SEPTEMBER 24-26
UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center
50 Warren Street
Lowell, MA 01852

THE IRISH IN MASSACHUSETTS:
HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, LASTING LEGACY

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  Conference Registration
Location: Hallway outside Lower Locks Room, 1st Floor

6 – 8 p.m.  Networking Reception and Keynote Address
Chair: Dr. Brian Mitchell
Speaker: Dr. Timothy Meagher
Title: The Irish-Americans
Location: Lower Locks Room, 1st Floor

Thursday, September 25, 2014

8 – 8:30 a.m.  Conference Registration
Location: Hallway outside Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.  Ireland and the Atlantic World 1550 - 1650
Speaker: Professor Audrey Horning, Queen’s University Belfast
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

9:30 – 10:15 a.m.  Ireland in the Early Modern Age
Speaker: Dr. William Roulston, Ulster Historical Foundation
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Coffee/Tea Break
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.  Mr. Gookin out of Ireland, wholly upon his owne adventure: Intercolonial and Transatlantic Connections in the Seventeenth Century.
Speaker: Luke Pecoraro, Boston University
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

11:30 – 12:15 p.m.  The Irish in Maine, 1760-1820
Speaker: Dr. Ed McCarron, Stonehill College
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.  Lunch
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

1:30 - 2:15 p.m.  Long Threatening comes at Last: Ireland’s Great Famine in Irish-American History
Speaker: Dr. Mary Kelly, Franklin Pierce University
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

2:30 – 3:15 p.m.  The Union, Slavery, and Irish Americans in Civil War
Chair: Edward J. Moloney, Center for Irish-Partnerships Advisory Board
Speaker: Dr. Ian Delahanty, Boston College
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Coffee/Tea Break

3:30 – 4:45 p.m.  Irish-American Literature
Chair: Todd Avery
Panelists: Aine Greaney, Ronan Noone & Michael Patrick MacDonald
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

4:45 – 5:15 p.m.  Book signing
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor
5:15 – 8 p.m.  **An Evening of Music and Song**  
Featuring:  Brian O’Donovan of WGBH’s A Celtic Sojourn, who will discuss “The role of music and song in Irish Culture” and Traditional Brew, a 5 piece Band  
*Location:*  *Old Court, Middle Street, Lowell*

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**Friday, September 26, 2014**

8 – 9 a.m.  **Conference Registration**  
*Location:*  *Hallway outside Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor*

9 – 11 a.m.  **The Irish in Lowell**  
*Location:*  *Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor*  
*Chair:*  *Dr Frank Talty*  
Speaker 1:  Prof Brian Mitchell  
Title:  “The Irish in Lowell: The Historical Context”  
Speaker 2:  Dr Colm Donnelly  
Title:  “Transatlantic Excavations: From Crossan to the Acre”  
Speaker 3:  Dave McKean, Eileen Murphy & Lynne McKerr  
Title:  “St Patrick’s Cemetery: Remembering the Dead”  
*Coffee/Tea Break*  

11:15 – 12:15 p.m.  **Irish-American Politics in Massachusetts**  
*Location:*  *Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor*  
*Moderator:*  *Chancellor Marty Meehan*  
*Panelists:*  The Honorable Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, The Honorable David Bartley, Ambassador Ray Flynn  

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.  **Lunch**  
*Location:*  *Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor*
1:15 - 2:15 p.m.    Building an Irish-American Community
Chair: Victoria Denoon
Panelists: Imelda Murphy, Art McCabe and Jim O’Brien
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.    The Irish in Sport
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

Speaker 1: David Fleitz
Title: “The Irish in Baseball”

Speaker 2: Ruairi O’Mahoney, with appearance by Colonel Warren Perry
Title: “The GAA in Massachusetts”

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.    The Evolution of the Irish-American Politician in Massachusetts
Location: Junior Ballroom, 2nd Floor

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.    Conference Closing and reception

Saturday, September 27, 2014

Post-Conference Morning Tour
St Patrick’s Cemetery, led by Dave McKean