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Education

- Oct 1992 - Christ Church, Oxford University
Mar 1996 D. Phil.: 'The church, the state and the Fenian threat 1861-75'
Supervisor: Prof. R. F. Foster

31 May 1996, *viva voce* examination: Pass
- Oct 1990 - Campion Hall, Oxford University
Sep 1991 Probationer: M. Litt. Student
Topic: 'English Catholic attitudes to Irish radicalism c. 1840-1922'
Supervisor: Prof. H.C.G. Matthew
- Oct 1987 - Heythrop College, London University
Sep 1988 M. Th. in Church history: Pass with distinction
Minor thesis: 'Thomas Cranmer and the royal supremacy'.
- Sep 1986 - Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, CA, USA
May 1987 Year of private study in theology
- Oct 1984 - Campion Hall, Oxford University
Jun 1986 M. Sc. Social Studies: Pass
Minor thesis: 'The notion of rights with relation to childcare provision'
- Oct 1982 - Irish school of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin
Sep 1983 M. Phil. Ecumenical Studies: Pass with distinction in thesis
Minor thesis: 'The validity of Anglican orders: an historical and theological survey'.
- Sep 1981 - Milltown Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Dublin
June 1982 year of private study in philosophy
- Oct 1976 Heythrop College, London University
June 1979 B.A. Philosophy and Theology, Pass second class

Personal Information

Mar 2011- Occasional pastoral assistance at HMP Holloway, London

Sep 2010- Regular pastoral assistance at St Ignatius church Stamford Hill, London

Sep 2008 - Occasional assistance in pastoral duties Farm Street church,
London

Aug 2003-

June 2006 Missionary work among the Amerindian peoples of Western Guyana/
Eastern Brazil, parish priest, religious superior, consultor to regional
superior, Guyana Region of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

Oct 1998 Final vows as member of the Society of Jesus

Jun 1996 - Underwent tertianship, that is the final period of Jesuit training, at
Jan 1997 Sacred Heart College, Shembananur, Tamil Nadu, India

Oct 1988 - Period of pastoral work at Peter Faber House, Belfast, N. Ireland
Sep 1990

Jun 1987 Ordained Roman Catholic priest

Oct 1983 - Period of pastoral work at St. Aloysius Church, Glasgow, Scotland
Sep. 1984

Sep 1981 Took vows as a member of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)

Sep 1987 - Jesuit novice at Manresa House, Birmingham, England
Sep 1981

Academic Distinctions

August – December 2021 Visiting Jesuit Professor Loyola Marymount University Los
Angeles, California

August 2015 – Full Professor with Tenure: Professor of Modern Irish and
Ecclesiastical History Boston College MA

August 2015-May 2016 Director of Irish Studies Boston College

August 2014-May 2015 Visiting Professor History and Irish Studies Boston College
USA

August-December 2013 Wade Chair Marquette University Milwaukee USA

January-May 2013 Visiting Professor of Jesuit Studies Loyola University Chicago
USA

July –September 2012 Visiting Professor of history The University of Western
Australia, Perth and visiting professor of Church History at the
University of Notre Dame Fremantle, Australia

September 2008 - Lecturer in church history, Heythrop College, University of London

February 2008-

June 2008 Visiting professor of history Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea

August 2007-

December 2007 Visiting professor of history and theology Loyola University
Chicago, USA

Aug 2006- International Jesuit scholar, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester,
MA, USA

May 2007

Jan 2003- Visiting professor of history and religious studies, John Carroll
May 2003 University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Jan 2000 Elected president of the Irish historical society for the years 2000-2002

Mar 2000 Distinguished visiting professor, Hopkins Chair, John Carroll
Oct 2000 University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Oct 1999-

September 2002 Elected to the chair in ecclesiastical history,
St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, Ireland.

Sep 1997 appointed book review editor, *The Month*

Mar 1997 elected member of congregation, and member of faculty, Oxford
University

Feb 1997 appointed senior tutor, tutor in modern history and tutor in church
history, Campion Hall, Oxford University

Academic Publications

Books

Violence Politics and Catholicism in Ireland (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2016)

(ed) *Irish Catholic Identities* (Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2013)

Paperback edition April 2015

(ed.) *George Tyrrell and Catholic Modernism* (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2010)

with Anne Murphy, Student guide for International Programmes Bachelor of Divinity at London University: *Reformation and society c.1450-c.1600*. 2nd edition (London: University of London Press, 2010).

The Catholic Church and the Protestant State: nineteenth century Irish realities, (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2008)

The Church, the State and the Fenian threat, 1861-75 (London: Macmillan; New York: St Martin's Press, 1999)

Catholicism in Ulster 1603-1983: an interpretative history (London: Hurst & Co.; Dublin: Gill & Macmillan; Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1994)

(ed.) *Reconciliation: essays in honour of Michael Hurley* (Dublin: The Columba Press, 1993)

Journal articles, book chapters & encyclopaedia entries

Eleven entries in Andrew Louth (ed), *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church* 4th ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022).

'Ireland's Lost Cardinal' in Terence Dooley, Mary Ann Lyons and Salvador Ryan, in *The Historian as Detective: Essays in Honour of Raymond Gillespie* (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2022).

Review Article 'Jesuit Superior General Luis Martín and his *Memorias* "Showing Up"' by David G. Shultenover SJ in *Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review* III:441 (2022), pp. 74-82.

'The Legal and Constitutional Organization of the Catholic Church in Ireland Nineteenth Century Ireland' in Kevin Costello and Niamh Howlin (eds), *Law and Religion in Ireland, 1700-1970* (Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2021), pp. 137-156.

'The Politics of Pope Francis II' in *Doctrine and Life* 71: I (2021) pp. 22-29.

'The Catholic Church in Irish Studies' in Mike Cronin, Renée Fox and Brian Ó Conchubhar, *Routledge International Handbook of Irish Studies* (London, 2020) pp. 260-70.

'The Politics of Pope Francis' in *Doctrine and Life* 70:10 (2020) pp. 2-11.

‘David Moriarty’s episcopal leadership in the diocese of Kerry, 1854-77’, in Maurice Bric (ed.), *Kerry: History and Society* (Dublin: Geography Publications, 2020) pp. 391-406.

‘Gordon George and the Visitation of the English Province’ in T. M. McCoog (ed.), *With Eyes and ears Open: The Role of Visitors in the Society of Jesus* (Leiden: Brill, 2019), pp. 286-304.

Four entries on modern Irish synods in Johannes Grohe (ed.), *Lexikon der Konzilien* (Paderborn, 2019).

‘Mixed Marriages in pre-Independence Ireland’ in S. Ryan (ed.), *Marriage and the Irish: A Miscellany* (Dublin: Worldwell, 2019), pp. 172-75.

‘The people-the real governors of today’ The Irish Catholic Church and Democracy c. 1825-1923’, in *Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review* 107:427 (2018) pp. 346-55.

“Forward” to Anthony M. Maher, *The Forgotten Jesuit of Catholic Modernism: George Tyrrell’s Prophetic Theology* (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2018), pp. xi-xv).

Eleven entries in Thomas Worcester (ed.) *The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the Jesuits* (Cambridge and New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017).

‘The relations between the Anglican Church and the Orthodox Churches’ in Robert Daly (ed.), *Christianity East and West: Jesuit Reflections* (Boston College: Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies, 2016) pp. 91-106.

‘The enigma of George Tyrrell S.J. (1861-1909): Catholic apologist and excommunicate’ in *The Ministry of the Printed Word: Scholar-Priests of the Twentieth Century* (Bath: Downside Abbey Press, 2016), pp. 41-64.

‘The Church and the Easter Rising’ in *Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review* 105:417 (Spring 2016) pp. 47-57.

‘The Catholic Church in England in the nineteenth century: the Irish contribution’ in Conn Smith (ed.), *Dissonant voices: Faith and the Irish diaspora* (Winchester: University of Winchester Press, 2015) pp. 63-80.

‘The Catholic Church in Ireland and Vatican II in historical perspective’ in Niall Coll (ed.), *Vatican II and Ireland: Its history and prospects* (Dublin: Columba Press, 2015) pp. 13-32.

‘Embedded memory, conflict and the churches in Ireland’ in *The Heythrop Journal* 55:3 (2014), pp. 409-21.

‘The Catholic Church, violence and the nationalist struggles in Ireland, 1798-1998’ in Gabriel Ricci (ed.), *Religion and Violence [Religion and Public Life Series]* (New Jersey: Transaction Publications, 2014), pp. 65-85.

‘The British government and the appointment of Tomás Ó Fiaich as archbishop of Armagh’ in *Seanchas Ard Mhacha* 25 (2014) pp. 27-62.

‘The Thomistic revival and the relationship between the Jesuits and the papacy, 1878-1914’ in *Theological Studies* 75:4 (2014), pp. 743-73.

‘Introduction’ to Damien Burke (ed.), *Irish chaplains in the First World War* (Dublin, 2014), pp. 9-16. (Partly reproduced in *Dublin Review of Books* December 2014).

- (a) ‘Introduction’ in *Irish Catholic Identities* pp. 1-18 (details above).
- (b) ‘Northern Catholics and the early years of The Troubles’ in *Irish Catholic Identities* pp. 345-61 (details above).

‘The (Mis) use of Religion in Justification of Political Violence’ in Doctrine and Life vol. 62: 8 (2012) pp. 32-53.

‘Rowan Williams’ Ecumenical Theology: a Response to Dame Mary Tanner’ in Ecclesiology vol. 8:2 (2012) pp. 184-99.

‘Studies and the shadow of Modernism’ in Studies: an Irish Quarterly Review vol. 100 no. 400 (2011) pp. 465-76.

‘The Ultramontane spirituality of Cardinal Cullen’ in Daire Keogh and Albert McDonnell Cardinal Paul Cullen and his World, (Dublin: Four Courts Press, 2011), pp. 61-77.

With Gerald O’Collins ‘Catholic views of Justification’ in Justification: Five Views (eds) Paul Eddy and James Beily, (Downes Grove, Ill: Intervarsity Press, 2011) pp. 265-90 and 305-08.

‘The Catholic Church, Ireland and the British Empire, 1800 -1921’, Historical Research vol. 82 no. 224 (2011) pp. 288-309.

‘Catholic Chaplains to the British forces in the First World War’, Religion, State and Society vol. 39 no. 1 (2011) pp. 33-62.

‘Newman and the quest for sanctity’ Doctrine and Life vol. 61 no. 2 (2011) pp. 13-28.

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‘Vatican II: a retrospective’; Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review vol. 99 no. 394 (2010) pp. 153-67.

- (a) ‘Introduction’ pp. 9-20 in George Tyrrell (details above)
- (b) ‘Tyrrell’s history and theology’ pp. 21-37 in George Tyrrell (details above)
- (c) ‘Tyrrell and the English Jesuits’ pp. 153-177 in George Tyrrell (details above)

Review article 'Irish Protestant identities'; *Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review* vol. 98 no. 390 (2009) pp. 207-17.

'The Church and Partition' in N. C. Fleming & A. O'Day (eds.), *Ireland and Anglo-Irish relations since 1800: critical essays* 3 vols. (Farnham: Ashgate, 2008), vol. 3

'The Catholic Church and the Nationalist Community in Northern Ireland since 1960' in *Éire-Ireland*, vol. 43:1&2, (2008) pp 99-125

'Eternity is not long enough, nor hell hot enough': The Catholic Church and Fenianism *History Ireland* vol. 16:6 (2008) pp. 30-34.

'Catholicism in County Fermanagh, 1795-1850' in E. M. Murphy and W. J. Roulston (eds.) *Fermanagh History and Society*, (Dublin: Geography Publications, 2005) pp 409-26

'Archbishop Goodier' in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004)

Twelve entries in Brian Lawlor (ed.) *Encyclopaedia of Ireland* (Dublin: Gill and Macmillan, 2003)

'Die Kirche in Irland' in Erwin Gatz (ed.) *Kirche und Katholizismus seit 1945 Band IV: Die britischen Inseln und Nordamerika* (Paderborn, 2002), pp 5-19

'Die Kirche in Großbritannien' in Erwin Gatz (ed.) *Kirche und Katholizismus seit 1945 Band IV: Die britischen Inseln und Nordamerika* (Paderborn, 2002), pp 20-45

'When is a sister not a sister' in *The Furrow*, vol. 50:11 (2000), pp 614-18

'Carleton's ecclesiastical context: the Ulster Catholic experience' in *Bullán: an Irish studies journal*, vol. 4:2 (2000), pp 105-24

Six entries in Ciaran Brady (ed.), *Helicon companion to Irish history*, (Oxford, 2000)

'Tuam' in *Lexikon für Theologie und Kirche*, vol. 9, (Herder, 2000)

'Bishop Charles O'Donnell and Catholic-Protestant relations in Derry 1795-1823' in Gerard O'Brien (ed.), *Derry/Londonderry History and Society* (Dublin: Geography Publication, 1999) pp 246-67

'Fenianism in North America in the 1860s: the problems for church and state' in *History* vol. 84: 274 (1999) pp 257-77

'The Catholic Church and Fenianism, 1861-70: Some Irish and American Perspectives' in *Bullán: An Irish Studies Journal* vol. 3:2 (1998), pp. 47-70.

'Pius VII to John Paul II' in Michael Walsh (ed.) *The lives of the popes* (London: Salamander Press, 1998) pp 236-66

‘The Catholic church and Fenianism, 1861-70’ in *Irish Studies Review* vol. 20 (1997) pp 12-16. Reprinted in Sarah Briggs et al (eds.) *Reviewing Ireland*, (Bath: Sulis Press, 1998).

‘The Catholic chapel and the Catholic community: observance and tradition in 19th century Down’ in Lindsay Proudfoot (ed.) *Down: history and society* (Dublin, Geography Publications, 1997) pp 523-46

‘The Catholic Church and partition, 1918–22’ in *Irish Studies Review*, vol. 5: 20, (1997), 12–16

‘Cardinal Cullen, early Fenianism and the MacManus funeral affair’, *Recusant History*, vol. 22:4 (1995), 549-63

‘Catholicism in the north of Ireland since 1891’ in Eamon Phoenix (ed.) *A century of northern life*, (Belfast: Ulster Historical Foundation, 1995), pp 159-64

‘Memory in History’ *The Way*, vol. 35:1 (1995), 23-33

‘The Catholic bishops and revolutionary violence in Ireland: some 19th and 20th century comparisons’, *Studies*, vol. 83:329 (1994), 30-42

‘The Background to Archbishop Cranmer’s thought on the royal supremacy’, *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 34:3 (July 1993): 288-95

‘Nicholas Wiseman, ecclesiastical politics and Anglo-Irish relations in the mid 19th century’, *Recusant History*, vol. 21:3 (May 1993), 381-400

‘Gladstone and the disestablishment of the church of Ireland: an overview’ in O. Rafferty (ed.), *Reconciliation* (Dublin, 1993), 2250-73

‘Thomas Cranmer and the royal supremacy’ *The Heythrop Journal*, vol.31:2 (1990), 129-49

‘The Jesuit College Manchester 1875’ *Recusant History*, vol. 20:2 (1990), 291-304

With John Russell, ‘St James the great and Anglican orders’, *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 27:2, (1986), 178-80

‘The case for Anglican orders’, *The Month*, vol. 18:4 (1985), 12-22

Book reviews

Review of Maureen O’Carroll, *A Musical Memoir of an Australian Immigrant Childhood* in *Journal of the Australian Catholic Historical Society* 42 (2021), pp. 157-59.

- Review of Conor Morrissey, *Protestant Nationalist in Ireland 1900-1923* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* (2021) 72:1 pp. 216-17.
- Review of Margaret M. Scull, *The Catholic Church and the Northern Ireland Troubles; 1968-1998* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 71:4 (2020) pp. 910-11.
- Review of Thomas Paul Burgess (ed), *The Contested Identities of Ulster Catholics* in *British Catholic History* 35:2 (2020) pp. 241-43.
- Review of Colin Barr, *Ireland's Empire: The Roman Catholic Church in the English Speaking World, 1829-1914* in *History Ireland* 28:4 (2020) p. 63.
- Review of Kevin Whelan, *Religion, Landscape and Settlement in Ireland: from Patrick to Present* in *English Historical Review* 135: 573 (2020) pp. 440-41.
- Review of Laura McAtackney, *An Archaeology of the Troubles: The dark heritage of Long Kesh/Maze Prison in Britain and the World* 13: 1 (2020), pp. 97-99.
- Review of Richard Lawrence Jordon, *Paisleyism and Civil Rights. An Ambassador Unchained* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 71:1 (2020), p. 223.
- Review of Jacinta Prunty, *The Monasteries, Magdalen Asylums and Reformatory Schools of Our Lady of Charity in Ireland, 1853-1973.* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 70:4 (2019), p. 896
- Review of Mark Empey, Alan Ford, Miriam Moffitt (eds.), *The Church of Ireland and its Past. History, Interpretation and Identity* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 70:2 (2019), 400-401.
- Review of Fergus A. D'Arcy, *Raising Dublin, Raising Ireland: A Friar's Campaigns: Fr. John Spratt O. Carm. 1796-1871* in *Irish Historical Studies* 43:163 (2019), 144-45.
- Review of Jim Smyth (ed.), *Remembering the Troubles: Commemorating the Recent Past in Northern Ireland* in *English Historical Review* 133:564 (2018), pp. 1365-66.
- Review of Jacqueline Hill and Mary Ann Lyons (eds.), *Representing Irish religious Histories: Historiography, Ideology and Practice* in *Irish Theological Quarterly* 83:2 (2018), pp. 184-86.
- Review of D. W. Hayton and Andrew R. Holmes (eds.), *Ourselves Alone? Religion and Society in Ireland* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 69:1 (2018) pp. 202-03
- Review of Margaret H. Turnham, *Catholic Faith and Practice in England 1779-1992: The Role of Revivalism and Renewal* in *Church History* 86: 3 (2017) pp. 924-26
- Review of Elaine Farrell, 'A most diabolical deed': *Infanticide and Irish Society, 1850-1900* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 68:4 (2017) pp. 896-97.

Review of Eileen P. Sullivan, *The Shamrock and the Cross: Irish American Novelists Shape American Catholicism* in *Theological Studies* 78:2 (2017) pp. 490-92

Review of Sarah Roddy, *Population, Providence and Empire: The Churches and Restoration from Nineteenth-Century Ireland* in *Irish Literary Supplement* 35:2 (2016) p. 16.

Review of Robert A. Maryks and Jonathan Wright (eds.), *Jesuit Survival and Restoration: A Global History 1773-1900* in *Theological Studies* 77:4 (2016) pp. 1004-5.

Review of Colin Barr and Hilary M. Carey (eds.), *Religion and Greater Ireland: Christianity and Irish Global Networks* in *Catholic Historical Review* 102: 4 (2016), pp. 847-8.

Review of Thomas J. Morrissey, *From Easter Week to Flanders Field: The Diaries and Letters of John Delaney SJ, 1916-1919* in *The Way* 55: (2016), pp. 103-5.

Review of Ciaran O'Neill, *Catholics of Consequence: Transnational education, social mobility and the Irish Catholic elite, 1850-1900* in *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 2:1 (2015) pp. 161-63.

Review of Paucic Travers and Donal McCartney (eds), *Parnell Reconsidered in Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review* 104:444(2015) pp. 81-84.

Review of David Fitzpatrick (ed.), *Terror in Ireland, 1916-1923* in *Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review* 103:443 (2014) pp. 363-66.

Review of Robert A. Ventresca, *Soldier of Christ: The Life of Pope Pius XII* in *Irish Theological Quarterly* vol. 78:4 (2013) pp. 388-90.

Review of Clara Cullen and Margaret Ó hÓgartaigh (eds), *His Grace is displeased: Selected Correspondence of John Charles McQuaid* in *Catholic Historical Review* vol. 99:3 (2013) pp. 579-81.

Review of Gerald O' Collins, *A Midlife Journey* in *Doctrine and Life* vol. 62:10 (2012) pp. 54-58.

Review of David Hein, *Geoffrey Fisher: Archbishop of Canterbury* in *The Heythrop Journal* vol. 53:6 (2012) pp. 1055-56.

Review of Georg Ratzinger, *My brother the pope* in *Doctrine and Life* vol. 62:5 (2012) pp. 60-64.

Review of Colin Barr, *The European Culture Wars in Ireland: The Callan schools affair 1868-81* in *Catholic Historical Review* vol. 98:2 (2012) pp. 387-89.

Review of Martin Broadley, *Bishop Herbert Vaughan and the Jesuits: education and authority* in *Catholic Historical Review* vol. 98:1 (2012) pp. 138-39.

- Review of Eugene Hynes, *Knock: the Virgin's apparition in nineteenth-century Ireland* in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History* vol. 62:2 (2011) pp. 419-20.
- Review of David Schultenover, *The reception of pragmatism in France and the rise of Roman Catholic Modernism, 1890-1914* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* vol. 62:3 (2011) pp. 648-49.
- Review of Edward Daly, *A troubled see: memoirs of a bishop of Derry in La Chéile* vol. 16:2 (2011) p. 16.
- Review of Susannah Brietz Monta, *Martyrdom and Literature in Early Modern England* in *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 51:1 (2010) pp. 129-30.
- Review of Barbara Demick, *Nothing to envy: real lives in North Korea* in *Irish Times* 9 Feb. 2010 p. 13.
- Review of John Privilege, *Michael Logue and the Catholic Church in Ireland, 1879-1925* in *Contemporary British History* vol. 24:3 (2010) pp. 421-23.
- Review of Leslie Woodcock Tentler (ed.) *The Church confronts modernity. Catholicism since 1950 in the United States Ireland and Quebec* in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. 60:1 (2009) pp. 203-04.
- Review of Thomas Morrissey, *Where two traditions meet: John Sullivan SJ, 1861-1933* in *Thinking Faith* 14 July 2009 (on line journal).
- Review of Michael Hurley, *The Irish School of Ecumenics, 1970-2007* in *Thinking Faith* 23 April 2008 (on line journal).
- Review of Jacques LeGoff, *St Francis of Assisi* in *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 49:6 (2008) pp. 1062-64.
- Review of Christopher Highley, *Catholics writing the nation in early modern Britain and Ireland* in *Thinking Faith* 11 Nov. 2008 (on line journal).
- Review of Ulinka Rublack, *Reformation Europe* in *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 49:6 (2008) pp. 1074-76.
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- Review of Ian Archer, Simon Adams et al. (eds.), *Religion, Politics, and Society in Sixteenth-Century England* in *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 49:1 (2008) pp. 172.
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- Review of John Moorhead (ed.), *Gregory the Great* in *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 49:1 (2008) pp. 170.
- Review of Liam Matthew Brockey, *Journey to the east: the Jesuit mission to China, 1579-1724* The Irish Times 3 Nov. 2007 p. 50.
- Review of Lawrence Marley, *Michael Davitt: freelance radical and frondeur* The Irish Times 21 July 2007 p. 50.
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- Review of Brendan Bradshaw and Dáire Keogh (eds.), *Christianity in Ireland. Revisiting the story* in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. 55: 1 (2004) pp. 119-21.
- Review of Ambrose Macaulay, *The Holy See, British policy and the Plan of Campaign in Ireland, 1885-93* in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. 54:3 (2003) pp. 623-24.
- Review of I. R. McBride, *Scripture politics. Ulster Presbyterians and Irish radicalism in the late eighteenth century* in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. 54: 3 (2003) pp. 592-93.
- Review of Mary Peckham Magray, *The transforming power of the nuns. Women religion and cultural change in Ireland 1750–1900* in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. 54:3 (2003) pp. 591-92.
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- Review of Denis Carroll, *Unusual Suspects: Twelve Radical Clergy* in *Irish Theological Quarterly*, vol. 68:3 (2003) pp. 180-82.
- Review of Bruno Steimer and Michael G. Parker, *Dictionary of popes and the papacy* in *Irish Theological Quarterly* 68:3 (2003) pp. 179-80.
- Review of Marianne Elliott, *The Catholics of Ulster: A History* in *History* 87:286 (2002) p. 312.
- Review of Finlay Holmes, *The Presbyterian Church in Ireland: A Popular History* in *Irish Theological Quarterly*, vol. 67:4 (2002) pp. 416-17.

Review of John Correia-Afonso, *The Jesuits in India 1542-1773* in *Irish Theological Quarterly*, vol. 67:4 (2002) pp. 414-15.

Review of Thomas J. Morrissey, *William J. Walsh: Archbishop of Dublin 1841-1921* in *The Furrow*, vol. 52:1 (2001) pp. 59-60.

Review of John D. Brewer and Gareth I. Higgins, *Anti-Catholicism in Northern Ireland, 1600-1998: the mote and the beam* in *History Ireland* 7 (1999) pp. 56-7.

Review of Raymond Gillespie, *Devoted People: Belief and Religion in Early Modern Ireland* in *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 40:4 (1999) pp. 516-17.

Review of Kevin Whelan, *The tree of liberty. Radicalism Catholicism and the construction of Irish identity 1760–1830* in *The Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. 50:2, (1999) pp. 396-97.

Review of D. George Boyce and Alan O'Day (eds.), *The Making of Modern Irish History: Revisionism and the Revisionist Controversy* in *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 39:2 (1998) pp. 189-90.

Review of Donal A. Kerr, *The Catholic Church and the Famine* and Emmet Larkin, *The historical dimension of Irish Catholicism* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History* 49:3 (1998) pp. 582-83.

Review of Vivian Green, *A New History of Christianity* in *The Heythrop Journal*, vol. 30:4 (1997) pp. 454-56.

Review of Ambrose Macaulay, *William Crolly: Archbishop of Armagh* in *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, vol. 47:2 (1996) pp. 395-97.

Review of David Bleakley, *Peace in Ireland: Two states, one people* in *The Month*, vol. 29:2, (1996) pp. 74.

Review of Dermot Keogh, *Ireland and the Vatican: the politics and diplomacy of church-state relations 1922-6* in *Journal of ecclesiastical history*, vol. 47:3 (1996) pp. 586-88.

Review of Donal A. Kerr, *A Nation of beggars? : Priests, people and politics in famine Ireland 1846-52* in *Bullán: an Irish studies journal* vol. 2:1 (1995) pp. 96-98.

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Popular articles

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‘Roger Casement: All faults and failures blotted out’ in David Bracken (ed.), *The End of all Things Earthly: Faith profiles of the 1916 Leaders* (Dublin: Veritas 2016), pp. 23-7.

‘Easter Rising: Tales of Treachery or Patriotism’ in *The Tablet* (London) March 23 2016 pp. 12-13

‘The Church and the Rising’ *Sunday Business Post* (Dublin) March 6 2016

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‘With God at their side’ in *The Tablet* (London) 2 August 2014 pp. 6-7’

‘*The Great War and the making of the twentieth century*’ in *America* (New York) 21 July 2014 pp. 15-18.

‘August Bea: scholar, teacher, cardinal’ in *Thinking Faith* (online journal) 9 May 2014

- ‘The fight between Carnival and Lent’ in *Thinking Faith* (online journal) 3 March 2014
- ‘Catholic and Irish’ *The Irish News* (Belfast) 10 October 2013
- ‘Will There Be a Vatican III’ in *Doctrine and Life* 63:2 (2013) pp. 45-48
- ‘The ex-Pope Benedict’ *The Irish News* (Belfast) 14 March 2013
- ‘Irish Catholics and the Bible in the Nineteenth Century’ in Salvador Ryan and Brendan Leahy (eds.), *Treasures of Irish Christianity vol. II. A people of the Word* (Dublin: Veritas, 2013), pp. 175-8.
- ‘50th Anniversary of Vatican II: the history and legacy of the council’ *Thinking Faith* (London, online journal). October 212
- ‘When peace is the higher cause’ *The Tablet* (London) 7 July 2012 pp. 5-6.
- ‘The pope and the archbishop’ *Thinking Faith* 10 Sept. 2010 (on line journal)
- George Tyrrell and Catholic Modernism *Thinking Faith* 6 July 2009 (London, online journal)
- ‘Ahead of his time’ *The Tablet* (London) 4 July 2009 pp. 10-11.
- ‘Face to Faith’ *The Guardian* (London) 28 Feb. 2009
- ‘How the middle classes captured the Irish Church’ *The Catholic Herald* (London) 15 May 2008
- ‘Bishops must reflect on lesson of referendum’ *The Irish Times* (Dublin) 9 March 2002
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- ‘The end of peace in Ireland?’ *The Month*, vol. 29:3, (1996) 86-7
- ‘To clarify or not to clarify’ *The Month*, vol. 27:5 (1995) 170
- ‘The prison challenge to church teaching’ *The Irish News* (Belfast) 20 September 1994
- ‘God and Ulster’ *The Irish News* (Belfast) 19 September 1994
- ‘The state of Ireland’ *America* (28 Feb 1994) pp. 4-6
- ‘Arms and the man’ *The Month* vol. 27:11 (1994) p. 414

- ‘A most distressing country’ *The Month* vol. 26:11 (1993) pp. 424-25
- ‘The impasse in Northern Ireland’ *The Month* vol. 26:7 (1993) pp. 254-56
- ‘Abortion in Ireland’ *America* (24 October 1992), pp 293-5
- ‘Britain’s Irish problem’ *The Month*, vol. 25:11, (1992) 418-20
- ‘Henry Edward Manning: apostle of social justice’ *America* (25 Jan 1992) pp 36-7
- ‘Henry Edward Manning: friend of the poor’ *The Catholic Herald*, (4 Jan 1992)
- ‘The international card is the one we all must play’ *The Irish News* (29 Sep 1992)
- ‘The church in the north of Ireland 1891 – 1991’ *The Month* (1991) vol. 24:12 (1991) pp. 520-25.
- ‘Talking with “terrorists”’ *The Month*, vol. 23:8 (1990), 300-2
- ‘A policeman’s lot’ *The Tablet*, vol. 244:7803 (1990), 138-9
- ‘The voice of politics drowned by the sound of gunfire’ *The Irish News* (29 Dec 1990)
- ‘Judge, jury and executioner [unsigned editorial]’ *The Month*, vol. 22:11 (1989) 414-6
- With John McDade, ‘The Ides of March [unsigned editorial]’ *The Month*, vol. 21:5, (1988), 658-9
- ‘After the Anglo-Irish agreement’ *The Month*, vol. 18:12 (1985), 408, 440

Invited papers and lectures

- November 2021 ‘Fr Louis Martín SJ Superior General of the Society of Jesus’ The American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas
- June 2018 ‘The Legal and constitutional Status of the Catholic Church in 19th century Ireland’, University College Dublin
- May 2018 ‘Catholicism and Democracy in Ireland’, University of Edinburgh
- June 2017 ‘The Catholic Church’s response to the Easter Rising’ University College, Galway (Ireland).

- March 2017 Public Lecture “Famine, Migration and God: Ireland’s Great Famine and Religious Responses” John Carroll University, University Heights Ohio (USA)
- Two class presentations on “The Troubles” in Northern Ireland John Carroll University, University Heights Ohio (USA)
- July 2016 ‘The Catholic Church and 1916’ at Farming and Country Life Conference’ *Teagasc* Mellows Campus Athenry (Ireland)
- April 2016 Two lectures on various aspects of the 1916 Rising at Lewis University, Romeoville IL (USA)
- August 2015 ‘The Catholic Church and the State in Northern Ireland’ St Mary’s University College Belfast
- August 2014 ‘Was there an Irish liberation theology’ St Mary’s University College, Belfast
- March 2014 ‘The Catholic Church in England in the nineteenth century: The Irish contribution’ University of Winchester March 2014
- Nov. 2012 ‘The Catholic Church, Ireland and the British Empire in the Long Nineteenth Century’ Keynote Lecture, *The Catholic Historical Society of Ireland Centenary Conference*, National University of Ireland, Maynooth
- Sept. 2012 ‘Irish Catholic Loyalty 1800-1870’ *Catholic Loyalty in Britain and Ireland Symposium* Trinity College, Dublin
- Feb. 2012 ‘British and Irish Catholics and the First World War’ *Irish Studies Seminar* University of Edinburgh
- Dec. 2011 ‘Embedded memory and the churches in Ireland’ *Embedded memory and the theological contours of division* conference Trinity College, Dublin
- Oct. 2011 ‘The Catholic Church, Ireland and the British Empire: from Union to Partition’ St Michael’s College, University of Toronto
- July 2011 ‘Catholics and the Empire’ *Catholic Record Society conference* Liverpool Hope University
- Oct. 2010 ‘The ultramontane spirituality of Paul Cullen’ *Paul Cullen and his world conference* Irish College, Rome
- Sept 2009 ‘Catholic chaplains in World War I’ *Catholic Historical Society of Ireland conference* St Patrick College Drumcondra, Dublin

- Sept 2008 'Catholics and the British Empire' *Irish History Seminar* Queen's University, Belfast
- Apr 2003 'Church and State in Northern Ireland since 1950' at *Irish history conference*, University of Notre Dame
- Jun 2002 'The bishops and the crisis of violence in Ireland' at *Chesterton conference*, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth
- Dec 2001 'The Irish bishops and the Irish nation, 1912-22', presidential address to the Irish Historical Society at Trinity College, Dublin
- Mar 2001 'The menace of early Fenianism' Graduate History Seminar, Trinity College, Dublin
- Jun 2000 'Church and state in Ireland in the early 20th century' at the Beckett Institute, St Hugh's College, Oxford
- May 2000 'The Catholic church and the union' at the British-Irish Association conference *The Act of Union: 200 years on*
- Apr 1998 'Disraeli and Ireland' at University College, Galway
- Aug 1997 'The Fenian threat in the 1860s' at the *Kickham summer school* in Mulliahone, Co. Tipperary
- Feb 1997 'The Catholic church and revolutionary Ireland, 1987' at St. Patrick's College, Carlow
- Mar 1996 'The Catholic church and home rule' at *Young Historians Conference* in Derry
- Feb 1996 'How formidable was Fenianism?' modern history seminar at the Queen's University, Belfast
- Nov 1995 'The Catholic Church and Fenianism, 1861-70: some Irish and American perspectives', Irish history seminar at Hertford College, Oxford
- Aug 1995 'Carleton's ecclesiastical context' at the *William Carleton summer school*, Clogher
- Oct 1994 'Catholic political ambitions in Ireland 1829-1939' to the honors program and the department of Irish studies at Boston College

I have also given a number of less formal talks to historical association meetings and local history and Irish groups in such diverse places as Edinburgh, Oxford, Preston, Belfast, Omagh, Dundalk, Armagh, Navan, Winchester, Canton MA (USA) Fairfield CO (USA), Scituate MA, USA.

Teaching

HIST 1002 Europe in the World
HIST 2258 The British Empire: Its Rise and Fall
HIST 2240 Introduction to Irish History
HIST 2508 Popes and their Histories
HIST 3206 Ireland Public and Private
HIST 3261 Ireland: The Great Famine
HIST 3262 Ireland: Social and Political Violence
HIST 4926 Honours Seminar
HIST 4242 With God at their Side: Religion and World War I
HIST 4508 The Vatican and International Politics
HIST 4247 Religion and Society since the Reformation
HIST 4503 The Papacy from its Origins to 1216
HIST 4249 Ireland Since the Famine
HIST 4823 Ireland at War in the 20th Century
HIST 5275 1916: The World at War
HIST 5507 Ireland 1918: A Window on the World

Examining

External examiner for the M. Phil degree at the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College, Dublin for the years 1999-2002

External examiner for Ph.D. in history at London University, Oxford University and University College, Dublin, University of Western Australia

External examiner for M.A. in history, by research at the National University of Ireland, Galway and the National Council for Academic Awards, Dublin

Refereeing

Reviewed articles, book proposals, and manuscripts for the following journals and presses:

Irish Historical Studies; Canadian Journal of Irish Studies; Downside Review; Journal of Modern History; Heythrop Journal; Religion, State and Society; Theological Studies; Intellectual History Review; Lumen: A Journal of Catholic Studies; Diplomacy and State Craft; Religion and the Arts; Proceedings of the Royal Irish Academy; Journal of American Ethnic History.

Bloomsbury (London); Fordham University Press; Magill-Queen's University Press; Manchester University Press; Yale University Press; University of Notre Dame Press; Broadview Press (Canada).

Reviewed

My work has been reviewed in, among others, the following journals and newspapers:

American Historical Review; Australasian Catholic Record; Catholic Historical Review; Church History; Clogher Record; English Historical Review; The Furrow; The Heythrop Journal; History Ireland; Irish Historical Studies; The Irish Review; Irish Studies Review; Irish Theological Quarterly; Journal of Ecclesiastical History; Journal of Theological Studies; The Linenhall Review; Nationalism, Ethics and Politics; Nations and Nationalism; Seanchas Ard Mahacha; Studies: An Irish Quarterly Review; Theological Studies; Cork Examiner; The Detroit Free Press; Glasgow Herald; The Irish Times; The Irish Press; The Sunday Telegraph; The Sunday Tribune

TV and Radio

I have appeared on TV and Radio discussing a variety of historical, theological and religious topics on BBC, (radio and television) RTE, (radio and television) Ulster Television and in the United States (NPR).

Research Interests

The history of Irish Christianity; 19th and 20th century British and Irish history, especially the relationship between church and state; the history of Catholicism in Ireland from 16th century to the present; revolutionary violence and the development of militant Irish nationalism, 19th and 20th century church history, Catholicism since the Thirty Years' War