

Irish Studies Program at Hofstra University

Events Calendar for Spring 2009

All events are free and open to the public

Spring 2009

Date: **Tuesday, March 3, 2009**

Event: Reading by Paul Muldoon
Pulitzer Prize Winning Author



Time/Location: 7 p.m., Cultural Center Theater, Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus

Description: Described by The Times Literary Supplement as “the most significant English-language poet born since the second World War,” He won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for *Moy Sand and Gravel* (2002).

Sponsors/Info.: Part of the Great Writers, Great Readings Series sponsored by the Department of English and the Irish Studies Program. For further information, contact the Department of English at 516 463-5410.

Date: **Wednesday, March 4, 2009**

Event: Irish Cultural and History Readings



Time/Location: 11:15am-12:40pm, Main Floor of Axinn Library, First Floor, South Campus

Description: Join us and recite a short snippet from your favorite reading by an Irish author or with an Irish theme. Food will be served.

Sponsors/Info.: Sponsored by the Irish Studies Program. To sign up, contact Dr. Deborah Dolan at 516 463-4910.

Date: **Thursday, March 19, 2009**

Event: Irish Film Series: *The Wind that Shakes the Barley*

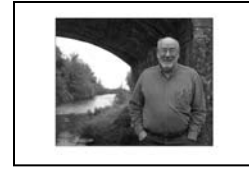


Time/Location: 5-8pm, Student Center Theater

Description: Part of the “Reel Ireland” film series. Directed by Ken Loach and starring Cillian Murphy. Winner of the Palme d’Or at the 2006 Cannes Film Festival. Drama set during the Anglo-Irish War and the ensuing Irish Civil War. The film uses the past to comment on contemporary world affairs. Film discussion to be facilitated by Prof. Greg Maney.

Sponsors/Info.: For more information, contact Dr. Greg Maney (516 463-6182; socgmm@hofstra.edu)

Date: **Wednesday, April 1, 2009**
Event: Reading by Tom Phelan
Christopher Isherwood Fellowship Recipient



Time/Location: 11:15am-12:40pm, Brower 202

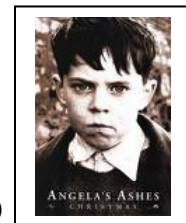
Description: The author will present a talk on “Forgotten Heroes: Ireland's World War I Soldiers.” He will discuss the many reasons why Irish men joined the British army to fight in the Great War; the conditions the soldiers faced in the trenches; and the treatment of the soldiers when they came home to a country where the political landscape had totally changed. Book sales and signing to follow.

Sponsors/Info.: Part of the Irish Studies Program Lecture Series. For more information, contact Dr. John Walsh (516 463-5768; John.M.Walsh@hofstra.edu)

Date: **Thursday, April 16, 2009**

Event: Irish Film Series: *Angela's Ashes*

Time/Location: 5-8pm, Cultural Center Theater (Axinn Library, South Campus)

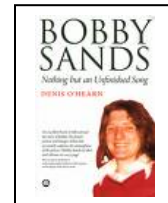


Description: Part of the “Reel Ireland” film series. *Angela's Ashes* was Directed by Alan Parker and stars Emily Watson. Film adaptation of Frank McCourt's autobiography. A story about the hardships of poverty and the longing for migration. Film discussion to be facilitated by Professor Margaret Burke.

Sponsors/Info.: For more information, contact Dr. Greg Maney (516 463-6182; socgmm@hofstra.edu)

Date: **Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

Event: Public talk by Dr. Denis O'Hearn



Author of *Nothing but an Unfinished Song: Bobby Sands, the Irish Hunger Striker Who Ignited a Generation* (Nation Books 2006)

Time/Location: 6:30 pm, Cultural Center Theater, Axinn Library, First Floor

Description: Between 1977 until he died on hunger strike in 1981, Bobby Sands led an intense period of protest in the heart of one of the world's most horrific prison regimes. In this talk, the author of the only complete biography of Bobby Sands shows how the Irish prisoners used song, stories, and the Irish language to transform that prison environment and, in doing so, to transform the Irish Republican Movement. Book sales and signing to follow.

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