

# 22nd Biennial Ulster American Heritage Symposium

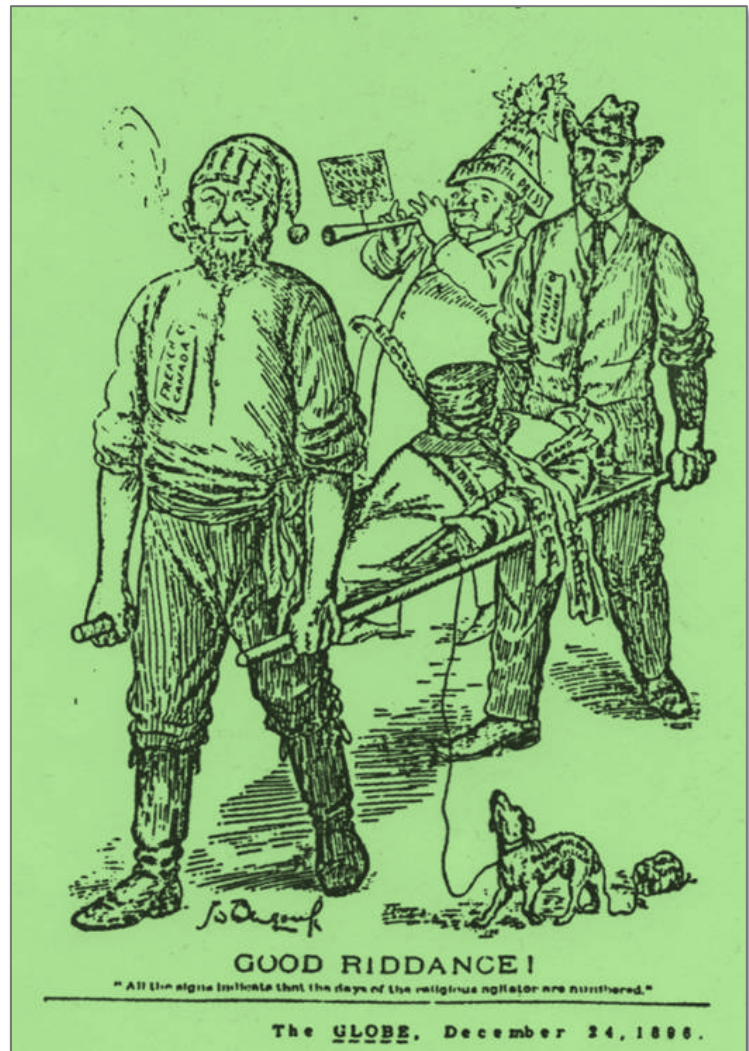
Toronto, Canada  
June 13-15, 2018

**Location:** University of St. Michael's College, in the University of Toronto Sessions in Carr Hall, Room 405 St. Joseph Street, Toronto

**Program Chair:** Professor Mark G. McGowan, Deputy Chair, Department of History; Principal Emeritus, St. Michael's College  
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**Sponsors:**

- \* Department of History, University of Toronto
- \* Celtic Studies, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto
- \* Bank of Montreal
- \* Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster



# Symposium Schedule

## DAY ONE – Wednesday June 13, 2018

Registration, 11:30 am	Foyer, Carr Hall, In front of Madden Auditorium
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### 12h00

<b>Opening Remarks:</b>	Professor Mark McGowan, Conference Chair, University of Toronto; Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, Northern Ireland	CH 405
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### 12h15 – Session One – Physical and Mental Boundaries in Ulster

**Chair: Mark McGowan**, University of Toronto (U of T)

1.1	"Border Blind Spots: Boundaries and the Distortion of Historic Ulster Migration"	Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald, Ulster American Folk Park	CH 405
1.2	"The Roots and Symptoms of Ulster Separatism"	Dr. Catherine Shannon, Professor Emerita, Westfield University, Massachusetts	CH 405

### 13h30

Coffee Break	CH 405
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### 14h00 – Session Two – Irish Catholic Migration and Canada

**Chair: Professor Brent Miles**, Celtic Studies & Centre for Medieval Studies, U of T

2.1	"The foundation stone of mischief: Orange-Green conflict and Upper Canadian perceptions of transplanted Irish violence and sectarianism, 1820-1827"	Dr. Laura Smith, Ireland Park Foundation	CH 405
2.2	"Irish Women Religious Negotiating Border and Boundaries"	Professor Elizabeth Smyth, University of Toronto	CH 405

### 15h15 – Session Three – Irish Women: Stories of Migration

Chair: Ann Dooley, Professor Emerita, Celtic Studies, U of T

3.1	"Albert Cashier's Wonderful Secret"	Heather Montgomery, Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, Northern Ireland	CH 405
3.2	"Rebecca Mellon, Woman, Wife, Mother to a Fortune"	Pamela Gunn, Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, Northern Ireland	CH 405

### 16h30 – Dinner

Dinner is at your leisure	See list of local restaurants
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### 19h00 – Opening Reception and Keynote Reception Courtesy of the Bank of Montreal

<p><b>Remarks:</b> MC: Mark McGowan, Deputy Chair, Department of History, University of Toronto David Mulrone, President &amp; Vice-Chancellor, University of St. Michael's College Randy Boyagoda, Principal &amp; Vice-President, University of St. Michael's College Nicholas Terpstra, Chair, Department of History, University of Toronto His Excellency James Kelly, Ambassador of the Republic of Ireland The Honourable Kevin McGurgan, Consul General, United Kingdom Mr. John Speers, Bank of Montreal</p> <p><b>Keynote Address:</b> Professor William Jenkins, Department of Geography, York University "Settlement, Sectarianism, and Sacrifice: Ulster migrant experiences and identities in Ontario and its Borderlands"</p>	Charbonnel Lounge, St. Michael's College
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## DAY TWO – Thursday June 14, 2018

### 8h30 – Session Four – Religion and Ulster Migration of the American Frontier

Chair: Bronwyn Evans, Department of History, U of T

4.1	"The Migratory Path of 18 <sup>th</sup> -century Ulster Non-Conformists: Quaker John Starr of Antrim, Cavan & Pennsylvania"	Steven W. Morrison, Olympia, Washington State, USA	CH 405
4.2	"Ethnicity, Alliance, Family and War: Scots-Irish Immigration and Defense of the Colonial New York Frontier, 1740 to 1778"	Terry McMaster, SUNY, Canton, NY, USA	CH 405

### 9h45

Coffee Break	Carr Hall
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### 10h00 – Session Five – The Irish Imprint on Ontario's Settlement Frontier

Chair: Stuart Macdonald, Vice-Principal, Knox College, University of Toronto

5.1	"Finding Ireland on the Map of Ontario: A Toponymical Exploration"	Dr. Richard Ruggle, Georgetown, Ontario	CH 405
5.2	"Irish Famine Migration and the Borderlands of the Canada Company on the Huron Tract, Canada West"	Professor Mark McGowan, Chiara Fallone, Brittany Powell, Gabriela Escribano, Olivia Bransch & Rachel McLean, Celtic Studies, University of Toronto	CH 405

### 11h30 – Session Six – The Irish Imprint on Ontario's Settlement Frontier

Chair: Dr. Laura Smith, Ireland Park Foundation

6.1	"'It's a long way from Ballenderry': Irish Military Settlers in Upper Canada"	Ron Dale, Niagara Historical Society	CH 405
6.2	"Travels to the Borderland and Back Again"	Thomas Mohr, University of Toronto, Scarborough campus	CH 405

### 12h30

Lunch Break – lunch will be provided	Carr Hall
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### 13h30 – Session Seven – Scots-Irish Migration on the American Frontier

Chair: Steve Penfold, Department of History

7.1	"Scots-Irish and Ulster Protestants in the Great Lakes Borderland: Secondary Migration and Lost Identity in Michigan"	Professor Patrick R. Ireland, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL, USA	CH 405
7.2	"Scots-Irish Settlers in Virginia's Back Country in the 18 <sup>th</sup> Century: The Case of James Mayse"	Dr. Diane Dunnigan, Hamilton, NJ	CH 405
7.3	"Hark Ye Sweet Liberty Boys: David Bruce and the Scots-Irish"	Dr. Peter Gilmore, Chatham University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA	CH 405

### 15h15

Coffee Break	Carr Hall
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### 15h30 – Session Eight – Keynote Address

Professor Christine Kinealy, Director, The Great Hunger Institute, Quinnipiac University, Connecticut, USA

"Frederick Douglass and the Crossing of Many Borders: America, Canada, and Ireland"	CH 405
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### 18h00

Reception, hosted by Mr. John Gilmour and the Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster <b>Remarks:</b> Mr. John Gilmour	Charbonnel Lounge
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### 19h00

Buffet Supper <b>With:</b> University of Toronto Book Fair	Charbonnel Lounge
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## DAY THREE – Friday June 15, 2018

### 9h00 – Session Nine– Keynote Address

**Professor William Smyth**, President Emeritus, Maynooth University

**Chair:** Mark McGowan, University of Toronto

“A link in an endless chain which circles and girdles the earth’: Ulster’s Orange Culture in Global Perspective”	CH 405
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### 10h00

Coffee Break	Carr Hall
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### 11h30 – Session Ten – Curation, Memorialization, and Commemoration

**Chair:** Patrick Fitzgerald, Mellon Centre, Omagh, Northern Ireland

10.1	“NMNI and the Redevelopment of the Ulster American Folk Park”	Liam Corey, Ulster American Folk Park	CH 405
10.2	“The Building of Dr. George Grasett Park and the Great Famine Migration to Toronto”	Robert Kearns, Ireland Park Foundation	CH 405

### 11h30 – Session Eleven – RoundTable Discussion

**Chair:** Mark McGowan, University of Toronto

11.1	“Reflecting on what we have heard, and moving forward”	Panellists: Patrick Fitzgerald, Christine Kinealy, William Smyth	CH 405
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### 12h15

Lunch	
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### 13h30

Trip to Ireland Park	Erin Quay, Downtown Toronto
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Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
A View of the Waterfront, c.1854



The word "Toronto" is derived from the Mohawk term for "where the trees stand in the water" likely referring to the fishing structures that once stood in the harbour. The natural protected harbour on Lake Ontario ("shining water") has been home to Indigenous peoples since 9,000 BCE. The Wendat (Huron) inhabitants gave way to the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) peoples, who then were replaced by an Anishnabe nation now known as the Mississaugas. In 1793, John Graves Simcoe, the Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, relocated his colonial capital to this site and changed its name to York. In 1834, it incorporated as the city of Toronto. The city became a major focus of Irish immigration throughout the early 19th century and became a bastion of the Orange Order in Canada. The control of the LOL over municipal affairs was so strong and sectarian tension so evident that it became known to some observers as "The Belfast of Canada." In 1867, with the Confederation of several British North American provinces, Toronto became the capital of the newly named Province of Ontario, whose motto is "Semper fidelis" (always faithful). Today the city is one of the most multicultural cities in the world and is the principal financial, economic, industrial, and communications hub in Canada. The greater Toronto area is home to over six million people. The University of Toronto, founded in 1827 (King's College), is among the premier research and teaching universities in the world. St. Michael's College, founded in 1852, is federated with the University of Toronto (1911) and is considered the leading Catholic university in Canada. This act of federation symbolized the ability of Protestant Toronto and Catholic Toronto to affect compromises for the common good. Given Toronto's strong Ulster roots, its historical reputation as loyal and British, it is only appropriate that the Ulster American Heritage Symposium meets in Toronto in 2018.

# Speaker & Chair Biographies

**Olivia Brasch** is a fourth year student in Celtic Studies at the University of Toronto.

**Liam Corey** is a curator at the National Museums of Northern Ireland (NMNI) who specializes in Irish migration, agriculture, crafts, and folk life. He has been engaged in the proposed redevelopment of the Ulster American Folk Park at Omagh, County Tyrone.

**Ron Dale** is an independent scholar who spent 38 years with Canada's National Historic park system. He was a major contributor to the Government of Canada's strategic plan for the bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812.

**Professor Emerita Ann Dooley** is Professor Emerita, University of Toronto, and is a specialist in the literature and language of Medieval Ireland. A native of Tipperary, she taught in the Celtic Studies Program at St. Michael's College and the Centre for Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto.

**Dr. Diane Dunnigan** is a native of San Francisco who specializes in the history of emigration from Ireland during the seventeenth through nineteenth centuries. She received her doctorate from Maynooth University while living and studying in Ireland from 2004 to 2012.

**Gabriela Escibano** is a fourth year student in Celtic Studies at the University of Toronto and she recently presented her research at an international conference of Celtic Studies in Edinburgh, Scotland.

**Bronwyn Evans** is a graduate student in the Department of History, University of Toronto who specializes in the engagement between Christian missionaries and the Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

**Chiara Fallone** has earned an honours Bachelor's degree in Celtic Studies and Mediaeval Studies at St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, this June. She has been on the "Search





for the 1490" research team and has presented to the International Conference on the Great Irish Famine at Strokestown, Ireland in 2016.

**Dr. Patrick Fitzgerald** is Lecturer & Development Officer at the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh, Northern Ireland. He is co-author with Dr. Brian Lambkin of *Migration in Irish History, 1607-2007* (Palgrave, 2008).

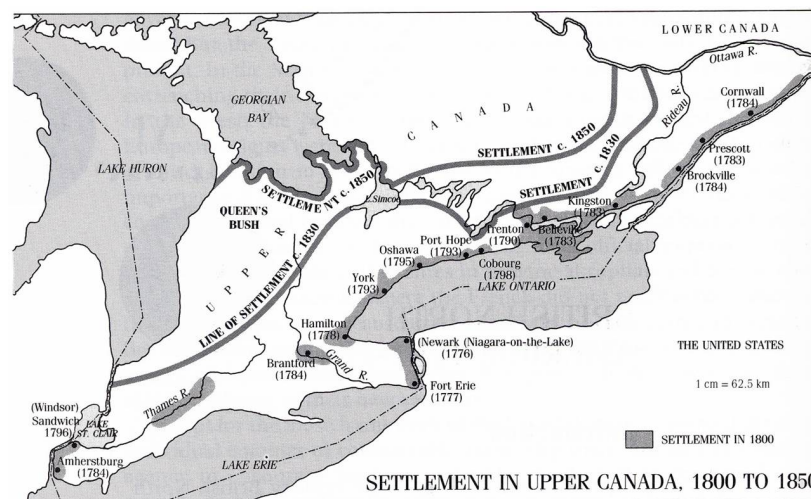
**Dr. Peter Gilmore** received his doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and teaches American history at several universities in the greater Pittsburgh area. He is the author of *Irish Presbyterians and the Making of Western Pennsylvania, 1770-1830* which is forthcoming from the University of Pittsburgh Press.

**John Gilmour** is a Trustee of the Scotch-Irish Trust of Ulster and sits on the Board of Directors for the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies.

**Pamela Gunn** lives in County Tyrone and is employed at the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh. A community activist and volunteer, she is deeply committed to museum work and has represented the National Museums Northern Ireland at international conferences.

**Professor Patrick R. Ireland** is a Professor of Political Science at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago. A graduate of Harvard University, with an impressive teaching portfolio; he is the recipient of multiple teaching awards.

**Professor William Jenkins** is an associate professor of geography at York University in Toronto who specializes in the historical geography of migration and settlement of the Irish in Canada and the United States. His recent multi-award winning book *From Raid to Rebellion* is a comparative study of the Irish communities in Toronto, Canada, and Buffalo, New York. He has just won a major Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council grant to study Irish life in mid-nineteenth-century Toronto.



**Robert Kearns** is founder and president of the Ireland Park Foundation in Toronto. He was the inspired leader of the IPF and the construction of Ireland Park and has continued his work in spearheading the construction of Grasett Park in Toronto to commemorate the sacrifice of first responders during the great Irish Famine. He is an Honorary Fellow of St. Michael's College.

**Professor Christine Kinealy** is the Director of the Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University in Hamden Connecticut. She is the author of numerous books and articles on the Irish Famine, including the ground-breaking volume *This Great Calamity* (1995). She is a scholar of great international reputation and was recently named one of the 100 most influential Irish women in the United States. A native of Liverpool, UK, she is currently working on a full length scholarly biography of Frederick Douglass.

**Professor Stuart Macdonald** is a graduate of the University of Guelph and teaches at Knox College in the Toronto School of Theology. He is a specialist in the study of the witch trials and persecutions in 17th and 18th century Scotland.

**Professor Mark G. McGowan** is Professor and Deputy Chair of History at the University of Toronto. He served as Principal of St. Michael's College from 2002 to 2011 and in several university administrative posts since. He is the author of numerous award-winning books on religion, culture, and migration, with a special focus on the Irish. His latest book is *The Imperial Irish: Canada's Irish Catholics Fight the Great War, 1914-1918* (MQUP, 2017). His current research is on Irish Famine orphan children and their reception and settlement in British North America and the United States.

**Rachel McLean** earned her Master of Arts in English at Wilfrid Laurier University, and is now pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Celtic Studies at the University of Toronto.

**Terry McMaster** is an independent scholar who specializes in and lectures on various historical aspects of the American Revolution in New York's Mohawk Valley.

**Dr. Brent Miles** is assistant professor of Medieval Studies in the University of Toronto and a member of the Celtic Studies Program at St. Michael's College.



**Thomas Mohr** is a retired lithographer from the University of Toronto, Scarborough. Currently a licensed archaeologist, he is active in the Kawartha Lakes Culture and Heritage Network, is President of the Peterborough Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society, and has also served as President of the Victoria County Historical Society.

**Heather Montgomery** is a retired midwife and now serves as a tour guide at the Ulster American Folk Park, in Omagh, County Tyrone. She holds a diploma In Tour Guiding, World Host, and Tour Management and has led tours In the UK, Ireland, and Europe.

**Steven W. Morrison** is an independent researcher and professional family historian. He is a specialist on the records of the Society of Friends (Quakers) and his articles appear in such publications as *Familia: The Ulster Genealogical Review*; *The Genealogist*; and the *Journal of Scotch Irish Studies*.

**Steve Penfold** is an associate professor of History at the University of Toronto and has published on the cultural history of Canada, including books on the donut in Canadian culture and the Santa Claus Parade in Toronto.

**Britany Powell** has earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Celtic Studies and Book & media Studies at Trinity College, University of Toronto. She was part of the "Famine Orphan" research team at UofT in 2017 and her findings were presented at the Irish Famine Summer School at Quinnipiac University in 2016. She is the founder and owner of Wolf Clothing.

**Richard Ruggle** is a historian and a retired priest in the Anglican diocese of Niagara. He resides in Georgetown, Ontario, where he works as a publican at the Shepherd's Crook.

**Dr. Catherine Shannon** is Professor Emerita of History at the Westfield State University in Massachusetts. A proud graduate of St. Michael's College, she has many publications relating to the Irish in the United States and British-Irish relations, including *Arthur J Balfour and Ireland, 1874-1922* (1988) and a recent chapter on the role of Lord Randolph Churchill In Irish affairs in the edited collection *The Churchills in Ireland*.

**Dr. Laura J. Smith** received her doctorate at the University of Toronto in September, 2017. Her dissertation "Unsettled Settlers," is a comprehensive study of the political, social, and religious life of Irish Catholic settlers in Upper Canada prior to the Great Famine. She is a researcher for the Ireland Park Foundation and an executive member of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association.

**Elizabeth (Liz) Smyth** is Professor of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning and Vice Dean (Programs) at the School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto. Her most recent publications include *Education, Identity and Women Religious: Convents, Classrooms and Colleges*, co-edited with Deirdre Raftery, New York and London: Routledge, 2016 and *Vatican*

*Il And Beyond: The Changing Mission and Identity of Canadian Women Religious*, coauthored with Rosa Bruno-Jofre and Heidi Macdonald, Montreal/ Kingston: McGill-Queen's Press, 2017.

**Professor William Smyth** is President Emeritus of Maynooth University in Ireland. With the late Cecil Houston he produced several ground breaking studies of Irish migration and settlement in Canada, including a seminal study of the Orange Order in Canada titled *The Sash Canada Wore* (1980). His most recent monograph is the award winning *The Belfast of Canada*, a study of the Orange Lodge and its control of the city of Toronto. He holds an honorary degree from the University of St. Michael's College.

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