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NEW TRUSTEES APPOINTED TO FOUNDATION



From left: Michael Shannon, Patrick M. Shea and Richard Hart

Chair of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation Brian O'Neill Gallery, BA 57, LLD 10, welcomed three new Trustees at the Board's last meeting: "I'm very pleased that individuals of such high calibre have accepted the invitation to join the Board because their presence will ensure a secure future for the Foundation."

Each brings unique skills that will help the Foundation in its mission to raise the profile of Canadian Irish Studies as an academic discipline in Canada. New members are:

RICHARD HART

Born in Montreal and raised in Cedarhurst, N.Y., Mr. Hart attended Bishop's College School and earned a BA from McGill University in 1965.

An expert in financial services, Mr. Hart was an investment advisor at Greenshields Inc. from 1965 to 1990 and at Thomson Kernaghan from 1990 to 2002. He is a Portfolio Manager at MacDougall, MacDougall & MacTier, where he has worked since 2002.

MICHAEL SHANNON

Of a large Montreal Irish family, Mr. Shannon received a BEng from McGill University in 1980 and an MBA from the University of Western Ontario's Richard Ivey School of Business in 1983. He obtained his Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation in 1990.

Mr. Shannon has worked as a research analyst at Burns Fry Ltd. and as an engineer at two major Canadian technology firms. He joined Pembroke Management in 1994, where he works as a Portfolio Manager, focusing on the technology, healthcare and natural resource sectors in Canada and the U.S. He serves on the Board of The Study school in Montreal.

PATRICK M. SHEA

Mr. Shea is a partner at the Montreal office of law firm Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP (Blake's). His principal areas of expertise are mergers and acquisitions, private equity, corporate and commercial law and debt finance. Prior to joining Blake's, Mr. Shea was a partner at Ogilvy Renault LLP in Montreal and an associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP.

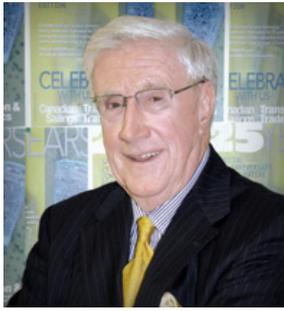
A central figure in Montreal's Irish community, he has served as President of Montreal's St. Patrick's Society and is a Director of the Loyola High School Foundation, a Governor of Loyola High School and Director of the Father Dowd Foundation.



It's the time of the year when the people of Ireland and the Irish all over the world celebrate their culture and heritage. To all our friends and supporters, we extend warm wishes for a very happy St. Patrick's Day.

– Chairman and Trustees of the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation





Brian O'Neill Gallery, BA 57, LLD
10, Chairman of the Canadian
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CAMPAIGN FOR TWO NEW PROFESSORS GATHERS STEAM

The Canadian Irish Studies Foundation's campaign to fund two new professors requires \$600,000 to cover its \$200,000 annual commitment to Concordia over the next three years. So far, \$125,000 has been raised.

"We are very thankful for what our donors do to keep Canadian Irish Studies on a solid financial footing," says Canadian Irish Studies Foundation Chairman Brian O'Neill Gallery, who is spearheading the campaign.

"We welcome all donations, no matter how modest, not only because we need the help but because it underlines a belief in our goals. It is so heartening to receive this affirmation from the Irish community across Canada."

IRENE MULRONEY SCHOLARSHIP GROWS IN IMPACT

Awarded to top graduate students at the School of Canadian Irish Studies, the Irene Mulroney Scholarship will be increased to \$5,000 this academic year and to \$6,000 next year.

The increase is possible thanks to generous donations over the years, including most recently a gift of \$22,000 from The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney. The endowment fund in memory of the former prime minister's mother currently stands at more than \$128,000.

"Private funding for graduate students is an area of critical need, especially in times of austerity when financial support is scarce," says Michael Kenneally, Principal of the School of Canadian Irish Studies.

PhD candidate Raymond Jess, a 2013-2014 recipient of the Irene Mulroney Scholarship, is grateful for the generous support; he says:

"The Irene Mulroney scholarships have been enormously helpful to me in my graduate studies at Concordia. As well as allowing me the opportunity to visit Ireland for archival research, they have helped to lighten my financial burden

so that I can focus on the development of my academic career. This has been especially important to me as a young married man with a young child in school.

"My current PhD focuses on the Irish-Canadian intellectual class in the period between Canadian Confederation in 1867 and the foundation of the Irish Free State in 1922.

"Doctoral studies will provide a strong foundation for my long-term research objectives to study the Irish in Canada and better understand the diaspora experience.

"I am most grateful to the family of Irene Mulroney for these awards and hope that I can in some way repay the Irish community of Canada by illuminating its cultural history."



Raymond Jess, PhD candidate
and past recipient of the Irene
Mulroney Scholarship

IRISH PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES EXPANDS TO OTTAWA

The Irish Public Lecture Series, sponsored by Concordia's School of Canadian Irish Studies, has partnered with the Irish community of Ottawa to bring high-profile speakers to the nation's capital this fall.

The partnership is led by David Scott, Trustee with the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation, in an effort to reach out to other communities. Key speakers scheduled for events at Concordia have agreed to add to their visit a public talk in Ottawa.

His Excellency Ray Bassett, Ambassador of Ireland to Canada, has endorsed the initiative and generously agreed to host the lectures at the Embassy of Ireland in Ottawa.

A visit to Ottawa by scholar Jim MacPherson, an expert on Irish migration, has already been confirmed for October. Two further visits are being planned, one of which will

include acclaimed Irish poet Paula Meehan. She is the Ireland Professor of Poetry, the country's most distinguished accolade for any poet on the island, north and south.

Stay tuned for further information on these events through our electronic newsletter.



Jim MacPherson, PhD, teaches in the Centre for History at the University of the Highlands and Islands in Scotland. He specializes in Irish and British History, with an emphasis on nineteenth-century Irish migration, fraternal organizations, Irish women in the Orange Order, and Irish women and Protestantism.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND HONOURS MICHAEL KENNEALLY



Michael Kenneally and Rhona Richman Kenneally

The National University of Ireland, the federal university system comprising many of Ireland's universities and colleges, last November conferred an Honorary Doctorate on Michael Kenneally, Principal of the School of Canadian Irish Studies.

"We wish to celebrate the achievements of this remarkable scholar in deepening, strengthening and reimagining the discipline of Irish Studies, not just in Canada and in North America generally, but also in a wider context worldwide," said Michael Murphy, President of University College Cork.

Dr. Kenneally was honoured for a distinguished academic career, for fostering Irish Studies — both locally and internationally — and for his services as advisor to the Irish Government on education, culture and economics.

Special attention was placed on the unique partnership forged between Concordia, the external community and various governments in the success of the School of Canadian Irish Studies.

Concordia is the only Canadian university offering a full degree in the study of Ireland and the Irish experience in Canada. Today, the School of Canadian Irish Studies offers 22 courses in 12 disciplines with an enrolment of 950.

"I am deeply honoured by this recognition but I share it with many others, including administrators and colleagues at Concordia over many years, as well as members of the wider community whose support through the Canadian Irish Studies Foundation has been so crucial," said Dr. Kenneally in his acceptance speech.

"Most of all, I share it with my partner, Rhona Richman Kenneally, herself a Professor in Concordia's Department of Design and Computation Arts and a Fellow of the School. She played a central role in the conceptualization and implementation of Canadian Irish Studies over a 25-year period."

A Professor of Irish literature at Concordia since 1991, Dr. Kenneally was appointed Research Chair in Canadian Irish Studies in 2002. With the creation of the School of Canadian Irish Studies in 2009, he was named its Principal. Kenneally is the author of the book *Portraying the Self: Sean O'Casey and the Art of Autobiography* (1989) and has edited and co-edited several essay collections, including more recently *Literatures in English: New Ethical, Cultural and Transnational Perspectives* (2013). He has served as the Honorary Consul General for Ireland in Quebec since 2003.

COURSES OFFERED BY THE SCHOOL OF CANADIAN IRISH STUDIES

Fall 2015

- Introduction to Irish Studies
- Irish Plays
- The Making of the Irish Landscape
- Celts to Tudors: History of Early and Mediaeval Ireland
- The Irish in Canada
- Narrating Irish Childhoods
- Irish Film, Drama and TV
- Irish Geography, Literature and Cultural History
- The Irish Short Story
- Highlights of Irish Literature

Fall/Winter 2015-16

- Irish Language and Culture

Winter 2016

- Contemporary Irish Theatre
- The Global Irish
- Research Methods in Irish Studies
- Rebellions in Ireland (1798) and the Canadas (1837)
- James Joyce
- Irish Performance Studies

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