

**Economic and Social History Society of Ireland  
Annual Conference, 2006  
'Medicine Science and Society in Ireland'  
Peter Froggatt Centre, Queen's University Belfast**

**Day 1: Friday, 17 November**

From 12.30pm: Registration, Foyer, Peter Froggatt Centre

**1.30pm-3.15pm: Parallel Sessions**

**(1) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 206: Science and Religion**

'Presbyterians and science in Ireland before 1874'

Dr Andrew Holmes, School of History and Anthropology, Queen's University Belfast

'A Nest of Heresy: Walter McDonald, Science and the Catholic Clergy in Ireland.'

Dr John Privilege, Department of History and International Affairs, University of Ulster

'Irish Catholicism and Science, 1931-1949: discordant harmony'

Dr Don O'Leary, University College Cork

**(2) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 302: Public Health in the Republic of Ireland**

'"Flat earthers vs. Murderers of children?": The fluoridation debate of the 1960s'

Dr Tom Feeney, School of History and Archives, University College Dublin

'Medicine, Politics, and Hierarchy: Myths about the Mother and Child Scheme'

Dr Elizabeth Keane, Eton College

'A straining of public relations: Seán MacEntee and the Irish Medical Association, 1957-65'

Dr Andrew McCarthy, Department of History, University College Cork

3.15-3.45pm: Tea & Coffee, Foyer Peter Froggatt Centre

3.45-4.15pm: Economic and Social History Society of Ireland, Annual General Meeting, Peter Froggatt Centre Room 206

**4.30-6.00pm: Peter Froggatt Centre, Lecture Theatre 209: Connell Lecture**

Professor Simon Schaffer, University of Cambridge [Title TBA]

6.00-7.00pm: **[Location?]** Wine reception and launch of pamphlets in 'Studies in Irish Economic and Social History' series

*The Irish in Britain 1800-1914*, by Donald M. MacRaild

*The Poor Law in Ireland 1838-1948*, by Virginia Crossman

7.30pm: Conference dinner (not included in conference fee)

## **Day 2: Saturday, 18 November**

### **9.00-10.45am: Parallel Sessions**

#### **(1) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 210: Public Health in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland**

‘Public health, sanitation and housing conditions in the west of Ireland, 1891-1915’

Dr Ciara Breathnach, Department of History, University of Limerick

‘Riot, smallpox and the politics of public health in mid-Victorian Ireland’

Dr Mel Cousins, Department of History, Oxford Brookes University

‘Lock Hospitals, Venereal Disease and Gender in Pre-Famine Ireland’

Dr Laurence M. Geary, Department of History, University College Cork.

#### **(2) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 211: Science and Medicine in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries**

“‘Chattering charlatan” or pioneer of public science?: The case of the Reverend William Richardson (1740-1820)’

Dr Allan Blackstock, School of History and International Affairs, University of Ulster

‘Daniel O’Sullivan (1760-1796): An Irish military physician in late colonial Mexico’

Dr Fiona Clark, Department of History, St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra (Irish Research Council for Humanities & Social Sciences Post-Doctoral Fellow)

“‘I was right glad to be rid of it”: Dental medical practice in eighteenth-century Ireland’

Dr James Kelly, Department of History, St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra

10.45-11.00am: Tea & Coffee

### **11.00am-12.45pm: Parallel sessions:**

#### **(1) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 210: Public Health in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland**

‘Nuisance and coercion: nomads and public health policy in twentieth-century Ireland’

Dr Aoife Bhreatnach, Department of History, National University of Ireland Maynooth

‘Public health services for women in Dublin and Belfast, 1939-1946’

Dr Mary Muldowney, School of History, Trinity College Dublin

“‘A Conspiracy of Ignorance and Silence”: Venereal Disease and Public Opinion in independent Ireland 1940-1951’

Dr Susannah Riordan, School of History and Archives, University College Dublin

**(2) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 211: Medicine, Science and Learning in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland**

“‘The most important innovation of all’”: agriculture education in the Queen’s Colleges, 1849-65’

Dr Juliana Adelman, St. Patrick’s College, Drumcondra

‘A ‘poor man’s university’?: The Museum of Irish Industry, Robert Kane and scientific education in the Dublin of the 1850s and 1860s.’

Dr Clara Cullen, School of History and Archives, University College Dublin

‘George Sigerson as irish medical man and public intellectual’

Dr James McGeachie, School of History and International Affairs, University of Ulster

12.45-1.30pm: Lunch, Foyer Peter Froggatt Centre (included in conference fee)

**1.30-3.15pm: Parallel sessions**

**(1) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 210: Medicine and Science in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Ireland**

‘The appliance of science: changing functions of science in a developing economy, Belfast 1780-1900’

Dr Ruth Bayles, School of History and Anthropology, Queen’s University Belfast

‘Farmers, blacksmiths and cures for animals in early nineteenth century Ireland’

Dr Patricia A. Lynch, School of Languages and Cultural Studies, University of Limerick

‘Antiquarian, Academic, or Practical? Geology in Nineteenth-Century Ireland’

Professor William H. Mulligan, Jr., Department of History, Murray State University, Kentucky

**(2) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 211: Post-graduate panel**

‘The impact of the Anatomy Act (1832) in Ireland: Pauper bodies and the Galway School of Anatomy’. Ina Brackmann, University of Trier, Germany

‘Sir Charles Cameron: the impact of his work on the living conditions of the Dublin poor, 1862-1921’, Lydia Carroll, School of History, Trinity College Dublin

‘The 1918 Influenza Epidemic in Belfast’, Patricia Marsh, School of History and Anthropology, Queen’s University Belfast

3.15-3.30pm: Tea & Coffee

### **3.30-5.15pm: Parallel Sessions**

#### **(1) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 210: Medicine, Healthcare and Society**

‘Medicine and the making of the Irish middle-class: medicine and migration, 1860-1911’

Professor Greta Jones, School of History and International Affairs, University of Ulster

‘Positioning the Healthcare Sector in Popular Culture’

Professor Jim Malone, Department of Medical Physics and Bioengineering, St James’s Hospital and Trinity College, Dublin

‘The development of the Irish hospital library service’

Dr Marie Coleman, School of History and Anthropology, Queen’s University Belfast

#### **(2) Peter Froggatt Centre Room 211: Psychiatry and Psychology**

Physical illness and mental suffering: the health concerns of suicidal individuals in post-Famine Ireland.’

Dr Georgina Laragy, Department of History, National University of Ireland, Maynooth

‘Criminal lunacy in nineteenth century Ireland: Medico-legal debates and outcomes’

Dr Pauline M. Prior, School of Sociology, Social Policy, Social Work, Queen’s University Belfast

‘Psychology, propaganda and historiography: depictions of Irish revolutionaries, 1916-1923’, Claire McGrath Guerin, School of History, Trinity College Dublin