

# Oral History: Power and Resistance

## OHNI Conference Programme

### 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The annual conference of the Oral History Network of Ireland  
Dooley's Hotel, Waterford

#### DAY ONE: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

10.00-10.45	Registration
10.45-12.30	<b>Workshop Session 1</b>
Workshop A: Interviewing Basics with Maura Cronin Workshop B: Doing Oral History as a Graduate Student with Matthew O'Brien and Daniel Carey	
12.30-13.45	Lunch [ <i>at leisure</i> ]
13.45-15.15	<b>Panel Session: 1A and 1B</b>
<p><b>Panel 1A: Northern Ireland: Troubles brewing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An Oral History of a Belfast Estate Samuel Guthrie (Ionad na Fuiseoige)</li> <li>• Positioning Lesbian Experiences During the Troubles Niall Herron (Queen's University Belfast)</li> <li>• Resisting Consensus: Political development within republicanism, 1969-1986 Lucia Piani (Ulster University)</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Panel 1B: Emigrant Voices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irish Women in the Panopticon: Irish women's experiences of panoptic control from the Catholic church in relation to dress practices and the impact of their subsequent migration to Britain on their presentations of the self Érin Ivy Mary Hanlon (University of the Arts London)</li> <li>• When the subaltern will not speak: Oral history as (un)ethical method Cătălina Andricioaei (European University Institute, Florence)</li> <li>• "Tear it all out Rough": Power dynamics, hegemony and exploitation in the London-Irish construction market Michael Mulvey (Maynooth University)</li> </ul>	

15.15-15.35	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
15.35-16.35	<b>Panel Session 2: Moments 1</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Past, present, continuous – the changing community of Esker monastery – Dual experiences Mairéad Seery (TUS Midlands) and Niall Ó Díomasaigh (with an affiliation to Maynooth University)</li> <li>• Past, present, continuous – the changing community of Esker monastery – ‘Capturing’ stories Mairéad Seery and Niall Ó Díomasaigh</li> <li>• Oral History and Irish Nationalism: A Historiographic Review Nicole Hallenbeck (California State University, Fullerton)</li> <li>• Oral History and The Em(powering) of Community Heritage Leona Fensome (University of Bedfordshire and Inkslingers Media)</li> </ul>
16.35-17.15	<i>Opening Reception</i>
17.15-18.30	<b>Keynote Address: Prof Graham Smith (Newcastle University)</b> <i>Making Trouble: Recording oral histories of resistance and power</i>
19.00	<b>Conference Dinner: The Reg, 2 The Mall, Viking Triangle, Waterford</b>

## DAY TWO: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June

9.00-9.30	Registration
9.30-11.15	<b>Workshop Session 2</b>
	Workshop C: Community/University Partnership Working with Silvie Fisch and Graham Smith
11.15-11.35	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
11.35-12.35	<b>Panel Session 3: Moments 2</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ‘We have no adequate, agreed process for information retrieval from the recent past’ Pádraig Yeates (Truth Recovery Process)</li> <li>• Watchdog or lapdog? Irish journalists and political power Daniel Carey (University College Dublin)</li> <li>• Using OpenStreetMap to record place names Anne-Karoline Distel (OpenStreetMap Ireland)</li> <li>• “Dusty Parish Halls” – Amateur theatre, oral history and academic authority Finian O’Gorman (Trinity College Dublin)</li> </ul>
12.35-14.00	<i>Lunch (at leisure) and OHNI AGM (starting 12.45pm)</i>
14.00-15.30	<b>Panel Sessions 4A and 4B</b>

**Panel 4A: Resistance and Community**

- ‘The woman must always give in’?? Revisiting the ‘Matriarchy’: women, the family and power  
Maura Cronin (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick – retired)
- Oral History and Justice in Alabama: Place, Empowerment, and Resistance  
Kathy J Cooke (University of South Alabama)
- In Search Of New Landscapes: The Latent Power Of Oral History In Challenging The Rural Gothic Prevailing Narratives of Melancholy Surrounding Achill Island  
Angela Maye-Banbury (Sheffield Hallam University and Achill Oral Histories)

**Panel 4B: The Ethical Dimension**

- Care in Crisis The British Red Cross in Northern Ireland  
Samuel Guthrie (British Red Cross)
- ‘Pause the tape:’ criminal disclosures during oral histories  
Oisín Wall (University College Cork)
- The Power of Oral History  
Tom O’Connell (Kildare History)

15.30-15.50	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>
15.50-17.00	<b>Panel Session 5: Oral History: Moving Silence Into Speech</b>
17.00	Closing Address