IRISH PROTESTANT IDENTITIES

Provisional Programme

Research & Graduate College, Faraday House, University of Salford

Friday 16 September 2005

2.00pm – 3.50pm  Registration and Refreshments (Conference Reception Area)

3.50pm – 4.00pm  Opening Address (Rayleigh Room)
The Irish Ambassador to the United Kingdom,
His Excellency Daithi O’Ceallaigh

4.00pm – 5.30pm  Paper Sessions

Session A (Room TBC)

Identities (1) Evolution and Absorption

Tom Hennessey (Canterbury Christ Church College)
The evolution of national identity amongst Ulster Protestants during the twentieth century

Harvey Cox (Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool)
A sense of Britishness: political socialisation in the Troubles era

Bernadette Hayes (University of Aberdeen) & Tony Fahey (ESRI Dublin)
Values and attitudes of Protestants and Catholics in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland

or

Session B (Room TBC)

A Gender Dimension

Myrtle Hill (Queens University, Belfast)
Negotiating identities: gender, culture and the spiritual empire

James McPherson (University of Sunderland)
‘Sisters of the brotherhood’: female Orange lodges in the north of England, c. 1900-1970

Catherine O’Connor (NUI Limerick)
The Church of Ireland diocese of Ferns, 1945-65: a female perspective

or
Session C (Room TBC)
The Religious Dimension (1) Finding a Place
David Butler (University College, Cork)
‘Survival of the fittest’: Protestant dissenting congregations of Munster, 1660-1861

Martin Maguire (Dundalk Institute of Technology)
‘Our people’: middle and working class Protestants in Dublin – the Church of Ireland experience, 1870-1970

Daithi O’Corrain (Trinity College, Dublin)
‘If a house be divided against itself that house cannot stand’: the Church of Ireland and the political border, 1949-73

or

Session D (Room TBC)
Aspects of History
Sean Stitt (Bolton Institute)
The Great Hunger and the role and attitudes of Irish Protestants

Olivier Coquelin (Quimpier University, France)
‘Native Nationalism’ and Unionism: towards the advent of two antithetical nationalisms in 19th century Ireland

Roy Johnston (Techne Associates, Dublin)
All Ireland politics – 1950 to the present day

Charles Callan (Independent Scholar, Dublin)
Irish Protestant house painters in Dublin – an analysis of the 1911 Census

6.00pm

Plenary Address (Room TBC)
Speaker TBC Whatever happened to Protestantism in Ireland?

Dinner in Manchester
Venue TBC (nb: not included in price)

Saturday 17 September 2005

9.00am – 10.30am Paper Sessions

Session A (Room TBC)
Identities (2) Aspects of Loyalism
Zouhain Abassi (Societe Francaise d’études Irlandaises)
Unionism in Northern Ireland: the loyalist case: political identity and the possibilities of change

Lydnsey Harris (University of Ulster)
Duck or Rabbit? The strategic tradition of loyalism

Peter Shirlow & Brian Graham (University of Ulster)
Loyalist prisoner identities

or

Session B (Room TBC)
Ascendancy (1) Fears and Insecurities
John Gibney (Trinity College, Dublin)
The memory of 1641 and Protestant identity in Ireland
Karine Bigand (Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris)  
*Crisis as an identity enhancing factor: the evidence of the 1641 depositions*

Mervyn Busteed (University of Manchester)  
*Ascendancy insecurities: cross pressures on an 18th century improving landlord*

Caroline Baraniuk (Stranmillis University College)  
*James Orr: Presbyterian, Patriot and Poet of 1798*

or

**Session C (Room TBC)**  
**The Overseas Dimension (1) Migration & Identity**

Geraldine Vaughan (Sorbonne, Paris)  
*A hidden community? Irish Protestant immigrants in the west of Scotland, 1851-1914*

Gary Peatling (Guelph University, Canada)  
*The fall of Unionism: crisis in Unionism and Ulster-Scots identity, 1869-1985*

Joe Bradley (Strathclyde University)  
*‘British is Best’: Protestant identity and Ulster Scots in Scotland*

L. M. Hagan (Stranmillis University College)  
*Ulster-Scots Cultural Identity and the Dialogue of Peace*

or

**Session D (Room TBC)**  
**The Religious Dimension (2) Identities**

Mark Doyle (Boston College, U.S.A.)  
*A primary visible movement: the 1859 revival and communal identity in Belfast*

Patrick Mitchel (Dublin Bible Institute)  
*Evangelical Christians and Irish identities – a case study*

Claire Mitchell (Queens University, Belfast)  
*The oscillating religious content of Protestant ethnic identity*

10.30am – 11.00am  **Refreshments (Conference Reception Area)**

11.00am – 12.30pm  **Panel Discussion (Room TBC)**  
*A Community Under Siege?*

12.30pm – 2.00pm  **Buffet Lunch (Conference Reception Area)**

2.00pm – 3.30pm  **Paper Sessions**

**Session A (Room TBC)**  
**Identities (3) Tensions and Divisions**

Neil Ferguson (Liverpool Hope University College)  
*A divided people*

Graham Walker (Queens University, Belfast)  
*The Protestant working class and the fragmentation of Ulster Unionism*

Aaron Edwards (Queens University, Belfast)  
*Between the devil and the deep blue sea: the NILP, the Protestant working class and the British Labour Party policy towards Northern Ireland, 1958-75*
or

Session B (Room TBC)
**Ascendancy (2) Adjusting to a Changing Ireland**
*Adeline Tissier* (Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris)
*From disillusionment to disestablishment: the Protestant community and Irish National Schools, 1831-69*

*Sean Kennedy* (National University of Ireland, Galway)
*Performing ascendancy: Irish Protestantism after the Treaty*

*Jennifer Redmond* (Trinity College, Dublin)
*Protestant identity, Protestant emigration: new formulations in the New Free State*

*Johanne B. Trew* (Queens University, Belfast)
*Irish Protestant migration in the late 20th century*

or

Session C (Room TBC)
**The Overseas Dimension (2) Another Context**
*James Doan* (Nova Southeastern University, U.S.A.)
*Eighteenth century radical thought in America: Ulster Presbyterian influences*

*Patrick McKenna* (AAIU?)
*The Economic Strategy underlying Religious Difference among the Nineteenth Century Irish Community in Argentina*

*Ian McKeane* (Institute of Irish Studies)
*What satire could be more eloquent than reality? Reporting the Northern Unionists in the French press, 1919-22*

*Wm. Jenkins* (York University, Toronto)
*‘If I forget thee O Ireland, may my right hand lose its cunning’: Irish Protestant identities in Toronto, 1870-1920*

or

Session D (Room TBC)
**Identities (4) Literary Loyalism**
*Stephen Hopkins* (University of Leicester)
*‘A Weapon in the Struggle’? Loyalist paramilitaries and the politics of auto/biography in contemporary Northern Ireland*

*Wesley Hutchinson* (Institut du Monde Anglophone-University of Paris 111)
*Change through dialogue: the U.D.A. on stage*

3.30pm – 4.00pm Refreshments (Conference Reception Area)

4.00pm – 5.30pm Panel Discussion (Room TBC)
*What About The Workers?*

7.00pm Drinks Reception (University House)

8.00pm Conference Dinner (University House)
*After Dinner Speaker:*
*Dr Arthur Aughey, University of Ulster*
Sunday 18 September 2005

9.00am – 10.30am  **Paper Sessions**

**Session A** (Room TBC)
**Identities (5) Edgy Relationships**

**Anna Bryson** (Queen Mary College, London)
*Protestant Identity in mid Ulster, 1945-69*

**K Simpson & H Donnan** (Queens University, Belfast)
*Power, identity and northern Irish border Protestants*

**Kevin Bean** (Institute for Irish Studies, University of Liverpool)
*Being nice to Protestants? The Provisionals, the ‘Protestant community’ and identity politics in Northern Ireland*

**Fintan Vallely** (Dundalk Institute of Technology)
*Fiddlesticks in the closet: Ulster Protestant suspicions of traditional music*

or

**Session B** (Room TBC)
**Ascendancy (3) Literary Representations of Doubt, Decline & Disappearance**

**Christina Morin** (Trinity College, Dublin)
*There are two gods: religion and the search for identity in Charles Robert Maturin’s ‘The Wanderer’*

**Clare Nally** (University of Manchester)
*Anglo-Irish Protestantism and Leo Africanus: cultural politics and the discarnate states of W.B. Yeats’ ‘A Vision’*

**Deirdre O’Byrne** (Loughborough University)
*Last of their Line? The disappearing Anglo-Irish in 20th century fictions & autobiographies*

**Robert Tobin** (University of Cambridge)
*Southern Protestant commemoration in Ireland since 1932*

**R McDonald** (University of Reading)
*Darwinism and Natural History in the Protestant Literature of the Irish Revival*

or

**Session C** (Room TBC)
**The Orange Order**

**Peter Day** (Institute of Irish Studies, University of Liverpool)
*Pride before a fall? Orangeism in Liverpool since 1945*

**Eric Kaufman** (Birkbeck College)
*From deference to defiance: the transformation of the Orange Order in Northern Ireland from 1950 to the present*

**Jim MacAuley** (University of Huddersfield) & **Jon Tonge** (University of Salford)
*The contemporary Orange Order in Northern Ireland*

10.30am  **Refreshments (Conference Reception Area)**

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