

## SPEAKERS

**Doctor Jonathan Cherry's** main teaching and research interests are within Irish historical geography, cultural geography and geographical skills development and fieldwork. He has held teaching, research and administrative positions at University College Dublin and at NUI Maynooth. He is currently lecturer in the geography department at St Patrick's College Drumcondra, Dublin. Some of his publications include *Cloverhill A Church of Ireland Parish in County Cavan, c.1720-2010* and *The Indigenous and Colonial Urbanization of Cavan Town, c.1300-c.1641* in Brendan Scott (ed.) *Culture and Society in Early Modern Breifne/Cavan*.

**George Knight** is a local historian and local and national tour guide who has worked as guide at Mellifont Abbey, Newgrange and Loughcrew. He has written a number of articles for *The Spark* and *Archaeology Ireland* and has contributed all of the sections on archaeology and local history in the publication *A Clones Miscellany*.

**Professor Raymond Gillespie** teaches in the department of History NUI Maynooth and is editor of the Maynooth Studies in Local History series. He specialises in the history of early modern Ireland and in local history. He has published a very large range of material since the 1970s. He is currently working on the diffusion of print and the changing experience of reading in Ireland 1580-1700.

**Dr Brendan Scott** is the editor of *Breifne* the annual journal of Cumann Seanchais Bhreifne and has written a number of books and articles dealing with religion and society in early modern Ireland. He has lectured at NUI Galway, NUI Maynooth, University College Dublin, Trinity College Dublin, and for three years was research officer at Cavan County Museum. Some of his publications include *Culture and Society in Early Modern Breifne/Cavan*; *Cavan 1609-1653 Plantation War and Religion* and *Religion and Reformation in the Tudor Diocese of Meath*.

**Oliver Brady** is a well known local historian and local and national tour guide. He has led many groups through his native West Cavan.

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**Doctor Patrick J. O Connor** has recently retired from teaching geography at the University of Limerick and is the author of seventeen books including six volumes of poetry. Some of his publications include *Seeing Through Counties - Geography and Identity in Ireland*, *All Ireland is in and about Rathkeale*; *Hometown - A Portrait of Newcastle West*; *Fairs and Markets of Ireland A Cultural Geography* and *Atlas of Irish Place Names*.

**Doctor Patrick Fitzgerald** was formerly curator at the Ulster-American Folk Park in Omagh, County Tyrone. He taught a Queen's University Masters in Irish Migration Studies for fifteen years and now teaches on the Irish History MA programme at Queens. He is Lecturer and Development Officer with the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies, Omagh. Among his many publications is *Migration in Irish History, 1607 - 2007* jointly written with Dr Brian Lambkin. This is the definitive study of Irish migration from the seventeenth to the twenty first century.

**Doctor Brian Lambkin** graduated from Cambridge University in 1975 and trained as a teacher at Queen's University, Belfast. He taught at Rathmore Grammar School, Belfast until 1981 when he joined Lagan College as a founder teacher with responsibility for History and Religious Education. He became Principal in 1993. In 1998 he became the first director of the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies. He is co-author along with Dr Fitzgerald of the definitive study of Irish migration *Migration in Irish History, 1607 - 2007*.

**Jack Johnston** is President of the William Carleton Society and Chairman of the Ulster Local History Trust. For almost twenty years he was editor of *The Spark: A Local History Review*. He has written and lectured widely on local history in both Ulster and Connacht, and has a particularly detailed knowledge of his native Clogher Valley.

## BOOKING AND ENQUIRIES

Places are limited so early booking is essential. No fees are payable except for entrance fee to the play *The Loves of Cass Maguire*. A deposit of €50 is payable on booking to reserve a place, €35 of which will be refunded. Delegates will provide their own picnic lunch on Friday and Sunday or the Slieve Russell Hotel can provide a picnic lunch for both days at a cost of €8.50 per day. Delegates who wish to stay at the Slieve Russell Hotel or nearby will be responsible for their own booking and paying for their accommodation and breakfast.

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## CROSSING BORDERS

A CONFERENCE EXPLORING SOME  
FEATURES OF THE BORDERLAND  
COUNTIES OF CAVAN MONAGHAN  
FERMANAGH TYRONE AND MEATH

SLIEVE RUSSELL HOTEL  
BALLYCONNELL COUNTY CAVAN

12th- 15th SEPTEMBER 2013

## PROGRAMME:

This Peace III funded conference focuses on the impact of borders in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Fermanagh, Tyrone and Meath. These invisible boundaries have significantly shaped our history and our people. Funding from the Special European Union Programmes Body has allowed the organisers, Cavan County Council, Cavan Genealogy and The Mellon Centre for Migration Studies in Omagh, County Tyrone to thoroughly explore the importance of these boundaries and their negotiation in our history. The programme will educate and entertain participants both in the lecture theatre and in the field. The conference will highlight the rich shared heritage and culture of whichever side of these borders you or your people call or once called home. One recurring theme will be emigration, which is particularly apt in this year of *The Gathering* and the conference will be further enriched by reconnecting with some of the borderlands diaspora.

### THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

- 17.00 Welcome and Registration
- 18.00 Dinner
- 19.45 Dr Patrick J. O Connor - Setting the Scene
- 21.00 Musical Evening with Martin Donohoe & Friends

### FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

- 9.00 Dr Patrick Fitzgerald & Dr Brian Lambkin Crossing Borders Migrating Between Home and Abroad
- 10.00 Jack Johnston - Setting the Scene for Today's Fieldtrip - Fermanagh, Monaghan and Tyrone
- 10.30 Bus Departs for Castle Saunderson  
Dr Jonathan Cherry Leads Interpretation
- 11.30 Tour of Clones, County Monaghan with George Knight - Focus on how Partition Impacted after 1920
- 13.00 Picnic Lunch on Ulster Canal at Clones
- 14.30 Visit to William Carleton House, Springtown, Augher, County Tyrone  
Jack Johnston Leads Interpretation
- 15.30 Cooneen Ghost House Fivemiletown, County Fermanagh -  
Dr Patrick Fitzgerald Leads Interpretation
- 16.45 Castle Balfour, Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh  
Dr Patrick Fitzgerald Leads Interpretation
- 18.00 Dinner and Entertainment at the Slieve Russell

### SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

- 9.00 Professor Raymond Gillespie Borders, Barriers or Frontiers Ulster and Leinster Before the Nineteenth Century
- 10.15 Dr Brendan Scott - Setting the Scene for Today's Fieldtrip through East Cavan and North Meath
- 10.30 Bus Departs for Johnston Central Library, Cavan Town
- 11.00 Cavan Town through Maps with Dr Jonathan Cherry and Dr Brendan Scott
- 12.15 Bus Departs for Virginia County Cavan
- 12.45 Lunch in Virginia
- 13.45 Tour of Virginia with Professor Raymond Gillespie & Dr Brendan Scott
- 15.00 Bus Departs for Kells, County Meath
- 15.30 Tour of Kells with Dr Brendan Scott
- 18.00 Dinner at the Slieve Russell
- 19.00 Bus Departs for Cavan Town Hall Theatre for the play *The Loves of Cass Maguire* by Brian Friel presented by Castlemanor Players and directed by Rev. Patsy Young

Brian Friel's play is about Cass' lonely struggle on her return to Ireland after working in the USA for over fifty years.

### SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER

- 9.00 Dr Brendan Scott - Tullyhaw and Glangevlin: A Kingdom Within a County. Exploring Some of the Cultural, Historical and Geographical Differences between West Cavan and the Rest of County Cavan
- 10.15 Oliver Brady - Setting the Scene for Fieldtrip of West Cavan
- 10.30 Bus Departs for Bawnboy
- 10.45 Bawnboy Workhouse, St Mogue's Island - Birthplace of St Mogue, Bishop of Ferns  
Robert Johnston, West Cavan Landlord  
Oliver Brady & Aidan Brady Lead Interpretation
- 13.00 Picnic Lunch
- 14.00 Tour of Swanlinbar and Cavan Fermanagh Border Crossings  
Oliver Brady & Aidan Brady Lead Interpretation
- 15.00 Conference Review and Close at the Slieve Russell Hotel