

2023 Famine Summer School Programme

“Irish Famine Journeys and Trails: Community, Diaspora, Memory”

National Famine Museum, Strokestown Park
22nd – 25th June 2023

Thursday June 22nd

19.00- 22.00	Official Opening and welcome. Screening of BLACK '47, followed by Q&A with Lance Daly, Director Moderated by Professor Jerry White , University of Saskatchewan
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Friday June 23rd

10.00- 13.00	Keynote Speeches: Chaired by Dr Jason King Professor Christine Kinealy , Ireland's Great Hunger Institute, Quinnipiac University - <i>“Remembered and Reframing Queen Victoria”</i> Professor Mark G. McGowan , University of Toronto - <i>“In the relief of their destitute white brethren': Indigenous Peoples in British North America and Famine Relief”</i> Caroilin Callery , Irish Heritage Trust - <i>“Strokestown Canadian Connections: Developing Links between the National Famine Museum, National Famine Way, and Canada”</i>
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13.00- 14.00	Lunch Break
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14.00- 15.30	Panel 1: Chaired by Mark G. McGowan Jillian van Turnhout , Founder of Genealogy.ie - <i>“The Journey and Legacy of the O'Reilly Famine Orphans in Quebec”</i> Mary-Alice Wildasin , Professional Genealogist - <i>“Famine Migration to Quebec: The Journey of One Kilkenny Family”</i> John Herson , Liverpool John Moores University and Pam Neary , family history researcher, Minnesota - <i>“The Great Hunger and the Complexities of Diasporic Scattering: The Example of the Neary and the Reddington Families from Alghalateeve, Co. Galway”</i>
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15.30- 16.00	Break
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16.00- 17.30	Panel 2: Chaired by Caroilin Callery Daria Steiner , Goethe Gymnasium in Frankfurt and International Graduate Centre for the Study of Culture - <i>“Preserving Memory, Initiating Change: Famine Fiction in the 21st Century”</i> Richard McMahon , Mary Immaculate College - <i>“Bring Your Own Hammer: Music, invention and histories of famine and migration in nineteenth-century Ireland”</i> Catherine B. Shannon , Emerita Professor of History, Westfield State University - <i>“Patrick Donahoe (1811-1901), The Pilot and Irish Famine Relief, 1845-1882”</i>
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19:15	Bus departure from Strokestown performance of the musical 'In the Midst of Plenty' at Roscommon Arts Centre. **Please note that this is a separate ticketed event which is not included as part of the Summer School ticket. Tickets can be booked at https://roscommonartscentre.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173636441/events/428546163/seats?zone=Main
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Saturday June 24th	
10.00-13.00	<p>Keynote Speeches: Chaired by Mark G. McGowan</p> <p>Dr Eamonn McKee, Ambassador of Ireland to Canada - <i>"Colonial Twins: Ireland, Canada and the Meaning of the Famine"</i></p> <p>Robert G Kearns, Chair of Canada Ireland Foundation - <i>"Building Connections between Canada Ireland Foundation and Strokestown Park"</i></p> <p>Michael McBane, Author of <i>"Bytown 1847: Élisabeth Bruyère & the Irish Famine refugees"</i> – <i>"Bytown, Bruyère and Black '47"</i></p> <p>Respondent: Kevin Lee, Canadian Coollattin Connection</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break
14.00-15.30	<p>Plenary Panel <i>'From Roscommon to Ontario'</i>: Chaired by Robert G. Kearns</p> <p>Dr. Katherine Hull, Archaeological Services Inc - <i>"Archaeology of the Famine Irish Diaspora: From Ballykilcline to Upper Canada"</i></p> <p>Dr. William Jenkins, York University - <i>"A World of Talk: Reconstructing the Social Worlds of Post-Famine Toronto."</i></p> <p>Dr. Laura J. Smith, Canada Ireland Foundation - <i>"Setting the Famine Generation: the post-1847 trajectories of government-assisted migrants in Ontario"</i></p>
15.30-16.00	Break
16.00-17.30	<p>Athlone Little Theatre's performance of Tom Milan's dramatic work <i>"An Gorta Mór Bis/The Great Hunger"</i></p> <p>Chaired by Tom Milan</p>
17.30-20.00	<p>Book Launch and reception with live traditional music.</p> <p>Commencing with Great Famine Voices launch by authors of <i>"Hunger and Hope: The Irish Famine Migration from Strokestown, Roscommon in 1847"</i>, by Christine Kinealy, Jason King, and Mark G. McGowan.</p> <p>Followed by evening of traditional music in Strokestown Park's Woodland Café.</p>
Sunday June 25th	
10.00-11.30	<p>Panel 3: Chaired by Christine Kinealy</p> <p>Rachel Andrews, University of Galway - <i>"Recovering: Mapping the Spatial Presence of Ghosts at an Unmarked Famine Site, Co Cork, Ireland"</i></p> <p>Peter Murphy, independent scholar - <i>"Stereotypes of Famine Irish Immigrants in the United States"</i></p> <p>Gerard Moran, University of Galway – <i>"Might be better designated slaughterhouses': Conditions in the Auxiliary Workhouses during the Great Hunger"</i></p>
	Break
12.00-13.30	<p>Panel 4: Chaired by Rachael Andrews</p> <p>Richie Farrell, former Roscommon County Librarian - <i>"The Stranger in Ireland: Travel Writing in Nineteenth Century Ireland"</i></p> <p>Tulika Banik, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Guwahati - <i>"Tracing the History of Bengal Famine of 1943 through Oral Narratives and Literary Text"</i></p> <p>Prangan Kumar Lahkar, Indian Institute of Information Technology, Guwahati - <i>"Mautam (1959-60): Memories of Famine, Insurgency and the ensuing Peace"</i></p>
13.30	Famine Summer School ends with closing remarks from conference organiser Dr Jason King , Academic Advisor to the Irish Heritage Trust.

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