

RORY RAPPLE

Appointments:

- 2009 – present Assistant Professor,
Department of History, University of Notre Dame.
- 2007 - 2009 Visiting Assistant Professor,
Department of History, University of Notre Dame.
- 2006 - 2007 Lecturer in Early Modern History (one year fixed term),
University College Dublin.
- 2002 – 2006 Research Fellow in Intellectual History,
St John’s College, Cambridge.

Education:

- 1998 – 2002 **Ph.D (awarded November 2002)**
Thesis Title: *The political thinking and mentality of English military men in the reign of Elizabeth I, 1558-1588*
Faculty of History, University of Cambridge.
Supervisors: Dr Brendan Bradshaw and Professor John Morrill
- 2001 – 2002 **University of Oxford Senior Scholarship**
I was awarded the Irish Government Senior Scholarship in the history and culture of Ireland at Hertford College, Oxford, under the aegis of Professor Roy Foster.
- 1997 – 1998 **M.Phil. in Political Thought and Intellectual History**
(Distinction)
Thesis Title: *The political thought of Sir Humphrey Gilbert*
Faculty of History, University of Cambridge. Supervisor:

Dr Brendan Bradshaw

1992 – 1997

B.A. (Hons) in Single Honors History (awarded highest first class degree in class, 1997)

Trinity College Dublin

Awarded both the Cluff Memorial Prize and the Lyster Moderatorship Prize for having achieved the highest mark in History in the University.

Publications:

Books:

Martial Power and Elizabethan Political Culture: military men in England and Ireland, 1558-1594

Cambridge University Press, 2009.

<http://www.cambridge.org/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521843539>

Book Chapters:

‘The politics of the late Elizabethan succession question and Ireland’. An invited chapter submitted in August 2011 to be published in S. Doran and P. Kewes (eds) **The Question of succession in late Elizabethan England** (Manchester, 2012), a volume in the Manchester University Press series, Politics, culture and society in early-modern Britain.

I have been invited to contribute an 8,000 word essay entitled **‘Military culture and the “Nine Years” War in Ireland’** to R. Malcolm Smuts (ed.) **The Age of Shakespeare** a volume including contributions by Peter Lake and Ethan Shagan *inter alia*, commissioned by Oxford University Press, to be published in 2014.

I have been invited to contribute a chapter on the impact of military life on early-modern English popular culture in A. Hadfield, M. Dimmock, A. Shinn (eds) **Ashgate research companion to popular culture in early-modern England** to be published in 2013.

Articles:

'Writing about violence in the Tudor kingdoms'

The Historical Journal, 54, 3 (2011) 829-854, Cambridge University Press.

'Taking up office in Elizabethan Connacht: the case of Sir Richard Bingham'

The English Historical Review CXXIII (501) (April, 2008): 277-299, Oxford University Press.

Entries in the *New Dictionary of National Biography* for:

'Sir Humphrey Gilbert'

'Sir William Stanley'

The companion essay on Tudor Ireland for *State Papers Online*, the project that digitizes all British and Irish State Papers from between 1509 and 1714. Other contributors include Stephen Alford, Richard Rex, and C.S. Knighton.

Review Articles:

Brendan Kane, **The politics and culture of honour in Britian and Ireland, 1541 – 1641** (Cambridge, 2010), for *English Historical Review* (submitted).

Calendar of State Papers, Ireland, Tudor Period, 1566 – 1567, ed. B. Cunningham (Irish Manuscripts Commission: Dublin 2009) for *Studia Hibernica* (under contract).

Anthony McCormack, **The earldom of Desmond, 1463 – 1583: the decline and crisis of a feudal lordship** (Dublin: Four Courts, 2005) for *English Historical Review* April 2006 CXXI(491):605-606.

Vincent Carey, **Surviving the Tudors: the ‘wizard’ Earl of Kildare and English rule in Ireland** (Dublin: Four Courts, 2002) for *History*, Vol. 88, No. 291: 517-518.

A viceroy vindicated: Sir Henry Sidney’s Memoir of Service in Ireland, 1556-78 ed. Ciaran Brady (Cork, 2002), *Irish Historical Studies*, Vol. 33, No. 129 (May, 2002): 115-116.

Politics and Ideology in Ireland 1541 – 1641 ed. Hiram Morgan (Dublin: Four Courts, 1999) *Irish Historical Studies*, Vol. 32, No. 125 (May, 2000), 132-133.

John Nolan, **Sir John Norreys and the Elizabethan Military World** (University of Exeter, 1999) *Irish Historical Studies*, Vol. 32, No. 126 (Nov., 2000), 288-289.

Current projects

I am currently researching a book project on the tumult (often called either the ‘Nine Years’ War’ or ‘Tyrone’s Rebellion’) which convulsed both English and Irish politics in the last decade of Elizabeth I’s reign. In particular, I am investigating the brinkmanlike politics of the conflict, which occurred during an unstable period when Elizabeth I’s death was widely anticipated and the future of Britain, Ireland and their relations with Catholic Europe and its dynasties was highly unpredictable. This book will be entitled **The Nine Year’s**

War: Elizabeth's last war and Britain's first.

I have also been researching a book project on Sir Humphrey Gilbert, the pioneer of English transatlantic exploration and settlement, which will give full attention to previously segregated and neglected aspects of his life – his occultism, educational theories, alchemical experiments, his preoccupation with personal pre-eminence and violence, as well as his sexuality. Particular emphasis will be placed on his considerable reputation among contemporaries as both a political thinker and ambitious seeker after glory. Gilbert's tendency to intellectualize the various contexts – English, Irish, and Atlantic – that he found himself in, as well as the startling influences and authorities that he cites in his writings, provide a new and informative perspective on very many aspects of Elizabethan political, social and intellectual life, changing our views on what thoughts were thinkable during the second half of England's sixteenth-century.

Scholarships and Awards:

Research Travel Grant A grant from the Institute of Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Notre Dame of US\$3,500, awarded to fund archival research in the archives of Simancas and Madrid, Summer 2010.

Fellowships: Fellow of the Keough-Naughton Institute of Irish Studies University of Notre Dame (elected 2007)

Research Fellowship in Intellectual History
St. John's College, Cambridge (elected 2002)

Irish Government Senior Scholarship

University of Oxford (2001 – 2002)

Fellowship of the Cambridge European Society

Funding Awards:

Thirlwall / Prince Consort Studentship

University of Cambridge (2001 – 2002) (*declined*)

Arts and Humanities Research Board Ph.D. Scholarship
(1998-2001)

Cambridge European Trust Funding (1998 – 2001)

Robert Gardiner Memorial Fund Award (1998 – 2001)

Teaching Experience:

**University of Notre
Dame**

I have taught a range of courses in a number of formats including ‘Tudor England: politics and honour’, ‘Medieval Ireland’, ‘Late-Medieval and Early-Modern Ireland’, ‘Violence in late medieval and early modern Europe’, and an historiographical course entitled ‘Debating Irish History’.

**University College
Dublin**

I lectured on ‘Early Modern England, 1485 – 1660’ and ‘Tudor Ireland’ to Arts undergraduates, and concurrently to over 200 mature students taking the modular evening degree.

**Faculty of History,
University of
Cambridge**

I gave four lectures on ‘Elizabethan Ireland’ in Lent Term 2004, 2005 and 2006 [Historical ~Tripos, Part I, Paper 4], and four lectures on ‘Medieval Ireland, 1155 – 1534’ in Michaelmas Term 2004 and 2005 [Historical Tripos, Part I,

Paper 3].

I also taught a 'themes and sources' based class on migration from Great Britain to Ireland, Lent Term 2005 and 2006.

I supervised students for:

- Part I, Paper 4, 'British Political and Constitutional History, 1450 – 1750';
- Part I, Paper 16, 'European History, 1450 – 1760';
- Part I, 'Themes and Sources' on Migration;
- Part II, 'Historical Argument and Practice'.

**Faculty of History,
University of Oxford**

In Hilary Term 2002, I lectured on the topic 'Tudor Ireland: kingdom or colony?' to the Finals Honour School.

**Examining and
Refereeing:**

In both 2006 and 2005 I set the early modern British political and constitutional portion of the prelim Examinations (first year examinations), for the Faculty of History, University of Cambridge, and assisted in the setting of the Historical Argument and Practice prelim on historiographical topics. I marked the early modern British prelims as well as the medieval British prelims.

I was the examiner of three dissertations at masters level:

- *An English history of Thèvet's New Found Worlde and its curious readers*
- *Vernacular political poetry in Scotland, 1570-1584*

in addition to one other on the career of Sir Thomas Cecil

(1542-1623).

Each of these was submitted for the degree of M.Phil. in Early Modern History, University of Cambridge, Easter Term 2005

Since 2006 I have been a regular academic reader and manuscript reviewer for both *English Historical Review* and *Historical Journal*.

I have acted as an invited assessor of book proposals on Elizabethan history for Routledge.

I was an assessor of first year graduate students, determining their suitability to register for a Ph.D. at the History Faculty, University of Cambridge.

Invited Papers:

‘Ralph Lane, Richard Bingham and the politics of the Irish administration in the 1590s’, The Humanities Institute of Ireland, Oct 14, 2011.

‘The earl of Essex, the succession and Ireland’, Early Modern British Seminar, Trinity College Dublin, Oct 17, 2011.

‘The late Elizabethan succession question and the “Nine Years War,”’ Early Modern Seminar, Institute of Historical Research, London, Autumn session, 2011.

‘James VI, the succession and Tyrone,’ Cambridge Group for Irish Studies, Michaelmas Term, 2011.

Papers Given:

'The death of martial law, when and how: appearance and reality', a paper given at *Elizabeth I and Ireland*, a conference hosted by the University of Connecticut, 13-14 November, 2009.

I served as commentator on a panel entitled *Power and cultural contact in early modern Ireland 1500 – 1700* at the North American conference on British Studies in San Francisco on 10 November, 2007.

“'Call this a Golden Age?': reasons for leaving Elizabethan England", a public lecture given as part of The British Museum's 'A New World: England's first view of America' exhibition on 24 May, 2007

'Mid Tudor martial men, loyalty, exile and the Elizabethan future', at the *Censorship, persecution and resistance in Marian England* conference, Newnham College, 12-14, April, 2007.

'Magistracy and insubordination in Elizabethan Ireland', a paper at the *Religious history of Britain 1500 – 1800* seminar at the Institute of Historical Research, London, 13 March, 2007.

'The sword disgraced by a scurvy goose quill': martial resentment during Elizabeth I's first reign, Early Modern British History Seminar, University of Cambridge, 22 February, 2006.

'The deadly dissension between Pen and Sword in Elizabethan political culture', Cambridge Historical Society, 1 March, 2005.

'Sir Humphrey Gilbert, European political philosophy and violent action against the Irish: a case study', Centre for Genocide Studies, Yale University, September 2004.

'Perpetual Paranoia: Sir Richard Bingham's brand of conflict resolution in 1580s Ireland', Conference of Irish historians in Britain, University of Keele, April 2004.

'Princely Honour and Crown Government in Tudor Ireland', Early Modern British History Seminar, University of Oxford, Michaelmas Term, 2003.

'Female monarchy and military culture' at *Elizabeth: Monarch and myth* conference at Strawberry Hill, July 2003.

'Justifying Violence in Elizabethan Ireland', Seminar in Irish History, University of Oxford, Hilary Term, 2003.

'Justifying Violence in Elizabethan Ireland', Early Modern British History Seminar, University of Cambridge, Michaelmas Term, 2002.

Professional Service:

Member of the search and appointment committees for the assistant professorship in military history advertised by the Department of History, Notre Dame, in 2009 / 2010.

Judge of the O'Hagan award for the best essay in Irish history by a history major at the University of Notre Dame, in 2009 / 2010.

**Service at St. John's
College, Cambridge**

Membership of the **College Council** 2003-2004, 2004-2005. This is the thirteen-member executive council of the college which, apart from making the final decision on all aspects of college governance, ultimately elects prospective Research Fellows and carries out disciplinary measures. While in this post, I also took part in the selection of a new Senior Bursar for St. John's College.

Membership of the *ad hoc* **Finance Working Party** 2004. Owing to concerns about the college's finances in 2004 a working party was set up to assess the way forward. I was co-opted onto this committee by the then Master of the College Professor Peter Goddard.

Membership of the **Arts & Humanities Title A Committee**, 2003-4, 2004-5, 2005-6. This group of academics in the arts and humanities chooses likely candidates for election as Research Fellows, and suitable readers of their work.

Secretary and Co-ordinator of the Cambridge Group for Irish Studies 1998 – 2002

**Other professional
experience:**

I have worked as a freelance journalist for over a decade with a number of publications including *The Irish Times*, *The Tablet* and the *Sunday Business Post* (Dublin). Over the past seven years I have analysed and commented on the British and Irish state papers from the 1960s and 1970s for the *Sunday Business Post* and have been a commentator on historical issues for Ireland's national radio station RTÉ. I was also historical consultant for the Royal Shakespeare Company's Summer/ Autumn production of *Hamlet* at Stratford upon Avon in 2004.

