

**“If you have the words, there's always a chance that you'll find the way.”
— Seamus Heaney**

A chairde~Friends,

We do hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well in these challenging times. We just wanted to write with an update as we look towards the start of a new academic year. It is important to us that you, as loyal supporters, know how things are going at Glucksman Ireland House and how buoyed we have been these past months by knowing what a strong community we have around us. We love this time of year as we make preparations to return to teaching and we are busy preparing to welcome a new cohort of MA in Irish and Irish-American Studies students in a class that is shaping up to be diverse and dynamic.

NYU has spent these last few months planning for the fall and putting in place protocols to address and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Our plans enable us to respond flexibly, guided by the health of our community members. Some of our teaching, of small groups, can take place in-person but most will take place online and with individual meetings with our faculty. All of our public programs have been migrated online for this semester. Until we know more about the trajectory of this virus we need to make sure we avoid gatherings and keep us all safe. We have some great events lined up already and will have more to confirm soon. Do join us.

At this time of year, we always fondly remember the late great Seamus Heaney. He was a wonderful friend to us at Glucksman Ireland House, both personally and intellectually. It is hard to believe it but it is seven years since he passed away. We are delighted to be in the midst of planning at least one Heaney event this fall. For now, please save the date of Wednesday October 14th at 12.30pm EST when Professor Roy Foster will be in conversation about his new book, *On Seamus Heaney* (Princeton University Press), with our own Dr. Kelly Sullivan. That promises to be a real treat. Of course, you won't need to wait until October 14th to engage with Glucksman Ireland House.

On Wednesday September 16th at 12.30pm EST we invite you to join us to celebrate the American launch of the Cambridge University Press six-volume essay series *Irish Literature in Transition* (2020), a new account of Ireland's literary history over 300 years. Speakers will include Prof. Claire Connolly (NUI Cork/UCC), editor of Vol. 2, 1780 – 1830 and Prof. Marjorie Howes (Boston College), editor of Vol. 4, 1880 - 1940. Professors Connolly and Howes are the General Editors of the series and they will be in conversation with Dr. Kelly Sullivan. You can register for this Zoom event now: <https://nyu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlrdu-rrjsiH9dfB-F3FoHVlwyNCX32HLSF>

Our "Black, Brown and Green Voices" series, in collaboration with NYPL Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, the Consulate General of Ireland (New York), and the African American Diaspora Network was immensely popular in the spring and we are delighted to announce two more events in this fall. On October 8 at 12.30pm EST

we will host NYU sociologist Dr. Kimberly McClain DaCosta, who is especially interested in the contemporary production of racial boundaries. Her book, *Making Multiracials: State, Family, and Market in the Redrawing of the Color Line* (Stanford University Press, 2007), explores the cultural and social underpinnings of the movement to create multiracial collective identity in the United States and she has a particular interest in African American and Irish identities. On November 5, Brian Dooley will share his reflections on his, now twenty-year old book, *Black and Green: The Fight for Civil Rights in Northern Ireland and Black America* (Pluto Press).

Precisely 175 years ago this fall, Frederick Douglass travelled to Ireland for an important 4-month sojourn. We are thrilled to be collaborating with our friends at Georgetown Global Irish Studies and others for a wonderful panel discussion of this American icon on Tuesday September 29 at 5pm EST. Dr. Miriam Nyhan Grey will moderate the conversation with Professors Edna Greene Medford (Howard University), Maurice Jackson (Georgetown University), and Christine Kiniealy (Quinnipiac University). Registration is not open yet, but please do read about the event here: <https://globalirish.georgetown.edu/douglass-and-ireland/#> We would love to see you there!

Before we sign off, for now, we would also like to announce that the Annual Ernie O'Malley lecture will take place on Friday October 16 at 12.30pm EST. Dr. Michael Doorley, author of a new book, *Justice Daniel Cohalan 1865-1946: American Patriot and Irish-American Nationalist* (Cork University Press, 2019), will discuss this important historical figure. We are grateful to Cormac K. H. O'Malley for his generosity in supporting this series of lectures.

Remember, if you missed our spring events, please take some time to explore our YouTube channel where you can catch up on these events and a host of other content: <https://www.youtube.com/user/GIHNYU> And if you are more of a radio person, tune in to "This Irish American Life" on Saturday's on WNYE 91.5FM from 9am to 10am and on www.nyuirish.net/radiohour. This coming Saturday, we will be hearing from Denis Hamill and the late Pete Hamill as we complete our three-part tribute to Pete.

As NYU begins a new academic year, mainly we want you to know we are thinking of you. Your well-being matters to us. Community is the heart and soul of Glucksman Ireland House, and its success rests on your support. For that, we are very grateful.

With warmest good wishes,

Kevin (Director) and Miriam (Associate Director)
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