PROGRAMME
Church and Settlement in Ireland: Landscape, Life and Legacy

A joint conference of The Group for the Study of Irish Historic Settlement and the American Conference of Irish Medieval Studies
27 February–1 March 2015

Thursday, 26 February
9:30 Bus tour of key ecclesiastical sites in the Boyne Valley (leaving All Hallows at 9:30). No charge, booking in advance essential, contact James Lyttleton – jilyttleton@hotmail.com

Friday, 27 February
18:00 Registration (Purcell Room, All Hallows, College)
18:30 Poster session and wine reception

Session One: Opening
1) 20:00 Kevin Whelan
Keough Naughton Notre Dame Centre, Dublin
‘Church and settlement in Ireland in long-term perspective’

Saturday, 28 February
Session Two: Early Medieval foundations 1
2) 9:30 James G. Schryver,
Department of History of Art, University of Minnesota, Morris, MN
‘Converting the land of the Irish: Saint Patrick, the Church, and the Irish landscape’

3) 10:10 Tomás Ó Carragáin,
Department of Archaeology, University College Cork
‘Churches, cemeteries and social power in Early Medieval Ireland: case studies from Laois and Tipperary’

4) 10:50 Gill Boazman
Department of Archaeology, University College Cork
‘The fruitful marriage: a regional comparison of ecclesiastical and secular settlement in early medieval Ireland’

11:30 Tea and coffee

Session Three: Early Medieval foundations 2
5) 11:50 Brian Ó Broin
Department of English, William Paterson University, NJ
‘Using aggregative statistical techniques to date Irish Saints’ Lives’

6) 12:30 Lahnney Preston-Matto
Department of English, Adelphi University, NY
‘Are you my brother?: Medieval Irish ecclesiastical fosterage’

13.10 Lunch

Session Four: Medieval transitions
7) 14:00 Catherine Swift
Department of History, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick
‘Killaloe – royal and ecclesiastical power bases on a merchant’s river’
8) 14:40 Paul MacCotter  
*University College Cork*
‘Parish origins in Ireland’

9) 15:20 Marie Taylor  
*Department of Geography, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick*
‘The Anglo-Norman settlement of county Limerick’

**16.00 Tea and coffee**

**Session Five: Monastic Ireland, archaeology and architecture**

10) 16:20 Tracy Collins  
*Department of Archaeology, University College Cork*
‘Isolated in the wilderness? An archaeological exploration of nunneries in the later medieval landscape of Ireland’

11) 17:00 Colman Ó Clabaigh  
*Glenstal Abbey*
‘The East Wing: form and function in the eastern ranges of late medieval Irish religious houses’

17:40 **Book launch:** Wordwell host the launch of their new publication, Christiaan Corlett and Michael Potterton (eds), *The church in early medieval Ireland in the light of recent archaeological excavations* (Research papers in Irish archaeology, no. 5).

**20.00 Conference dinner (Skylon Hotel, Drumcondra)**

**Sunday, 1 March**

**Session Six: The Late Medieval Church, landscape and legacy**

12) 9.30 Anne-Julie Clemence Lafaye  
*Department of History, Trinity College Dublin*
‘Mendicant orders in the towns and boroughs of Leinster: economy, urban development and social control’

13) 10.10 Rhiannon Carey Bates  
*Department of History, Trinity College Dublin*
‘The ecclesiastical landscape of later medieval Ireland: patterns of appointments to dioceses’

14) 10:50 Geraldine Stout  
*National Monuments Service, Department of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht*
‘Monastery to mansion: Tudor conversion of Irish Cistercian abbeys’

**11.30 Tea and coffee**

**Session Seven: The Penal Era**

15) 11.50 David Fleming  
*Department of History, University of Limerick*
‘The mass rock and eighteenth-century religious practice: legacies and realities’

16) 12:30 Finbar McCormick  
*Department of Archaeology, Queen’s University Belfast*
‘Eighteenth century Catholic and Presbyterian churches’

13.10 Close