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Modern British and Irish Historian

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EDUCATION

Oct 2013 – Feb 2017

Ph.D. History, King's College London

Oct 2012 – Sept 2013

M.A. Merit, Modern History, King's College London

Aug 2008 – May 2011

B.A. History, Minor in Gender Studies, Boston University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019 – Current, Adjunct Professor and Internship Program Manager, Syracuse University London

- Course instructor and module creator for experiential learning undergraduate module [‘Borders in Flux: Identities and Conflict in Ireland’](#).
- Course instructor and module creator for undergraduate module [‘Death as Political: Violence, Grief, and Protest’](#).
- Course instructor for undergraduate module [‘The Global Workplace’](#).

2018 – 2020, Irish Research Council Postdoctoral Fellow, NUI Galway

- Currently researching new project entitled ‘Death be not proud’: Funerals as Protest during the Northern Ireland ‘Troubles’.
- Total grant award: €91846

2017 – 2018, Teaching Fellow in Modern British and Irish History since 1700, King's College London

- Delivered a course of 20 lectures and seminars on the social, religious and political aspects of 20th century Irish history, focusing on the Northern Ireland Troubles, 1968-98 to 36 second year students.
- Delivered a course of 10 lectures and seminars on the Provisional IRA and the Northern Ireland Troubles to 13 postgraduate students.
- Co-delivered a course of 10 lectures and seminars on the third year thematic module ‘War’ to 16 third year students.
- Delivered four lectures on the Contemporary British History Postgraduate course introductory year-long module.
- Designed original sessions with learning outcomes and objectives to complement the set readings and lectures, which included multimedia presentations and engaging the students with primary source material.
- Advised 3 students for their third year free-standing long essays.
- Advised 4 postgraduate students for their MA dissertations.
- Short-listed for the King's ‘Rising Star’ Teaching Excellence Award.

2017, Research Assistant for *Humanae Vitae* Project, King's College London

- Photographed and collated newspaper data for the period between 1955-70 relating to Catholic family planning.
- Transcribed confidential interviews with former priests.

2017, Teaching Assistant, Fordham in London: London Liberal Arts, Fordham University: UG YEAR 3: 'Home, Away, and In-Between'

- Delivered a interdisciplinary course of 15 seminars on the historical, theological, and literary implications of diverse human engagements with displacement to 15 American study abroad students.
- Created learning opportunities outside the classroom, utilising art exhibitions, museums, and theatre experiences to deepen understanding.
- Marked short and long assessments.

2016, Visiting Lecturer and Sessional Tutor, Department of History, Canterbury Christ Church University: UG YEAR 3: 'The Troubles: War, Rebellion and Loyalty in Ireland' and UG YEAR 2: 'Land of Hope and Glory, British History 1945-1990'

- Delivered a course of 7 lectures and seminars on the social, religious and political aspects of 19th and 20th century Irish history, beginning with the 12th century Norman Conquest and concluding with the Northern Ireland Troubles, 1968-98 to 20 single subject and study abroad students.
- Delivered a course of 10 seminars on the political, social, and religious history of modern Britain to 30 single subject and study abroad students.
- Advised 10 students for their third year free-standing long essays.

2014 – 2016, Teaching Assistant, Department of History, King's College London: UG YEAR 1: Europe 1793-1991

- Delivered a course of 20 seminars on the political and social history of modern Europe to 10 single subject, combined honours, and study abroad students.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- **March 2021** *Open University microcredential 'Online Teaching: Creating Courses for Adult Learners'*
- **November 2018** *Awarded the status of Fellow of the Higher Education Academy*
- **April 2018** *Visiting Research Fellow, Moore Institute, NUI Galway, €1000*
- **September 2017** *Women's History Network ECR Conference Bursary, £100*
- **October 2016** *Political Studies Association of Ireland Postgraduate Bursary, €100*
- **April 2016** *King's College London Research Grant, £400*
- **October 2015** *Royal Historical Society Funding for Research within the UK, £318*
- **October 2015** *Political Studies Association of Ireland Postgraduate Bursary, €100*
- **May 2015** *Catholic Record Society Conference Postgraduate Bursary, £120*
- **April 2015** *Third International Conference on Political History Bursary, £500*
- **March 2015** *King's College London Research Grant, £700*
- **October 2014** *Royal Historical Society Conference Grant, £200*
- **May 2014** *British Association for Irish Studies Research Grant, £500*
- **May 2014** *King's College London Conference Grant, £200*
- **March 2014** *King's College London Research Grant, £400*
- **September 2013-2016** *King's College London Alumni Grant, £6000*

PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph:

- [*The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland Troubles, 1968-98*](#), Oxford University Press, 2019. (Winner of the British Association of Irish Studies 2020 Book Prize)

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles:

- [‘They are murderers’: The English Catholic Church and Provisional IRA Attacks on London’](#), *The London Journal*, Vol 45 (1), 2020, pp. 65-85.
- [‘The Catholic Church and the Hunger Strikes of Terence MacSwiney and Bobby Sands’](#), *Irish Political Studies*, Vol. 31 (2), 2016, pp. 282-299.

Peer-reviewed Book Chapters:

- ‘Catholic Responses to Violence in Northern Ireland’ in Gladys Ganiel and Andrew Holmes (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Religion in Modern Ireland* (Oxford University Press, 2022), invited contribution – under review.
- ‘Paramilitary Funerals during the Northern Ireland ‘Troubles’: A Missed Opportunity for Peace?’ in Nukhet A. Sandal and Ingo Trauschweizer (eds) *Religion and Peace* (Ohio University Press, 2022), invited contribution – under review.

Edited Collection:

- [Four Nations Approaches to Modern 'British' History: A \(Dis\)united Kingdom?](#), edited with Naomi Lloyd-Jones, Palgrave Macmillan, Nov. 2017.

Special Edition Journal:

- ‘Rethinking the 1981 Hunger Strikes’, edited with Alison Garden, *Irish Review*, Spring 2020.
- [‘Agreement 20’](#), edited with George Legg and Caroline Magennis, *The Open Library of Humanities*, April 2018.

Other Journal Articles:

- ‘The Rude March of History’: Rethinking the 1980/81 Hunger Strikes and their Afterlives’ with Alison Garden, *The Irish Review*, 55 (Spring 2020), 7-20.

Press:

- [‘Bobby Sands began his hunger strike 40 years ago today. What is its legacy?’](#), *Irish Times*, 1 March 2021.
- [‘The three funerals of Terence MacSwiney’](#), *Irish Times*, 24 Oct. 2020.
- [‘John Hume: A Story Not Yet Fully Told’](#), *Sluggie O’Toole*, 3 Aug. 2020.
- [‘The troublesome world of paramilitary funerals’](#), *RTÉ Brainstorm*, 8 July 2020.
- [‘Hate Mail, the History of Emotions, and the Troubles’](#), *Writing the Troubles*, 15 June 2020.
- [Interview with Audrey Carville for ‘Sunday Sequence’](#), BBC Radio Ulster, 1:06-1:23, 15 Dec. 2019.
- [Interview with Mark Carruthers for ‘Sunday Politics Northern Ireland’](#), BBC, 8 Dec. 2019.
- [‘The Good Friday Agreement, 20 Years On’](#), *History Workshop*, 2 Dec. 2019.

- [‘The Catholic Church and the Troubles’](#), History Now, NVTV, Nov. 2019.
- [‘How the Catholic Church impacted on the Troubles’](#), RTÉ Brainstorm, 24 July 2019.
- [‘The churches, the peace process and reconciliation’](#), *The Irish Times*, 6 April 2018.
- [‘Still rethinking the 1980/81 Hunger Strikes’](#) with Alison Garden, *The Irish Times*, 3 Oct. 2016.
- [‘A contested past: Histories of the 1980 and 1981 Hunger Strikes’](#), *The Irish Times*, 18 Dec. 2015.
- [‘Church Opinion in Northern Ireland, 1983’](#), *History Ireland*, Nov. & Dec. Issue, 2015.
- [‘Rethinking the 1980/81 Hunger Strikes’](#) with Alison Garden, *The Irish Times*, 27 Oct. 2015.
- [‘Four nations and the historical context of the devolution question’](#) with Naomi Lloyd-Jones, *History & Policy*, 16 Feb. 2015.

Reviews:

- ‘The Place of Irish History in Modern ‘British’ History’, Eugenio Biagini and Mary Daly (eds), [The Cambridge Social History of Modern Ireland](#) (Cambridge University Press) *Twentieth Century British History*, July 2020.
- Maurice Fitzpatrick, [John Hume in America: from Derry to DC](#) (Irish Academic Press), *Irish Historical Studies*, Dec. 2019.
- David A. Charters, [Whose Mission, Whose Orders?: British Civil-Military Command and Control in Northern Ireland, 1968-1974](#) (McGill-Queen's University Press), *H-Net*, July 2019.
- Nicholas Campion, [The New Age in the Modern West: Counterculture, Utopia and Prophecy from the Late Eighteenth Century to the Present Day](#) (Bloomsbury Academic), *English Historical Review*, April 2019.
- Graham Dawson, Jo Dover and Stephen Hopkins eds. [The Northern Ireland Troubles in Britain: Impacts, Engagements, Legacies and Memories](#) (Manchester University Press, 2017), *Twentieth Century British History*, Aug. 2017.
- Alvin Jackson ed. [The Oxford Handbook of Modern Irish History](#) (Oxford University Press, 2014), *Irish Studies Review*, Nov. 2015.
- Catherine Nash, Bryonie Reid and Brian Graham, [Partitioned Lives: The Irish Borderlands](#) (Ashgate, 2013), *Journal of Irish and Scottish Studies*, Sep. 2014.

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Selected Invited papers (since 2017):

- ‘The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland ‘Troubles’: The Case of Republican Funerals’, University College Cork History Seminar, 29 Oct. 2020.
- ‘Religious actors and funerals in conflict societies: a missed opportunity?’, *Baker Peace Conference*, Ohio University, 20-21 Feb. 2020
- ‘The Catholic Church and the Troubles’, Manhattan College, 21 Nov. 2019
- ‘The Troubles: 1968-1998’, *War and Revolutions Series*, Boston University, 19 Nov. 2019

- 'The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland Troubles', Georgetown University, 18 Nov. 2019
- 'The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland Troubles', *Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies*, George Washington University, 18 Nov. 2019
- 'The Role of the Catholic Church in the Northern Ireland Peace Process', Xavier University, 1 Oct. 2019
- 'The Catholic Church and the Troubles', Thomas More University, 30 Sept. 2019
- 'The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland Troubles, 1968-98', *Emerging Scholars in the Humanities*, University of Oxford, 13 Sep. 2019
- 'The American Catholic Church and the 'Troubles'', *International History Seminar*, Institute of Historical Research, 18 June 2019
- 'Bearing a banner for the IRA?': The 'Troubles' and the Catholic Church of the United States of America', *Violence Studies Oxford*, Oxford, 17 June 2019
- 'Religion and 1969', Queen's University Belfast, 7 June 2019
- 'An Entangled History? The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland 'Troubles'', *Contemporary British History Seminar*, Institute of Historical Research, 11 Oct. 2017
- 'The Catholic Church and the Northern Irish Troubles: An Entangled History', *Irish History Seminar*, Oxford, 14 June 2017
- 'The Catholic Church and the Northern Irish Troubles', *Irish Studies Seminar*, Cambridge, 17 May 2017
- 'Lost in the Post': Diocesan Archives and the Northern Irish Troubles', *New Perspectives from Church Archives Conference*, Dublin, 6 May 2017
- 'Rethinking the 1980-81 Hunger Strikes', Irish World Heritage Centre, Manchester, 25 Jan. 2017

Selected conference papers (since 2019):

- ['Church and State: The Politics of Irish Republican Funerals'](#), British Association of Irish Studies Digital Conference, May 2020.
- 'The Shepherd of the Bogside': Derry Funerals as Protest during the Northern Ireland 'Troubles', The American Conference of Irish Studies, Boston, 23 March 2019

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & CONFERENCE ORGANISATION

Witness Seminar Organiser: 'Clerical Mediation of Contentious Funerals'

Planned, co-ordinated, and implemented a witness seminar held at the National University of Ireland, Galway on 8 November 2019. Six participants discussed clerical mediation of 'contentious' funerals during the conflict in Northern Ireland.

- Worked with colleagues at Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security, and Justice and the Dublin Global Gateway of the University of Notre Dame to organise the event.
- Organised, publicised, and hosted a screening of 'Mairéad Farrell: An Unfinished Conversation' and Q&A with the film's co-producer, Prof Bríona Nic Dhiarmada as part of the wider witness seminar.
- Developed and prepared successful external funding application.
 - NUI Grant Scheme for Early Career Academics, €3575

Conference Co-Organiser: 'Agreement 20'

Planned, co-ordinated, and implemented international two-day conference held at the Irish World Heritage Centre, Manchester, 6-7 April 2018 with Drs George Legg and Caroline Magennis examining the legacy of the Good Friday Agreement.

- Edited open access, special journal edition of [The Open Library of Humanities](#), published in April 2018.
- Developed a series with [The Irish Times](#), dedicated to multi-disciplinary scholarship for a public audience.
- Developed and prepared successful internal and external funding applications.
 - Irish Department of Foreign Affairs, Reconciliation funds, €4000

Symposium Co-Organiser: 'Rethinking the 1980/81 Long Kesh/Maze Prison Hunger Strikes: 35 Years On'

Planned, co-ordinated, and implemented international and interdisciplinary conference held at the Global Gateway, University of Notre Dame's London Campus, 27 June 2016 with Dr Alison Garden.

- Designed and maintained symposium [website](#), [twitter](#), and [Facebook page](#).
- Developed and maintained [The Irish Times microsite](#), dedicated to interdisciplinary scholarship re-evaluating the hunger strikes for a public audience.
- Edited special journal edition of *The Irish Review*, published in Spring 2020.
- Developed and prepared successful internal and external funding applications.
 - British Academy/Leverhulme Trust Small Grant, £2727.68
 - Wellcome Trust, £1600
 - Canterbury Christ Church University, £200
 - Royal Historical Society, £250

Conference Co-Organiser: 'United Kingdom? Four Nations Approaches to Modern "British" History'

Planned, co-ordinated, and implemented international conference held at the King's College London, 20 February 2015 with Naomi Lloyd-Jones.

- Designed and maintained conference website, twitter, and Facebook page.
- Developed and maintained blog which reached more than 55,000 views.
- Developed and prepared successful internal and external funding applications.
 - Royal Historical Society, £200
 - King's College London History Department, £500
 - King's College London Event Grant, £1500
 - British Association for Irish Studies, £200
 - Institute of Irish Studies at Liverpool University, £200

ADMINISTRATION & SKILLS

Administration: British Association for Irish Studies Council Member 2015 – ongoing, Council Secretary 2021 – ongoing; Institute of English Studies Irish Studies Seminar Convenor 2014-18.

IT: Microsoft OS; Office; Photoshop; Camtasia; Audacity; Kaltura; Virtual Learning Environments including Blackboard and Moodle.