

Student news:

A warm welcome from everyone in the School of History and Anthropology to all our new students. We hope you have enjoyed the QUB Welcome Week and that you have an enjoyable and rewarding time with us.



Undergraduate Awards 2013 Winner

Many congratulations to **Simon Gallaher** (BA History 2013), who has won the **2013 Undergraduate Awards prize for Historical Studies**, for his essay on 'Why was Klan violence effective as a means of conservative opposition to Reconstruction?' This is a very prestigious achievement, recognising the best piece of submitted coursework by a student registered at a university on the island of Ireland. Simon's essay will be published on the UA website in due course. We wish Simon well as he moves to Christ's College, Cambridge, to study for an MPhil in History in 2013-14. Congratulations also to **Jonathan Hayes**, whose work was Highly Commended in the Historical Studies category.

For more details on the competition, see: <http://www.undergraduateawards.com/winners/winners-2013>



The History Society aims to organise events both academic and social for Queen's historians. We will have a stand at the Freshers Fair on Wednesday 2 October where all new members will be entered into a draw to win a pair of tickets to the Titanic Centre. The first society event is a Pizza Night on 9 October in a club room in the SU. Other events planned include a joint pub crawl with Poly Soc and a trip to Crumlin Road Goal on the week of 21 October. Full details of these events can be found on our Facebook Page (*Queen's History Society*) and on Twitter, simply search for and like us to keep up to date!. A reminder to all first years that History Peer Mentors hold drop-in sessions every Wednesday 1pm-3pm in the common room in 13 University Square (G01).




Staff news:

- A warm welcome to the School to **Dr Joe Webster**, who joins us as a **Lecturer in Anthropology** on 21 October. Joe holds an MA and PhD from the University of Edinburgh, and is currently Isaac Newton-Graham Robertson Research Fellow in Social Anthropology and Sociology at Downing College, Cambridge. He is a specialist in the anthropology of religion and has recently published his first monograph on *The Anthropology of Protestantism: Faith and Crisis among Scottish Fishermen* (New York, 2013). He is currently researching the religion and cultural politics of Orangeism and Unionism in Scotland and Northern Ireland, and is working on a book entitled *We are the People*:



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: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/SchoolofHistoryandAnthropology/>

The School is also on **Facebook** at:

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

And on **Twitter** at:

-  @QUB_History

Orange Politics and Chosenness in Protestant Scotland.

- Congratulations from all in the School to **Jade McComb**, our History Office clerical officer, who married her fiancé Brendan on 7 September. The School staff held a reception for Jade on 28 August and presented her with wedding gift.



Research news:

Publications – articles and chapters:

- **John Wilson Foster** ‘Prologue’ and ‘Titanic: history or heritage?’ in William J.V. Neill, Michael Murray and Berna Crist (eds), *Relaunching Titanic: Memory and Marketing in the New Belfast* (London: Routledge, 2013), pp 1-2, 14-30.
- **John Wilson Foster**, ‘Challenges to an Irish Eco-Criticism’, in *Journal of Ecocriticism* 5.2 (2013), pp 1-13.
- **Liam Kennedy**, ‘“The people’s fuel”: turf in Ireland in the 19th and 20th centuries’, in R.W. Unger (ed.), *Rachel Carson Center Perspectives: ‘Energy Transitions in History’* (2013), no. 2.
- **Christopher J.V. Loughlin** (PhD History 2013), ‘Pro-Hitler or anti-management? War on the industrial front, Belfast, October 1942’, in David Convery (ed.) *Locked Out: A Century of Irish Working-Class Life* (Dublin: Irish Academic Press, 2013)
- **Paulo Sousa** and J. Piazza, ‘Harmful transgressions qua moral transgressions: A deflationary view’, in *Thinking & Reasoning* (Online first publication, 17 September 2013).
- **Maruška Svašek**, ‘Narrating mobile belonging: a Dutch story of subjectivity in transformation’, in Anne-Sigfrid Grønseth (ed.) *Being Human, Being Migrant. Senses of Self and Well-being* (Oxford: Berghahn, 2013)

Conferences, seminars and public lectures:

- **Dominic Bryan** was invited as a respondent to papers given by students at the 3rd **International Postgraduate Conference in Irish Studies**, on ‘Tradition and Modernity’, at the Centre for Irish Studies, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. Three QUB students from the School of English gave excellent papers: Ríonnagh Sheridan, Sheila Rooney and Joanne Burns.
- **Paul Corthorn** gave a paper entitled ‘Teaching controversial contemporary history: Enoch Powell and recent past in Britain and Northern Ireland’ at the *HEA Teaching History in Higher Education* conference at the Institute of Historical Research.
- **Peter Gray** spoke on ‘William Sharman Crawford: the landlord as land reformer’, at *Landlords, Tenants and their Estates in Ireland 1600-2013*, Moore Institute, NUI Galway.
- **Frances Harkin** (PhD Irish Studies), gave a paper entitled ‘The exiles: The Gaelic Athletic Association in London’ at the 9th annual *Sports History Ireland Conference*, at University of Ulster, Magee Campus.
- **Andrew Holmes** delivered a lecture on ‘Presbyterians and St Patrick’ at the Second Annual Conference of the Centre for the Study of Irish Protestantism, at NUI Maynooth.
- **Keith Jeffery** chaired the opening session and took part in a panel discussion on ‘The legacy of the secret services-in-exile’ at a Foreign and Commonwealth Office-sponsored conference on ‘The Secret war fought from London 1939-1945’ at Lancaster House, London.
- **Kerron Ó Luain** (PhD History) spoke on ‘The agrarian disturbances of 1849-52: landlord/tenant conflict on the south Ulster borderlands’, at *Landlords, Tenants and their Estates in Ireland 1600-2013*, Moore Institute, NUI Galway.
- **Olwen Purdue** gave an invited plenary lecture on ‘Northern perspectives: challenges, opportunities and the Ulster estate’, at *Landlords, Tenants and their Estates in Ireland 1600-2013*, Moore Institute, NUI Galway.
- **Maruška Svašek** (with Kala Shreen) spoke ‘On Ganesh, business and philanthropy: Making money and the economics of spiritual and kinship value’ at a conference on *The Costs of Culture: Ritual and The Domestic Moral Economy*, Queen’s University Belfast.
- **Maruška Svašek** (with Amit Desai) spoke on ‘The Indian Community Centre in Belfast as dynamic site of aestheticisation and emotion management’ at an EASR Conference on *Religion, Migration and Mutation*, at Liverpool Hope University.

Research projects and awards:

Fiona Magowan organised *The Costs of Culture: Ritual and the Domestic Moral Economy*, a conference held in the Council Chamber and Canada Room, QUB, on 16-17 September. Part of the ESRC funded project, **The Domestic Moral Economy in the Asia-Pacific**, it brought together leading UK and international scholars in economic anthropology, including Professors Chris Gregory, Jonathan Parry, Patricia Jeffery and Karen Sykes, with scholars from political economy and cultural geography. Sessions addressed how changing economies have impacted social, kin and moral values in the Asia-Pacific region. (Above: Wedding, Kondagaon India, May 2013. Photo Chris Gregory)



- The **Leverhulme Trust** funded project *'The politics of consumer credit in the UK, 1938-1992'* has now ended. The principal investigator (**Dr Sean O'Connell**) has begun work with **Dr Paul Corthorn** and **Dr Stuart Aveyard** to produce the planned monograph and a book proposal is being reviewed by Oxford University Press. The team is also planning a workshop at Queens (for summer 2014), which will bring together a group of historians to examine 'The politics of consumer credit in Europe and the USA'. The workshop is a collaboration with Institute Universitaire de France and will involve scholars from Harvard, Uppsala, and the German Historical Institute, Washington D.C., amongst others.



For more info see: <http://www.qub.ac.uk/mh/Research/HistoryResearchProjects/ThePoliticsOfConsumerCreditintheUK1938-1992/>

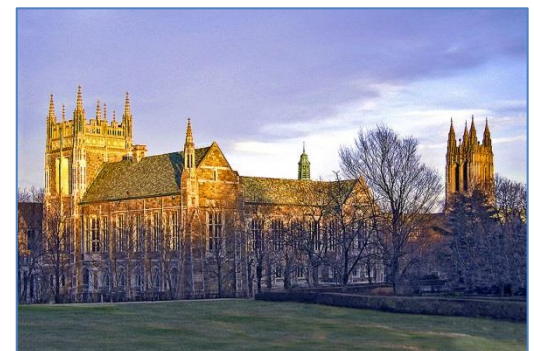
- Crawford Gribben** organised a conference on *'Puritans and Catholics in the trans-Atlantic world, 1500-1800'* in TCD on 16-17 September, bringing to a conclusion a research project funded by the Irish Research Council's Collaborative Project Award (2012-13). The conference attracted a wide range of historians, from postgraduates to well-established experts, and from several continents. The organisers expect to prepare one or two volumes of essays for publication.

Knowledge transfer / research impact:

- Crawford Gribben** appeared on **BBC Radio Ulster's Sunday Sequence** programme on 15 September to discuss the origins and principles of Congregational churches.
- Andrew Holmes** delivered a lecture on transatlantic Presbyterianism as part of the **Ulster Historical Foundation's** 'Return to the Cradle of Irish Presbyterianism' workshop, 16-21 September 2013.
- Fearghal McGarry** spoke on 'Ulster and the Irish revolution' at Banbridge (14 Sept) and Armagh (19 Sept) as part of the **Southern Peace III Partnership's** series of Decade of Centenaries workshop events.
- Paulo Sousa** was interviewed about his life, work and poetry as 'Personality of the Month' in *Minority Focus* magazine (Sept 2013).

International connections:

- Olwen Purdue** visited the **Irish Studies Center** at our US strategic partner institution **Boston College, MA**, on 16-20 September, as part of our annual staff exchange. During the visit she met with members of the BC faculty as well as with post-doctoral fellows, research students and undergraduate students, and used the excellent research facilities at the university and the nearby Massachusetts Historical Society to enhance her current research on the history of poverty and welfare. She taught an undergraduate class on the role of the landed class in Northern Ireland politics, and delivered a research paper on *'The role of the workhouse in late nineteenth-century Belfast'* to the Irish Studies Seminar. Olwen discussed with BC colleagues the potential for future collaborations in Irish Studies-related research, and we will continue these conversations with a BC visitor who will come to QUB later in the year.



The Burns Library, Boston College, holds a number of important Irish Studies special collections



Lu Xin has arrived to join the second year of the Anthropology BA cohort as part of our 2+2 undergraduate agreement with **Minzu University**, Beijing. (Left: Lu Xin joins new Anthropology students at our Anthropology welcome week event.)



- It is with great sadness that we learned on the 23rd of September of the sudden death of **Micael Merrifield**. Micael was a lecturer in anthropology at Saddleback College in California. He has been visiting our Irish Studies summer school with lots of his students for eleven years. Micael inspired students. They followed him around the world with his great motivation to learn. The success of our international summer school is in significant part due to him and his students from Saddleback. He was a friend to Queen's University Belfast, a friend to the Institute of Irish Studies and a friend to us. We send our condolences to his family and friends. He knew how to teach and he knew how to party and we loved him (DB).

External appointments:

- Fiona Magowan** was appointed external examiner for two doctoral theses for the **Australian National University**.

Alumni and employment news:

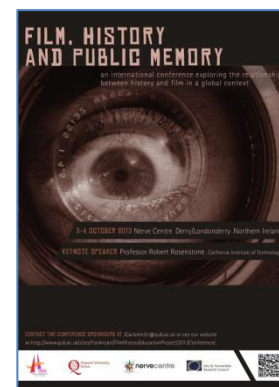
- In September the School hosted an EU placement organised by RSM Tenon. The placement was arranged by a History graduate, **Michael Flanagan**, who works with the international services department of this business services firm. Jonas Haslwanger (from Austria) provided very welcome administrative support during the very busy enrolment and registration period. His scanning skills were fully used to create pdfs of a large number of REF outputs.

Recruitment activities:

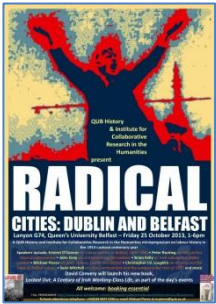
- Thanks to all the staff and students who participated in the QUB Open Days on 12-13 September.
- There will be an evening Recruitment event for subjects in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences on Thursday 17 October.

Forthcoming events in October:

- 2.10 @4pm **Launch of QUB Institute for Collaborative Research in the Humanities** (Great Hall)
- 3.10-4.10 **Conference: Film, History and Public Memory** (Convenor: Dr Fearghal McGarry) @Nerve Centre, Derry~Londonderry
<http://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/frankryan/FilmHistoryEducationProject/2013/FilmConference/>
- 4.10 @4pm **History Postgrad Seminar: William Coleman (UCL): Contraband Ditties: Music, politics and order during the Union occupation of New Orleans, 1861-1864** (PG Sem Room, 18 College Grn)
- 9.10 @5pm **School Postgrad Reception** (MA/MRes/PhD) (International and Postgraduate Centre)
- 10.10 @4.15pm **Religious Studies Seminar: Prof Crawford Gribben (QUB), The Irish invention of the end of the world: Evangelicals, Islamists and the globalisation of apocalyptic belief** (Lanyon: OSCR).
- 10.10 @4pm **Irish Studies Lecture: Marianne Elliott (Liverpool), 'Wolfe Tone: the making of a republican'** (Elmwood Lecture Theatre)
- 11.10 @4pm **History Postgrad Seminar: Liam Cullinane (UCC): Endeavour, struggle and survival: Ireland's Steel Industry, 1937- 1995.** (PG Sem Room, 18 College Grn)
- 11.10 @6.30pm **Screening of Girl Rising** for International Day of the Girl: a joint CIEE/School of H&A event (McMordie Hall, Music)
- 14.10 @1pm **Irish Studies Seminar: Thomas Callahan (History Department, Rider University, USA) 'Roscommon to New Jersey: chain migration and the Irish diaspora'** (PFC 03/006B)
- 16.10 @5pm **US History Lecture: Scott Berg: Woodrow Wilson: the man who invented the 20th century.** (Ulster Museum Lecture Room: free online booking)

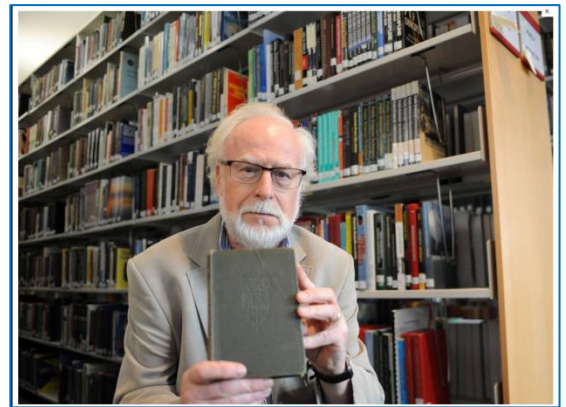


- 18.10 @4pm **History Postgrad Seminar: Stephen Dean (KCL):** *How the Volunteers brought the gun into Irish politics: The transfer of state firearms into private hands, 1778-1791.* (PG Sem Room, 18 College Grn)
- 21.10 @1pm **Irish Studies Seminar: Michael Pierse (ICRH, QUB)** *'Representations of Edwardian working-class Belfast'* (PFC 03/006B)
- 21.10 @5pm **US History Symposium: The 1863 Emancipation Proclamation – Richard Blackett** (Vanderbilt/Oxford) and **David Blight** (Yale/Cambridge) (McClay Library Auditorium)
- 24.10 @6.30pm **USIHS (TBC)**
- 25.10 @1.30pm **History/ICRH Symposium: Radical Cities: Belfast and Dublin - Reflections on labour history in the 1913 Lockout centenary year** (Convenor: Dr Michael Pierse) (Lanyon G74: free booking essential)
- 25.10 @4pm **History Postgrad Seminar: Conor Morissey (TCD):** *Advanced Protestant Nationalists in Ireland, c. 1900-1923.* (PG Sem Room, 18 College Grn)
- 28.10 @1pm **Irish Studies Seminar: Emeritus Prof Liam Kennedy (QUB),** *'The Ulster Covenant and the Proclamation of an Irish Republic'* (PFC 03/006B)



And finally ...

- Congratulations to our honorary research fellow in Irish Studies **Prof. John Wilson (Jack) Foster**, who managed to evade a fine of £8577.50 for returning a QUB Library book a mere 47 years overdue. Jack recently discovered the book by Victorian poet Arthur Hugh Clough, a contemporary of Robert Browning and Alfred Tennyson, when he returned to Vancouver to clear out his locker at the University of British Columbia, where he had been based for a number of years. There he saw *The Poems of Arthur Hugh Clough* still had a due date stamp of 11 October 1966 from Queen's University Library. ... Queen's said it was pleased to get the book back and would not be looking for Professor Foster to stump up the £8,577.50 fine. **'I suppose the moral of the story if you discover an overdue book is make sure it's really, really overdue before you think about returning it'**, the professor said. (*The Independent*, 15 Sept 2013).



Prof Foster and the overdue book
(The Independent)