

A Chairde~Friends,

We just wanted to drop you a line as the fall semester and the 2020 calendar year draw to a close. This year has been, and continues to be, a very unusual one. For many of us, it's been a year of heartbreak and loss. We are ever conscious of this as we look to the spring and reflect on the fall.

NYU has spent much of this year putting in place protocols to address and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The university's commitment, guided by the health of our community members, has enabled us to respond flexibly in Glucksman Ireland House to the challenges of teaching and programming during a pandemic. As we mentioned in an earlier update, some of our teaching, of small groups, can take place in-person but most takes place online and with individual meetings with our faculty. All of our public programs migrated online in spring 2020 this form of delivery will remain in place through spring 2021.

Soon we will begin publishing the details of our spring programs. They kick off early, with the first event on January 5. So please keep an eye on our social media outlets and on our website at

<https://as.nyu.edu/irelandhouse.html> The line-up is shaping up nicely.

Among others to be confirmed, we look forward to events with Lenwood Sloan and Peter Quinn, Kevin Barry, Ambassador Anne Anderson, Manchán Magan, and artist Maureen O'Leary. Our popular Black, Brown and Green Voices Series will return with more great speakers and collaboration with the NYPL Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and the African American Irish Diaspora Network.

If you missed any of our fall events, please take some time to explore our YouTube channel, where you can catch up many of them, along with 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.

Before we sign off, you might be interested to know that on December 15 at 8am EST and 1pm Irish time, Miriam will speak at an event organized for the Irish government's Decade of Centenaries, on the campaign for Irish independence as it was articulated in the US in 1920. Miriam will be on a panel with Professor Emeritus Cathal MacSwiney Brugha and his wife Catherine to discuss the visit to the U.S. by Dr. Gertrude B. Kelly, Muriel MacSwiney, and Mary MacSwiney to give testimony to the American Commission on Conditions in Ireland.

As NYU winds down for winter break 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.

Happy Holidays,

Kevin (Director) and Miriam (Associate Director)

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