

American Conference for Irish Studies- West

25th Annual Meeting

C.B. Hannegan's

Los Gatos, California

October 16-18, 2009

Registration Form & Information

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General Overview:

Our 25th Annual Meeting will commence in Los Gatos, California, on Friday afternoon, October 16, 2009. The Town of Los Gatos, picturesque and well endowed, is about 30 miles south of the San Francisco airport and 10 miles south of the San Jose airport. Conference headquarters will begin at the Los Gatos Lodge where attendees are encouraged to register at highly competitive rates. Lodge check in begins at 3:00 p.m., and conference registration begins there at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, the 16th.

The first official event will be the gathering of new and continuing ACIS-West members for early-evening (5:30 p.m.) conviviality and pre-dinner refreshments at C.B. Hannegan's, which is one of our co-hosts and our primary conference site. The conference dinner (7:00 p.m.) will be served on Friday night at Hannegan's after which we will ease gently into our anniversary program. Following the after-dinner program you may wish to linger with friends, old and new, at Hannegan's, return to the Lodge for its regular Friday night music and dancing, or explore the Town's nightlife.

Saturday will consist of a full day of program sessions. Guests of the Lodge will have a continental breakfast there. Conference registrants' lunches will be provided at C.B. Hannegan's. At the conclusion of the Saturday afternoon sessions there will be a no host happy hour at C. B. Hannegan's, followed by dinner on your own. Later in the evening Gemma Whelan and colleagues will present a dramatic reading from her recent Irish screenplay. A Sunday morning session will precede the annual ACIS-W business meeting at which new officers will be chosen. Sunday morning program events will take place at the Los Gatos Lodge.

Saturday Dinner:

During this time new and continuing ACIS-W members are encouraged to gather into their own informal groups to expand friendships, discuss our shared interests in Irish studies, explore the Town and dine. A customized guide to Town restaurants will be included in your Registration Packet. Dinners on the Town are at the expense of the individual registrants. You may choose among outdoor informality, classy hotels, the Michelin rated, top 40 in the U.S., take-outs, Mexican, Thai, Cambodian, Italian, Californian, brewing company barbeque, upscale steakhouse, etc. One establishment offers its best amid the Victorian grandeur of a celebrated 19th century mortuary.

Extended Options:

Along with our non-traditional venue, consider other new options. If you are retired or can otherwise provide for your Monday classes, why not linger a few days in San Francisco just to the north or spend a day in Carmel and even Big Sur to the south. San Francisco enthusiasts could fly into San Jose, rent a car, enjoy the conference, return the car to the San Francisco airport, and use BART thereafter, departing from SFO rather than returning to San Jose. Carmel's 17-mile drive and lunch overlooking Pebble Beach's 18th green could be memorable, too. More detailed guidance is available from the conference's resident co-hosts.

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Sign Up Here:

1.

Please: 1) print and return by US Postal Service a completed separate form for each conference registrant and, 2) enclose your check to the Treasurer's address below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Affiliation: _____

E-mail: _____

Will you likely book at Los Gatos Lodge? Likely _____ Unlikely _____

(See Lodge information below.)

Will you likely have a car? Likely _____ Unlikely _____

2.

Conference Registration Fee Structure:

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| a. Members and Guests (each) | \$70 |
| b. Graduate Student: | 50 |
| c. Late Registration (Oct. 1) | 90 |
| d. TOTAL | \$ _____ |

Because of limited space at C.B. Hannegan's registrations will be secured on a first come, first served basis. Your early check for the amount on line d. will secure your registration. Friday dinner and Saturday lunch are provided to registrants as part of the registration fee.

Please mail your Registration Information and your check (made out to the American Conference for Irish Studies-West) to:

Kendall Reid, Treasurer ACIS-West
2500 North Lawrence Street
Tacoma, WA 98406-6128

III.

Menu Selections for Registrants:

Dinner (Friday, October 16, 2009)

Please mark one selection per registrant on the following:

- a. Tri-Tip: _____
- b. Chicken Breast: _____
- c. Vegetarian: _____
- d. Re special dietary needs contact co-host jwalsh@email.sjsu.edu

Box Lunch (Saturday, October 17)

- a. Roast Beef: _____
- b. Turkey: _____
- c. Vegetarian: _____
- d. Re special dietary needs contact co-host jwalsh@email.sjsu.edu

IV.

Conference Lodging:

Los Gatos Lodge 50 Los Gatos-Saratoga Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032

(408) 354-3300; (800) 231-8656 www.logatoslodge.com

Irish Studies **group rates** I.D. code: CGIE

Room Rates Per Night:

1 queen bed: \$79.00*

1 king bed or 2 double beds: \$89.00*

2 room suite: 1 king bed or 2 double beds

& one couch fold out: \$99.00*

*Plus 10% hotel tax

Conference registrants are to book their rooms directly with the Los Gatos Lodge at the above contact numbers. The group rates remain in effect until August 16, 2009. Thereafter, reservations will be provided on a space available basis at published rates.

The Lodge is a .7-mile walk to C.B. Hannegan's. Pedestrian **caution** must be exercised for the first several blocks at freeway accesses. The Town itself is pleasantly walkable.

During previous ACIS-W conferences airport and local transportation was often provided on a complimentary basis by the hosting universities. Such is not now the case. Members are encouraged to coordinate among themselves and share auto rentals or cabs. Yellow Cab: (408) 777-7777; Los Gatos Cab: (408) 395-0100.

Ride coordination and limited transportation between the Los Gatos Lodge and C.B. Hannegan's will be provided for registrants with special needs.

Conference Co-hosts

C.B. Hannegan's (venue): www.cbhannegans.com

Timothy J. O'Keefe (program): tokeefe@scu.edu

James P. Walsh (local arrangements): jwalsh@email.sjsu.edu

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Theme: Ireland and Its Influences

Conference Location:

C.B. Hannegan's

208 Bachman Ave.

Los Gatos, California 95030

www.cbhannegans.com

tel. 408-395-1233

Conference Accommodations:

Los Gatos Lodge

50 Los Gatos, Saratoga Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032

www.losgatoslodge.com

tel. 408-354-3300

Reservations: 800-231-8656; Group Code: CGIE

Friday, October 16

From 3:30 p.m. Check in and Registration at Los Gatos Lodge

5:30 p.m. No Host Social Hour (C.B. Hannegan's)

7:00 Dinner, C.B. Hannegan's

Guest Speaker: Professor Gearóid Ó Tuathaigh, National University of Ireland,
Galway

The State We Are In: Perspectives on Ireland's Growth, Development, and
Crisis

Saturday, October 17

8:00 Continental Breakfast, Los Gatos Lodge

Note: All Saturday sessions at C.B. Hannegan's

9:15-10:45 a.m. Session I Stories Captured and Conveyed

Tiffany Hietsman, Boise State University

Krapps's Last Tape, Mediating Reality, and YouTube

Jeanne Armstrong, Western Washington University

Tensions, Tourism and Pastoral Images of the West of Ireland in Three Films: *The
Quiet Man, Ryan's Daughter, Into the West*

Brigid O'Malley and Mary McGrath, Sacramento City College

Peig Sayers, Storyteller of the Great Blasket: How International and Irish Folklore
Scholars Collected and Translated Her Stories

11:00-12:30 Session II Representations of Culture

Kara Donnelly, New York University

"The Pram," Gaelic Gothic for the 21st Century

John Murphy, De Vry University

Inventing Celtic Buddhism

Mary Wack, Washington State University

The Fate of Joseph McPherson: Max Weber, Disenchantment, and the Ordnance
Survey Memoirs

12:30-2:00 Box Lunch

2:00-3:30 Session III Early and Late: Becket, Yeats, and Swift

Zan Cammack, Brigham Young University

Samuel Beckett: Irish Identity, Bilingualism, and the English Language

Jodi Chilson, Boise State University

To the Tower: W.B. Yeats and the Poetics of Anxiety

Afrin Zeenat, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh

Writing Irish Nationhood: Jonathan Swift's Coming to Terms with his Birthplace

3:45-4:45 Session IV The Church , 19th c. Schism, and 20th c. Accountability

Trevor Weekes, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

The Crotty Boys and the Birr Schism

Ann Weekes, Emerita, University of Arizona.

"The Quality of Mercy is not Strained"— Irish Catholic Institutions: Sanctuaries for the Vulnerable?

4:45 p.m. No Host Social Hour

Dinner on Own

8:00 p.m. Dramatic Presentation

Gemma Whelan and ACIS-West Colleagues

Scenes from her Screenplay *The Jealous Wall*
(at C.B. Hannegan's)

Sunday, October 18

Continental Breakfast, Los Gatos Lodge

Note: Sunday session and meeting are at Los Gatos Lodge

9:15-10:45 a.m. Session V Poetry and Poetics

Julie Dugger, Western Washington University

A Room Full of Others: Eavan Boland's Collective Romanticism

Soumitra Ghosh, Oklahoma State University

Writing the Nation, Envisioning the Nation: Yeats and the Monstrosity of Transgression

Marthine Sattris, University of California, Santa Barbara

Erratic Repetition in the Work of Maurice Scully and Paul Muldoon

10:45-11:45

Business Meeting