

Irish Famine Summer School, Strokestown Park, June 23 - 27th - 2021

Wednesday 23rd June 2021

8pm **Official Opening & Welcome,**
Percy French Hotel, Strokestown

Lance Daly – Director Black '47 – In Conversation with Prof Mark McGowan

Black '47 - Viewing and Q & A after

Prof Mark McGowan, update on the search for Strokestown's Missing 1,490 Famine Emigrants

Thursday 24th June 2021

9.30 – 1.30pm **National Famine Way Royal Canal Heritage Conference**

Strokestown Park House

John McKeon (Eastern Regional Manager, Waterways Ireland) [not confirmed]
“The National Famine Way and Waterways Ireland”

Professor Christine Kinealy (Ireland's Great Hunger Institute, Quinnipiac University)

Professor Brian Hand - National College of Art & Design
“Irish Famine Monuments and the National Famine Way”

11:30-11:45 Tea & Coffee

Cathal Poirteir
“The National Famine Way and Irish Folklore”

Professor Mark McGowan
“Following in the Footsteps of Strokestown's Missing 1,490 Emigrants along the National Famine Way”

Caroilín Callery
“Reflections along the National Famine Way”.

1:30-2:30 Lunch

2.30—3:30 pm New Horizons Athlone Refugee and Asylum Seeker Support Storytelling Showcase

3:30-3:50 Tea & Coffee

3:50 – 4:45pm Reading: Marita-Conlon McKenna National Famine Way “Shoe Stories” & *The Hungry Road*.

4:45 – 5:45pm Heritages of Hunger: Societal Reflections on Past European Famines in Education, Commemoration and Musealisation Workshop
Professor Marguérite Corporaal, Radboud, Dr Ingrid de Zwart (University of Amsterdam), Dr Lindsay Janssen, Charley Boerman, Anne Lahtinen, Gloria *** (Radboud University Nijmegen).

6pm Exhibit Launch and Reception for Paula Stokes's "1845: Memento Mori" art installation commemorating the tragedy of the Great Hunger with 1,845 glass potatoes. Galleried Kitchen.

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Friday 25 June 2021

9.30 – 1.00pm **Landlords - the Good, the Bad & the Ugly** Strokestown Park House

Professor Marguérite Corporaal (Radboud University Nijmegen)
“Landlords and Tenants in Irish Famine Diaspora Fiction”.

Professor Mary Corcoran (Maynooth University)
“Common in the context of Modern Urban Settlements: Contemporary Issues in accessing public versus private land and social justice”

Mike Murphy (University College Cork)
“Bothan Famine Cabin: 1st Class – v 4th Class Housing in mid-19th Century Ireland”

Dr Perry McIntyre – Great Irish Famine Commemorative Committee Sydney “County Clare Landlord Cornelius O’Brien (c.1782-1857) and the Earl Grey Female Orphan Emigration Scheme to Australia”

2.30-3pm Cathal Poirteir Reading.
“The changing relations between Lord George Hill and his tenants in Gweedore 1837-1878”.

3-3:30pm Maureen Murphy (Hofstra University, New York)
“Sir William Wilde and the Irish Famine”.

3:30-4:30pm Secret Areas of Strokestown Park House and Archive Tour

4:30-5pm Quinipiac University Reception and Great Famine Voices Roadshow 2020 Launch

– Strokestown Court House -

7-8pm BISHOP MAGINN: Good Shepherd in a Time of Hunger, a one-hour theatrical tribute to the life of Bishop Edward Maginn with patriot-writer Thomas D’Arcy McGee Turlough McConnell.

8.15 pm The Trial of Major Denis Mahon
Anthony Russell & Caroilin Callery

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Saturday, 26th June 2021

11-11:15 Registration and “Welcome”.

11.15 - 12.30: Session 1 -

Professor Michael O’Loughlin (Adelphi University, New York).

“The consequences of being born outside of genealogy: Intergenerational legacies of The Great Hunger”.

Prof. Dr. Luiz Gasparelli (Faculdade Municipal Miguel Ângelo da Silva Santos – FeMASS, Brazil).
The Gathering Destitution: Parallel Properties of Colonial Exploitation and Famine in Brazilian and Irish Histories”.

Dr Ray O’Neill (Trinity College Dublin and Dublin City University).

“Whatever You Say, Say Nothing”: Dead Silence and Silencing the Dead, Transgenerational Trauma and the Great Wound”.

12.30 - 12.45: *Short Break*

12.45 - 2.00: Session 2

Professor Timothy Forest (University of Cincinnati - Blue Ash)

“Never Again! – The Shadow of the Great Famine over the Rise, and Fall, of a “New Ireland” in Canada in the 1880s”.

Professor Catherine Shannon (Westfield State University)

“Champions of the Irish Tenants: Boston’s role in the Trans-Atlantic Land Agitation, 1878 to 1882”

Michael Quigley (Irish Canadian Club of Hamilton)

“Burning the Undergrowth: Landlord and Tenant Conflicts during the Great Irish Famine”.

2.00 - 3.15 Lunch

3.15 - 4.30 Session

Michelle ‘Chelle’ S. McIntyre-Brewer (University of Nebraska- Omaha)

“American Indians and the Irish: The Ties that Bind”.

Dr Pdraig Kirwan (Goldsmiths, University of London).

“A Preview of *Famine Pots: The Choctaw-Irish Gift Exchange, 1847—Present* (Michigan State University Press, co-edited by Le-Anne Howe and Pdraig Kirwan)

4:30-4:45 Tea & Coffee

4:45.-5:45pm *Keynote Address*

Professor Mark McGowan - University of Toronto, Canada

“Major Denis Mahon and the Migration of the 1,490 Famine Emigrants from the Strokestown Park Estate”.

8.00pm **Conference & Summer School Dinner**
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Sunday 27th June 2021

5.30am **Darkness to Light 5 Km Walk to the Tye/Tighe Grave**
(Sunrise tbc) In memory of the 'Missing 1490'

Meet at Gates of Strokestown Park

9.30 – 10.45: Session 1a

Norma Owens (Headford Lace Project)

“Little Girls’ Fingers: How ‘Famine Laces’ Changed Ireland”

Crona Cassidy (Independent Scholar)

“An overview of women’s experiences of the Great Hunger in Co. Donegal workhouses, 1841-‘51”

Dr Daphne Wolf (Drew University, Madison, New Jersey)

“A Famine Tale: Public Relations and Molly Maguire”

9.30 – 10.45: Session 1b

Michael Blanch (Committee for the Commemoration of Irish Famine Victims)

“An Gorta Mor: The Untold Hidden History”.

Dr Penny Walters (Bristol UK, author of *Ethical Dilemmas in Genealogy*).

“Drimoleague Diaspora: In Search of Family Ancestry”.

10.30 - 10.45: Tea and Coffee

11- 12.15: Session 2

Donal Manning (Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool)

“Famine memory in *Finnegans Wake*: Landlords and Tenants”

Ge Tang, (The University of Melbourne)

“Sympathy and Cruel Hope: Anthony Trollope on the Irish Famine”

Karina Bénazech Wendling (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, PSL – GSRL, CNRS, France)

“The Landlord, the “souper-warriors” of the Dingle Mission and the tenants – proselytising with soup or educating the Irish peasants?”.

12.15-12.30 Closing Remarks

More information & Updates <https://www.strokestownpark.ie/famine/summer-school/>

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Bookings: