With Spring nearly upon us, we look back at the activity of staff and students in the School of History and Anthropology in February 2014.

Research news:

Publications – articles and chapters:


Conferences, seminars and public lectures:

- **Dominic Bryan** gave a talk to anthropologists at Saddleback College in southern California entitled ‘The problem with guns: transforming conflict in Ireland and beyond’; he also visited Georgetown University campus in Doha, Qatar, where he presented a paper on ‘Why there is no such thing as terrorism’ and then did two hours teaching with Masters students studying Conflict Resolution.
- **Evropi Chatzipanagiotidou** spoke on “Whispering violence”: moving beyond the speakingout/silence dichotomy in the “recovered memories” of intracommunal conflict in Cyprus, at the AAI Conference: *Memory and Recovery*, at Sligo IT.
- **Sean Connolly** spoke at the Irish History Seminar in Hertford College, Oxford, on ‘Civic identity and public space in Victorian and Edwardian Belfast’.
- **Jonathan Evershed** (PhD Anthropology/Irish Studies) spoke on ‘Beyond what actually happened: Spectral politics and the problematic privileging of “History” during the Decade of Centenaries’ at the AAI Conference: *Memory and Recovery*, at Sligo IT.
- **Peter Gray** spoke on ‘Making a Poor Law for Ireland’ at the Irish Legal History Society’s Spring Discourse, at the Ulster Museum, Belfast.
- **Erin Hinson** (PhD Anthropology/Irish Studies) spoke on ‘Remembering the 36th: history and identity in UVF compound murals’, at the AAI Conference: *Memory and Recovery*, at Sligo IT.
- **Stuart Irwin** (PhD History), spoke on ‘Belfast Corporation and the management of public health during the late nineteenth century’ at the Irish History Students Association Conference, MIC Limerick.
- **Brian Kelly** gave an invited talk at Temple University, Philadelphia.

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

And on [Twitter](http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofHistoryandAnthropology/) at:

- @QUB_History
Theodore Konkouris (PhD Anthropology) spoke on ‘Building communities through storytelling and song in Mande hunters’ performance’ at the ICTM Ireland Annual Conference, NUI Galway; and on ‘Recalling the past in song: Mande hunters’ musical ceremonies’ at the AAI Conference: Memory and Recovery, at Sligo IT.

Sam Manning (PhD History), spoke on ‘From silent to sound: audience preferences at the Midland Picture House, Belfast, 1929-31’, at the Irish History Students Association Conference, MIC Limerick.

Fergusal McGarry presented a paper, ‘Lost republic: the Abbey Theatre’s 1916 rebels’ at the University of Edinburgh’s Irish History seminar.

Kerron Ó Luain (PhD History), spoke on ‘Ribbonism and Fenianism: conflict and conformity within working-class Irish nationalism’ at the Irish History Students Association Conference, MIC Limerick.

Gordon Ramsay spoke on ‘Music at the interface: a field report from the frontline of Belfast’s culture wars’ at the ICTM Ireland Annual Conference, NUI Galway.

Immo Warntjes participated in a one day workshop on ‘Education in the Early Irish Church’, held in NUI Galway.

Research projects and awards:

Dominic Bryan is CI on two successful applications to the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and to the Community Relations Council for small scale data collection and research collaboration in support of a study of the Flags Dispute. This application involves Peter Shirlow as PI and team members Katy Hayward, Clare Dwyer, Neil Jarman and Paul Nolan.

Evi Chatzipanagiotidou has been successful, with Merav Amir (GAP), in a funding bid to the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation and Social Justice for a 2014-15 Project Research Group on ‘Reshaping Security in Conflict and Beyond: Critical Perspectives’. The activities of the Group will commence in August 2014.

PhDs completed:

Congratulations to our postgraduate students whose PhD theses have been successfully examined:

- Paul Huddie, ‘Ireland's responses to the Crimean War 1854-6’ (History. Supervisor: Prof. Peter Gray)

Knowledge transfer / research impact:

- Andrew Holmes delivered a lecture entitled ‘Darwin and Irish Presbyterians’ at the annual Darwin Dinner of the Humanist Association of Northern Ireland on 14 February.
- Keith Jeffery gave a talk on ‘Commemoration and the hazards of contemporary politics’ at an event in the House of Lords organised by the Ulster Historical Foundation.
- Fearghal McGarry participated in a workshop at Drumalis Centre, Larne, on ‘Remembering 1914-1916’ organised by ‘On the Brink’, a HLF-funded cross-community project which is exploring the impact of war and revolution in Co. Antrim.
- Olwen Purdue gave a lecture on ‘Poverty and power: uses of the workhouse in nineteenth-century Ulster’ to the Maynooth Local History Forum.
- Anthony Stanonis has been asked to serve as a Consultant Editor with the publishing firm Adam Matthew, which is launching a digitalization project entitled ‘History of Mass Tourism’. The project will undertake the digitalization of archival sources relating to tourism at archives across the UK and US.

International connections:

QUB History has been ranked in the Global Top 150 departments by the QS World University Rankings for 2014 (http://www.topuniversities.com/)

A warm welcome to our International Exchange students visiting the School for Spring Semester 2014. They are in Erasmus exchanges: Antonin Tröndle (University of Basel),
Julia Bellot and Claire Inés Jolène Breschard (Université Paris Est Créteil - Val de Marne), Ioanna Georgiou Deligiori and Vaia Papadopoulou (Panteion University, Athens), and Hannah Kanz (Universität Innsbruck). And on our CIEE programme: Brendan Donahue (Occidental College), Elodie de Bethmann (Wellesley College), Erin Gabreski (Rochester Institute of Technology), Faith Gregg (Texas Christian University), Jamie Delaney (Kenyon College), and Rosemarie Griffin (Rutgers University).

- QUB students studying abroad on exchanges this semester are Tiernán McMeekin, on an Erasmus exchange at Aarhus Universitet, Denmark, Hannah Murray and Harriet Siebenaller (right), the first two exchange students on our new programme with College of Charleston, S. Carolina, USA, and John McCaul, who is in Warren Wilson College, N. Carolina, as part of the Study USA programme.

- On 21 February Dominic Bryan gave a talk and a tour to this year’s US Mitchell Scholars in Ireland.

External appointments:

- Olwen Purdue was appointed as external examiner for a PhD thesis on material culture and civic identity at the University of Ulster.
- Ioannis Tsioulakis was elected as an Executive Committee Officer (Webmaster) of the Anthropological Association of Ireland.

Teaching news

- Andrew Todd from Tandem Designs gave a talk to our level-one History students on the design and implementation of historical exhibitions, including the company’s recent work at King John’s Castle in Limerick.

- On 6 February, students taking the MA History Public History Internship module participated in a half-day roundtable with a number of practitioners from the museums and heritage sector. Guests included Jane Williams and Catherine McCullough from NMNI and Patrick Fitzgerald and Brian Lambkin from MCMS/Ulster American Folk Park. Discussion was lively and stimulating and covered an impressive range of topics. Students engaging in oral history collection as part of their internship have attended a training session on ‘How to make a podcast’ run by PLACE NI.

Student societies:

The History Society held a very successful pub crawl (on one of the wettest nights of the year!) in conjunction with Poly Soc to celebrate exam results. This was the best attended event of the year with almost 80 students descending on the BOT at 7pm!

The annual History and Anthropology Formal is taking place in The Hilton Hotel and Filthy McNastys on Monday 10th March, this has always been a popular event and this year was no exception with tickets selling out within a week. We hope to have another social and cultural? event before the end of the year, and will keep you informed of plans.

Alumni and careers news:

- The School is delighted to report the enthusiastic engagement of its students with recent careers sessions offered by Careers, Employability and Skills staff for History and Anthropology students. We are very impressed by the numbers who attended the sessions (a total of 101 students). Student response to the quality of information and advice received was very positive: students rated the quality of the sessions at 4.8 (out of 5). The School encourages all its students to avail themselves of the advice on hand at Careers, Employability and Skills, which is based in the Student Guidance Centre. More information on the service can be found at http://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/sgc/careers/
Recruitment activities:

- The School hosted a **Broadening Visions Open Day** for UCAS applicants on 28 February, and will host another one on Friday 28 March. More info at: [http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofHistoryandAnthropology/StudyattheSchool/UndergraduateStudies/OpenDays/](http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofHistoryandAnthropology/StudyattheSchool/UndergraduateStudies/OpenDays/)

- **Todd Weir** and **Andrew Holmes** attended a sixth-form conference at **St Columb’s College**, Derry, on 27 January. This successful event is now in its third year and involved a number of schools in the north west and the feedback from the teachers and parents was very positive. Dr Weir provided a lecture on Hitler’s rise to power, while Dr Holmes talked about recent developments in the study of late eighteenth-century Ireland.

- **Olwen Purdue** attended the Ballyclare Schools Careers Fair.

Forthcoming events in March 2014:

- **7.3 - International Women’s Day Conference: Women on the Edge.** The 2014 International Women’s Day Conference at Queen’s University Belfast will explore what it means for a woman to be on the edge in different socio-historical contexts. See [http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofHistoryandAnthropology/News/Conferences/WomenOnTheEdge/](http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofHistoryandAnthropology/News/Conferences/WomenOnTheEdge/)

- **4.3 @4.15pm Anthropology Seminar: Rina Schiller and Ruth Bayles.** ‘Fracking in Ireland: an issue of more than just cross-border environmental concern’ (16UQ/G06)

- **7.3 @4pm History Postgrad Sem: Robyn Aitcheson (QUB),** ‘Public health in early nineteenth-century Belfast: medical charities, institutions and caring for the sick poor’ (PG Sem Rm, 18 College Grn)

- **10.3 @1pm Irish Studies Seminar: Sean Connolly (QUB)** *The contest for public space in late Victorian and Edwardian Belfast* (IIS Seminar Room, 8 Fitzwilliam St)

- **11.3 @4.15pm Anthropology Seminar: Jeremy MacClancy (Oxford Brookes),** ‘Anthropology and public service in the UK’ (16UQ/G06)

- **14.3 @4pm History Postgrad Seminar: Derek Crosby (QUB),** ‘The Gladman Procession: civic identity under strain’ (PG Sem Rm, 18 Coll Grn)

- **18.3 @4pm History Research Seminar: Joel Harrington (Vanderbilt University):** *The Cosmos of a sixteenth-century executioner* (Old Staff Common Room, Lanyon Building)

- **20.3 @6.30 USIHS Lecture: Catherine Cox (UCD),** ‘Negotiating insanity in the southeast of Ireland, 1820-1900’ (16UQ/G01)

- **21.3 @4pm History Postgrad Seminar: Conall MacMichael (QUB),** ‘For the brothers on the block? Black power and the emergent African American middle class’, (PG Sem Rm, 18 Coll Grn)

- **24.3 @1pm Irish Studies Seminar: Matthew Reznicek, (School of English, QUB),** ‘Absurd speculations: paper money in Maria Edgeworth's Ormond’ (IIS Seminar Room, 8 Fitzwilliam St)

- **28.3 @4pm History Postgrad Seminar: Robin McCallum (QUB),** ‘Revolts against the king and the cathedral in Bristol and Norwich, 1272-1350’ (PG Sem Rm, 18 Coll Grn)

- **31.3 @1pm Irish Studies Seminar: Megan Minogue (School of English, QUB),** ‘Gendered unionism and loyalism in Northern Irish drama’ (IIS Seminar Room, 8 Fitzwilliam St)