



UNIVERSITY of ST. THOMAS
William J. Flynn
Center for Irish Studies
Spring 2018 Cultural Outreach Events

We invite you to attend our Spring 2018 Cultural Outreach Series. These events are first-come, first-served. Please advise us in advance of any mobility issues so we may reserve a seat for you. There is a minimal charge for our concerts.



Friday, February 16, 2018

James Joyce through Many Lenses – A Concert Featuring Musical Settings of Joyce’s Texts

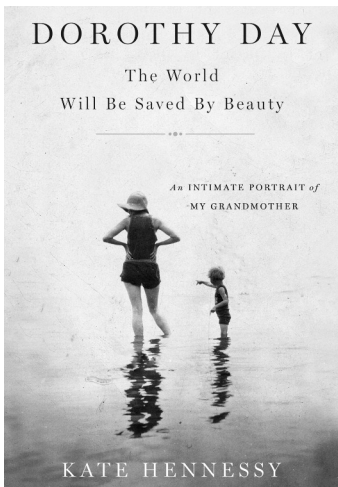
WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, Cullen Hall
4001 Mt. Vernon St., Houston, TX 77006

COST: \$15 for adults; \$10 seniors (65+); UST faculty, staff and students free; RSVP requested – 713-525-3592 or irishstudies@stthom.edu

James Joyce had the extraordinary capacity to tap inner resources that were powerfully suppressed by societal convention. His subversive, taboo-breaking ability to twist and mold language like a sculptor has inspired, challenged and scandalized artists, composers, authors and the general public for the past century. Joyce’s profound but conflicted relationship to Ireland, his love of music, and his complex personal connection to C.G. Jung, make him a wonderful topic for this collaboration between the University of St. Thomas Center for Irish Studies and the Jung Center.

This concert will feature musical settings of Joyce texts by composers Samuel Barber, John Cage, Joyce’s friend Geoffrey Molyneux Palmer, and even a composition by Joyce himself. We also will hear the world premiere of two Joyce-inspired works by Irish-American Houston-based composer Michael Remson. Sean Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of the Jung Center, will shed light on Joyce’s work from a psychological perspective, and UST Irish Studies professor Jonathan O’Neill will look at the texts through a cultural lens. Performers include Rodney Waters, piano, Kenneth Gayle, tenor, and Timothy Jones, baritone.



Thursday, March 1, 2018

Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty:

An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother Presented by Kate Hennessy

WHEN: 7 p.m.

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, Chapel of St. Basil
3802 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

COST: Free and open to the public

Kate Hennessy is a writer and the youngest of Dorothy Day’s nine grandchildren. She is the author of *Dorothy Day: The World Will Be Saved By Beauty: An Intimate Portrait of My Grandmother*, published by Scribner. She has worked in collaboration with the photographer Vivian Cherry on *Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker: The Miracle of Our Continuance*, and her work has appeared in *Best American Travel Writing*.

Kate attended New York University and the School for International Training in Vermont. She has traveled and worked around the world, including at an international summer camp in the former USSR; as an English as a Second Language Teacher in Guatemala and to Tibetan refugees in India; as well as a curator at a small Vermont museum. She has also walked 750 kilometers on El Camino de Santiago in Spain. Kate divides her time between Vermont and Ireland.

Hosted in conjunction with the UST Donald S. Nesti, CSSp Center for Faith and Culture, Ms. Hennessy will provide an overview of her book and share stories from her childhood. Books will be available for sale before the lecture.



Saturday, March 17, 2018
Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Mass celebrated by Rev. Sean P. Horrigan '98

WHEN: 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, Chapel of St. Basil
3802 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

Brunch following Mass

WHERE: Scanlan Room, Jerabeck Center
4000 Mt. Vernon St., Houston, TX 77006

COST: COMPLIMENTARY; RSVP required by March 5th, 2018. For reservations, call the Center at 713-525-3592 or e-mail irishstudies@stthom.edu

Join us for our annual St. Patrick's Day celebration! Begin the day with a lovely Mass officiated by Rev. Sean P. Horrigan '98, the newest member of the UST Flynn Center for Irish Studies Advisory Board. Stay for brunch and feast on many traditional Irish and Irish American favorites with your family and friends. Thanks to your faithful support of the Center, the brunch is on us! **Please RSVP by March 5th!**



Sunday, April 22, 2018
Ireland's Role in Europe in the "Dark Ages"
Dr. Charles Stewart, Chair, UST Art History Program

WHEN: 5 p.m.

WHERE: University of St. Thomas, Jones Hall
3910 Yoakum Blvd., Houston, TX 77006

COST: Free and open to the public

In the absence of texts, archaeology has shed light on past cultures and tribal societies. This fact is especially true of early medieval Ireland and Britain where historical texts are few. Twenty years ago Thomas Cahill published a book titled *How the Irish Saved Civilization*, arguing that we cannot understand the development of Europe without first recognizing the role of Celtic Christianity. This book would remain on the *New York Times* Bestseller list for two years and, with that kind of success, there came a flood of critics who attacked its sensationalism and historical claims. Unfortunately, most scholars today remember the criticism and forget the actual archaeological and historic evidence. In this presentation, Dr. Charles Stewart will provide a fresh perspective on this issue and explain how archaeology and art history have shed light on Ireland's role in Europe in the "Dark Ages".

Dr. Charles Anthony Stewart is Chair of the Art History Program and Associate Professor at the University of St. Thomas, Houston. He specializes in the development of Late Roman and Early Medieval architecture. In general, his research investigates transitional periods of history, as well as artistic, technological, and economic exchange between neighboring cultures. His first archaeological work investigated the relationship between Ireland and Scotland in the early Middle Ages. This lecture will be hosted in conjunction with the Friends of Archaeology.



Friday, November 2, 2018
The Annual Irish Gala: Benefiting Irish Studies Student Scholarships

WHEN: 6 p.m. – registration

WHERE: The Houstonian Hotel
111 N. Post Oak Ln., Houston, TX 77024

COST: Tables begin at \$3500; Sponsored tickets available for \$500. For more information about the Gala, please contact Lori Gallagher at irishstudies@stthom.edu or call 713-525-3592

Charlene and John O'Shea will chair the 2018 Annual Irish Gala benefiting the William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies at the University of St. Thomas. Kari and Sean P. Tracey '88 will be honored for their contributions to the Center, the University and the Houston community.

Highlights of the 2017 Annual Irish Gala

More than 300 friends of the University of St. Thomas William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies attended the annual Irish Gala on Nov. 3 at The Houstonian Hotel. The theme for this year's Gala was "Celebrating Irish Religious Throughout Texas". This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Center for Irish Studies.

This year is the second time the Irish Gala has been chaired by Maureen Evans, Margo P. Geddie and Lisa Miranda, all of whom serve on the Center for Irish Studies' Advisory Board. Evans, Geddie and Miranda felt it important to recognize the contributions of Irish Religious in Texas through their vocations, focusing on service, teaching, ministry and care. The impressive list of honorees was comprised of priests from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, The Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, The Sisters of the Incarnate Word and Blessed Sacrament and priests from the Congregation of St. Basil. The Congregation of St. Basil founded the University of St. Thomas 70 years ago. Honorary chairs for the event included His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and Bishop Brendan J. Cahill '85, who is an alumnus of the University of St. Thomas and serves on the Center's Advisory Board.



(Pictured here left to right are Maureen Evans, Margo Geddie, Dr. Richard Ludwick, new UST President, Melynda Ludwick, his wife, Lisa Miranda and Lori Gallagher, Center Director)

Table sponsorships, ticket sales and donations leading up to the Gala raised nearly \$200,000 for the Irish Studies program. Before the program finished, a matching gift was announced and attendees were challenged to raise \$25,000, generating over \$52,000 for the Center for Irish Studies' scholarship fund. With auction items ranging from an autographed Craig Biggio jersey, baseball cap and baseball to a customized trip to Ireland, the Center raised funds totaling \$285,600. The evening ended with a festive sing-a-long with music from Dallas-based *Beyond the Pale* and Irish coffee service.

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About Our Center

Our internationally renowned Flynn Center for Irish Studies is one of UST's six Centers for Excellence and features academic, cultural outreach and study abroad programs. We provide our students with a broad array of interdisciplinary courses taught by UST faculty and Irish Visiting Scholars. The Irish Studies program offers a minor in Irish Studies at the undergraduate level and a concentration in Irish Studies in the Master of Liberal Arts program at the graduate level. Most of our courses are open for the public to audit with the professor's permission and space availability.

Our Center's mission

- To preserve Irish heritage and culture
- To promote peace and reconciliation around the world using the Northern Ireland model
- To serve as a premier Center for Irish and Irish American Studies in Texas and the Southwest offering outstanding educational opportunities to our students and the community

Spring 2018 Courses

The following courses begin on January 18 and run through May 5, 2018:

Elementary Irish I: MW 12:10-1:25 p.m.

Elementary Irish II: MW 3:10-4:25 p.m.

Intermediate Irish Language and Culture I: MW 10:00-11:15 a.m.

Intermediate Irish Language and Culture II: TTh 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Irish Diaspora: Irish American Experience: W 5:30-8:15 p.m.



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