

Slainte! Cead Mile Failte! We are an organization of educators committed to promoting Irish heritage and culture.

The Irish have contributed to the growth of America in many, very profound ways. We should understand these contributions and we should understand the people who provided them - people with a rich and varied background, people whose history predates the Christian era by more than three millennia as on-going archeological discoveries in Ireland reveal. Their contributions have been relegated to the background and frequently ignored in school curricula. The history of the Irish in Ireland and the Irish in America is worthy of inclusion in school curricula. As educators, we are obligated to be leaders in this endeavor.

When the American Irish Teachers Association held its first annual conference in 1976 there was little hope of including discussion concerning Ireland's Mass Starvation in the New York state curriculum as a mandate. The question of peace with justice in Ireland seemed barely a remote possibility but is now well on its way to fruition. We are proud to acknowledge our primary role as the initiator of the "Famine" curriculum and share with the Irish American community at large an awareness of the need to persist in creating a dialogue concerning issues of importance not only to Irish Americans but to all Americans. In this spirit we are grateful to our members for their unflinching support over the years as we continue in our mission of communicating the rich legacy of the Irish.

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The Irish American Conference, held annually since 1976, fulfills our organization's goals of increasing the knowledge and love of Irish history, literature, music and art among all people - Irish and non-Irish, educators and non-educators.

To this end, each year, we invite specialists in their fields to address our conference. Our guest lecturers and their subjects have always been varied, lively and informative.

Our 40th conference promises to be most memorable. We look forward to your joining us on November 7, 2015 at the Liederkrantz Club, 6 East 87th St. New York, just off 5th Avenue.

Our sincere gratitude to our members, speakers and many friends who have supported our endeavors over the years and enabled us to grow into an institution which has a significant impact on the perception of the Irish in America and in Ireland.

Admission is \$35.00 prepaid or \$40.00 at the door. An inviting hot buffet lunch will be served in the Liederkrantz Club ballroom. Lunches must be ordered and paid for in advance (\$40.00 per person).

A reservation form is part of this program.

For additional information, call

(917) 691-2883; (516) 466-9194;
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Completed reservation forms should be mailed immediately with check to:

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American Irish Teachers Association, Inc.



40th Annual Irish American Conference

Saturday, November 7, 2015

at

The Liederkrantz Club
6 East 87th Street
New York, NY 10128-0594

The 1916 Easter Rising

Guest Speakers:

Lucy McDiarmid, Ph.D. is the Marie Frazee-Baldassarre Professor of English at Montclair State University. Among her fellowships is the Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship. Her latest book is *AT HOME IN THE REVOLUTION: what women said and did in 1916*.

Maureen Murphy, Ph.D., the Joseph L. Dionne Professor of Curriculum and Teaching in Hofstra's School of Education, is the recipient of the 2015 President of Ireland's Distinguished Service Award. Her recent book, *ASENATH NICHOLSON AND THE GREAT IRISH FAMINE – COMPASSIONATE STRANGER* is described as "a landmark work of scholarship."

Kevin Westley has been an esteemed master Irish dance instructor for over 25 years. He is the author of a booklet on Irish dance, now in its third edition. Kevin is also an accomplished singer as well as a broadcaster on WRHU, Hofstra Radio bringing the songs and stories of Ireland to the metropolitan area weekly.

Andrew McGowan is founder, and for the last 25 years, President of the W.B. Yeats Society which hosts numerous NYC events and maintains an important link with Sligo's Yeats School.

THE PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Registration Continental Breakfast
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks Doris M. Meyer, President
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	LUCY MCDIARMID Sexuality and Courtship in Women's Accounts of 1916
11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	MAUREEN MURPHY Teaching the Rising: Three Lessons that Link 1916 with the Core Curriculum
12:30 p.m. – 2:00	Gourmet Luncheon & Raffle
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	KEVIN WESTLEY Easter Monday 1916, a multi-media review
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	ANDREW MCGOWAN The Easter Rising: The Poets Rebellion
4:00 p.m.	Social Hour wine/hors d'oeuvres

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1. Conference

_____ Tickets at \$35 each prepaid, \$40 at door. Includes – continental breakfast: coffee/tea. Half price with student I.D.

List all names in your party:

2. Lunch – Buffet provided by the

Liederkrantz gourmet caterer

_____ Tickets at \$40 each

3. Dues – You may include dues.

Check the appropriate category.

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