Fearghal McGarry and Dr Kieran Connell were shortlisted for prizes also.

Professor Marsh has won the Research Innovation Prize for ‘Hit Songs and their Significance in Seventeenth-Century England’.

This is what one reviewer thought of the project: *“Compiling the ‘top of the pops’ in early modern English society, and framing them as multi-media artistic productions must be one of the most innovative projects in the humanities today. Reading the application, I have been struck by the sheer originality, inventiveness and deep scholarship of this project.*



*Uniting historians, rock musicians, folk singers and others in a truly interdisciplinary inquiry, this research project brings the past to life in a way that connects with the public. Testament to this are the sell-out concerts, the interest of MPs, and interviews in broadcast media. This is no mean feat – historical research is not an easy ‘crowd-pleaser’. Yet the project is embedded in the scholarly research of truly world-class excellence produced by Professor Chris Marsh – reading the peer reviews alone attests to the originality of his endeavour and the influence his work is having on the field of musical history.”*

Professor McGarry was shortlisted for 'Remembering 1916: marking the centenary of the Easter Rising' in the Research Impact Prize category and Dr Connell was shortlisted for 'Impact, Interdisciplinarity and Innovation: Researching Contemporary British History' for the Early Career Researcher Prize.

## Student news:

**Five students from our new School have been Highly Commended in the Undergraduate Awards 2016 in the following categories:**

- History: Sarah Byrne, Barry McDonagh, Rosie Watterson
- Politics and International Relations: Hannah McGlade
- Anthropology and Cultural Studies: Niamh McKenna

This is a superb achievement. Sarah, Barry, Rosie, Hannah and Niamh submitted work which was judged to be in the top 10% of all submissions, of which there was over 5,500 entries from 243 universities in over 40 countries. We are very proud of their success!

Two of the postgraduate students who took the Public History Internship module earlier this year – Kimberly Mack and John Leonard – have just completed summer placements with the BBC. They were working on the BBC's digital archive, developing a database of material held which relates to the social and cultural history of Northern Ireland.

Maneka Tohani passed her PhD viva on 'Being Roma in Belfast: Challenges, Expressions and Exclusions'

## Publications:

- Professor David Phinnemore - 'Why the UK can't just pick and choose from the EU menu after Brexit', *The Conversation*, 14 September 2-16 (<https://theconversation.com/why-the-uk-cant-just-pick-and-choose-from-the-eu-menu-after-brexit-64777>)
- Professor Yvonne Galligan – 'Gender and political leadership' – QPOL 7 November 2016, <http://qppl.qub.ac.uk/gender-political-leadership/>
- Wilson, D.S., Hartberg, Y., MacDonald, I., Dr Jon Lanman, Whitehouse, H. (2016). "The Nature of Religious Diversity: A Cultural Ecosystem Approach." *Religion, Brain, and Behavior*
- Dr Jon Lanman (2016). "The Evolutionary Anthropology of Religion: Surveying the Field." *Mental Religion: The Brain, Cognition, and Culture*. Niki Clements (Ed). Macmillan. pp. 63-82.
- Professor John Barry (2016), 'Bio-fuelling the Hummer? Transdisciplinary Thoughts on Techno-Optimism and Innovation in the Transition from Unsustainability. In *Transdisciplinary Perspectives on the Transition to Sustainability*. ed. / Edmond Byrne; Ger Mullally; Colin Sage. Manchester: Routledge, 2016. p. 106-124.
- Professor John Barry 2016, 'In Praise of Intellectual Promiscuity in the Service of a 'Passion for Sustainability''. in E Byrne, G Mullally & C Sage (eds), *Transdisciplinary Perspectives on the Transition to Sustainability*. Routledge, pp. 234-237.
- Dr James Davis, 'Market courts and *lex mercatoria* in late medieval England', in Martin Allen and Matthew Davies (eds), *Medieval Merchants and Money: Essays in Honour of James L. Bolton* (London, Institute of Historical Research, 2016), pp. 271-90
- Fiona Buckley, Professor Yvonne Galligan and Claire McGing 'Women and the election: Assessing the impact of gender quotas'. In M Gallagher and M Marsh (eds) *How Ireland Voted 2016: The election that nobody won*. Cham: Springer/Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 185-206
- Dr Debbie Lisle, 'Off-Duty Resilience: Reorienting Tourism, Leisure and Recreation in the US Army BOSS Program' *American Quarterly*, 68(3): 747-768

- Dr Sinead O'Sullivan and Mariken Teeuwen, 'The harvest of ancient learning: Healthy fruits or rotten apples?' in *The transfer of encyclopaedic knowledge in the early Middle Ages*, ed. Rolf H. Bremmer Jr and Kees Dekker, Medievalia Groningana New Series 21 (Leuven, 2016), pp. 303-20.
- Dr Sinead O'Sullivan, 'Problems of editing glosses: the oldest gloss tradition on Martianus Capella,' in *The arts of editing medieval Greek and Latin. A casebook*, ed. D. Searby et al. (PIMS, Toronto, 2016), pp. 290-311.
- Dr Maruška Svašek 2016 *Creativity in Transition. Politics and Aesthetics of Cultural Production Across the Globe*. Oxford: Berghahn (ed. M. Svašek and B. Meyer)
- Dr Maruška Svašek 2016 Introduction. Creativity and Innovation in a World of Movement. In: *Creativity in Transition. Politics and Aesthetics of Cultural Production across the Globe*. Svašek, M. and Meyer (eds) forthcoming in 2016 Oxford: Berghahn.
- Dr Maruška Svašek 2016 Undoing Absence through Things: Creative Appropriation and Affective Engagement in an Indian Transnational Setting. In: Meyer, B. and Svašek, M. and (eds) forthcoming in 2013 *Creativity in Transition. Politics and Aesthetics of Cultural Production across the Globe..* Oxford: Berghahn.

### Research projects and awards:



Dr Evi Chatzipanagiotidou co-organised with Ulrike Vieten and Fiona Murphy (The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice) a workshop entitled 'Counting our Losses': *The Politics of Loss and Social Transformation in the Context of Migration and Displacement in Turkey and beyond*. The workshop was

supported by a Researcher Links Newton Fund/British Council grant and took place in London on 7-10 September. The Newton Fund promotes the economic development and welfare in partnering countries, through science and innovation partnerships and this particular project creates researcher links between QUB and Bilgi University, Turkey.

The Wellcome Trust-funded project, 'Heritage Connects', led by Dr Olwen Purdue and Dr Leonie Hannan, commenced on Monday 3 October and we welcome the new Research Assistant on the team, Dr James Greer. The project will explore the health and wellbeing impacts of engagement with built heritage and historic spaces on urban communities, taking east Belfast as a case study.

Together with Drs. Lois Lee (Kent), Stephen Bullivant (St. Mary's), and Miguel Farias (Coventry), Dr Jonathan Lanman have been awarded £2.3 million by the John Templeton Foundation for a 3 year collaborative research programme entitled "Understanding Unbelief." This programme aims to advance our scientific understanding of atheism and other forms of unbelief around the world. As well as conducting interdisciplinary, multi-method research in Brazil, Denmark, Japan, the US, and the UK, the project will include grant competitions providing £1.25m for new research and public engagement and impact activities. For further details, see [understanding-unbelief.net](http://understanding-unbelief.net).

Professor Fearghal McGarry was appointed as Northern Irish representative to The Home Front: Britain 1914-1918 scientific committee to advise on an academic conference exploring the UK's wartime mobilisation which will be held at the University of St Andrews in June 2018.

Professor John Barry - CI on new ESRC funded project 'The Energy-Climate-Food Security Nexus: Developing a multi-stakeholder deliberative governance model in Northern Ireland'  
<http://www.thenexusnetwork.org/projects/partnership-grants/the-energy-climate-food-security-nexus-developing-a-multi-stakeholder-deliberative-governance-model-in-northern-ireland/>

Professor John Barry - 28<sup>th</sup> August, 'Climate change, divestment and energy transitions' keynote address to the All-Ireland Humanist conference, Carlingford, Co Down

Professor John Barry - 30<sup>th</sup> September, official completion of the Irish EPA funded project 'Catalysing and Characterising Transitions: The low carbon energy transition in Ireland'

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/research-centres/TheInstituteofSpatialandEnvironmentalPlanning/Impact/CurrentResearchProjects/CCTransitions/>

Dr James Davis has been awarded a British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship for a book project entitled: 'Medieval Street Life: Space, Culture and Commerce in English Towns, 1200-1500'. The award runs from January to December 2017 and is worth £103,681.

### Conferences, seminars and public lectures:

Dr Margaret O'Callaghan organised the outstandingly successful Royal Irish Academy Constitutional Conversation on Ethics and Commemoration, held in Dublin on 24th November. Among the stellar cast of speakers was Professor Fearghal McGarry.

Professor David Phinnemore - Presented on 'The EU in Crisis: Brexit' as part of a roundtable at *the 46th Annual Conference of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES)*, Queen Mary University of London, 5-7 September 2016

KESS Seminar: *Outcome of the European referendum: a Northern Ireland perspective*, Parliament Buildings, Stormont, 12 October 2016, 1330-1630 (Professor David Phinnemore, Dr Viviane Gravey, Dr Lee McGowan, Professor John Garry) (<http://qpol.qub.ac.uk/event/eu-referendum-northern-ireland-perspective/>)

Professor Fearghal McGarry spoke at conferences to mark the centenary of the Easter Rising at the University of Toronto, the National Museum of Finland, the University of Liverpool, and Aberystwyth University.

Professor Crawford Gribben gave a plenary lecture on "John Owen: The making of an evangelical reputation", conference at Southern Baptist Theology Seminary, 19 September 2016

Dr Evi Chatzipanagiotidou presented at the 14th EASA (European Associations of Social Anthropologists) Biennial Conference in Milan in July 2016 on '*Europe in (times of) Crisis: tracing the un/making of Europe through migration and 'entrapment' at the Southeast EU borders*'.

Dr Brian Kelly gave a Paper: "Rebels in the Uniform of Empire: The 1920 Connaught Rangers Mutiny," 22 Sept. *Conference on Partition and Empire: Ireland, India, Palestine and Beyond*. University of Illinois at Urbana

Dr Katy Turton attended the second general meeting of the CALOHEE project (Measuring and Comparing Achievements of Learning Outcomes in Higher Education in Europe) in Porto, 17-20 November. Over 80 academics representing History, Physics, Civil Engineering, Nursing and Education met to discuss higher education provision in Europe. Each subject group is investigating the common learning outcomes which all students in that field should achieve over the course of a BA and MA, with a new emphasis on learning outcomes related to employability and civic engagement.

See <http://www.eurashe.eu/projects/calohее/> for more details.

Professor Lisette Josephides presented at the ASA (Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK and Commonwealth) Conference at Durham in July on 'ESCAPING TIME AND CREATING WORLDS'.



Dr Brian Kelly delivered a paper: "W. E. B. DuBois, Black Agency and the Slaves' Civil War," Clark University (Worcester, MA), Graduate History Forum, 27 Sept. [photo of Dr Brian Kelly with Clark University doctoral student Matthew Law and Laura Gillespie, both of whom completed their MAs in History at QUB in 2014-15]

Dr Jon Lanman delivered a paper entitled "On the Necessity of Fractionating Atheism" at two conferences this summer. The first was at the Annual Conference of the Non religion and Secularity Research Network in Zurich (July) and the second was at the Biennial conference of the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion in Vancouver (August).

Professor John Barry 6<sup>th</sup> July 'Beyond orthodox economic growth as a permanent feature of the economy', SPERI 2016 Political Economy Conference: 'Political Economy in an Age of Great Uncertainty', University of Sheffield

Professor John Barry 28<sup>th</sup> July, 'Why a Sustainable Economy is a post-growth economy', Sheffield Political Economy Research institute conference, 'Designing Sustainable Economies', University of Sheffield

Professor John Barry 30<sup>th</sup> August, 'Energy Transitions as political struggles: delegitimising fossil fuels and valuing carbon resources', UK-China Energy Conference, QUB

Professor John Barry 21<sup>st</sup> September, 'A Green Political Economy of Capitalism: Beyond Orthodox Undifferentiated Economic Growth as a Permanent Feature of the Economy, Sheffield Political Economy Research Institute and Grantham Sustainability Centre workshop, 'Towards an Ecological Political Economy of Contemporary Capitalism', University of Sheffield

Dr Eric Morier-Genoud gave a seminar on "Photography and Social Sciences. Approaches and Methodology" at the Institute Kaledidoscopio: Research in Public Policy and Culture, Maputo, Mozambique, 23 September 2016

Dr Stefan Andreasson served as a member of the organising committee and chaired sessions on energy policy at the UK-China workshop on shaping low carbon energy future, Queen's University Belfast, 28-31 August 2016. This international conference was attended by leading scholars and industry representatives and sponsored by the Newton Fund, the EPSRC, the British Council and the National Natural Science Foundation of China. (Photos, links, etc. available if needed.)

Professor Peter Gray spoke on 'Deploying the memory of Irish famine: the crises of 1859-63 and 1879-81 and the contested meaning of the Great Famine', at the conference 'Collapse of Memory – Memory of Collapse', Lund University, Sweden, 20-22 Sept. 2016

Dr Daniel Kowalsky, Queen's University, Belfast: *Exporting Soviet Commemorations: The Spanish Civil War and the October Revolution, 1936-1939, The International Echoes of the Commemorations of the October Revolution (1918-1990)*, Switzerland, University of Lausanne, Géopolis, 14-16 September 2016

Dr Sinead O'Sullivan was invited to deliver a paper at an international conference entitled: "The Arts of Editing: Past, Present, Future", Stockholm University, 17-19 August.

Dr Maruška Svašek – was an invited speaker - November 2016 'Mobility and Movement: A Crucial Perspective for the Study of Affective Placemaking in Northern Ireland', Conference The Potential Value of Mobility as an Analytical and Methodological Perspective, The Norwegian Network on the Anthropology of Mobilities, and Department of Social Anthropology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology.

Dr Maruška Svašek – was an invited speaker - November 2016 'Evocative Art: Suffering, Loss and Emotional Resonance', Conference Difficult Objects, Ulster Museum, Belfast.

Dr Elaine Farrell presented at the British Crime Historians Symposium, University of Edinburgh, 7-9 October 2016. Her paper was entitled: "'The case was reported because of this spite": policing Irish women in late nineteenth-century Boston'.

Dr Elaine Farrell delivered a paper, "'Rescued from their evil courses"? Women in the Irish convict prison, 1853-1900', at the Incarcerated Bodies Irish Research Council (New Foundations) symposium at Kilmainham Jail, Dublin on 13 October 2016.

### PhDs completed:

- Pamela Linden was awarded her PhD on 'Jewish identity and community in Belfast, 1920-48'

### Knowledge transfer / research impact:

Professor David Phinnemore gave oral evidence on 'United Kingdom's Exit from the European Union' to the Committee for the Executive Office meeting on 21 September 2016. The transcript has also been published on the Assembly website: <http://www.niassembly.gov.uk/Assembly-Business/Official-Report/>

Professor John Barry 12th August, "Universal and Affordable Childcare and the transition to a sustainable economy", NICVA 'Festival of Ideas', Duncairn Gardens, Belfast

Professor John Barry 28th August, 'Climate change, divestment and energy transitions' keynote address to the All-Ireland Humanist conference, Carlingford, Co Down

Professor John Barry 26th September 'War, peace and commemoration', as part of International Day of Peace, QUB

Professor John Barry 29th September, 'The unknown landscape of a post-Brexit UK: Implications for the transition from unsustainability', Open Government Network NI workshop 'Aarhus, TTIP and Environmental Protection post-Brexit'.

Dr Alex Titov was a speaker at the National Trust event '[Mount Stewart Conversations](#)' on 17 September, where he discussed with Anne Applebaum of *Washington Post* whether 'Russia was malevolent or misunderstood'

Dr Alex Titov published an opinion piece with Russia Direct on 22 September '[Is a European Army Coming Soon? Don't bet on it!](#)', subsequently re-published in Queen's Belfast [QPol](#) policy engagement portal.

Dr Elaine Farrell delivered a talk as part of the QUB Lunchtime Forum on the use of PeerWise, an online tool that allows students to pose and answer multiple choice questions, 25 November 2016.

Dr Elaine Farrell delivered a talk, 'Trafficking and sexual exploitation in the Irish past', to the Ulster Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society, 14 October 2016



On Thursday 29 September, Dr Olwen Purdue addressed the staff conference of the Department for Communities Community Cohesion Group, speaking about the importance of collaboration between Queen's University and the Public Records Office for the delivery of research-led impact, particularly around increasing cultural participation.

Dr Maruška Svašek - Heritage Lottery Funded Project, Kathakali and Carnival (October 2016-June 2017), Kala Chethena Kathakali Company. As part of different Kathakali projects in primary and secondary schools in the south of England (2011-2015) and the Kathakali – Carnival project (2016-2017) Svašek gave five days of workshops on family history, migration, artefacts/heritage and/or religious aspects of migrations and cultural diversity and several workshops on oral history techniques to enable participants to produce their own knowledge about artefacts/art/visual performance and cultural diversity.

Dr Elaine Farrell was the historical consultant for a new museum exhibition at Armagh County Museum. Entitled 'Mad or Bad?' the exhibition explores crime, gender and mental illness during the nineteenth

century, with a particular focus on Armagh. History PhD student Shannon Devlin researched several of the individuals whose mugshots are displayed, while History PhD student Sarah McHugh produced an essay for the exhibition brochure. The exhibition opened with a launch on 4 October and will remain open until February 2017.



At the launch of 'Mad or Bad?', Dr Elaine Farrell (centre), with I-r Armagh County Museum Curator Sean Barden, Professor Pauline Prior, Lord Mayor Councillor Garath Keating, and artist Julie McGowan

## External appointments:

Professor Crawford Gribben - PhD examiner, University of Chester 1 Sep 2016

Dr Olwen Purdue has been made a member of the PRONI Users Forum

Dr Olwen Purdue has also been appointed to the AHRC Peer Review College and to the awarding panel of the Royal Historical Society Public History Prize

Dr Maruška Svašek became core member of the network *Brokering Intercultural Exchange: Interrogating the Role of Arts and Cultural Management*. Funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and Würth Foundation.

Dr Maruška Svašek became Fellow at the Mitchell Institute.

Dr Brian Kelly - 2 Sept., External Examiner for Anne Marie Brosnan, University of Limerick: Freedmen's Education in North Carolina during the Civil War and Reconstruction Era, 1861-1876

Dr Jon Lanman served as external examiner on a DPhil viva at Oxford University.

Dr Stefan Andreasson has been appointed as a Country Analyst for the PRIX Index on Political Risk and Oil Exports (Norway).

Professor Yvonne Galligan has been elected Governor of the Linen Hall Library for a 3-year term.

Dr Tom Walker, director of the PRP Risk and Inequality, and Dr Joe Morrison, have both been appointed as members of the AHRC Peer Review College. Dr Walker and Dr Morrison will serve on the panel until December 2020. The main role of a college member is to review proposals received for various funding schemes and programmes and to participate in panel meetings to consider proposals.

## Recruitment news:

Dr Jon Lanman represented QUB Anthropology at London Anthropology Day at the British Museum on 30 June. I had the good fortune to speak with dozens of interested students from around London and the UK as a whole about anthropology at Queen's and also deliver a mini-lecture entitled "Why Die for a Group?" to a full and attentive lecture room.

## Alumni news:

- Laura Gillespie (MA US History, 2014-15) was the subject of a feature in the Bostonian Society blog at <http://bostoniansociety.blogspot.co.uk/2016/09/where-are-you-from-and-other-questions.html>. Laura has been working as an intern at the Old State House in Boston. She is planning to return to QUB to undertake a PhD in History.
- Recently graduated PhD student Wayne Foord was successful in getting funding for the ESRC funded project 'The Energy-Climate-Food Security Nexus: Developing a multi-stakeholder deliberative governance model in Northern Ireland'.
- Dr Peter Leary, the Canon Murray Fellow In Irish History at the University of Oxford, and a graduate of the School of History and Anthropology, has published *Unapproved Routes: histories of the Irish border, 1922-1972* (Oxford University Press). Based on his Queen's PhD, Peter's timely study explores how the intersection of the border with everyday life impacted on politics, nation and state in Ireland.

- Dr. Shine Choi (PhD in International Relations, 2012) has been appointed a Lecturer in International Relations at Massey University
- Dr. Laura Mills (PhD in International Relations, 2014) has been appointed as a Teaching Fellow in International Relations at St. Andrews University.
- Congratulations to [Dr Erica Doherty](#) (PhD History 2012), who has been appointed to a permanent post as Teacher of History and Politics in Down High School, Downpatrick.

### Forthcoming events:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2017 (Friday 4pm-5pm) – History Seminar –Prof Eunan O'Halpin (TCD), 'Researching Afghanistan and the belligerents in the Second World War: the value and limitations of decrypted diplomatic traffic'
- Winter Graduation – School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics  
9<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

