RESEARCH SHOWCASE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Online (Zoom)
25th June 2021
1PM - 5PM (GMT)

Image: Non in habit, Petrus Johannes van Reysschoot, 1710 - 1772. Credit: Rijksstudio

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History of Women Religious of Britain and Ireland

Durham University Centre for Catholic Studies
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1PM-1.10PM
Introductory remarks from HWRBI and CCS Durham

1.10PM-1.50PM
Panel A: Narratives, tropes and styles
Chair: Bronagh McShane

- Bridget Harrison, ‘The “nun” as narrative: the role of religious life in the writing and reputation of Mary Francis Cusack’
- Martin Thompson, ‘It is tempting to speculate on the fact that Mary Ward was looking at herself in the mirror: An alternative reading of Mary Ward’s “Gloria Vision”’
- Claire Renkin, ‘A 17th-century visual narrative of women religious: the painted life of Mary Ward’

Panel B: Biographies of Canadian women religious
Chair: Flora Derounian

- Heidi MacDonald, ‘Catherine Wallace’s struggle and strategy as a “New Nun” and feminist leader’
- Elizabeth Smyth, ‘The life and work of Mother Maura (Estelle) McGuire CSJ, OC, (1900-1979)’
- Rosa Bruno-Jofre, ‘Aileen May Gleason and Veronica Dunne, two women religious living with the world in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries’

2PM-2.40PM
Panel A: Lives and afterlives of early modern women religious
Chair: Sara Charles

- Michael Hahn, ‘Angela of Foligno in the twentieth century’
- Tine Van Osselaer, ‘Rest in peace? The Antwerp commotion about the remains of an English Carmelite nun’
- Leonardo Rossi, ‘De/Recomposing a holy body. The corporal cult of St Ethelreda’

Panel B: Exile and underground
Chair: Catriona Delaney

- Sienna Lee-Coughlin, ‘Recusant mothers, cloistered daughters: Catholic family identity and women’s life writing in the English convents in exile’
- Scholastica Jacob, ‘From exile to exile? An examination of the personal correspondence and narratives from the five communities of English Benedictine nuns forced to repatriate to England in 1794-5’
- Anca Sincan, ‘In the absence of men: how women took over the underground church in 1950s Romania’
2.50PM-3.30PM

**Panel A: Archive and voice**  
**Chair: Deirdre Raftery**

- Ruth Ferris, 'Loreto Life, IBVM women in the archival records'
- Paul Shaw, 'The case of Mother Magdalen Taylor: a religious founder’s letters as a source for convent history'

**Panel B: Worldly women religious**  
**Chair: Kristof Smeyers**

- Marystella Ramirez Guerra, 'Edith Stein’s Essays on woman, autobiographical meditation on women’s education'
- Luc De Munck, 'The role of Sister Jules-Marie Heymans and the Sisters of Mercy in the development of Catholic nursing in Belgium (1929-1969)'
- Angelika Hansert, 'The “white plague”: health and health risks of members of German female apostolic orders and congregations, 1850-1945'

3:45 PM

**Keynote: Professor Matthieu Brejon de Lavergnée (DePaul University, Chicago)**  
**Chair: Dr Susan O’Brien**

**Closing remarks from HWRBI**

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CONFERENCE DETAILS

- The conference will be held online via Zoom. Links will be sent to speakers and conference attendees via email before the day of the conference. **Please register via Eventbrite to ensure you receive the links.**

- Each panel features three 10-minute 'showcase' papers and has 10 minutes for questions. This is intended to allow speakers to give a snapshot of their research and receive friendly and constructive feedback from attendees.

- Questions for speakers should be posted in the chat box function. The panel chair will then invite you to unmute and ask your question. If you prefer not to speak, the chair can read your question for you (please mention this when posing your question).

- Each panel is followed by a short break, allowing speakers and attendees the chance to rest before the next session.

- There will be two Zoom links on the day. The main Zoom link will host the introductory remarks, all 'Panel A' sessions and the keynote. A secondary Zoom link will be provided for all 'Panel B' sessions. Attendees are free to swap between the Zoom calls as the afternoon progresses to attend different panels. Staff from the Centre for Catholic Studies at Durham University will act as admins on the day to ensure the smooth running of the event.

- As the event is on Zoom, attendees should mute their microphones (unless invited to ask a question) to allow the speakers to be clearly heard by all.

- We encourage attendees to tweet about the conference using #HWRBI2021 and tagging our account @H_WRBI.

- Many of the speakers are on social media and would be grateful if you include their handle when live tweeting.

- If you do not wish for your paper to be mentioned on social media, please speak to your panel chair or the conference organizers.

- Any questions about the event are more than welcome, please send them to hwrbi.conference@gmail.com and we will get back to you.