

Call for Papers

The 2011 International Meeting of The American Conference for Irish Studies

The University of Wisconsin-Madison
March 30 – April 2, 2011

Global Networks and Local Ties

Submissions Due October 15, 2010 to acis2011@gmail.com

As the ACIS enters its second half-century, the 2011 conference organizers invite you to join us on the campus of the University of Wisconsin - Madison for a four-day meeting of papers, roundtables, lectures, exhibits, readings and performances. The conference welcomes papers on all topics and aspects of Irish studies, including history, literature, language, culture, and arts, and encourages paper submissions considering the notions of the “global” and the “local” in Irish Studies.

While the recent “Celtic Tiger” boom and bust made glaringly apparent the impact of globalization on Irish history and culture in contemporary times, the tension between global and local perspectives has informed Irish and Irish diaspora cultures for centuries. This tension also informs Irish Studies research, which has increasingly adopted interdisciplinary approaches to examine the Irish experience in the context of wider cultural, theoretical and geographical networks. The 2011 conference invites members to consider the impact of these approaches on Irish Studies research, as well as on the concept of Irish Studies as an academic field.

Some approaches to this topic include:

- The Cosmopolitan and the Vernacular in Irish Literature and Arts
- Ireland’s relation to its own and other Diaspora Communities
- Ireland’s Immigrant/Emigrant Ethos
- Ireland and the European Union
- World Empires and their Local Impact
- Global Technology and Irish Nationalisms
- Irish Studies in the Age of Interdisciplinarity
- Irish Bodies

Along with papers specific to the conference theme, we are interested in using this conference to highlight the most recent work in the field. Therefore, we welcome submissions addressing any and all topics or themes relevant to Irish studies.

Keynote Presenters are Kerby A. Miller, Christopher Morash, Julia M. Wright and Liz Carroll

Please submit your proposal by October 15, 2010 to acis2011@gmail.com. Both individual paper and panel submissions (3-4 participants) are welcomed, as are proposals for presentations in non-traditional formats (posters, performances, exhibits). Proposals should be 250-500 words in length, and include a brief (~50 word) bio of the submitter or—in the case of panels—each participant. Please send any questions to Mary Trotter, Director of UW-Madison’s Celtic Studies Program, at the conference e-mail address.