Seán Mac Diarmada

Summer School

2011

Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim
presents

‘Emigration, Migration and the Irish Diaspora’

Friday 17th – Sunday 19th June 2011

Conference Director: Dr Jennifer Kelly
An Foras Feasa: The Institute for Research in Irish Historical and Cultural Traditions, NUI Maynooth.
Seán Mac Diarmada was born on February 28, 1883 near Kiltyclogher, County Leitrim. He emigrated to Glasgow at the age of fifteen years. Returning to Belfast he was sworn into the Irish Republican Brotherhood (IRB) in 1908. He transferred to Dublin where he became a close personal friend of Tom Clarke. Together they later went on to form the military committee which would plan The Easter Rising which took place in 1916.

In 1910 he became manager of the radical newspaper Irish Freedom and as the national organizer for both the IRB and Sinn Féin he travelled extensively throughout the country. By November 1913 Mac Diarmada, who was one of the original members of the Irish Volunteers, continued to work to bring that organization under IRB control. In May 1915 he was arrested in Tuam, County Galway under the Defence of the Realm Act for giving a speech against enlisting into the British Army. He was released four months later. Mac Diarmada fought in the General Post Office during the 1916 Rising and was one of the seven signatories of the Irish Proclamation, the document issued by the IRB on April 24th, 1916 which proclaimed Irish independence from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Along with the other six signatories to this declaration, Mac Diarmada was executed in Kilmainham Jail, just three week later, on May 12th 1916. Seán MacDermott Street in Dublin is named in his honour, as is the railway station in Sligo. The GAA park in Carrick on Shannon, Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada, is also named after him.
Friday 17th June

Registration for the Summer School will take place from 15:00hrs - 16:30hrs at the Kiltyclogher Community Centre.

The opening ceremony of the 3rd Seán MacDiarmada Summer School will take place at 17:00hrs at his homestead, the three-roomed thatched cottage, overlooking Lough Mc Nean which remains in its original condition today. The vernacular buildings, traditional furniture and cooking utensils bear witness to the simple lifestyle of a self-supporting people. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the home prior to the opening ceremony and throughout the weekend.

On Friday evening, parking is limited at the grounds of the homestead, we encourage people to park in Kiltyclogher and avail of our free shuttle service. Shuttle buses to the opening ceremony will depart Kiltyclogher Community Centre from 16:00hrs and return after the event.
Saturday 18th June

- **Registration from** 08:30hrs – 09:30hrs
- **Welcome** 09:15hrs

**Session 1** 09:30hrs – 10:20hrs
Dr Jennifer Redmond, NUI Maynooth. ‘Wartime Lives: Irish immigrants in Britain During World War II.’

Dr. Jennifer Redmond is an IRCHSS Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Department of History, NUI Maynooth. She completed her undergraduate degree at University College Dublin and an M.Phil and a PhD at the School of Histories and Humanities at Trinity College Dublin on the discourses surrounding Irish female migration during the first decades of Irish independence. Her current research project, ‘Regulating Citizenship’, focuses on the experiences of Irish migrants in Britain during the Second World War utilising over 23,000 travel permit applications from Irish people across the UK who wished to return home. The records reveal a detailed portrait of Irish men, women and children experiencing life as ‘conditionally landed aliens’ in a belligerent nation. The project will result in a monograph, War, Citizens and Migrants, and a catalogue of the records to be held at the National Archives of Ireland.
Session 2 10:20hrs – 11:10hrs
Dr Stephen Moore, University of Ulster. ‘Gaelic Games, Irish Nationalist Politics and the Irish Diaspora in London, c.1895-1915.’

Dr Stephen Moore is a part-time lecturer with the School of Sports Studies at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown. His three year PhD researched the history and development of the GAA in London. He has co-authored several papers on the history of the GAA including ‘The Temporary Diaspora at play: The development of Gaelic Games in British Universities’ with Peter Mossey and Dónal McAnallen (2007), ‘The Emergence and Development of the GAA in Britain and Europe’ in The Evolution of the GAA Ulaidh, Eire agus Eile with David Hassan (2009) and ‘Gaelic Games, Irish Nationalist Politics and the Irish Diaspora in London, c.1895-1915’ with Dr Paul Darby (2011).

• Tea/Coffee Break 11:10hrs – 11:30hrs

Session 3 11:30hrs – 12:10hrs
Prof. Don MacRaild, Northumbria University. ‘Anti-Popery Preachers and Irish Migrants in the British World, 1850-1914.’

Don MacRaild is Professor of History and Associate Dean for Research at Northumbria University, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK. He has published ten books, several of them focusing on Irish migration. His most recent work is The Irish Diaspora in Britain, 1750-1939 (Macmillan, 2010), which significantly extends and revises a study which first appeared in 1999. Don regularly reviews for the Times Higher Education.
Session 4  
12:10hrs – 13:00hrs
Dr Patrick Fitzgerald, Centre for Migration Studies, Ulster American Folk Park. 'Family, community and migration history: exploring the Leitrim/Fermanagh borderlands'

Patrick Fitzgerald completed his Queen’s University Belfast PhD. on the subject of Poverty and Vagrancy in Early Modern Ireland in 1994. Following a period working as Curator of Emigration History at the Ulster-American Folk Park, Omagh, he took up his current post as Lecturer & Development Officer with the Centre for Migration Studies at the Ulster-American Folk Park in 1998. Since 1996 he has been teaching a Queen’s University Belfast MSSc. in Irish Migration Studies. He has published numerous articles and papers related to Irish migration history and co-authored with Dr. Brian Lambkin Migration in Irish History, 1607-2007 (Palgrave Macmillan, Basingstoke 2008). In 1999 he acted as one of three consultants to the international television series ‘The Irish Empire’ and in 2004 acted as consultant to the television documentary ‘On Eagle’s Wing’.

• A light lunch will be served 13:00hrs – 14:00hrs

Session 5  
14:00hrs – 14:50hrs
Diane Dunnigan, NUI Maynooth. ‘Coming Home: Irish Return Migration to Leitrim and the west of Ireland, 1890-1920’.

Diane Dunnigan is a PhD student and Hume Scholar in Department of History at NUIM. She is a native of San Francisco living in south Roscommon from where her ancestors emigrated. She specializes in the history of emigration from the west of Ireland at the turn of the nineteenth century. Among her publications is A south Roscommon emigrant, emigration and return, 1890-1920.
Session 6
14:50hrs – 15:40hrs
David Monahan. ‘Leaving Dublin (a photographic work in progress).

David Monahan has worked for some 14 years as photographer to institutions such as the National Library of Ireland, the National Museum of Ireland and the National Photographic Archive. The recent turndown in public funding has seen Monahan spending more time on personal projects and concentrating on the area of fine art printing. Both are areas he hopes to develop further into the future. His current project, ‘Leaving Dublin’ has attracted international media attention in EU countries such as the Netherlands and Belgium and further afield in the United States and China.

Questions and Answers will take place after each session

• Tea/Coffee Break 15:40hrs - 16:00hrs
• Round Table Discussion 16:00hrs -16:40hrs

Sunday 19th June
Short walking tour of Kiltyclogher at 10:00hrs followed by a coach tour which will take in the unspoilt North Leitrim landscape.

An exhibition of Seán Mac Diarmada memorabilia will be on display in Kiltyclogher village throughout the weekend.
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