



*‘From Derry quay we sailed away ...’*

**North-west Ulster and the Irish Exodus to North America**

*Derry, 22–24 October 2021*

National University of Ireland, Galway and the Mellon Centre for Migration Studies, Omagh  
in association with  
Derry City and Strabane District Council, the Holywell Trust, and the Garvan O’Doherty Group



**Friday 22 October**

The Guildhall

6.30–9.00 pm

**DEPARTURES**

*Introduction*

**Breandán Mac Suibhne**, National University of Ireland, Galway

*Welcome to the Guildhall*

Alderman **Graham Warke** of the Democratic Unionist Party  
Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council

*A Preview of New Developments and Maritime Collections*

**Bernadette Walsh**, Archivist, Derry City and Strabane District Council

*Going Commercial*

*Irish Cities and the Atlantic in the Eighteenth Century*

**David Dickson**, Trinity College, Dublin

The launch of David Dickson's *First Irish Cities* (Yale University Press, 2021) by  
**Patrick Griffin**, University of Notre Dame, kindly hosted by the Tower Museum and  
Derry City and Strabane District Council.

**Saturday 23 October**

Holywell Trust, 10–14 Bishop Street

9.00–11.00 am

**PATTERNS**

Chair **Brendan O'Leary**, University of Pennsylvania

*Migration and the North-west*

**Patrick Fitzgerald**, Mellon Centre for Migration Studies

*Early Migrations*

*North-West Ulster and the New World, 1680–1725*

**William Roulston**, Ulster Historical Foundation

*The Maiden City and the Western Ocean Emigrant Trade Routes, 1815–70*

**Trevor Parkhill**, editor, *Familia: Ulster Genealogical Review*

11.30–1.00 pm

**PROBLEMS**

Chair **Jim Smyth**, University of Notre Dame

*Ireland, America, and the Age of Atlantic Revolution*

**Patrick Griffin**, University of Notre Dame

*Green Coloured Black*

*The Colour Line and the Irish in Virginia*

**Michael O'Malley**, George Mason University

**Lunch**

## MEMORIES

Chair **Daniel Carey**, National University of Ireland, Galway

*Knives across the Water*  
*The Campbells of Drumaboden in Scotland, Donegal, and Tennessee*  
**Kerby A. Miller**, University of Missouri

*A Derry Merchant's Atlantic Memoir, 1830*  
**Angela Byrne**, Ulster University

3.45–5.15 pm

## SONG AND STORY

Chair **Mícheál Ó Domhnaill**, National University of Ireland, Galway

*Glimpses of Emigration in the Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland, 1830–40*  
**Angélique Day**, editor, *Ordnance Survey Memoirs*

*Anonn 'an Oileáin Úir*  
*Songs of Donegal Emigrants in the 'Hard Coal' Region of Pennsylvania*  
**Lillis Ó Laoire**, National University of Ireland, Galway

7.30 pm

Dinner for speakers at Soda and Starch, The Craft Village, 29 Shipquay Street.  
Host **Liam Campbell**, Director, Mellon Centre for Migration Studies

**Sunday 24 October**

Da Vinci's Hotel, Culmore Road

10.00 am–12.00 pm

## DEVELOPMENTS

Chair **Éamonn Ó Ciardha**, Ulster University

### The Moore Correspondence

**David Dickson**, Trinity College, Dublin, and **Breandán Mac Suibhne**, National University of Ireland, Galway, will give an overview of the trans-Atlantic correspondence of the Moore family of Derry and Baltimore, Maryland, c. 1796–1846, and detail the progress made by a trans-Atlantic team that is preparing an annotated edition of this collection for the Irish Manuscript Commission.

### Kerby A. Miller Collection

**Daniel Carey** and **Breandán Mac Suibhne**, National University of Ireland, Galway, will discuss the development of an online database to facilitate public access to **Kerby A. Miller's** remarkable collection of transcripts of Irish emigrant correspondence and memoir. The project is a partnership between Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, the Hardiman Library, and the Moore Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at the National University of Ireland, Galway. Work on the database will be undertaken in the University's Gaeltacht centres.

### Voyager Visitor Experience

From the mid-eighteenth century, Derry emerged as one of Ireland's great emigration ports, a status it retained until the twentieth century. **Garvan O'Doherty**, a prominent figure in civic and commercial life in north-west Ulster, will outline plans for a world-class facility that will at once relate the story of Ireland's long history of emigration, regenerate the city's quays, and revivify the region's deep connections with Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

From Derry City to the other way in 1901, from Easter and the Irish Exodus to North America is an initiative of Acadamh na hOllscolaíochta Gaeilge, the Hardiman Library, and the Moore Institute for the Humanities and the Social Sciences at the **National University of Ireland, Galway**, and the **Mellon Centre for Migration Studies**, Omagh. The organizers appreciate the support of **Derry City and Strabane District Council**, the **Holywell Trust**, the **Garvan O'Doherty Group**, and the **Strategic Research Fund** at the **National University of Ireland, Galway**.



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Front Cover: *standing*: John Sharkey and Michael McFadden; *seated*: John Gallagher and James McBride, all natives of the Rosses, west Donegal, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1920s. From the collection of the late Frankie Gallagher, Mullach Dubh, courtesy of Jimmy Duffy, Dúchas Thír Chonaill / Donegal Heritage <https://donegalheritage.wordpress.com/>