



***Eighteenth-Century Ireland Society/
An Cumann Éire san Ochtú Céad Déag***
Annual Conference
University College Dublin, 4-5 September 2009

The Penal Laws

Friday 4 September

10.00-11.30: Registration & Coffee [**Humanities Institute of Ireland**]

11.30-1.00: Session 1 (Parallel):
Writing the Penal Laws [HII]

Chair: [TBC]

Dr John Gibney (NUI Galway): 'History vs. the Penal Laws in the career of John Curry, 1747-1780'

Dr Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh: 'Penal Laws and their historians, ancient and modern'

Dr James Kelly (St Patrick's College, Drumcondra): 'Historiography of the Penal Laws'

Catholic Material Culture [K114, History boardroom]

Chair: [TBC]

Michael Lynch (UCD): 'Church Plate in the Dioceses of Co. Clare, Galway and Limerick during the eighteenth century'

Hilary Bishop (University of Liverpool): 'Mass rocks: their nature, use and significance in the retention of Catholic identity and practice, 1690-1750'

Keith Smith (UCD): 'Catholic Altar plate in Ireland in the eighteenth century: Production and Possession'

1.00-2.00: Light Lunch [**K115, School of History and Archives**]

2.00-3.30: Session 2 (Parallel):
Early perspectives on the Penal Laws [HII]

Chair: [TBC]

Dr David Finnegan (TCD): 'The development of Irish penal legislation in historical context'

Neil Johnston (UCD): 'Retribution disguised as persecution: the arrest and imprisonment of Archbishop Peter Talbot, 1678-1680'

Eoin Kinsella (RIA): 'The 1691 Oaths Act: first of the Penal Laws'

Surviving the Penal Laws I [K114]

Chair: [TBC]

Joe MacMahon, OFM: 'The impact of the penal laws on the Irish Franciscans'

John Hamrock (Independent): 'Irish Augustinians in the Penal times'

Dr Ciarán Mac Murchaidh (St Patrick's College, Drumcondra): "'My repeated troubles": Bishop James Gallagher (bishop of Raphoe 1725-37) and the impact of the Penal Laws'

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3.30-4.00: Coffee break [HII]

4.00-5.15: **Roundtable discussion on eighteenth-century studies on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the publication of *Penal Era and Golden Age: Essays in Irish History, 1690-1800* (Belfast, 1979) [TBC]**

Chair: Dr Patrick Geoghegan (TCD)

Panel: Professor Tom Bartlett Professor David Dickson
Professor Marianne Elliott Professor David Hayton
Dr Anthony Malcomson Mr James I. McGuire
Ireland's Ambassador to Poland, Dr Declan O'Donovan.

5.30-7 p.m. **Reception**, UCD Common Room, Newman building, Room
To include a book launch - further details to be announced

Saturday 5 September:

9.30-11.00: Session 3 (Parallel)

International dimensions to the Penal Laws [HII]

Chair: [TBC]

Professor Poul Holm (TCD): 'The Penal Laws – a Scandinavian perspective'

Dr Declan Downey (UCD): 'Accommodations with the Protestant State and Church: A comparative study of respective Dutch & Irish Catholic Experiences'

Barry O'Connell (UCD): 'Personality, Friendship and Mutual Strategic Interest: Patrick Curtis and Arthur Wellesley'

Changing Perceptions [K114]

Chair: [TBC]

Richard Holmes (Bristol University): 'James Arbuckle: a Whig critic of the Penal Laws'

Dr Mervyn Busted (University of Manchester): 'Benevolent Bigot? Sir James Caldwell (1720-1784) and the Penal Laws'

Dr Ultan Gillen (University of London): 'Parliamentary debates on the Catholic Question in the 1790s'

11.00-11.30: Coffee [HII]

11.30-12.30: Alan Harrison Memorial Lecture [HII]

Chair: Dr Eoin Magennis

Dr Vincent Morley: 'The Penal Laws in Irish vernacular literature'

12.30-1.00: Light lunch [K115]

1.00-1.30: Eighteenth-Century Ireland Society AGM [K114]



1.45-3.15: Session 4 (Parallel)

***Surviving the Penal Laws II* [HII]**

Chair: [TBC]

Dr Ian McBride (University of London): 'Sylvester Lloyd and the Delvin declaration of 1727'

Emma Lyons (UCD): 'Collusion in eighteenth-century Kildare'

Dr John Bergin (QUB): 'The Irish Catholic interest at the London Inns of Court, 1674-1800'

***Literature and Law* [K114]**

Chair: [TBC]

Dr Seán Patrick Donlan (University of Limerick): 'Laws, manners, metaphors: reflections on Edmund Burke and the law'

Dr Tadgh O'Sullivan (University of Liverpool): 'Revising the Penal Laws: From Burke to John Wilson Croker'

Professor Joseph Pappin III (University of South Carolina): 'Political philosophy of Burke's Popery tracts'

3.15-3.30: Coffee break [HII]

3.30-5.00: Session 5 (Parallel)

***Economics and the Penal Laws* [HII]**

Chair: [TBC]

Dr Edward Whelan (NUI Maynooth): 'Penal Law or economic regulation: the restrictions on Catholics employment of apprentices'

Dr Patrick Walsh (UCD): 'The Penal Laws and the Irish Financial Revolution'

Dr Lisa Griffith (TCD): 'Navigating the Penal laws in the late eighteenth century: two Dublin cases examined'

***Locality and the Penal Laws* [HII]**

Chair: [TBC]

Dr Eamon O'Flaherty (UCD): 'An urban community and the Penal Laws: Limerick 1690-1830'

Lisa Meaney (QUB): 'Civic and Church organised events in eighteenth-century Ulster, c.1740-1780'

Dr Cormac Begadon (NUI Maynooth): 'The renewal of Catholic religious culture in eighteenth-century Dublin'

5.30-6.30: Plenary Lecture [HII]

Chair: Dr John McCafferty (UCD)

Professor John Morrill (University of Cambridge)

8.00: Conference Dinner [TBA]