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## Principle Investigator: **Professor Gregory Toner**



Greg is now a professor of Irish at the School of Arts, English and Languages. He once worked as a researcher for the Northern Ireland Placenames Project at Queen's (1990-97) before taking up a post as a lecturer in Irish in the Department of Welsh in the University of Wales, Aberystwyth in 1997. He was appointed a lecturer in Irish in the University of Ulster in 1999 and Professor of Irish Language and Literature in 2006 there before moving to Queen's as Professor of Irish in 2011. He has written books on the placenames of Co. Down (together with Mícheál Ó Mainnín) and Co. Derry and published a critical edition of the Middle-Irish text, *Bruiden Da Choca*, in the Irish Texts Society series. He edited the electronic version of the Royal Irish Academy's Dictionary of the Irish Language (DIL) and has produced a supplement for an extended and revised version of the dictionary ([www.dil.ie](http://www.dil.ie)). His research focusses primarily on early Irish literature and he has published in *Ériu*, *Éigse*, and *Cambrian Medieval Celtic Studies*. He is particularly interested in Gaelic historiography and story, including narrative modes and cultural context. He is Honorary Editor of the Irish Texts Society and serves on the management committee of the Royal Irish Academy's *Foclóir na Nua-Ghaeilge*. He is a member of the AHRC Peer Review College.

## Research Fellow: **Dr Xiwu Han**



Xiwu gained his Ph. D. of Computer Science from Harbin Institute of Technology in 2006. Before joining this project, he was a post-doc research fellow in the University of Aberdeen's dot.rural Hub, mainly working for developing techniques to facilitate communication between river data holders and users, and helping to teach AI, computing mathematics and data mining. His Bachelor and Master degrees were specialised in English language and General linguistics. Xiwu had worked as an ESL teacher, a computer programmer, a designer of software and hardware, and a teacher of computing science. His research interests include Machine Learning, Data Mining, Natural Language Understanding application in textual analysis, document classification, information retrieving, and Natural Language Generation application in improving public communication efficiency and facilitating wider policy.

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