Dear Friends,

We hope you and your families are keeping well despite the many health and economic challenges of this epidemic.

We wanted to thank you for your continued generous engagement with Glucksman Ireland House, whether in being current or past students, supporting our record-breaking Gala last February or by being loyal members and participating in our public events.

We would also like to thank our Director, Glucksman Professor of History Kevin Kenny, Associate Director Dr. Miriam Nyhan Grey and our dedicated Faculty and Staff for successfully concluding a challenging academic year in very difficult professional and personal circumstances. Many live close to the epidemic hot spots and suffer the trials of teaching and managing remotely while trying to keep their families safe and well.

In terms of public events this Fall, there will be no in-person public events in Ireland House at NYU due to Covid 19, but we have planned some outstanding events and lectures which will take place remotely, a new development that has had considerable success in recent months, drawing high attendance, not just from the Tri-state area, but from across the country, and even the world. These included three inspiring events in our Black, Brown, and Green Voices series, with the artist and scholar Lenwood Sloan, the writer and teacher Dedria Humphries Barker, and the historian Christine Kinealy. These lectures are helping to create a wider understanding of the diverse and complex nature of Irish America over the past two centuries.

Amongst the exciting online events already lined up for the Fall are the American launch of the Cambridge series Irish Literature in Transition and two more events in the Black, Brown, and Green Voices series. We will be in touch regarding additional events and they will also be posted on our website.

We are in the process of developing a new series called Voices of Glucksman Ireland House which will highlight our work via the distinguished guests, scholars, artists and students who we have welcomed to the House. This series will include such categories as Black Brown and Green; Arts, Music and Culture; Alumni and Faculty Voices; Publications; and Leaders in Politics and Business. More to come!

And, of course, Dr. Grey will continue to host the Saturday radio show This Irish American Life throughout the summer on WNYE 91.5 fm, live-streaming worldwide on irishradio.com. This show features the best in Irish and Irish American scholarship, music and culture.

And for those of you who have time for summer reading and still have not read this book, we suggest you buy the beautifully written history of Glucksman Ireland House, Being New York, Being Irish, by the talented historian and journalist, Terry Golway. This tells the remarkable story of how the vision of our founders Loretta Brennan Glucksman and Lew Glucksman twenty-five years ago resulted in one of the most important and influential centers for Irish Studies in the world. The book features contributions from President Higgins, novelists Alice McDermott, Colm Toibin and Colum McCann, poets Seamus Heaney and Paul Muldoon and so many others.

Please keep in touch with us at ireland.house@nyu.edu or visit www.irelandhouse.fas.nyu.edu and we look forward to meeting you again (virtually) in September.

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