

Staff news:



Professor Keith Jeffery, who retired at the end of January from the School after a long and distinguished career in teaching and publication, died on 12 February 2016. Keith had served in the School as Professor of British History since 2005, with other appointments at Ulster University, the University of Cambridge and several Australian institutions, and was a Member of the Royal Irish Academy. His warmth, humour and sharp insight ensured that he was regarded with admiration and affection throughout and beyond the historical profession. Keith's funeral, on 27 February 2016, was followed by a memorial service in the Great Hall, in which his family was joined by a very large number of friends and colleagues, many of whom had travelled long distances to attend. Professor Sean O'Connell was among the speakers at the memorial service, recalling his many years of working alongside Keith at Ulster University and at Queen's. The School community extends its sympathy to Sally, Ben and Alex. Keith was an extraordinary friend and colleague, and we will miss him.

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Dr Elaine Farrell and Dr Evi Chatzipanagiotidou were finalists at the Rosalind Franklin App Competition ‘for technology that empowers women in STEMM’, and attended the Prize day in London. Their app, HATCH, allows academics and professionals to locate suitable partners with whom to “hatch” research grants and projects, publications, conferences, and other endeavours.

App finalists gave presentations and were awarded prizes by an expert panel of judges including Baroness Martha Lane Fox, Andrew Eland (Google) and Professor Dame Athene Donald.

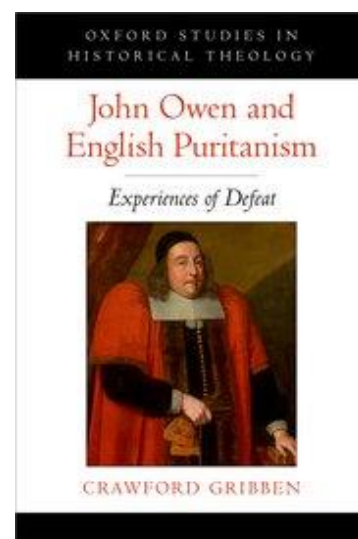
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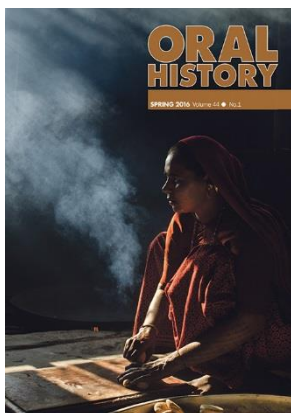
Jason Burke (MA Student) was a panellist at the most recent *History Ireland* Hedge School in Clones, Co. Monaghan. The event was sponsored by Arts & Heritage Minister Heather Humphreys. His presentation, entitled ‘The Somme – What Actually Happened?’ is available: <http://www.historyireland.com/podcast/the-somme-what-actually-happened/> Jason Burke (MA Student) also featured in *An Phoblacht* with an article entitled, ‘The Shame of Easter Week? Unionist Responses To The 1916 Rising.’ The article is available at: <http://www.anphoblacht.com/contents/25683>

Publications:

Professor Crawford Gribben has published his new book, entitled *John Owen and English Puritanism*.

Professor Lisette Josephides published ‘Imagined Future: Practice Activity of Existentialism’, *The Journal of Guizhou Minzu University (Philosophy and Social Science)*, 2015 (4): 037-047. It was translated into Chinese by Wu Ning, one of our former MA students from Minzu





Professor Sean O'Connell edited and wrote the introduction for *Oral History*, 44:1.

From the reviews:

An enthusiastic review of Dr Todd Weir's *Secularism and Religion in Nineteenth-Century Germany* (CUP 2014) appears in the latest issue of *Central European History* 48/4 (2015).

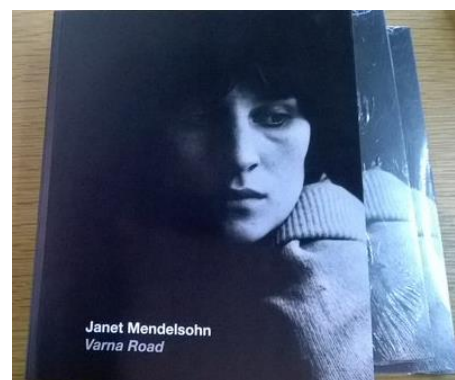
A lengthy review of Dr Todd Weir's edited volume *Monism: Science, Philosophy, Religion, and the History of a Worldview* (Palgrave 2012) appeared in *Sudhoffs Archiv* 99/2 (2015).

Research projects and awards:

Dr Evi Chatzipanagiotidou (CI), Ulrike Vieten (ISCTSJ -PI), Fiona Murphy (ISCTSJ -CI) and Hastings Donnan (ISCTSJ- CI) received a British Council/Newton fund of £32,000 to establish Researcher links with academics in Turkey. The grant covers a workshop on 'Counting our losses': *The politics of loss and social transformation in the context of migration and displacement*, which will take place in Istanbul in April 2016. This workshop will be a first crucial step in establishing more sustainable international collaboration between Turkey and the UK concerning knowledge exchange and academic transfer on the theme of 'loss' in the context of migration and displacement.



The first major retrospective of Janet Mendelsohn's photographs, co-curated by Dr Kieran Connell as part of his AHRC-funded project into Mendelsohn's work, opened at Ikon Gallery, Birmingham on Jan 27. The exhibition book, co-edited by Kieran, Matthew Hilton & Jonathan Watkins and with essays by Kieran & Hilton, also went on sale.



Dr Marie Coleman and Dr Dominic Bryan were awarded an AHRC Follow-on-Funding for Impact and Engagement award for a project on 'Commemorating Partition and Civil Wars in Ireland, 2020-2023'.

Conferences, seminars and public lectures:

Dr Marie Coleman delivered a lecture on 'Divided History in a divided society: Commemorating the Rising and the Somme in Northern Ireland', in the Glasnevin Trust's Winter lecture series (25 February).

Dr Kieran Connell addressed 'The Social Eye of Janet Mendelsohn', a public symposium convened as part of his AHRC project at the Library of Birmingham. Other speakers included Professor Catherine Hall, the magnum photographer Susan Meiselas and the filmmaker Tony Garnett.



Dr Eric Morier-Genoud gave a seminar on "Imperial Migrations, Colonial Communities and Diaspora in the Portuguese World" at the Migrations and Society Research Unit (URMIS) of the University of Paris 7 on 12 February 2016.

Dr Olwen Purdue gave the opening lecture of the 'Surviving the City' lunchtime lecture series jointly organised by PRONI and the Welfare and Public Health project. The lecture was entitled 'The workhouse in nineteenth-century Belfast'.

Dr Joe Webster organised a two-day conference on the theme 'Gender and apocalypse', funded and hosted by the Panacea Trust. Several colleagues and postgraduates from the School presented papers, as well as scholars from across the UK and internationally. All papers were professionally filmed, and are available at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLeX_GYWBjdMF_Iydw_OLBg/videos

Dr Joe Webster was an 'Invited Contributor' at a Templeton Foundation-funded conference at the University of Cambridge. The theme was 'Theologically Engaged Anthropology'. His paper ethnographically examined the Exclusive Brethren 'doctrine of separation'.

Dr James Davis gave a paper on 'The ethics of middlemen and speculative profit in the late medieval world' at the Medieval and Early Modern Studies Seminar, University of Kent, Canterbury.

Dr Todd Weir presented two versions of his paper, 'Mediating the Religious and the Secular: A Conceptual History of Worldview', the first at the American Historical Association in Atlanta, Georgia, and the second at the Frankel Center for Judaic Studies at the University of Michigan.

Dr Fearghal McGarry gave a keynote lecture, 'A Land beyond the Wave: Transnational reflections on Easter 1916', at UCD's Globalising the Rising conference.

Knowledge transfer / research impact:

[Dr Alex Titov](#) was interviewed by The Turkish Radio and Television Corporation, Turkey's national public broadcaster, on Russia's role in the Syrian conflict. The interview is available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BOYZrKpe0Yc&list=FLRNVX6h8T8hZqhrAkufPr4Q&index=1>



[Dr Ioannis Tsioulakis](#) and ethnomusicology tutors Evanthia Patsiaoura and Jonathan Gregory directed world-music performances as part of the 'Fusion' show on Wednesday 24 February. This was a result of a pioneering programme run by **QUB Anthropology** and the organisation **Springboard Opportunities**, funded by the **NI Executive United Youth Programme**, which brought young people from Shankill and Falls parade bands to perform diverse music together. As part of this programme, twenty-four young men and women from republican and loyalist communities have been jointly practicing music, traveling, receiving professional training, and reflecting on their histories. The final showcase took place in a packed Whitla Hall, and was attended by numerous members of both local communities as well as distinguished guests including the Minister for Employment and Learning, the Lord Mayor of Belfast, and members of the NI Assembly.

Above: 'Fusion' Participants with Ministers Stephen Farry and Emma Pengelly.

Right: Performing Brazilian music with ethnomusicology tutors.



Two AHRC-funded projects linked to the school featured prominently in the latest impact report of the AHRC, the 'First World War at Home' (on which [Dr Marie Coleman](#) is CI, with Professor Fran Brearton from the School of English) and 'Northern Ireland's 2016: Approaching the commemoration of the Easter Rising and the Battle of the Somme' (led by [Dr Marie Coleman](#) with [Dr Dominic Bryan](#) as CI). The projects are noted on p. 36 of the report available for download here: <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/documents/project-reports-and-reviews/the-impact-of-ahrc-research/2014-2015/>

[Dr Marie Coleman](#) wrote for QPOL on the question 'Should unionists commemorate the Easter Rising?', available here: <http://qpol.qub.ac.uk/unionism-and-commemorations-for-the-easter-rising-should-they-take-part/>

[Dr Kieran Connell's](#) exhibition on the photographs of Janet Mendelsohn was reviewed in [Apollo Magazine](#), the [Guardian](#), Danish newspaper [Jyllands-Posten](#) and Italian magazine [Internazionale](#). Kieran also appeared on BBC [Midlands Today](#) and Radio 4's [Making Histories](#) to discuss the project.

[Professor Liam Kennedy](#) was interviewed by the Irish-American newspaper *Irish Voice* and by Today FM for his book *Unhappy the Land*. He contributed a paper to the NUI Galway conference on 'Proclaiming the Republic,' and debated the motion that 'The Men of 1916 were no Heroes' at the Philosophical Society, Trinity College, Dublin. He was on the losing side.



[Dr Fearghal McGarry](#) advised An Post on its series of 16 definitive stamps which has been issued to commemorate the centenary of the Easter Rising. Around 80 million of these stamps, with smartphone-accessed augmented reality linking to supporting historical text, will be globally distributed.

For more information, see <http://zinc.ie/apps/1916/#/home>.

[Dr Fearghal McGarry](#) appeared in the RTE documentary *Capuchins and Rebels* as well as *1916*, a major three-part PBS documentary, narrated by Liam Neeson, which was broadcast in Ireland and North America. Fearghal gave talks on the Easter Rising at Glasnevin Cemetery and Parkanour House, Dungannon. He also spoke at 'A State of Chassis: Ordinary People in Extraordinary Circumstances', an event hosted by the Church of Ireland at Christ Church Cathedral to mark the Easter Rising. It was attended by church leaders, First Minister Arlene Foster, Taoiseach Enda Kenny and the British ambassador to Ireland Dominick Chilcott (pictured).



External appointments:

[Dr Todd Weir](#) was invited to chair a PhD viva at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

Forthcoming events:

A festschrift for Sean Connolly, edited by [Dr Andrew Holmes](#) and [Professor David Hayton](#), will be launched in the Canada Room at 5pm on Friday 18 March.

Remembering 1916. The Easter Rising, the Somme and the Politics of Memory (Cambridge University Press) featuring essays by [Dr Dominic Bryan](#), Jonathan Evershed and [Dr Fearghal McGarry](#), will be launched by William Crawley (BBC), at No Alibis at 5 p.m. on Wednesday 23 March. All are welcome.