

Archive of events at

The Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies (RIISS)

October 1999 - December 2005

- October 5, 1999* **Northern Ireland: The Prospect Before Us**
- Aberdeen has nearly 70 academic staff in three faculties with research interests in Irish and/or Scottish topics. Professor Steve Bruce, Department of Sociology, begins this Lunchtime Seminar series which allows those scholars associated with the Institute through the Associated Academic Staff Scheme to present their latest research results to an audience drawn from several disciplines.
- October 8-9, 1999* **The Irish Act of Union (1801)**
- Joint Interdisciplinary Conference with the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies, Aberdeen, and the Keough Institute, University of Notre Dame, USA. Newman House, Dublin. Booking information from the Institute.
- October 18, 1999* **Spenser and Ireland: Between Race and Culture**
- Landscape & Empire Seminar organised by Dr Glenn Hooper, RIISS, and Dr Willy Maley, University of Glasgow.
- October 25, 1999* **Telling the Story of Scotland**
- Public discussion featuring distinguished academics, educationalists and journalists on Scottish history timed to coincide with the publication of T M Devine's *The Scottish Nation 1700-2000* by Penguin. Sponsored by Blackwell's Bookshops and Penguin UK. King's College Conference Centre.
- October 26, 1999* **The Idea of a Democratic Intellect**
- Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Gordon Graham, Department of Philosophy.
- November 2, 1999* **A Profile of the Modern Catholic Community in Scotland**
- Lunchtime Seminar with Iain Paterson, Department Sociology, University of Aberdeen. During the summer, the distinguished composer, James MacMillan, caused a storm when he argued that anti-Catholicism was rife in Scottish society. In the subsequent debate there was much anecdote but little hard evidence produced. Mr Paterson's research helps to fill in some of the gaps and contains some surprising results.
- November 6, 1999* **Perspectives on Irish Identity in the Twentieth Century**
- When it comes to investigating 'Irish Identity', people are inclined to develop an acute sense of place - most notably an indeterminate space tucked neatly in-between inverted commas. As a concept, it has caused the shedding of much innocent ink. By gathering together researchers from a variety of disciplines (literature, literary theory, film studies, visual arts, history, anthropology), this symposium will be a veritable inkbath. Joint RIISS and English Department Symposium organised by Dr Shane Murphy.

November 12, 1999 **The Peace Process in Ireland**

Dr Martin Mansergh, Special Advisor to the Taoiseach, leads this seminar as part of the British-Irish Security Programme, presented jointly by the Department of Politics and International Relations and RIIS. Dr Mansergh is widely regarded as the pivotal figure at the heart of the Irish Government's policy towards the Northern Ireland Peace Process. The Irish Times has described him as 'one of the most important contributors to the historic rapprochement between nationalism and unionism'.

November 13, 1999 **The Scottish Diaspora**

An international group of distinguished speakers including Andrew Walls (Princeton, USA) Eric Richards (Flinders, Australia) and Ferenc Szasz (New Mexico, USA) discuss one of the key themes of Scottish history in this day conference organised by Dr Marjory Harper, Department of History. This is part of a major RIIS research project on Scottish diasporas. Regent Lecture Theatre.

November 16, 1999 **Yeats at the Millennium**

Lunchtime Seminar with Professor George Watson, Department of English.

November 25, 1999 **Joseph Chamberlain's New Imperialism: Dominica and the Imperial Road**

Landscape & Empire Seminar organised by Dr Glenn Hooper and Professor Peter Hulme, University of Essex.

November 29, 1999 **RIIS - Future Perspectives, 2000-2005**

The formal inauguration of RIIS by the Irish Head of State provides an opportunity to examine the Institute's priorities over the next five years. The distinguished members of the RIIS Advisory Board (Seamus Deane, Roy Foster, Seamus Heaney, Edwin Morgan, Cathal Ó Hainle, Seamus Ó Cathain, Helen Vendler and T C Smout) will give their views and their short presentations will be followed by a public discussion.

*St Andrew's Day,
November 30, 1999* **Visit by President of Ireland and Inauguration of the Institute**

Formal Inauguration of the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies by Mary McAleese, President of Ireland. President McAleese will receive an honorary doctorate from Aberdeen to celebrate her visit to the University and her first State Visit to Scotland. By Invitation.

December 7, 1999 **Irish Security Policy**

Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Trevor Salmon, Department of Politics and International Relations

December 9, 1999 **Poetry, Politics and Landscape in 19th Century Ireland**

Landscape & Empire Seminar organised by Dr Glenn Hooper and Dr Sean Ryder, University College, Galway.

- January 11, 2000* **Recent Developments in Rural Policy in Scotland and Ireland**
- Lunchtime Seminar with Professor John Bryden, Arkleton Centre.**
- February 1, 2000* **'A New Kind of Landscape': Writing & Politics in Post-famine Ireland**
- Lunchtime Seminar with Dr Glenn Hooper, RISS.**
- February 22, 2000* **The Highlands: a Devastated Landscape**
- Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Sandy Mather, Department of Geography.**
- February 24, 2000* **Anticolonialism, Irish Nationalism and the Anglo-Boer War**
- Landscape & Empire Seminar organised by Dr Glenn Hooper and Dr Elleke Boehmer, University of Leeds.**
- March 8, 2000* **Northern Ireland: the role of the EU**
- Professor Trevor Salmon, Professor of International Relations, author of *Unneutral Ireland: An Ambivalent and Unique Security Policy*, and (with Sir William Nicoll) *Building European Union: A Documentary History and Analysis*, leads this seminar as part of the British-Irish Security Programme, presented jointly by the Department of Politics and International Relations and RISS.**
- March 9, 2000* **Land and Society in Post-Famine Women's Fiction: The Search for an Irish Middlemarch**
- Landscape & Empire Seminar organised by Dr Glenn Hooper and Dr Margaret Kelleher, National University of Ireland, Maynooth.**
- March 14, 2000* **Celts and Christianity**
- Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Donald Meek, Department of Celtic.**
- April 1, 2000* **Place and Writing: Irish and Scottish Literature**
- Joint Symposium - RISS and Department of English**
- April 14-16, 2000* **Ireland Abroad**
- Conference hosted jointly with the Society for the Study of Nineteenth Century Ireland and the Department of History. Organised by Dr Oonagh Walsh.**
- April 18, 2000* **Scotland and Ireland: The Legacy of Poverty**
- Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Clive Lee, Department of Economics.**
- April 27, 2000* **Migrating Cultures, Textualising Cities in some contemporary Black British texts**

Landscape and Empire Seminar organised by Dr Glenn Hooper and Dr Gail Ching-Liang Low, University of Dundee.

May 5, 2000

Scottish and Irish Diasporas, 1600-1815

Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Tom Devine, RISS.

May 12, 2000

Guns for Hire: Empire and the Scottish Soldier

Joint Conference with the National Museums of Scotland, the third in the RISS Scotland and the Empire Project. Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh.

May 30, 2000

**Love & Death in Scotland's Recent Past: Contextualising Demographic Behaviour
Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Andrew Blaikie, Sociology.**

June 2-3, 2000

Irish-Scottish Forum

The Irish Government has made funds available to support an annual public lecture by a leading, politician, civil servant, academic, writer or journalist on an aspect of Irish-Scottish relations. This will be followed by a day discussion forum for the specialists in this area. The first event will explore the issue of Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland: Future Relationships in the Age of Devolution and the first lecture will be given by Scotland's First Minister, Donald Dewar MSP. Supported by the Office of the Taoiseach.

June 9-11, 2000

Terms of Empire: Landscape & Writing, 1800 to the Present

Organised by Dr Glenn Hooper, University of Aberdeen, this conference featuring an international cast of speakers, seeks to explore the relationship between landscape writing and empire at a time of intense political and historical change with a particular focus on Ireland and Scotland.

June 22-25, 2000

Celtic Cultures in the Emigrant Context

Joint Conference - RISS, Department of Celtic, and Sabhal Mòr Ostaig. This event places the emigrations from the Highlands in a comparative context by examining them against the experience of the Irish, Welsh and Cornish diasporas. The focus is on the process of adaptation and assimilation in North America and Australasia and the speakers are drawn from the disciplines of Celtic Studies, History, Ethnography, Music and Literature. It is appropriate that the conference is organised jointly with Sabhal Mor Ostaig in Skye, an island which experienced extensive emigration in the nineteenth century to the New World.

September 22, 2000

Centre or Periphery: Psychiatric Practice Beyond the Pale

Sixth in a series of annual meetings which provide a forum for the discussion of research into various aspects of psychiatric history and draw together established scholars and new researchers in the field.

September 30, 2000

Russia and Scotland in the Twentieth Century

Joint Symposium - RISS and Centre for Russian, East & Central European History, Department of History. Organised by Emeritus Professor Paul Dukes and Dr Catherine Brennan, this

symposium will consider: The First World War and the Russian Revolution; The Second World War and the Cold War; and the Scottish Diaspora in Russia. Among the participants will be Emeritus Professor John Erickson FBA, and three associates of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Dr Elena Poliakova, Dr Natalia Yegorova and Dr Dmitry Fedosov.

October 10, 2000 **How Historic are Historic Rights? Competing Historiographies and the Struggle of Political Legitimacy. The UK, Spain, Canada, Belgium**

Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Michael Keating, Department of Politics, Aberdeen and European University Institute, Florence.

October 31, 2000 **This Other England? Deconstructing English and Irish Identities in This Other Eden**

Lunchtime Seminar with Dr Fidelma Farley, Department of English.

November 4, 2000 **The First RIISS Diaspora Symposium: Emigration, Migration and Mobility**

This event brings together researchers from the UK and Europe on the history of migration. Contributors will come from RIISS, the North East England Historical Institute and the Northern European Historical Research Network.

November 11, 2000 **The Dead Ireland: Explorations of Place and Irish Culture**

Joint Symposium with RIISS and Department of English. Organised by Dr Shane Murphy. This interdisciplinary Irish Studies Symposium brings together leading scholars from cultural geography, literature and film studies to explore the role of 'place' in twentieth-century Irish culture.

November 14, 2000 **Ulster Identity in the era of British Home Rule: Ulster/Scottish Linkages**

Evening Seminar with Dr Graham Walker, Queen's University, Belfast and Honorary Reader, RIISS.

November 17-18, 2000 **Scotland-Galicia Seminar**

The United Kingdom and Spain are two of the world's oldest multinational states. This conference will address the experiences of devolution in Spain and the UK, with a particular although not exclusive focus on Scotland and Galicia. Most of the papers will be presented by members of the universities of Aberdeen and Santiago de Compostela.

November 21, 2000 **The Organisation of Learning in Early Modern Ireland**

Lunchtime Seminar with Dr Kaarina Hollo, Department of Celtic.

November 28, 2000 **Messes of Mottage and Quashed Potatoes: Northern Irish Poets in a Stew**

Lunchtime Seminar with Dr Shane Murphy, Department of English.

November 30, 2000 **A Nation Again? Scotland's Parliament, Past, Present and Future**

Canon Kenyon Wright, former chair of the Scottish Constitutional Convention, reflects on the historic constitutional changes of recent times in a special St Andrew's Day Lecture. The first of the RIISS public lecture series for 2000-1. Chaired by Lesley Riddoch, BBC Scotland. King's College Conference Centre.

December 5, 2000 **George IV in Edinburgh: Visual culture and the Resistance to Highlandism**

Lunchtime Seminar with Dr John Morrison, Department of History of Art.

December 14, 2000 **Identities and Identifications: the Basques, Irish & Scots**

Joint Symposium, RIISS and Hispanic Studies. Organised by Dr Nerea Arruti, this comparative symposium considers the linkages between the three peoples with special reference to identities. A keynote address will be given by Prof Joseba Zulaika, Centre for Basques Studies, University of Nevada.

January 23, 2001 **Sustainer or Oppressor? The Law in Scots and Irish Nationalisms**

Lunchtime Seminar with Dr Scott Styles, Department of Law.

February 6, 2001 **Through Other Races: Through Other Times: Poetry in Ireland and Scotland**

Seamus Heaney the Irish poet and Nobel Laureate gives the second of this session's RIISS public lectures. Chaired by Principal C Duncan Rice. King's College Conference Centre.

February 13, 2001 **Religion in the Novel of the North East**

Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Gordon Graham, Department of Philosophy.

February 20, 2001 **The Influence of Scottish Philosophy in Poland in the 18th & 19th Centuries**

Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Jan Wolenski, Jagellonian University, Cracow.

February 27, 2001 **Land, Power & Politics in an Irish Asylum, 1830-80**

Lunchtime seminar with Dr Oonagh Walsh, Department of History.

March 6, 2001 **Marxach ann an Tir a'Mhurain/the Hebridean photography of Paul Strand**

Lunchtime Seminar with Dr Fraser MacDonald, Arkleton Centre for Rural Development Research.

March 13, 2001

Making the Caledonian Connection: Building Bridges with Ireland

Mr Daniel Mulhall, Consul General in Scotland of the Republic of Ireland gives the third of this session's RIISS public lectures for 2000-1. Chaired by Joyce McMillan, commentator and journalist.

- March 31, 2001* **The Untold Land: Explorations of Place in Irish and Scottish Culture***
Joint symposium with RIISS and the Department of English. Organised by Dr Shane Murphy. This interdisciplinary symposium brings together leading scholars from media and film studies, literature and cultural geography to explore the role of 'place' in both Irish and Scottish Studies.
- April 6-7, 2001* **Victorian Women Revisited**

An international multidisciplinary conference jointly hosted by RIISS and the Department of History which seeks to review Women & Victorian Studies in the Centenary of Queen Victoria's death. Themes include Women & Health; National & Sexual Identities; Literary Representations; Education; Empire.
- April 17, 2001* **"Blind attachment to invertebrate customs". Language use, language attitude and the rhetoric of improvement in the return to Scotland's First Statistical Account**

Lunchtime Seminar with Dr Robert McColl Millar, Department of English.
- May 3, 2001* **Securing the Future for Northern Ireland: Politics, policing and the community in a transitional society**

The Rt Hon Adam Ingram, MP, Minister of State in the Northern Ireland office, responsible for security, gives the last in this session's series of RIISS public lectures. Chaired by Prof. Trevor Salmon, Department of Politics and International Relations. Auditorium, King's Lecture Theatre.
- May 8, 2001* **Oil and the North East Economy: past, present and future**

Lunchtime Seminar with Professor Alexander Kemp, Department of Economics.
- May 15, 2001* **Peak Performance: Walking Cultures on Scotland's Mountains**

Lunchtime Seminar with Dr Hayden Lorimer, Department of Geography.
- May 25-26, 2001* **Neglected Scottish Philosophers**

Joint workshop with the Reid Project, Department of Philosophy & RIISS which will seek to shed light on unexplored aspects of the Scottish philosophical tradition between the 17th and the 19th centuries by presenting new research and work in progress from both prominent experts and younger researchers in the field. Contributors include Prof. Alexander Broadie, Glasgow University, Prof. Gordon Graham, University of Aberdeen, Prof Knud Haakonssen, Boston University, Prof. M.A.Stewart, University of Aberdeen.
- June 1-2, 2001* **Travel, Missions, Empire: An Interdisciplinary Conference**

This event will examine the relationship between travel, missions and empire, from the early modern, to the modern era. Drawing together researchers in church history and anthropology, as well as literary and historical studies, it will provide a forum for a discussion of these under-researched areas. Our plenary speaker will be Prof. J.D.Y. Peel FBA, of the SOAS, University of

London.

July 12-14, 2001

Emigrant Homecomings: The Return Movement of Emigrants, c.1700-c2000

This international conference explores an important but neglected dimension of the British & European Diaspora. Return migration tells us much about the process of emigration itself and also its impact on the communities to which migrants returned.

September 16, 2001

Migration and Acculturation

This interdisciplinary symposium is part of Aberdeen's Centre for Early Modern Studies series 'Translatio' in Europe and the Atlantic World 1500-1750 programme. Topics include cultural encounters, movement of people and boundaries/frontiers.

September 25, 2001

Tradition & Modernity in the Poetry of Nuala Ní Dhomhnaill & Cathal Ó Searcaigh

Dr Frank Sewell, University of Ulster Coleraine. Part of the Poets and Critics on Contemporary Irish Poetry Seminar Series.

October 9, 2001

War Stories and Reflections

Professor Donald H Akenson, Queen's University, Ontario. Professor Akenson is Canada's most distinguished historian of Irish immigration to North America. In this seminar he will reflect on a lifetime's study of migration processes. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme Seminar Series.

October 18, 2001

Edgeworth's Irish Tales: History, Locality and Secret Codes

Professor Marilyn Butler, Exeter College, Oxford. Part of the Scotland, Ireland and the Romantic Aesthetic Seminar Series.

October 23, 2001

A Conversation with the Poet

Cathal Ó Searcaigh. Part of the Poets and Critics on Contemporary Irish Poetry Series.

October 26, 2001

The Origins and Process of Devolution

This seminar will be addressed under the Chatham House rule by the three senior Scottish Civil Servants responsible for delivering devolution, Sir Russell Hillhouse, Sir Muir Russell and Mr Kenneth

Mackenzie. They will speak before an invited audience of leading historians and political scientists drawn from throughout the UK.

November 6, 2001

Collection and Selection: Poetry and Art for the Nation in Scotland & Ireland

Dr Fiona Stafford, Somerville College, Oxford. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Ireland and Scotland Seminar Programme.

November 7, 2001

The Place of the Urbanized Scots in the Polish Crown in the 16th - 17th Centuries

Professor Waldemar Kowalski, University of Cracow, Poland. Part of the AHRB Centre's

Diaspora Programme.

November 8, 2001 **Weetman Pearson & Mexican National Development, 1889-1919**

Prof. Paul Garner, Goldsmiths College, University of London. Weetman Pearson had extensive Aberdeen connections as Rector of the University, philanthropist and major landowner. A joint event with the Hispanic Studies. Visiting Lecture Series.

November 10, 2001 **Re-presenting Ireland**

This interdisciplinary symposium brings together leading scholars from Film Studies, Literature and cultural Geography to explore the role of 'place' in Irish Studies.

November 15, 2001 **Travels in Search of a Religion: Irish Romanticism and Sectarianism**

Dr Claire Connolly, University College, Cardiff. Part of the Scotland, Ireland and the Romantic Aesthetic Seminar Series.

November 20, 2001 **A Scottish Diaspora in Middle Africa?**

Professor John Hargreaves, University of Aberdeen. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.

November 20, 2001 **The Condition of Scotland: St Andrews Night Question Time**

A panel of leading politicians including Alex Salmond MP, David McLetchie, MSP and Harry Reid (former editor, The Herald) will answer questions from the audience on the issues of the day. Auditorium King's College Conference Centre.

December 4, 2001 **Ideologies of Celticism**

Professor George Watson, RISS. Part of the AHRB Centre's Seminar Series on the Literatures of Ireland and Scotland.

January 12, 2002 **Dissemination**

This interdisciplinary symposium is the third part of Aberdeen's Centre for Early Modern Studies series 'Translatio' in Europe and the Atlantic World 1500-1750 programme. Topics include communication, form and media and propagation and reception.

January 15, 2002 **The Poetry of Bidy Jenkinson**

Distinguished Poet Nuala Ní Dhomhaill discusses Bidy Jenkinson's work, normally inaccessible to those without a knowledge of Irish.

February 5, 2002 **Questions of Religion in Contemporary Poetry in Irish**

Dr Máire Ní Annracháin, National University of Ireland, Maynooth. Part of the Poets and Critics on Contemporary Irish Poetry.

- February 12, 2002* **Towards a New Alliance: Irish-Scottish Literary Relations,1920-1945**
- Dr Andrew Noble, University of Strathclyde. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Ireland and Scotland Seminar Programme.**
- February 21, 2002* **Mobility & Stability in Early Modern Scottish Society**
- Professor Ned Landsman, State Universtiy of New York at Stonybrook. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme Seminar Series.**
- March 19, 2002* **The Eastern Empire & Diaspora**
- Professor Peter Marshall, FBA, King's College, London, one of the UK's most distinguished historians of imperialism, gives this seminar as part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.**
- March 21, 2002* **Why were Antiquarians Ridiculous?**
- Professor Susan Manning, University of Edinburgh. Part of the Scotland, Ireland and the Romantic Aesthetic Series**
- April 3, 2002* **(Re)-Presenting Ireland**
- This interdisciplinary symposium brings together leading scholars from several universities to explore the role of 'place' in Irish Studies.**
- April 5-7, 2002* **Crosscurrents: The Postgraduate Conference in Irish & Scottish Studies**
- Hosted by the AHRB Centre for Irish & Scottish Studies this major international 3 day conference, brings together graduate students and research fellows from several countries who are working on Irish and/or Scottish Studies. Topics range from Nation and Narration to Constructing Histories, from Post Colonial Society to the Politics of Translation. There is no conference fee.**
- April 23, 2002* **Canonicity in Irish & Scottish Literature in the 20th Century**
- Professor Patrick Crotty, Professor of Irish and Scottish Literary History, The Academy of Irish Cultural Heritages, University of Ulster. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literature of Scotland and Ireland Seminar Programme.**
- April 25, 2002* **Temporary Exiles: Irish Republicans in North America, 1919-22**
- Professor David Fitzpatrick, Trinity College, Dublin and Hon Professor, RISS. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.**
- April 30, 2002* **State Support for the Arts in Northern Ireland: 'the good the bad and the ugly' and Irish Literary Journals in the 20th century**
- This double session features Dr Gill McIntosh, Queen's University, Belfast and Tom Clyde, editor The Honest Ulsterman. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Ireland and Scotland Programme.**

- May 2, 2002* **Irish Republicanism and Gothic Eleutherarchs: Utopianism in the Writings of Theobald Wolfe Tone and Charles Brockden Brown**
- Dr Nigel Leask, Queen's College, Cambridge. Part of the Scotland, Ireland and the Romantic Aesthetic Series.
- May 4, 2002* **The Scottish Community Abroad**
- Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme, this symposium will focus on Scottish communities in Northern Europe in the early modern period. Speakers are drawn from Ulster, Norway, Russia, Lithuania and Sweden as well as Scotland.
- May 7, 2002* **Yeats and Easter 1916**
- Professor David Pierce, University College of Ripon and York St John
Part of the Writing Ireland Series.
- May 10-11, 2002* **Scotland and Russia in War and Revolution 1914-1922**
- This seminar will include speakers from the Institutes of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences and from Scottish universities.
- July 5-7, 200* **Scotland, Ireland and the Romantic Aesthetic**
- Intended for general Romanticists as well as Scottish and Irish literary specialists, this conference, the first of its kind, examines connections and parallels between the literatures of the two countries, including their relationship with English Romanticism in the period 1760 to 1830.
- September 18-20, 2002* **Third International Language and Politics Symposium**
- Part of the AHRB Centre's Languages of Ireland and Scotland programme, this symposium will be held in Belfast.
- September 20-22, 2002* **Ireland (Ulster) Scotland: Concepts/Contexts/Comparisons.**
- This third international conference of the Irish-Scottish Academic Initiative (Aberdeen; Strathclyde; Trinity College, Dublin; Queen's, Belfast; and our new member, Edinburgh University) will be held in Belfast.
- October 10, 2002* **The Scottish and Irish Diasporas in Seventeenth-Century Europe: A Comparative Overview**
- Professor Jane Ohlmeyer, University of Aberdeen. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- October 28, 2002* **Peripheral Cosmopolitanism: Scotland, Ireland, and the "English" Novel**
- Professor Katie Trumpener, University of Chicago. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Seminar Programme.

- October 29, 2002* **Irish Lessons for the New Scotland**
- Public Lecture by Ms Wendy Alexander, MSP, former Minister for Enterprise and Lifelong Learning, who gives her first public presentation since her dramatic resignation earlier this year. Michael Russell MSP will respond.**
- November 5, 2002* **Irish-Scottish-Welsh Studies: The Past, Present and Future**
- A BritishAcademy Centenary Lecture. Professor Keith Robbins, FRSE, Senior Vice Chancellor, University of Wales, will give this prestigious lecture, one of twelve in different disciplines held throughout the UK to help mark the Centenary of the British Academy, the national Academy for the Humanities and Social Sciences. The lecture will be followed by comments from an expert panel representing Celtic Studies, History, Literature and Language. The event will end with a reception. The Auditorium, King's College Conference Centre.**
- November 8, 2002* **Paul Muldoon and Fantasy**
- Professor Jonathan Allison, University of Kentucky at Lexington. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Seminar Programme.**
- November 11, 2002* **Langage of Scottis Natioun, 1375-1707**
- Mr J Derrick McClure, MBE, University of Aberdeen. Part of the AHRB Centre's Languages of Ireland and Scotland Programme.**
- November 18, 2002* **A Mirror for Princesses? The Four Branches of theMabinogi:Questions of Authorship, Audience andGender**
- Dr Thomas Clancy, Department of Celtic, University of Glasgow. Part of the AHRB Centre's New Directions in Celtic Literary Studies Seminar Series.**
- November 19, 2002* **Prebsbyterians, Pipers and Poets: The Scottish Communities of North East England, c. 1861-1961**
- Dr John Burnett, the AHRB Centre for North East England History. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.**
- November 25, 2002* **Gothic and the Gaelic Other: Ireland, Scotland and the Colonial Sublime**
- Professor Luke Gibbons, Graduate Director-Irish Studies at the Keough Institute, University of Notre Dame, USA. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Seminar Programme.**
- December 2, 2002* **The Changing Face of Sanctity: Representations of St. Brigit in the Middle Ages**
- Professor Catherine McKenna, City University of New York. Part of the AHRB Centre's New Directions in Celtic Literary Studies Seminar Series.**

- December 6, 2002* **Scots as a European Language, 1460-1707**
Dr Dauvit Horsburgh, RIISS. Part of the AHRB Centre's Languages of Ireland and Scotland Programme.
- December 10, 2002* **Flowers and Brickbats: Cultural Politics and Commercial Pressures in the Making and Marketing of Anthologies**
Professor Rory Watson, University of Stirling. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Seminar Programme.
- December 12, 2002* **Scots in South Africa: Why Does it Matter?**
Professor John MacKenzie, Honorary Professor, RIISS. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- December 13, 2002* **Yeats's Life/Yeats's Art**
Professor Roy Foster, FBA, University of Oxford. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Seminar Programme.
- January 15, 2003* **The Diaspora Programme Workshop**
The AHRB Centre funds seven research projects on Irish-Scottish diasporas from the seventeenth century to the present. This workshop serves as a forum for comparative discussion among Centre staff and external experts from home and abroad on research, problems, themes and methodologies.
- February 4, 2003* **Personal Accounts of Irish and Scottish Migrants in the United States, Canada, England and Australasia since 1921: Some Preliminary Comparisons**
Dr Angela McCarthy, RIISS. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- February 14, 2003* **Fae Diadems tae Doric, 1707-2003: the Fall of Scots from National Status**
Dr. John Kirk, Queen's University, Belfast. Part of the AHRB Centre's Languages of Ireland and Scotland programme.
- February 25, 2003* **Rethinking the Irish Literary Revival**
Professor Terence Brown, Trinity College, Dublin. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme.
- March 4, 2003* **Scottish Emigration to the USA in the Interwar Years**
Dr Richard Finlay, University of Strathclyde. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- March 5, 2003* **Testing the Pen: Medieval Scribes and Manuscripts in Gaelic Scotland**
The AHRB Centre funds a project on the Gaelic Manuscripts of Scotland. This half-day symposium features presentations and discussion on the topic from staff of the Centre and researchers based in the Department of Celtic.
- March 12, 2003* **Northern Irish Poetry**
Dr Tom Paulin, University of Oxford. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Seminar Programme.

- March 14, 2003* **The Obscurantists and the Sea-Monster: Reflections on the Hisperica Famina**
Dr John Carey, Department of Early and Medieval Irish, University College, Cork. Part of the AHRB Centre's New Directions in Celtic Literary Studies Programme.
- March 15, 2003* **Fae aw the Airts: the Scots Language in Scotland and Ulster Today**
A symposium on aspects of the Scots language around Scotland and Ulster today, with reference to issues of regional and national identity. Speakers will include Irene McGugan MSP and Ian Parsley. Part of the AHRB Centre's Languages of Ireland and Scotland programme. The Regent Lecture Theatre.
- March 18, 2003* **"Coming of Age": Michael Longley and Seamus Heaney in the 1960s**
Dr Fran Brearton, Queen's University, Belfast. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme.
- March 29, 2003* **Lest We Forget: Commemoration and Northern Irish Culture**
This one day symposium is part of the Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme, and begins in Humanity Manse at 10am.
- April 12, 2003* **What Rough Beast? Irish Studies in the Twenty-First Century**
This one day symposium is part of the Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme, and begins in Humanity Manse at 10am. Keynote speaker: Professor Richard Kearney, UCD.
- April 12, 2003* **Wha's lyke us? The Scots Language in Education, the Media, and Contemporary Writing**
A symposium on vital issues surrounding Scots in contemporary Scotland. Speakers will include Liz Niven and Billy Kay. Part of the ARHB Centre's Languages of Ireland and Scotland programme. The Regent Lecture Theatre.
- April 25-27, 2003* **Crosscurrents: The Postgraduate Conference in Irish and Scottish Studies**
Hosted by the AHRB Centre in Queen's University, Belfast, this major international 3 day conference brings together graduate students and research fellows from several countries. It follows on the inaugural and highly successful conference in Aberdeen in April 2002.
- April 29, 2003* **Scots in South Africa: Why Does it Matter?**
Professor John MacKenzie, Honorary Professor, RISS. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- May 6, 2003* **The British Invention of Scottish Culture: Scottish Literature and the First World War**
Dr David Goldie, University of Strathclyde. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Seminar Programme.
- May 9-10, 2003* **Scotland and Russia in War and Cold War, 1939-1949**
This seminar will include speakers from the Institutes of History of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow and St. Petersburg.
- May 10, 2002* **The Irish in Scotland**
This one day symposium is part of the AHRB's Diaspora Programme and will examine the Irish immigrant experience in Scotland in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.
- June 13, 2003*

From the Daughter of Sion to the Aisling Lovely: Typology and Anima in Medieval Insular Literature

Prof Máirín Ní Dhonnchadha, Professor of Old and Middle Irish, National University of Ireland, Galway. Part of the AHRB Centre's New Directions in Celtic Literary Studies.

5-7 September, 2003

What Rough Beasts? Irish and Scottish Studies in the Twenty-First Century
Three-day international conference (Irish and Scottish Studies: Literature, Film and Media Studies, History, Celtic Studies, Visual Arts).

September 12-14, 2003

AHRB Centre Symposium: Scotland, Ireland and India 1695-1857

This symposium of distinguished international authorities will attempt to address the lack of both an interpretative framework and scholarly studies on the integration of Scotland and Ireland into British imperialism in the East. It will examine key avenues of mobility, such as soldiering, missionary activity and merchant enterprise in India, as well as the practical and intellectual impact of the Scottish Enlightenment on the eastern empire.

September 17-20, 2003

AHRB Centre sponsored Fourth Language and Politics Symposium: Towards Our Goals: The Media, the Performing Arts and the Economy in Minority Language and Personal Development in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and Scotland. In Queen's University Belfast.

September 26, 2003

RIISS Welcome and reception for new students and old friends, Humanity Manse, 5pm.

October 8, 2003

Visit to the AHRB Centre of Sir Brian Follett, Chairman of AHRB

October 14, 2003

The Scottish Medical Diaspora of the 18th Century

Emeritus Professor Roger Emerson (University of Western Ontario). Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Programme.

October 21, 2003

Irish-Scottish Studies in New Zealand

Dr Brad Patterson (Victoria University, Wellington). Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Programme.

October 28, 2003

Orangeism in New Zealand

Dr Rory Sweetman (independent historian), Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Programme.

October 30, 2003

Scotland's Empire 1600-1815 (Allen Lane; the Penguin Press).

The Aberdeen launch of the sequel to Tom Devine's huge bestseller, *The Scottish Nation, 1700-2000* (1999) will take place in Aberdeen tonight. The launch will take the form of a debate, chaired by author and journalist Neal Ascherson, with Professor Devine and including a panel of distinguished experts on Empire. Sponsored by Penguin Books and Blackwells bookseller. The Auditorium, King's College Centre, 6pm-7:30pm, followed by a reception.

October 31, 2003

Let's Get Killed: Cultures of the Peace in Northern Ireland.

Dr Colin Graham (Queen's University Belfast): This is the first in a series of seminars on Popular Culture and National Identity, sponsored by the AHRB Centre, which aims to explore the relationship between forms of representation in popular culture and the perception of national identity in Ireland and Scotland.

- October 31-
November 1, 2003* **AHRB Centre sponsored Symposium: Irish and Scottish Mercantile Networks in Europe and Overseas, c.1550-1820**
In Trinity College Dublin. This symposium will bring together leading European, American and Canadian scholars, as well as postgraduates and post-doctoral fellows, who have been working on complementary aspects of the organisation of international trade in the early modern period, namely the role and character of the two great commercial diasporas, that from Scotland and that from Ireland. Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Programme.
- November 6, 2003* **Why are the Irish more musical than the Scots?**
Professor Simon Frith (University of Stirling): Part of the Popular Culture and National Identity seminar series.
- November 8, 2003* **AHRB Centre sponsored Symposium: Lest We Forget: Remembrance and Irish Culture**
This one day symposium is part of the Literatures of Scotland and Ireland programme.
- November 11, 2003* **Irish Bulls and English Romantics**
Professor Tim Webb (University of Bristol): Part of the Popular Culture and National Identity seminar series.
- November 15, 2003* **AHRB Centre sponsored Symposium: Imagining Alba:Scotland in Medieval Irish Sources.**
This one-day symposium is presented in association with the AHRB project, The Scottish Gaelic Manuscripts: Texts, Transmission and Traffic.
- November 25, 2003* **Exporting the Scottish Radical Tradition: The Scots in the South African and Canadian Trade Union and Labour Movement.**
Dr William Kenefick (University of Dundee): Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Programme.
- December 2, 2003* **Humouring the Tartan Monster: Comedy and Scottish Identity**
Dr David Goldie (Strathclyde University): Part of the Popular Culture and National Identity seminar series
- December 9, 2003* **Scotland, Ireland and the Poetry of England**
Professor Robert Crawford (University of St Andrews):Part of the Literatures of Scotland and Ireland programme.
- February 10, 2004* **Ireland in Court**
Dr Fintan Cullen (University of Nottingham): Part of the AHRB Ireland, Scotland and the Visual Arts programme.
- February 17, 2004* **Risky Horizons: MacDiarmid, Ireland and the Languages of Modernity**
Professor Alan Riach (University of Glasgow): Part of the AHRB Popular Culture and National Identity programme.
- February 19, 2004* **Scotland, Ireland and the Poetry of England**
Professor Robert Crawford (University of St Andrews): Part of the AHRB Literatures of Scotland and Ireland programme.
- February 24, 2004* **The Case of the Vanishing Googly: The Present Absence of Cricket in Scottish and Irish Popular Culture**

Dr Angus Calder (RIISS Visiting Fellow): Part of the AHRB Popular Culture and National Identity programme.

- February 24, 2004* **Anthologising Modern Scottish Women's Poetry**
Dorothy McMillan (University of Glasgow): Part of the AHRB Literatures of Scotland and Ireland programme.
- March 11, 2004* **Restocking the British World: Empire Migration and Anglo-Canadian Relations, 1919-39**
Dr Kent Fedorowich (University of the West of England, Bristol): Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Programme.
- March 20, 2004* **Ireland and Scotland: Exile and Identity**
Part of the Smithsonian Institutes "Great Schools" programme, which showcases the international research of mainly North American institutions. The all-day seminar in Washington, DC, will focus on the history, language, literature and culture of Ireland and Scotland. Professors Tom Devine, George Watson, and Allan MacInnes, and Dr Fidelma Farley, will give papers illustrating the work of the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies. Aberdeen is the only European university to be featured in the 2003/2004 program and Oxford is the only other UK university to have been invited to the programme in recent years.
- March 22, 2004* **Dutch Radical Republicanism versus Concepts of British Restoration Politics**
Mr Gijs Rommelse (Universiteit Leiden)
- March 26-28, 2004* **Rough Beasts: Irish and Scottish Studies in the New Millennium.**
An international 3-day conference on Irish and Scottish Studies. Disciplines covered include: Language and Literature, History, Film Studies, Visual Arts, Celtic Studies and Cultural Geography
- April 20, 2004* **Constructing Identity: Scottish History Painting 1820-1855.**
Dr John Morrison (University of Aberdeen): Part of the AHRB Ireland, Scotland and the Visual Arts Programme.
- April 26, 2004* **Irish Migrant Marriages on the West Coast of New Zealand's South Island, 1864-1915**
Dr Lyndon Fraser (University of Canterbury, Christchurch): Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Series.
- April 27, 2004* **A most pleasant passage: the story of Scottish Latter-day Saints who immigrated to America, 1840-1890**
Professor Fred Woods (Brigham Young University, Utah):Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Series.
- April 29-30, 2004* **Europeans on the Move 1830-1960: Sources, Representations and Methodologies**
This two day conference is part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Programme.
- May 4, 2004* **Changing "traditions": Using Anthropology and History to explore identity politics in Ireland**
Dr Dominic Bryan (Queen's University Belfast): Part of the AHRB Popular Culture and National Identity programme.
- May 15, 2004* **Scottish Sources in the Netherlands, Dutch Sources in Scotland**

This AHRB Centre sponsored one-day workshop will bring together academics and archivists from the Netherlands and Scotland to discuss Scotto-Dutch source material.

- May 24, 2004* **The Fertility of the Irish in 1911**
Professor Timothy Guinnane (Yale University) Part of the AHRB Diaspora Seminar Programme.
- June 28, 2004* **The Influence of the Languages of Ireland and Scotland on Linguistic Varieties in Northern England**
A one-day symposium, part of the AHRB Languages of Ireland and Scotland programme.
- August 16-17, 2004* **Testing the Pen: Medieval Celtic Manuscripts**

This two day international conference is part of the AHRB Gaelic Manuscripts of Scotland Project.
- September 15-18, 2004* **Fifth International Language and Politics Symposium: Taking Stock in the Literature, Sociolinguistics and Legislation of Minority or Regional Languages in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and Scotland**
Part of the AHRB Centre's Languages of Ireland and Scotland programme This symposium will be held in Belfast.
- September 24, 2004* **RIISS Welcome and Reception for new graduate students and old friends**
- October 12, 2004* **Scotland's Economic Haemorrhage: The emigration of skilled workers from Scotland, 1918-1939**
Nicholas J Evans, AHRB Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, University of Aberdeen. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- October 17, 2004* **Symposium on Jewish Settlement, Development and Identities in Scotland, 1879-2004**
Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme. Scottish Jewish Archives Centre, Glasgow.
- October 29, 2004* **The Poetry of Medbh McGuckian**
Dr Helen Blakeman, University of Sheffield. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme.
- November 5, 2004* **A Poetry Reading by Paul Muldoon**
Paul Muldoon, Howard G.B. Clark Professor of the Humanities and Creative Writing at Princeton University and Pulitzer Prize winning poet. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme. Presented in association with Word - University of Aberdeen Writers Festival.
- November 16, 2004* **The making of the 1838 Irish Poor Law**
Dr Peter Gray (Southampton University)
- November 25, 2004* **'Dear Grace....Love Maidie': Letters from Australia to England, 1926-1967.**
Dr Stephen Constantine (Lancaster University). Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- November 30, 2004* **Fifth Anniversary of the Formal Inauguration of RIISS by the President of Ireland on 30 November, 1999**
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Introduced by Professor George Watson, Director of the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies, and starring a number of intriguing contributors.

- December 2, 2004* **In defense of Mare Liberum: Hugo Grotius' critique of William Welwood (1613-1615)**
Dr Martine Julia Van Ittersum (University of Dundee).
- December 6, 2004* **Literary Motifs associated with North Britain in Medieval Gaelic Literature**
Dr Sheila M Boll (AHRB Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, University of Aberdeen). Part of the AHRB Centre's Languages of Ireland and Scotland Programme.
- December 8, 2004* **The Orange Order in comparative perspective: Northern Ireland, Scotland and Canada**
Dr Eric Kaufmann, Birkbeck College, London. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- January 17, 2005* **Postgraduate Training Workshop: Movement of Peoples, Goods and Ideas –Scotland and Ireland**
- January 25, 2005* **Irish Jansenists Active in Spanish Flanders and France in the Early Seventeenth Century**
Dr Thomas O'Connor, National University of Ireland, Maynooth. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- January 27, 2005* **Changing Ireland**
His Excellency Dáithí Ó Ceallaigh, the Irish Ambassador to Great Britain.
- February 1, 2005* **Reality Check: Authenticity in Irish Drama from Synge to McDonagh**
Professor Nicholas Grene, MRIA, Trinity College Dublin. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme
- February 8, 2005* **The Great Debate. Sectarianism in Scotland: Myth or Reality?**
Professor Steve Bruce, FBA, School of Social Sciences and Professor Tom Devine, FRSE, Hon MRIA, FBA, the AHRB Centre for Irish and Scottish Studies, both University of Aberdeen. King's College Conference Centre.
- February 11, 2005* **The Poetry of Medbh McGuckian**
Dr Conor Carville, St. Mary's College, Strawberry Hill. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme.
- February 17, 2005* **What Went Wrong? Reforming Gaelic Ireland from Henry VIII to Cromwell**
Professor S. J. Connolly, MRIA, Queen's University Belfast. Jointly hosted with the School of Divinity, History and Philosophy.
- February 25, 2005* **The Poetry of Medbh McGuckian**
Dr Leontia Flynn, Queen's University Belfast. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme.
- March 1, 2005* **Diaspora, Displacement and Exile: Narratives of Emigration from Modern Ireland**
Dr Enda Delaney, University of Aberdeen. Part of the AHRB Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- March 10, 2005* **Remembering the Eighteenth Century: Social Memory and the Past**

Professor Carolyn Steedman, University of Warwick. Jointly hosted with the Department of Sociology. Part of the Memory, History and Society Seminar Series.

- March 11-12, 2005* **Redefining the National Interest: Political Economy and State Formation in Early Modern Europe, 1600-1750**
A two day symposium is being held at the Newberry Library, Chicago.
- March 14, 2005* **Postgraduate Training Workshop: Movement of Peoples, Goods and Ideas –Scotland and Ireland.**
- March 16, 2005* **The Masks of Lust and Rage in Yeats's Last Poems**
Professor Ronald Schuchard, Emory University, Atlanta. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme.
- March 17, 2005* **The Uses of History: Contesting the Legacy of Young Ireland**
Dr Gerry Kearns, University of Cambridge. Jointly hosted with the Department of Sociology. Part of the Memory, History and Society Seminar Series.
- March 24, 2005* **'Praisesongs' of the Diaspora: Narratives and Genres of the Anglo-Caribbean.**
Professor Mary Chamberlain, Oxford Brookes University. Jointly hosted with the Department of Sociology. Part of the Memory, History and Society Seminar Series.
- April 1-3, 2005* **Crosscurrents: Postgraduate Conference in Irish and Scottish Studies**
The fourth international Crosscurrents Conference is being held at the Research Institute of Irish and Scottish Studies.
- April 11, 2005* **Postgraduate Training Workshop: Movement of Peoples Goods and Ideas –Scotland and Ireland**
- April 19, 2005* **Romantic Literature and the Four Nations**
Dr Fiona Stafford, Somerville College, University of Oxford. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme
- April 21, 2005* **Spheres of Memory: Commemoration and the Politics of Peoplehood in Europe Today**
Professor Gerard Delanty, University of Liverpool. Jointly hosted with the Department of Sociology. Part of the Memory, History and Society Seminar Series.
- April 25, 2005* **Postgraduate Training Workshop: Movement of Peoples, Goods and Ideas – Scotland and Ireland.**
- April 26, 2005* **Ireland, the Union and the Empire, 1800-1960**
Professor Alvin Jackson, University of Edinburgh.
- April 28, 2005* **Memory and Democracy**
Professor Barbara Misztal, University of Leicester. Jointly hosted with the Department of Sociology. Part of the Memory, History and Society Seminar Series.
- May 5, 2005* **Histories and Mourning**

Dr Paul Connerton, University of Cambridge. Jointly hosted with the Department of Sociology. Part of the Memory, History and Society Seminar Series.

- May 12, 2005* **Probing the Boundaries of Social Memory: From Post-Memory to Pre-Memory**
Dr Guy Beiner, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. Jointly hosted with the Department of Sociology. Part of the Memory, History and Society Seminar Series.
- May 19, 2005* **Memory and the Politics of Normality**
Professor Vieda Skultans, University of Bristol. Jointly hosted with the Department of Sociology. Part of the Memory, History and Society Seminar Series
- May 23, 2005* **Postgraduate Training Workshop: Movement of Peoples Goods and Ideas –Scotland and Ireland**
- May 24, 2005* **Yeats's Animated Landscapes**
Dr Sinead Garrigan Mattar, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge. Part of the AHRB Centre's Literatures of Scotland and Ireland Programme.
- September 23, 2005* **RIISS Welcome and Reception for new students and old friends**
- October 4, 2005* **The Unseen Universe: Science, Theology and Poetics in late 19th century Scotland and Ireland**
Professor Cairns Craig, FBA, University of Aberdeen. Part of the AHRC Centre's Language and Literature programme.
- October 11, 2005* **Scots in London in the 18th Century: patronage, professions and themaking of Scottish identity**
Dr Stana Nenadic, University of Edinburgh. Part of the AHRC Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- October 27, 2005* **The Associational Culture of the 19th Century Orange Order**
Professor Donald MacRaild, Victoria University, Wellington, NZ. Part of the AHRC Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- November 1, 2005* **Michael Collins: His Rise to Power**
Professor Peter Hart, Canada Research Chair in Irish Studies, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada.
- November 8, 2005* **Distance and Proximity in Service to the Empire: Ulster and New Zealand in the 20th Century**
Professor Keith Jeffery, Queen's University Belfast. Jointly hosted with the School of Divinity, History and Philosophy. Part of the AHRC Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- November 12, 2005* **AHRC Language & Literature Programme Symposium (by invitation only)**
External speakers will include Dr Nicholas Allen (Chapel Hill); Dr Fidelma Farley (NUI, Galway); Brigid McLeer (University of London); Dr Scott Brewster (University of Central Lancashire).
- November 15, 2005* **Albanach Ó Dálaig, the thirteenth-century Irish poet nicknamed 'The Scot'**
Máirín Ní Dhonnchada, Professor of Old and Middle Irish and Celtic Philology, National University of Ireland, Galway. Part of the AHRC Centre's Language and Literature programme.
- November 22, 2005* **Archipelagic Macbeth**

Professor John Kerrigan, Head of the Faculty of English at Cambridge University. Part of the AHRC Centre's Language and Literature programme.

- November 24, 2005* **Crossing Seas, Exploring Islands: Irish Immigrants in the Pacific World**
Dr Malcolm Campbell, University of Auckland. Part of the AHRC Centre's Diaspora Programme.
- November 25, 2005* **AHRC Diaspora Programme Symposium: Migrations and Diasporas in the EarlyModern World (by invitation only)**
External speakers will include: Dr Steve Murdoch (St Andrews), Professor John MacKenzie (formerly Lancaster), Dr Craig Bailey (Kings College London), Dr Stana Nenadic (Edinburgh), Dr Colm O'Conaill (NUI, Galway).
- November 29, 2005* **The politics of dialect representation in Scotland and Ireland**
Professor David Hewitt and Dr Barbara Fennell, School of Language and Literature, University of Aberdeen. Part of the AHRC Centre's Language and Literature programme
- December 6, 2005* **Unionism and the history of twentieth century Scotland**
Dr Ewen Cameron, University of Edinburgh.
- December 13, 2005* **In the Wake of the Hunger Strikes: Northern Irish Politics, Fiction and Drama 1981-85**
Dr Michael Parker, University of Central Lancashire. Part of the AHRC Centre's Language and Literature programme.