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## SEXUALITY & REPRODUCTION

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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES



UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE CORK

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>  
TO SATURDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>

APRIL  
2018

Registration: [www.uccconferencing.ie/product/32nd-irish-conference-of-historians-26-28-april-2018/](http://www.uccconferencing.ie/product/32nd-irish-conference-of-historians-26-28-april-2018/)

8.40 - 9.10am

## Registration – information – meet & greet

ORB common area, ground floor

9.15 -11.00am

### Kane G18

#### Religion and repression: Ulster, Pakistan and Poland

**Leanne Calvert** (*University of Hertfordshire*)

'No member pertaining to his body was ever in her': policing male sexual behaviour in the Ulster Presbyterian community, 1750-1830

**Amanullah De Sondy** (*University College Cork*)

'No veil on my head, no shoes on my feet – I ran outside!': Madam Noor Jehan's challenge to muscular Islam

**Agnieszka Laddach** (*Nicolaus Copernicus University, Toruń*)

A social image versus historical sources – the case of Fr. Prof. Janusz Stanisław Pasierb, Poland

### ORB G27

#### Marital matters: nuns, soldiers and gentry

**Jenny Coughlan** (*University College Cork*)

Comparing Bede and Gregory of Tours on Issues Relating to Married Women Entering the Religious Life in the Early Middle Ages: the Case of Queens Æthelthryth and Rade Gund

**Olivia Martin** (*NUI Galway*)

'You and I were never shy! We did know each other so well beforehand': evolving marital relationships in lesser-gentry Connaught families, 1754-1904'

**Aoife Bhreathnach** (*Trinity College, Dublin*)

'Making the army their home': marriage in nineteenth-century Irish garrison towns

### ORB 101

#### Miscellany: UCC postgraduate panel

**Kristina Decker** (*University College Cork*)

Reinforcing Ideas of Female Decorum: the letters and writings of Mary Delany (1700-88)

**Kelsey Rall** (*University College Cork*)

'Not my niece!' Re-thinking spinster scholarship

**Rebecca Crunden** (*University College Cork*)

Lesbianism and the US Military in the Korean War Era

11.00 - 11.15am

## Tea & coffee

ORB common area, ground floor

11.20 am-12.15 pm Kane G18

Official conference opening, followed by

### KEYNOTE LECTURE 1

**Ruth M. Karras**

The Myth of Masculine Impunity: male adultery and repentance in the Middle Ages

12.15 - 1.20pm

## Lunch

ORB common area, ground floor

### 1.30 - 3.15pm

#### ORB 101

##### Sex and textuality in medieval and early modern Ireland

**Sharon Arbuthnot** (Queen's University, Belfast)

The Lost Vocabulary of Medieval Irish Sex and Reproduction

**Salvador Ryan** (St Patrick's College, Maynooth)

Sexual Impropriety in 13th-century Ireland: tales from the *Liber Exemplorum* (c. 1275)

**Liam Ó Murchú** (Independent)

Sex and Sexuality in the Gaelic Literature of Thomond, c. 1780

#### ORB G27

##### Family planning and sexual-health activism, 1960s-90s

**Deirdre Foley** (Dublin City University)

'Too Many Children'? Family Planning and *Humanae Vitae* in Dublin, c.1961-72

**Katherine Jones** (University of Birmingham)

Social Research and Male Attitudes to Family Planning in 1970s and 1980s Britain

**Laura Kelly** (University of Strathclyde)

'It was something that had to be done': the IFPA youth group and sexual-health activism in Ireland, c.1984-94

#### Kane G18

##### Midwives and 'handywomen'

**Larry Geary** (Independent)

Popular and Professional Midwifery Practices in Ireland in the Long Nineteenth Century

**Philomena Gorey** (University College Dublin)

Municipal gospel or necessity? Belfast Corporation and the regulation of midwives, 1911-18

**Elaine Sugrue** (University College Cork)

'We will keep on agitating until prosecutions are enforced against some of these "quacks."': the Irish Nurses' Union and the campaign against untrained midwives, c. 1920-30

### 3.15 - 3.30pm

#### Tea & Coffee

ORB common area, ground floor

### 3.35 - 5.15pm

#### ORB 101

##### Mistresses, cuckolds and sexual depravity: early modern perspectives

**Dave Edwards** (University College Cork)

The Many Mistresses of the Black Earl of Ormond – a cost-benefit analysis

**Michael Keane** (Independent)

The Execution of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Castlehaven for Crimes of Sexual Depravity

**Nicola J. Pearce** (University of Hull)

Cuckoldry in Political Propaganda in the Exclusion Crisis, 1679-81

#### Kane G18

##### Male sexual relations: colonialism, convicts and the Holocaust

**Luke Taylor** (University of Toronto)

Speaking of Buggery in Colonial New South Wales

**Barra Ó Donnabháin** (University College Cork)

Unnatural Practices and Silence: sexual relationships between male convicts in the Victorian era

**Florian Zabransky** (University of Sussex)

Male Jewish Sexual Relations During the Holocaust

#### ORB G27

##### Sex, sexuality and the Irish revolution

**John Borgonovo** (University College Cork)

'Separation women' and Gender Politics in First-World-War Ireland

**Mary McAuliffe** (University College Dublin)

Having no use at all for men': same-sex relationships among Irish women revolutionary and feminist activists

**Niall Murray** (University College Cork)

Love on the Battlefield? Marriages between veterans of the Irish revolution

### 5.30 - 6.15 pm Boole 1

#### KEYNOTE LECTURE 2

Sheila Rowbotham

William Bailie: from a Belfast basket workshop to Boston free-lovers in the 1880s and 1890s

### 8.30pm

#### Music, drink and jollity

Mr. Bradley's Bar, Barrack Street.

9.00 - 9.30am

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ORB 101

### Abortion, Assisted Human Reproduction and Ireland

**Don O'Leary** (*Independent*)

Assisted Human Reproduction: Vatican pronouncements and Irish Catholic responses

**Mark Benson** (*Queen's University, Belfast*)

Abortion for 'social' reasons in Northern Ireland, 1900-68

**Linda Connolly** (*NUI Maynooth*)

Abortion in the Republic of Ireland, 1970-2018

ORB 244

### Maternal bodies

**Eiko Saeki** (*Hosei University, Tokyo*)

The placenta and the ambivalent relations between maternal-foetal bodies in Tokugawa Japan (1603-1868)

**Rachel Bennett** (*University of Warwick*)

'Inmates of an entirely different class': regulating the maternal body in the nineteenth-century Irish prison

**Judy Bolger** (*Trinity College, Dublin*)

Breastfeeding in nineteenth-century Ireland

ORB 132

### Prostitution, censorship and the city

**Peter Hession** (*University College Dublin*)

Sex and the City: displacing prostitution in post-Famine Cork

**João Pena** (*University of*

*Amsterdam/Federal University of Bahia*)

Prostitution Policies in Brazil and the Netherlands: rights, surveillance and urban space

**Michela Turno** (*University of Leicester*)

Ghosts on Stage: silencing sexuality and violence in Italy, 1960-80

11.15 - 11.30pm

## Tea & Coffee

ORB common area, ground floor

11.35 - 12.15 pm **Boole 1**

### KEYNOTE LECTURE 3

**Michael G. Cronin**

Sex, class and hegemony in twentieth-century Ireland

12.15 - 1.30pm

## Lunch

ORB common area, ground floor

## 1.30 - 3.15pm

### ORB 101

**Rethinking sexology: new perspectives on sexual science (1890-1960)**

**Sarah Jones** (*University of Exeter*)  
'The Mysteries of Sex Frankly Revealed!': Popular Sexology in Print before 1940.

**Jen Grove** (*University of Exeter*)  
Sexologists as collectors of historical erotica in the first half of the twentieth century

**TJ Zawadzki** (*University of Exeter*)  
'On the margins of Freudism': Stanisław Kurkiewicz and early sexology in Poland

### Kane G18

**The long nineteenth century: infanticide, foundling hospitals and social purity work**

**Aisling Shalvey** (*King's College London*)  
The Insanity Defence in Infanticide Cases in Manchester 1880-1889

**Sarah-Anne Buckley** (*NUI Galway*)  
'After I told him, he left for Havana': narratives of Irish emigrant women in the London and New York Foundling Hospitals, 1850-1902

**Martin Walsh** (*University of Limerick*)  
'Keep your mind well occupied [and] crowd out the devil': social purity work and young working-class men in Ireland and Britain, 1875-1918

### ORB 132

**Rape and sexual violence**

**Sylvia Broeckx** (*University of Sheffield*)  
Race, Rape and Justice during the American Civil War

**Theresa O'Keefe** (*University College Cork*)  
'Our bodies are used like a weapon': sexual violence, gender and the state during the Northern Irish Troubles

**Ciara Molloy** (*Trinity College, Dublin*)  
The Politics of Rape in 1980s Ireland

### ORB 123

**Gendered troubles in post-independence Ireland**

**Máire Leane** (*University College Cork*)  
Disciplining gendered troubles: discursive and symbolic representations of adolescent sexualities in the new Irish state

**Liam O'Callaghan and David M. Doyle** (*Liverpool Hope University*)  
Gender, Sexual Morality and the Death Penalty in Independent Ireland, 1923-44

## 3.15 - 3.30pm

### Tea & Coffee

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## 3.35 - 5.15pm

### Kane G18

**Free State? Sex, sexuality and reproduction in post-independence Ireland**

**Sandra McEvoy** (*Independent*)  
Contraception is in itself intrinsically evil, and a direct violation of natural and divine law

**Sile Healy Hunt** (*Independent*)  
Impaired morals, sexual deviancy and illegitimacy: the Public Dancehalls Act 1935

**Conor Heffernan** (*University College Dublin*)  
More Sinned Against than Sinning? Building the Body Beautiful in 1930s Ireland

### ORB 101

**Eugenics and feminism**

**Tanya Cheadle** (*University of Glasgow*)  
Jane Hume Clapperton (1832-1914): Scottish New Woman, eugenic feminist and birth control campaigner\*

**Merle Wessel** (*University of Helsinki*)  
An Unholy Union? Eugenic Feminism in the Nordic Countries, c. 1890-1940

**Mary Muldowney** (*Independent*)  
Moya Woodside – a compassionate eugenicist?

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### ORB 123

**Perspectives on child sexual abuse**

**Kate Gleeson** (*Macquarie Law School, Sydney*)  
Sex, race and postcoloniality: implications for redress and reparations for child sexual abuse

**Sinéad Ring** (*University of Kent*)  
Resisting the Harms of "Innocence" through Memories: an alternative history of child sexual abuse in Ireland

### ORB 132

**Documenting Irish LGBT history**

**Sonya Mulligan and Ger Moane**  
*Outitude*: documenting Irish lesbian history (with clips from the forthcoming documentary)

**Edmund Lynch**  
*A Different Country*: Ireland's gay history (with clips from the award-winning documentary)

## 7.30pm

### Conference Dinner

Isaac's Restaurant, MacCurtain Street.



9.20 - 9.40am

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**ORB 255**

**Queering Irish History: revealing, preserving and sharing LGBT histories**

*Orla Egan (University College Cork/Cork LGBT Archive)*

Cork's LGBT Community, 1970s-1990, and the Development of the Cork LGBT Archive

*Páraic Kerrigan (NUI Maynooth)*

Projecting a Queer Nation: mainstreaming queer identities on Irish documentary film

*Patrick McDonagh (European University Institute, Florence)*

'The circumstances peculiar to organising gay people in the West are indeed a quare lot': Gay and Lesbian Activism in 1980s Galway

*Sara R. Philips (Transgender Equality Network of Ireland)*

Irish trans history and the Irish Trans Archive

*Fiachra Ó Súilleabháin (University College Cork)*

'Coming out, Letting Go': gay fathers' narratives in Ireland

**ORB 203**

**Pornography, sexualisation and sex advice**

*Alicja Gontarek (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin)*

Image sexualisation of Romani women in the interwar Polish press

*Ciara Meehan (University of Hertfordshire)*

'Has he called you frigid lately?' Sex advice in 1960s Irish women's magazines

*Caroline West (Dublin City University)*

The Lovelace Legacy: lessons learnt from the world's first 'porn star'

**ORB G27**

**Representations of mothers and motherhood**

*Clodagh Tait (Mary Immaculate College, Limerick)*

The Mammy Returns: revenant mothers in Irish folklore

*Heather Laird (University College Cork)*

'I don't know what any o' yours ud do without your ma': common tropes in the representation of working-class motherhood in Irish literature

*Lorraine Grimes (NUI Galway)*

'Such cases seem very annoying to you': the representation of Irish unmarried mothers in Britain, 1926-59

*Leila Zoe Tichy (Philipps University of Marburg)*

Motherhood and Gendered Parental Positions in Germany

12 noon - 1.00pm **Boole 1**

## KEYNOTE LECTURE 4

*Jeffrey Weeks*

**Doing Sexual History**

(followed by conference closing).