

American Conference for Irish Studies

Tacoma, Washington

September 12-14, 2001

Genre to Gender

Friday October 12

6:00-7:00 p.m. Light Buffet

7:00-7:15 p.m. Welcome, Audrey Eyler, Pacific Lutheran University, President ACIS-West Region

7:15-7:30 p.m. Rebecca Tracy, University of California Berkeley, reads Steve Arkin's review of Willard Pott's *Joyce and the Two Irelands*

7:30-9:00 p.m. Introduction of Micheline Sheehy Skeffington, Donald Jordan, Menlo College

Micheline Sheehy Skeffington, University College Galway

"Hanna Sheehy Skeffington (1877-1946) Irish Feminist and Republican Activist: Her Suffrage Years and Subsequent Activism for Irish as Well as Women's Freedom"

Saturday, October 13

8:45 -9:45 a.m. Session 1, Immigration

Chair: ~~Cliona Murphy, University of California at Bakersfield~~

Erin Miller University of Wisconsin, Madison, "Out of the Cities, and Into the Unknown: Irish Immigrants on the Kern County Frontier, 1860-1880."

Marguerite Qunitelli-Neary Winthrop University "Tales from the Other Side: East Coast Journalists and the 'Irishness' of American Western Mythology"

10:00 am-11:20 a.m Session 2, Versions of Ireland

Chair: Micheal Roe Seattle Pacific University

~~Jim McAuley "Ulster Loyalism and the Peace Process in Ireland"~~

Eric Reimer University of Oregon "The Troubles Thriller and the Peace Process"

Robert McLaughlin, University of Maine, Irish-Canadian Nationalists, Home Rulers Once Again 1912-1914"

Brandie Siegfried, Brigham Young University "The 1592 Correspondence Between Gráinne and Elizabeth Or, Political Rhetoric and Women's Rule"

11:30-11:45 ACIS membership meeting

11:45 -1:30 Lunch on your own, see your packet for nearby restaurants.

Saturday, October 13

1:30 –2:30 p.m. Session **3**, Gender in Current Irish Writing

Chair: Jeanne Armstrong, Western Washington University

Robert Tracy University of California, Berkeley, "Kathleen No More: The Icon Talks Back"

Ann Weeks, University of Arizona "Gendered Genre: Myth in Mary Morrissy's *Mother of Pearl*"

2:45 - 4:00 p.m. Session **4**, Gothic, Elegiac and Lyric

Chair: Robert Garratt, University of Puget Sound

Brendan Corcoran, Emory University, "Ships of Death: the Elegiac Poetics of Heaney, Longley, and Mahon"

James Wurtz, University of Notre Dame, "The 'Other' Within: Joyce, the Gothic, and Postcolonial Memory"

James Matthew Wilson, University of Notre Dame, "Forms of Identity in Paul Muldoon's *Madoc*"

4:10-5:00 Session **5**, Questioning Drama

Chair: Helen Lojek Boise State University

Sharon Braden University of California, Davis

"Martian Men and Venusian Women: Alternative Border Discourse in Contemporary Irish Drama"

Kathleen Heininge University of California, Davis

Mimesis and Mimicry: The Dramatic Gap

7:00.-8:00 p.m. Banquet

8:00-9:30 p.m.

Introduction by Charlotte Headrick, University of Oregon

Jennifer Johnston's *Twinkletoes* performed by Kimberly Gifford, Thriving Theatre

Sunday October 14

9:00-10:30

Helen Lojek responds to Jennifer Johnston's *Twinkletoes*, followed by general discussion

Sincere thanks to Jim O'Brien, Tim O'Keefe, Michelle Nikisch, Judy Foster

WELCOME TO ACIS—WEST 2001

“Genre to Gender”

12-14 October at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Tacoma, Washington

PROGRAM: Keep checking www.acisweb.com for updates.

Send abstracts for 20-minute papers by **25 July** to the program committee chair Kendall Reid of Tacoma Community College Library staff: 253-566-5102, kreid@seanet.com . Other readers: James O'Brien obrienbham@juno.com and Timothy O'Keefe TOKeefe@scu.edu .

Hear special guest **Dr. Micheline Sheehy Skeffington**, National University of Ireland, Galway, touring to honor her famous feminist grandmother, Hanna, and to raise support for a women's education and training center in Dublin. See **dramatic performance of *Twinkletoes*** by Jennifer Johnston.

REGISTER before 20 September with Kendall Reid, enclosing your check of \$70 (grad students \$35) payable to ACIS-WEST with the form below to: 2500 North Lawrence Street, Tacoma, WA 98406-6128.

RESERVE A ROOM before 20 September (253-572-3200), requesting the special ACIS rate for a double or single, available three days before and after the conference, of \$109 per night, plus tax (currently 13.5%), \$119 triple or quad. Sheraton Hotel, 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma 98402.

Fly to SeaTac or take the train to Tacoma. Shuttle service is available between the Sheraton and SeaTac Airport.

Make reservations with Capital Aeroporter, 1-800-962-3579 or 253-927-6179. www.capair.com (c. \$35.00 round-trip).

NAME (Please print clearly in block letters) _____
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Your registration fee of \$70 (grad students \$35) covers all sessions Friday night through Sunday morning, a light buffet Friday afternoon, coffees, the Saturday night banquet (\$35) and play by Jennifer Johnston. (No-host bars)

Banquet choice: Sautéed Vegetables En Croute _____
Pacific Northwest Salmon Wellington _____