Indoors and Outdoors, Public and Private: Women and the Country House

Centre for the Study of Historic Irish Houses and Estates, Maynooth University History Department
13th Annual Conference, 11-12 May 2015 (RIAI CPD approved)
Renehan Hall and Callan Hall, South Campus

Supported by OPW and Kay and Fred Krehbiel
Day 1: 11 May 2015

08.45-09.20 Registration and tea/coffee at Renehan Hall
09.30 Welcome
09.40 Opening of conference: Heather Humphreys TD, Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht

PANEL 1: MODERN CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: TERENCE DOOLEY

10.05 Jane Blunden and Caroline Blunden
Challenges for women of the country house
10.25 Sophie Shelswell-White
Working and raising a family in an Irish country house
10.45 Sammy Leslie
Women and the management of Castle Leslie
11.05 Q&A to finish at 11.25 allowing 10 minutes for delegates going to Panel 2b to get to Callan Hall

PANEL 2A: DEVELOPING SOCIAL NETWORKS
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: JENNIFER REDMOND

11.35 Kerry Bristol
Sabine Winn and the art of long-distance shopping at Nostell Priory, 1765-1798
11.55 Ruth Larsen
Sisterly guidance: elite women, sorority and the life cycle 1750-1850
12.15 Maeve O'Riordan
“So one becomes an old maid”: unmarried women and the Irish country house
12.35 Q&A

PANEL 2B: INDUSTRIALISATION AND INNOVATION
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: BRENDAN PARSONS, EARL OF ROSSE

11.35 Anne Casement
Glamour, grime and grim reaper: the social, industrial and land-owning worlds of Frances Anne Vane-Tempest
11.55 Hannah Young
The absentee duchess: Anna Eliza Grenville and her emigrant project
12.15 Aintzane Legarreta Mentxaka
Mary Rosse of Parsonstown Castle: ‘The Leonardo of Ireland’
12.35 Q&A

13.00-14.10 Lunch – Pugin Dining Hall
PANEL 3A: ESTATE MANAGEMENT
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: ANNIE TINDLEY

14.15 Judith Hill  
*Lady Gregory and the survival of Coole Park*

14.35 Damien Duffy  
*Caroline Maria Aylmer of Donadea Castle, Co. Kildare*

14.55 Fiona White  
*Louisa Moore of Moore Hall: a life in letters*

15.15 Q&A

PANEL 3B: ARCHITECTURE AND SPACE
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: RUTH LARSEN

14.15 Ruth Thorpe  
*A life in relief: recovering the Neoclassical schemes of Elizabeth Upton, Lady Templetown*

14.35 Amy Boyington  
*Widows of the eighteenth-century: power over architecture*

14.55 Patricia McCarthy  
*A room of their own: private space for women in the country house*

15.15 Q&A

15.40 Tea/coffee Pugin Dining Hall

PANEL 4A: ECONOMICS OF MARRIAGE
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: EMMELINE HENDERSON

16.05 Eugenie Carr  
*The banker’s daughters: marriage alliances and connections of a Huguenot family in eighteenth-century Dublin*

16.25 Olivia Martin  
‘Where there’s a will…’

16.45 Q&A

PANEL 4B: EMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY HOUSE
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: MARY HEFFERNAN

16.05 William Fraher  
*An English governess in Ireland during World War One, 1914-18*

16.25 Ida Milne  
*Working in the Big House: Patty Bolger as eye witness*

16.45 Q&A
17.15-18.30 Launch of exhibition: ‘Lives less ordinary: the women of Airfield’
J.P.II Library
(Sponsored by CSHIHE and Maynooth University Library and Airfield Trust – co-ordinated by Dr Maeve O’Riordan)

19.30 Conference dinner: Carton House

Day 2: 12 May 2015

9.30 Tea/coffee, Pugin Dining Hall

PANEL 5A: PHILANTHROPY
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: LOWRI ANN REES

10.00 Eilis O’Sullivan
‘By heavens, I’m sick of dissipation and want some serious occupation’: ascendency women and elementary education

10.20 Lisa Butterly

10.40 Andrew Newby
‘That good lady of truly practical philanthropy’ Mary Power Lalor: landlordism, philanthropy and self-help in late-Victorian Ireland

11.00 Q&A

PANEL 5B: MARRIAGE AND POWER
CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: ALISON FITZGERALD

10.00 Caroline Dakers
Madeline Wyndham of Clouds and Mabel Morrison of Fonthill, two Victorian ladies of Wiltshire. Powerful or powerless?

10.20 John Coleman
Portrait of an 18th century marriage: The Earl and Countess of Bellamont

10.40 Emma F. Purcell
A gentleman’s house but a woman’s domain? The role of elite women in country house management, c.1750-1827

11.00 Q&A

PANEL 6A: THE ART OF FOOD
RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: OLIVER COX

11.30 Dorothy Cashman
‘The dough must be neither dauked nor opened on the sides with a knife as is the custom in Ireland’

11.50 Louise Stewart
‘The accomplisht Lady’s Delight’: women and sugar-work in the early modern country house
12.10 Regina Sexton  
*Elite women and their recipe books in eighteenth and early nineteenth-century Ireland*

12.30 Q&A

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**PANEL 6B: POLITICS AND PROTEST**  
**CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: MARIAN LYONS**

11.30 Lowri Ann Rees  
*Miss Jane, Rebecca and her daughters: rural protest and the defiance of a female landowner in south-west Wales*

11.50 Ciarán Reilly  
*Women, the country house and the Great Famine*

12.10 Jonathan Cherry and Arlene Crampsie  
*The women of Ulster’s country houses and Ulster Day, September 1912*

12.30 Q&A

12.55-14.10 Lunch

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**PANEL 7A: THE ARTS AND LITERATURE**  
**RENEHAN HALL, CHAIR: ANNA PILZ**

14.20 Dawn Webster  
*Corsets and chisels: the arts and crafts furniture of the de Grey sisters*

14.40 Nia Powell  
*Strictly male? Women and strict metre poetry in medieval and early modern Welsh houses*

15.00 Amy Prendergast  
*Irish bluestockings and the country house: literary sociability, intellectual pursuits, and cultural transfers, 1760-1820*

15.20 Q&A

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**PANEL 7B: FAMILY AND RESPONSIBILITY**  
**CALLAN HALL, CHAIR: CHRISTOPHER RIDGWAY**

14.20 Philip Bull  
*Three women and the fortunes of Monksgrange*

14.40 Edmund Joyce  
*Lady Harriet Kavanagh*

15.00 Brendan Twomey  
*Agency and activities of aristocratic women, 1760-1800*

15.20 Q&A

16.00 Wine reception and closing remarks in Renehan Hall
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IF YOU CHOSE THIS METHOD OF REGISTRATION PLEASE DO NOT FILL IN THE BOOKING FORM BELOW.

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