

## The Speakers

**Dr. David Finnegan** holds a master's degree from NUI, Galway, and a Ph.D from Cambridge. He is presently in the 2nd year of an IRCHSS fellowship in Trinity College Dublin, working on Catholic politics in the early modern period.

**Dr. Henry Jefferies** is Head of History at Thornhill College, Derry, and a Visiting Fellow at the Academy of Irish Cultural Heritages in the University of Ulster. He has written extensively on the Irish Church at the time of the Reformation, most notably in *Priests and prelates of Armagh in the age of reformations* (1997), and edited volumes on *Tyrone: history & society* (2000), *History of the diocese of Derry* (2000) and *History of the diocese of Clogher* (2006). His forthcoming book on the Tudor reformations in Ireland will soon be published by Four Courts Press.

**Dr. Pádraig Lenihan** is a lecturer in the Department of History, University of Limerick. His research interests span Early Modern Irish history, with particular emphasis on political and military history in the seventeenth century, as well as medical history, prophecy, and millenarianism. Major publications include *Confederate Catholics at War* (Cork University Press, 2000); *Conquest and Resistance: War in Seventeenth Century Ireland* (Brill 2001); *The Battle of the Boyne, 1690* (Tempus, 2002) and *Consolidating Conquest: Ireland 1603-1727* (Longman, 2007). He has also recently embarked on a major study of the *Battle of Aughrim* (1691).

**Dr. Annaleigh Margey** graduated with a BA in History and Geography from NUI, Galway in 2000. She completed her PhD, entitled *'Mapping during the Irish Plantations, c. 1580-1640'*, at the Moore Institute, NUI, Galway in 2004. From 2005-2007, Annaleigh was an IRCHSS Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Geography, Trinity College Dublin. She is currently employed as an AHRC

Research Fellow on the *'1641 Deposition's Project'* at the University of Aberdeen and Trinity College, Dublin. Her book, *'Mapping Ireland, c.1550-1640: a catalogue of the plantation maps of Ireland'*, will be published by the Irish Manuscripts Commission in 2008.

**Dr. Darren McGettigan** is a graduate of University College Dublin. While researching his PhD he was a Government of Ireland scholar in the Humanities and Social Sciences. He is author of the book *'Red Hugh O'Donnell and the Nine Years War'* (Four Courts Press, 2005), and many other journal articles and book chapters relating to early modern Co. Donegal.

**Mr. Brian O'Doherty** is a Dublin-born Inishowen man, an economist by training, and former long-term resident of Brussels, where he was the European Director of the Irish Export Board for some years and later owned an EU consulting company. While there he developed an interest in the history of the Irish diaspora in Europe and discovered some original documents in relation to Rosa O'Dogherty. He currently develops Internet network services but also maintains and edits a website devoted to Rosa and her husband Owen Roe O'Neill, [www.LadyRosa.net](http://www.LadyRosa.net)

**Admission Fee: £10.00**

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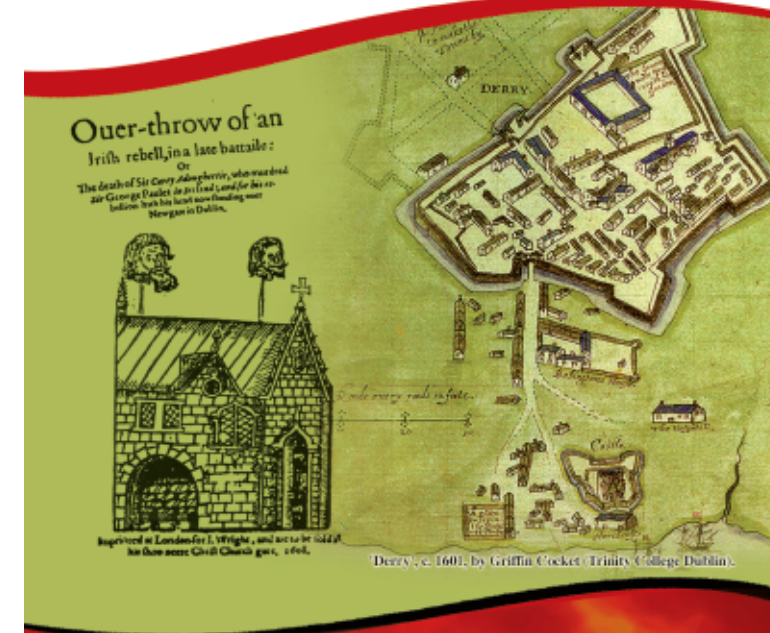
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## The Rebellion of Sir Cathair O'Doherty, 1608-2008

*"Post-script to Flight, Prelude to Plantation"*



## The Guildhall, Derry, Friday 22 August 2008

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Formerly, 'The Queen's O'Doherty', Cathair Rua, the young chief of Inishowen, emerged as a pivotal ally of Sir Henry Docwra, Derry's second founder, during the course of the Nine Year's War. His co-operation facilitated Docwra's breach of the O'Neill-O'Donnell axis through the Foyle and Swilly basins and he received a knighthood for his loyal service to a grateful crown. However, he soon fell foul of Lord Deputy Chichester, who accused him of complicity with the fugitive earls. Undaunted by these suspicions, Sir Cathair continued to cultivate political alliances, protect the O'Doherty patrimony and forge political alliances in Derry, Donegal, Dublin and London. However, verbal and physical abuse at the hands of Sir George Paulet, the new governor of Derry, drove the young knight into rebellion. He attacked Culmore fort, burned Derry, seized a number of prisoners (including Bishop George Montgomery of Raphoe, and his wife Sarah) and invested Burt Castle. Although the conflagration spread across the Swilly into the lands of the Gallaghers and MacSwineys, the Crown rapidly responded with an assault on Culmore Fort and Burt Castle, which hastened the collapse of the rebellion. Ambushed and killed at Doon Rock, the inauguration site of the O'Donnells, at Kilmacrenan, his quarters were sent to Derry and his impaled head soon emblazoned Dublin's Newgate Jail. Sir Cathair's downfall, and the involvement and implication of the neighbouring chiefs of the O'Donnells and O'Cahans, massively increased the scale and scope of the Ulster Plantation.

Friday, 22 August 2008

9.15am - 9.30 am Guildhall

**Welcome: His Worship the Mayor of Derry,  
Councillor Gerard Diver**

9.30am - 9.45am

**Professor Pól Ó Dochartaigh**  
**Chair: Professor Paul McKeivitt**

9.45 - 10.30

**Dr. Pádraig Lenihan (Univ. of Limerick)**  
**"Paulet's Derry: A Military Context"**  
**Chair: Dr. Billy Kelly (UU)**

10.30am - 11.15am

**Dr. David Finnegan (IRCHSS Fellow, TCD)**  
**"A rebel in all but action: Niall Garbh O'Donnell's  
part in the O'Doherty Rising"**  
**Chair: Dr. Ben Hazard (UCD)**

11.15am - 11.30am

**Coffee and Discussion**

11.30am - 12.15am

**Dr. Henry Jefferies (Thornhill College)**  
**"Sir Cathair O'Doherty: An Introduction"**  
**Chair: Ms Marie-Claire Harrigan (UU)**

12.15pm - 1.00pm.

**Mr Brian O'Doherty (Independent scholar)**  
**"Sir Cathair O'Doherty's immediate family- Rosa  
and other members"**  
**Chair: Mr. Marius Harkin**  
(McGlinchey Summer School)

1.00pm - 2.00pm

**Lunch**

2.00pm - 2.45pm

**Dr. Annaleigh Margey**  
**(Univ. of Aberdeen)**  
**"Mapping Londonderry, c.1600-1625"**  
**Chair: Professor Ailbhe Ó Corráin (UU)**

2.45pm - 3.30pm

**Dr. Darren McGettigan (Independent Scholar)**  
**"Exempt from the authority of the earl: the  
failure of the second rank nobles of Tír  
Chonaill to adjust to life in post-flight  
Donegal"**  
**Chair: Ms Sean Beattie (Donegal Historical  
Society)**

3.30pm

**Coffee and Discussion**

4.00pm - 5.00pm

**Round-Table:**

**"From City Arsonists to City Architects:  
Derry, Inishowen and the O'Doherty's in the  
21 Century"**  
**Panel: Mr. Brian O'Doherty, Garvan O'Doherty,  
Paddy "Big Hill" and Paddy "Bogside" Doherty,  
Brian O'Doherty, Brian Dougherty and  
Pól Ó Dochartaigh**  
**Chair: James Doherty**

5.00pm - 5.15pm

**Closing Remarks**

