Welcome to the School of History and Anthropology!

We’d like to extend a very warm welcome to all the new students, undergraduate and postgraduate, and to new members of staff, who are joining the School of History and Anthropology at Queen’s this month. Whether you come from Northern Ireland, Great Britain, the Republic of Ireland, from another EU country or from overseas, we hope you enjoy your time here and find it a rewarding and enriching experience. There are lots of activities taking place this semester organised by the History and Anthropology Societies, by the peer mentors and by the postgraduate seminar teams (amongst others), so please do find out what’s going on and get involved!

We’d particularly like to welcome all our visiting US Study Abroad and ERASMUS exchange students this semester. They are: Daniel Craanen (Utrecht), Pilar Diaz (Millersville University, PA), Gorkem Er (Koç), Lisa Esser (Berlin), Julia Hillebrand (Berlin), David Huff (University of Oregon), Tove Karlsson (Stockholm), Lydia Kooistra (Amsterdam), Sean Malone (St Vincent College, RI), Daniele Medeossi (Venice), Mary Morrissey (Occidental College, CA), Ligeri Papagiannaki (Athens), John Piunti (Centre College, KY), Justina Rauch (Innsbruck), Vera Selig (Nijmegen), Iben Gejl Valbak (Copenhagen), Cassandra Virapin (Paris), Agata Wozniak (Frankfurt), Bethany Zaiman (Mary Baldwin College, VA), and Victoria Zinsley (Seattle Pacific University, WA). We hope that you’re settling in and finding your way around Queen’s and the great city of Belfast.

If you would like any more information on Newsletter items, or have any comments or queries, please contact us by email at: history@qub.ac.uk or anthropology@qub.ac.uk, or visit our website at http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofHistoryandAnthropology/

The School is also on Facebook at:

- History at Queen’s University Belfast
- QUB Anthropology
- QUB History and Anthropology Alumni
Student news:

This year’s new History Peer Mentors successfully underwent their training with Learning Development Services. Alexandra Baillie, Eirin Cushnahan, Simon Gallaher, Joshua Watts, Ciaran Quinn, Stephanie Prince and Rachel Smallwoods will join two veterans of last year’s scheme (Stephen Armstrong and Rachel O’Neill) as peer mentors for 2012-13. Their first task was to run an excellent series of information events for Level 1 History students in Welcome Week. The sessions were of great assistance to the 120 students who took part.

Congratulations to all our students who have been ‘highly commended’ in the Undergraduate Awards 2012 competition. They are: Tanya Kirkland, Daniel Patterson, Stuart Brown and Matthew Jackson (Historical Studies) and Gina McCune (Social Studies).

Staff news:

Tricia Lock (History Office) was a Games Maker at the London 2012 Olympic / Paralympic Games. She is also signed up for the World Police and Fire Games taking place in Belfast in 2013 and would encourage others to do so as it really is a brilliant experience. Staff/students can become volunteers by signing on at http://www.2013wpfg.com/

Research news:

Publications – books:


The wars and revolutions of 17th-century Ireland established in power a ruling class of Protestant landowners whose culture and connoissements were traditionally English, but whose interests and political loyalties were increasingly Irish. At first unsure of their self-image and ambivalent in their loyalties, they gradually became more confident and developed a distinctive notion of 'Irishness'. The Anglo-Irish Experience explores the religious, intellectual and political culture of this new elite during a period of change and adjustment. D.W. Hayton traces both the shifting sense of national identity characteristic of the period and the changing stereotype of the Irish in English popular literature - which did much to push the 'Anglo-Irish' to embrace their Irish heritage. He also argues for the emergence of a pragmatic, constructive form of political 'patriotism', linked closely to the prevailing ideology of economic 'improvement' and underpinned by the influence of evangelical Protestantism.

A key feature of the book is the use made of case studies of individuals and families: the decay of the Ormond Butlers, undermined by debt and eventually driven into political exile; the rise and fall of the Brodricks, gentlemen lawyers with a strong provincial power-base; the political journey of the politician and political writer Henry Maxwell, from 'commonwealth whig' ideologue to ministerial hack; and the relationship between Sir John Rawdon, a pious and intellectual squire, and his estate agent Thomas Prior, pamphleteer and apostle of 'improvement'. These and other
narratives illustrate the variety and complexity of the ‘Anglo-Irish’ experience in a period that witnessed the foundation of what would in due course come to be known as the ‘Protestant nation’.

Elaine Farrell (ed), *She said she was in the family way*: Pregnancy and Infancy in Modern Ireland (London: Institute of Historical Research, 2012) ISBN: 978-1-905165-65-0

This book examines the subject of pregnancy and infancy in Ireland from the seventeenth to the twentieth century. It draws on exciting and innovative research by early-career and established academics, and considers topics that have been largely ignored by historians in Ireland. The book will make an important contribution to Irish women’s history, family history, childhood history, social history, crime history and medical history, and will provide a reference point for academics interested in themes of sexuality, childbirth, infanthood and parenthood. The collection came out of the Women’s History Association of Ireland conference organised at QUB by Elaine Farrell and Mary O’Dowd in 2010.

Publications - articles and chapters:

- Elaine Farrell, “‘A very immoral establishment’: the crime of infanticide and class status in Ireland, 1850-1900”, in Elaine Farrell (ed), *She said she was in the family way*: Pregnancy and Infancy in Modern Ireland (London: Institute of Historical Research, 2012).
- Paul Huddie (PhD History), ‘The Revd Charles Josiah Hort (1820-1887), garrison chaplain at Dublin during the Crimean War’, Irish Sword, xxix, no. 113 (Summer 2012), pp 299-302.

Conferences, seminars and public lectures:

The School hosted two successful conferences in September:

- Pamela McIlveen (PhD History), Stuart Irwin (PhD History) and Peter Gray organised *Jewish Community, Memory and Identity: Perspectives from Belfast* (11 Sept.) at the McClay Library, QUB. The conference, which marked the Library’s acquisition of a digital facsimile of the archive of Jacob Shachter (rabbi of Belfast 1926-54), featured a number of external academic and postgraduate contributions. It conference was accompanied by an exhibition of the library’s Jewish history collections curated by Special Collections Librarian Deirdre Wildy.

- Eric Morier-Genoud and Jonathan Skinner convened the conference *Sunken Heritage: Disasters, Dissonance and Conflict* (13-15 Sept) – securing permission to hold parts of it in the Maze/Long Kesh site.


- Catherine Clinton offered a seminar on Harriet Tubman and Abraham Lincoln during her three day visit to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

- Marie Coleman delivered a paper on ‘The impact of war on hospital funding, 1914-1945’ at a workshop on Medicine, Health and Irish Experiences of War, UCD, Dublin.
Paul Corthorn gave a paper entitled ‘The Cold War and British debates over the boycott of the 1980 Moscow Olympics’ at the British International History Group conference at De Montfort University in Leicester; and spoke on ‘The transition from school to university: a discussion of the Northern Ireland experience’, at the Higher Education Academy’s ‘Teaching History in Higher Education’ conference at the Institute of Historical Research, London.

Thérèse Cullen (PhD Irish Studies) spoke on ‘De-mythologizing Saint Patrick: Ireland’s Patron Saint’, at The Experiment in International Living (EIL), Ireland.

Elaine Farrell spoke on the topic “‘She had a disinclination to bring it home”: crisis pregnancies and births in nineteenth-century Ireland’, at the conference Negotiating Crisis in Irish History, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin.

John Wilson Foster gave the opening lecture, ‘Surfacing: some remarks on heritage and history’ to the workshop, Sunken Heritage: Disasters, Dissonance and Conflict, QUB.

Malcolm Franklin (PhD Anthropology), gave papers on: 'The lack of materiality in the homes of asylum-seekers and refugees in Belfast, and the struggle for employment', at the GRAMnet Postgraduate Colloquium 'Migration in times of economic crisis', University of Glasgow; and 'Concepts of displacement and home: seeking asylum and belonging amongst the host community of Belfast, Northern Ireland', at The Royal Anthropological Institute's second annual postgraduate conference, University of Kent/Canterbury.

Peter Gray gave a paper on ‘A “people’s viceroyalty”? Popularity, theatre and executive politics, 1835–1847’ at the PhD Seminar in Irish Studies: Irish Time, at the Leuven Centre for Irish Studies, K.U. Leuven, Belgium; he also gave a paper on ‘1847 – Year Zero? Interpreting the Great Famine as a transformative moment in Irish history’, at the conference Negotiating Crisis in Irish History, Royal Irish Academy, Dublin.

Emily Haire (PhD History) spoke at the British International History Group conference at De Montfort University, Leicester, on 'Anglo-French intelligence and the Spanish Civil War'.

Paul Huddie (PhD History) presented his paper ‘Not so imperfect - Ireland’s responses to the Crimean War, an example of Irish harmony with European and world historiographies’, at the PhD seminar in Irish Studies, ‘Irish time’, K.U. Leuven, Belgium.

Keith Jeffery gave a History Freshers Welcome Lecture at the University of Sussex, and presented a paper on Ireland, Britain and the British Empire to the 1916 Research Workshop, University of Sussex.

Pamela McIlveen (PhD History) spoke on ‘The activities and correspondence of the Belfast Jewish Refugee Committee, 1937-40’, at the conference Jewish Community, Memory and Identity: Perspectives from Belfast, which she co-organised at the McClay Library, QUB.

James O’Neill (PhD History) presented a paper titled ‘Half-moons and villainous work: Gaelic fortifications and the Nine Years War’ at the Tudor and Stuart Ireland conference, held in UCD, Dublin.

Research Projects:

Fearghal McGarry and Des Bell’s research project, ‘Documentary film and the public communication of historical knowledge in Northern Ireland’, an AHRC-funded knowledge-transfer (KT) project involving an interdisciplinary collaboration between a historian and a documentary film-maker around the making and exhibition of a feature-length documentary film on the life of Frank Ryan, has been
The project successfully completed. The project involved a series of festival screenings and workshop discussions, supported by a website hosting historical and interpretative resources (http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/frankryan). The project also resulted in a major conference on film and history and several publications on collaboration between historians, film-makers and broadcasters. Bell and McGarry will discuss The Enigma of Frank Ryan following its screening as part of the Belfast Festival at Queen’s on 22 October, and the documentary will receive its television premiere on TG4 this autumn. Three well-attended screenings of The Enigma of Frank Ryan also took place at the World Film Festival at Montreal, Canada, with Des Bell leading Q&A sessions on each occasion.

External appointments:

- **Paul Corthorn** has become a member of the Higher Education Academy’s ‘History Forum’.
- **David Hayton** was appointed as an External Examiner for the MA in Irish History at NUI Maynooth and for a PhD at UCD.
- **Keith Jeffery** was external examiner for a DPhil at Oxford about British ex-servicemen in independent Ireland between the wars.
- **Brian Kelly** has been appointed to Editorial Board for MERLOT: The Journal of Online Teaching and Learning.
- **Fearghal McGarry** has been appointed to the editorial board of Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy, Section C: Archaeology, Celtic Studies, History, Linguistics and Literature.
- **Jonathan Skinner** has been appointed associate editor of the journal Anthropology and Aging Quarterly.

International connections:

![Erasmus logo](image)

We wish bon voyage to our outgoing ERASMUS and study abroad students this semester. They are Elsa Brittain (Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands), Jessica Cunningham (Københavns Universitet, Denmark), Andrew Dickson (Stockholm University, Sweden), Hannah Foster (Università degli studi ‘Ca’ Foscari’ di Venezia, Italy), Rachael Gibson (Universiteit van Amsterdam, Netherlands), Catrin Greaves (Københavns Universitet, Denmark), Amy Hitchens (Universität Basel, Switzerland), Charlotte Jessopp (Università degli studi ‘Ca’ Foscari’ di Venezia, Italy), George Murray (Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Bordeaux, France), Eilish O’Gara (University of Newcastle, NSW, Australia), and Samuel Ward (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece). We hope you have an enjoyable and rewarding time wherever you are.

The School was visited last month by representatives of the University of Arizona, University of Denver, Pace University and University College Utrecht to discuss developing student exchanges.

Knowledge transfer / research impact:

- **Catherine Clinton** was in Chicago for the ‘re-Trial’ of Mary Lincoln – to determine whether she should be involuntarily committed to an asylum. This project will result in new curriculum in Illinois State schools, to illuminate issues of mental illness and personal liberty rights.
- **Elaine Farrell** spoke on ‘Today with Pat Kenny’ (RTÉ Radio 1) about her RIA paper on crisis pregnancies and births in 19th-century Ireland, 6 September.
- **Stuart Irwin** (PhD History) gave a talk to the Shankill Area Social History group on ‘The Revd Dr Henry Montgomery’.
- **Keith Jeffery** lectured on Ireland and the Great War at Thiepval Barracks, Lisburn.
Brian Kelly curated an exhibition on American Slave Emancipation at a reception for Nettie Douglass, great-granddaughter on escaped slave and prominent abolitionist Frederick Douglass, hosted by Féile an Phobail in West Belfast.

Eric Morier-Genoud gave an interview about the Lusophone world on Radio Monocle (London), 17 September.

James O’Neill (PhD History) along with Ruairí Ó Baoill from the Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork (QUB) gave of tours of the hidden history of central Belfast as part of Culture Night at Cathedral Quarter on 21 September. The tours were very well attended and demonstrated the general public’s continuing appetite for local history.

Olwen Purdue is working with BBC Northern Ireland on the production of their first ever online slideshow. Based on a selection from the Hogg collection of early 20th photographs, this will use images and recorded interviews to explore issues of urban development, industrial expansion, poverty, welfare and public health in Belfast one hundred years ago.

Recruitment news:

Thanks to all staff and students who participated in the School’s Open Days for sixth-form students on 6-7 September.

Alumni news:

Alexandra Hall (PhD Anthropology 2005, now a lecturer at York University) has published a reworking of her thesis under the title Border Watch: Cultures of Immigration, Detention and Control (Pluto Press, 2012).


Congratulations to a number of our former students who have recently informed us of successes in their career development:

- Emily Anderson (BA English and History 2012) – is a Trainee Executive, Lansons Communications (a leading London-based PR company)
- Jane Brown (BA History 2010/MA History 2011) – is a Graduate Management Trainee, Boots.
- James Gore (BA History 2012) – is a Graduate Management Trainee, Aldi.

Forthcoming events in October:

- 5.10 @ 4pm History Postgrad Seminar: Kevin McCarthy, UUC – ‘Bob Briscoe: Ireland’s unknown Zionist’.
- 8.10 @ 1pm Irish Studies Seminar: Dominic Bryan (QUB): ‘Titanic town, public space and conflict in Belfast’.
- 8.10 @ 5pm (Great Hall) Public Lecture: Prof Matthew Whitaker (Arizona) ‘Race, Democracy and the US Presidential Elections’.
- 9.10 @ 4.15pm Anthropology Seminar: Jonathan Lanman (QUB), ‘Ritual, community and conflict: investigating the consequences of ritual for in-group cohesion and intergroup relations’
- 12.10 @ 4pm. History Postgrad Seminar: James McCafferty, NUIM – ‘The Irish Defence Forces with the UN in the Congo 1960–1964: the political motivation of the Irish government’.
15.10 @ 1pm Irish Studies Seminar: Ray Casserly (QUB): ‘Paradiddle and Paramilitaries’.

16.10 @ 4.15 Anthropology Seminar: John Knight (QUB), ‘Hunting the absent referent: the animal in the meat’.

19.10 @ 4pm History Postgrad Seminar: Amy Hill, Newcastle University - ‘“We Want Bread!” Patterns of Civilian Protest during the Allied Occupation of Puglia, 1943–1946’.

23.10 @ 4.15 Anthropology Seminar: Barbara Graham (QUB), ‘The material culture of remembering in Ireland: new ideas or old ways?’

26.10 @ 4pm History Postgrad Seminar: Emma Edwards, NUIM – ‘The transition from the League of Nations to the U.N.’

29.10 @ 1pm Irish Studies Seminar: Gordon Gillespie (QUB): ‘Graphic Portrayals: Northern Ireland in graphic Novels since the 1980s’.

30.10 @ 4.15 Anthropology Seminar: Kristin Pedemonti, ‘Building bridges between: connecting cultures, classrooms and communities’.

[see News section of School website for details of events]