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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Notre Dame	2016 –
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Notre Dame	2009 - 2016
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Notre Dame	2007- 2009
Lecturer in Early Modern History, University College Dublin	2006 - 2007
Research Fellow in Intellectual History, St. John's College, Cambridge	2002 - 2006

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge	1997 - 2002
<u>PhD (awarded November 2002)</u>	1998 - 2002
Title: <i>The Political Thinking and Mentality of English Military Men in the Reign of Elizabeth I, 1558-1588</i>	
<u>MPhil in Political Thought and Intellectual History (Distinction)</u>	1997 - 1998
Title: <i>The Political Thinking of Sir Humphrey Gilbert</i>	
Trinity College, Dublin	
<u>BA (Hons) in Single Honors History,</u>	1992 - 1997
(highest first class degree in class of 1997)	
<i>Awarded Cluff Memorial Prize and the Lyster Moderatorship Prize</i>	

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society	Elected in 2015
Caird Fellowship at the Royal Maritime Museum, Greenwich	Summer 2019/2021
Visiting Fellow, Trinity College, Dublin Long Room Hub	Sept 2018-Jan 2019
Muriel McCarthy Research Fellowship held at Marsh's Library, Dublin	June-July 2015
Research Fellow in Intellectual History, St John's College, Cambridge	2002-2006
Irish Government Senior Scholarship, University of Oxford	2001-2002

Thirlwall/Prince Consort Studentship University of Cambridge (<i>declined</i>)	2001-2002
Arts and Humanities Research Board (AHRB) Ph.D. Scholarship	1998-2001
Cambridge European Trust Funding	1998-2001
Robert Gardiner Memorial Fund Award	1998-2001

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Large Henkels Award for Conference: ‘Illuminating Elizabethan Political Thought’ (\$17,500)	2018 for 2022/3 (postponed)
Constable Prize Fellowship (\$10,000)	2017
Faculty Support Research Programme Initiation Grant (\$10,000)	2017
Large Bi-Annual Research Grant, ISLA, Notre Dame (\$5,500)	2013
Small Research Grant, ISLA, Notre Dame	2010/2012/2014/2016
Kobayashi Research Travel Fund	2012/2014

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

Devil Rider: Sir Humphrey Gilbert and the dark beginnings of empire. (Under contract with Oxford University Press).

Martial Power and Elizabethan Political Culture: Military Men in England and Ireland, 1558-1594 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009). Also in paperback.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

‘The bard and his World (1200-1600)’, co-written with Peter McQuillan in *Bone and Marrow/ Cnámh agus Smíor An Anthology of Irish Poetry from Medieval to Modern* (Wake Forest: Wake Forest University Press, 2022), edited by S. Fisher and B. Ó Conchubhair, pp. 69-143.

‘Shakespeare, the Irish, and Military Culture’, in *The Age of Shakespeare*, edited by R. Malcolm Smuts (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 103-120. Also in paperback.

‘Brinkmanship and bad luck: Ireland, the Nine Years’ War and the Succession’, in *Doubtful and Dangerous: The Questions of Succession in Late Elizabethan England*, edited by S. Doran and P. Kewes (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2014), pp. 236-256. Also in paperback.

‘Military Culture’, in *Ashgate Research Companion to Popular Culture in Early-Modern England*, edited by A. Hadfield, M. Dimmock and A. Shinn (Farnham: Ashgate, 2014), pp. 337-356.

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

‘Ideas and realities in the Elizabethan experience of colonizing Ireland and America’ *The William and Mary Quarterly* third ser., 80, 3, 443-453, first contribution to an article forum on ‘Nicholas P. Canny’s “The Ideology of English Colonization” at fifty: a re-evaluation’ based on a roundtable I organised and convened at the RSA in Dublin March/April 2022.

‘Brazen as Falstaff, devious as Iago: Sir Ralph Lane’s approach to officeholding in both Ireland and Virginia’ *Journal of British Studies*, 62 (April 2023): 390-417. .

‘Elizabethan Absolutism and Tamburlaine’s tents: Sir Humphrey Gilbert reads *De Republica Anglorum*’ *The English Historical Review*, CXXXI, 554 (February 2017): 14-40.

‘Writing about violence in the Tudor Kingdoms’, *The Historical Journal*, 54, 3 (Sept 2011): 829-854.

‘Taking up Office in Elizabethan Connacht: The Case of Sir Richard Bingham’, *English Historical Review*, CXXIII, 501 (April 2008): 277-299.

ESSAYS AND ENCYCLOPAEDIC ENTRIES.

In 2009 my companion essay on *Tudor Ireland* was published on the website, [State Papers Online](#), the research resource that digitized all British and Irish State Papers between 1509 and 1714.

Entries in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* for: [Sir Humphrey Gilbert](#) and [Sir William Stanley](#).

SELECT BOOK REVIEWS

The American Historical Review, 126 3 (Sept 2021); 1243-1244 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021), Alan Galloway *Walter Raleigh: Architect of Empire* (New York: Basic Books, 2019).

Journal of British Studies, feature-length review of the four volumes of *The Cambridge History of Ireland*, four thousand words in length, (forthcoming).

Journal of British Studies, 58 3 (July 2019): 617-618, S. J. Gunn, *The English people at war in the age of Henry VIII* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

Parliamentary History, 36. 2 (June 2017): 251-253, C. Maginn, *William Cecil, Ireland, and the Tudor State* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Journal of British Studies, 56. 1 (January 2017): 154-156, M. A. Hutchinson, *Calvinism, Reform and the Absolutist State in Elizabethan Ireland* (London: Pickering & Chatto, 2015).

Journal of Modern History, 86, 3 (Sept 2014): 664-666, Alexandra Gajda, *The earl of Essex and late Elizabethan Political Culture* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012).

Northern Scotland, 3 (May, 2014): 113-115, *The Flight of the Earls: Imeacht na nIarlaí* eds. D. Finnegan, Éamonn Ó Ciardha and Marie-Claire Peters, (Derry: Guildhall Press, 2010).

Journal of British Studies, 52.2 (April 2013): 517-9, John Patrick Montaña, *The roots of English colonialism in Ireland: Critical Perspectives on Empire* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011).

English Historical Review, CXXVII, 527 (August 2012): 993-5, Brendan Kane, *The politics and culture of honour in Britain and Ireland, 1541 – 1641* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

Studia Hibernica, 36 (2009-2010): 230-1, *Calendar of State Papers, Ireland, Tudor Period, 1566 – 1567*, ed. B. Cunningham (Dublin: Irish Manuscripts Commission, 2009).

SELECT CONFERENCES AND INVITED LECTURES

Co-Convenor of ‘Illuminating Elizabethan Political Thought’, held at the Notre Dame London Global Gateway, March 24-26, 2023 in conjunction with the Centre of Intellectual History, University of Oxford.

‘Synchronous and anachronistic terms for confiscation and expropriation in Elizabethan Ireland: When is a ‘plantation’ a ‘plantation’? An invited lecture at the *Early-Modern Ireland and the Wider World* conference held at the Huntington Library, Pasadena, CA, April 8-9, 2022.

Convenor of, and speaker at, a roundtable featuring Professors Peter Mancall (USC), Nicholas P. Canny (NUIG), Audrey Horning (CWM), and Hiram Morgan (UCC) on ‘Ideas and realities in the Elizabethan experience of colonizing Ireland and America’ at the *Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference* in Dublin, March/April, 2022.

‘Lord Treasurer Burghley’s role in the administration of Ireland’ an invited paper to the *Lord Burghley 500 conference*, Cambridge, September 22, 2021.

‘From Roanoke to Dublin: how one man’s service nearly destroyed the Elizabethan regime’ *New Histories for the Age of Shakespeare*, University of Colorado, Boulder, November 16, 2018.

‘Sir Humphrey Gilbert’s metaphysical commitments and his actions’, *Early Modern Seminar*, Trinity College, Dublin, October 15, 2018.

‘Sir Humphrey Gilbert’s vision of the royal prerogative’, *Thomas Harriot Seminar*, Durham, July 9, 2017

‘1916 as therapy’, *Hesburgh Lecture*, Kansas City, November 13, 2016.

‘*Imperium* vs ‘Monarchical Republic’, *Pacific Coast Conference of British Studies*, April 3, 2016.

‘*De Republica Anglorum* against the Royal Prerogative’, *Kolloquien Sommer 2013*, Schule für Historische Forschung, Universität Bielefeld, May 16, 2013.

‘Tudor Irish Rumours and Tudor Irish Actions’, an invited paper delivered to *Manuscript and Oral News in Early-Modern Europe*, a conference hosted by Durham University, August 8, 2012.

‘Corruption and the politics of the Irish administration in the 1590s’, an invited paper delivered to *The Humanities Insitute of Ireland*, October 14, 2011.

‘The earl of Essex, the succession and Ireland’, an invited paper delivered to the *Early-Modern British Seminar*, Trinity College, Dublin, October 17, 2011.

‘The late Elizabethan succession question and the “Nine Years War,”’ an invited paper delivered to the *Early-Modern Seminar*, Institute of Historical Research, London, Autumn session, 2011.

‘James VI, the succession and Tyrone,’ an invited paper delivered to the *Cambridge Group for Irish Studies*, Magdalene College, Cambridge, Michaelmas Term, 2011.

‘The death of martial law, when and how: appearance and reality’, an invited paper delivered to *Elizabeth I and Ireland*, a conference hosted by the University of Connecticut, November 13-14, 2009.

Invited 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, November 10, 2007.

‘“Call this a Golden Age?”: reasons for leaving Elizabethan England’, an invited public lecture given as part of The British Museum’s *A New World: England’s first view of America* exhibition on May 24, 2007.

SELECT JOURNALISM AND BROADCASTING

Book Review: *The Tablet: the international Catholic news weekly*, Jan 13, 2022, a review of Gary Murphy, *Haughey* (Dublin: Gill Books, 2021).

‘Peace by Ordeal: the 1921 Anglo-Irish Treaty’ article on modern Ireland: *The Tablet: the international Catholic news weekly*, Dec. 1, 2021.

Divided Ireland: the aftermath of partition in May 1921’ article on modern Ireland: *The Tablet: the international Catholic news weekly*, May 6, 2021.

Book Review: *The Tablet: the international Catholic news weekly*, January 9, 2021, ‘How they died, who killed them and why’, a review of Eunan O’Halpin & Daithí Ó Corráin, *The Dead of the Irish Revolution* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2020).

Book Review: *The Tablet: the international Catholic news weekly*, April 15, 2020, ‘Sowing the Shamrock’, a review of Colin Barr *Ireland’s Empire: the Roman Catholic Church in the English-speaking world, 1829-1914* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2020)

Book Review: *The Washington Post*, December 16, 2018, *Henry VIII’s chief enforcer; gregarious, calculating, lethal*, a review of Diarmaid MacCulloch, *Thomas Cromwell: a life* (London: Penguin Books, 2018)

I provided comprehensive ongoing commentary on the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain, for ‘Morning in America’ on *Newsnation*, a national US current affairs channel, on Sept 19, 2022.

Between 1999 and 2010 I commented on historical issues on Ireland’s national broadcaster RTÉ, and in *The Sunday Business Post*, a national newspaper, analysing and commenting on newly released British and Irish State Papers from 1969-1980 which dealt with the “Troubles”.

I was Historical Consultant for the Royal Shakespeare Company’s Summer/Autumn production of *Hamlet* at Stratford upon Avon in 2004.

SELECT INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Delegate of History Department to Faculty Senate, chosen by election, 2022, 2023.

Member of steering committee devising new Irish Studies Major for undergraduates at the University of Notre Dame.

Evaluator of Assistant Professors for tenure and review in April 2022.

Member of interview board shortlisting and choosing candidates for History teaching position at the Notre Dame London Global Gateway, March 14-16, 2022.

Chair of the Department of History's Intellectual Life Committee, 2020-21.

Examiner of PhD theses:

Bry Martin on 'The ideological formation of the first earl of Shaftesbury' (2020).

Adam Duker on 'Israelite Identity and Religious War in France, 1550-1575' (2016).

Eleanor Pettus on 'Grammar School Latin teaching in Tudor England' (2015).

Member of Committee shortlisting international and US-based candidates for prestigious Fellowships at the Notre Dame Institute of Advanced Studies (NDIAS).

Member of the search and appointment committees recruiting an assistant professorship in Military History, Department of History, (2010, 2018).

Member of the graduate student committee selecting applicants for graduate study history at the University of Notre Dame, (2016-2018, 2010-2013).

Member of the executive committee assisting the chair, Department of History, (2015).

Member of the search and appointment committee for assistant professorship in the History of Science, Department of History, (2014-2015).

Consultant and coach assisting Centre for Undergraduate Scholarly Engagement with the training and preparation of Notre Dame applicants for interviews relating to Rhodes, Marshall, Truman and Mitchell Scholarships, (2012-2014).

Judge of the Highbarger Prize for the best History PhD dissertation at the University of Notre Dame, (2012).

Judge of the O'Hagan Prize for the best essay in Irish history by a history major at the University of Notre Dame, (2009-2011).

Provider of 2006-7 lecture course on *Early Modern Ireland* to over 200 mature students studying for the modular evening degree at UCD.

Member of the College Council of St John's College, Cambridge (2003-2005) the thirteen-member executive council of the college which, apart from making the final decision on all aspects of college governance, carries out disciplinary measures, and selects prospective Research Fellows. I helped recruit the Senior Bursar for St. John's College and was seconded to an ad hoc Finance Working Committee to investigate the finances of the college.

In both 2005 and 2006 I set the early modern British political and constitutional portion of the first year Examinations (prelims) for the Faculty of History, University of Cambridge and served on the Examinations Board both years.

SELECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External examiner for Sheena Barnes, PhD candidate at the University of Colorado, Boulder, May 2022.

I am a regular academic reader and manuscript reviewer for many journals, including *English Historical Review*, *Historical Journal*, *Journal of the History of Ideas*, *Journal of Modern History*, *Media History*, and *Irish Historical Studies*.

I have acted as an invited assessor of book proposals for Routledge, University of Manchester Press, and Pickering & Chatto.

I have been appointed by the Irish Research Council, Humanities and Social Sciences to judge suitability of candidates for the Government of Ireland postgraduate scholarship awards.

Between 1998 and 2002 I was Secretary and co-ordinator of the Cambridge Group for Irish Studies at the University of Cambridge

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Fellow of the Royal Historical Society

Member of the American Historical Association

Member of the North American Conference on British Studies

Member of the Renaissance Society of America

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Early-Modern Atlantic; History of Ideas; History of Political Thought; Constitutional History; Colonial History; History of Empire; Early-Modern Britain and Ireland; Early-Modern Europe; Violence in Early-Modern Europe; Early-Modern Media History; History of Irish Republicanism; History of Anglo-Irish Relations; Modern Ireland, Politics & Society.

TEACHING AND STUDENT ADVISING AT NOTRE DAME

Doctoral Supervision:

Lauren Jean: *Late-Medieval Gaelic-Irish women and honour culture*. 2018-

Alexa McCall: *The importance of ecclesiastical land in early-modern Ireland*. 2018-

Thomas Meyers *The hermeneutical project of Mersenne*, 2015-

Undergraduate Courses:

Irish Culture: Anglicisation or Modernisation? *Team-taught with Professor Peter McQuillan*;

Late-Medieval and Early-Modern Ireland, 1300-1603;

Ireland 1600 – 1800;

England's Voyage; Tudor England; Seventeenth-Century England. London through the eyes of Samuel Pepys;

Violence throughout Early-Modern European History;

Debates in Irish History from St Patrick to today.

Graduate Courses:

Atlantic Historiography;

Empires and Borders in Global History;

Debates in Early-Modern British History;

Debates in Irish History.