

CELEBRATING GENDER HISTORY AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY**Conference to mark the retirement of Professor Mary O' Dowd as founding professor of****Gender History at Queen's University Belfast****Friday 25 October 2019 14:00pm - 18:00pm****Peter Froggatt Centre, QUB - Room 02.026**

A pioneer of women's history in Ireland, Mary O' Dowd was the first chair of Women's/Gender History on the Island of Ireland. This conference is a tribute to her distinguished research and teaching career. The conference is organised by the Institute of Irish Studies with the School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics. It will be followed by the opening of an exhibition on Women and History in honour of Professor O'Dowd by Queen's Library Archives and Special Collections.

Programme

14:00 - 14:15 Conference Opening - Professor Alister Miskimmon, Head of School, School of HAPP, Queen's University Belfast

14:15 - 15:30 Session 1

Speakers:

Dr Elaine Farrell, School of HAPP, Queen's University Belfast

'Prisons, property and women: Home and the prison economy 1850s to 1900'

Professor Emerita Maria Luddy, University of Warwick

'Seduction and the support of illegitimate children in nineteenth century Ireland'

Chair: Dr Margaret Ward, Hon. Senior Lecturer in History, School of HAPP, Queen's University Belfast

15.30 - 16:00 Tea/Coffee Break (PFC – Room 02.025)

16:00 - 17.15 Session 2

Speakers:

Professor Gerardine Meaney, University College Dublin.

'Irish women's writing: archive, data and narrative'

Professor Emerita Bernadette Whelan, University of Limerick

'The politics of diplomacy and the 'social game' in Irish and American diplomacy in the 1930s'

Chair: Dr Margaret O'Callaghan, School of HAPP, Queen's University Belfast

17:15 - 18:00 Keynote Lecture

Diane Urquhart, Professor of Gender History, School HAPP, Queen's University Belfast

'Irish divorce and domestic violence'

Chair: Dr Myrtle Hill, Visiting Research Fellow in History, School of HAPP, Queen's University Belfast

18:00 Close followed by library exhibition and refreshments

Thanks to Deirdre Wildy, Kath Stevenson, Deborah Sherlock and Mary O' Dowd herself for the library exhibition.