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Education

- 2016 - Present **University of Pennsylvania** (Philadelphia, PA)
Ph.D. Candidate, History
Dissertation: An 'Empire of Liberty?': Irish Immigrants, Native Americans, and American Imperialism in the trans-Mississippi West between 1841 and 1924.
Primary Advisor: Walter Licht
Committee: Eiichiro Azuma, Kathy Peiss, and Adolph Reed.
- Fields:
Modern America (Kathy Peiss)
History of Labor and Capitalism (Walter Licht)
Transregional Migration and Ethnicity (Eiichiro Azuma)
- 2014 - 2016 **University of Maryland, Baltimore County** (Baltimore, MD)
M.A., Historical Studies
Thesis: The Streets of Baltimore: An Episodic View of the Irish Diaspora in Baltimore City.
Primary Advisor: Dr. Anne Sarah Rubin
- 2010 - 2014 **Ulster University** (Coleraine, Northern Ireland)
B.A. Honors, History, First Class Honors
Diploma, Area Studies

Fellowships, Assistantships, and Awards

- 2020 Hayek Scholars Travel Grant, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University.
- 2020 Humane Studies Fellow, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University.
- 2020 Presidential Travel Grant, American Catholic Historical Association.

- 2019 Graduate Research Grant, Center for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Immigration (CSERI), University of Pennsylvania.
- 2019 Emerging Scholars Fellow, Milton Wolf Seminar on Media and Diplomacy, Vienna, Austria.
- 2019 Hibernian Research Award, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, University of Notre Dame.
- 2018 – 2019 Humanities Fellow, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2018 – 2020 Graduate Associate, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2018 - 2021 Graduate Fellowship, Collegium Institute.
- 2018 Thomas Cochran Dissertation Travel Grant, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2016 - 2021 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2015 - 2016 Lord Baltimore Fellowship, Maryland Historical Society.
- 2014 – 2016 Teaching Assistantship, University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Publications

- 2022 Conor Donnan, *Zelma O’Riley: Indigenous Activism, Feminism, and the Politics of Mental Health in Twentieth Century Austin, Texas*, (Wilmington: Vernon Press, forthcoming).
- 2020 “Sinn Féin's left-leaning platform was the key to victory in historic election,” *Irish Central*, February 19, 2020.
- 2020 “Belfast Boxer, Michael Conlan, Calls for Action over Suicide Epidemic,” *Irish Central*, February 6, 2020.
- 2020 “Micí Mac Gabhann - Irish Folklorist, Gold Miner, and Native American Ally,” *Irish Central*, January 30, 2020.
- 2020 “Local Discontent Forced Stormont's Return,” *Irish Central*, January 29, 2020
- 2019 “Irish Phoenix? The Unexpected Winner of Brexit,” *E-Notes* (Foreign Policy Research Institute) - September 2019.

- 2019 “In 1919 Ireland's President became an honorary Native American chieftain in Wisconsin,” *Irish Central*, January 10, 2018.
- 2018 “Brexit and the Irish Problem,” *The American Review of Books, Blogs, and Bull* (Foreign Policy Research Institute), November 2018.
- 2018 “Brexit Should be used to Reevaluate the Partition of Ireland,” *Irish Central*, November 28, 2018.

Conference Papers and Guest Lectures

- 2020 “*Moses and the Four Irishmen*”: *The Catholic Total Abstinence Union Fountain and Irish Catholic Identity Formation in America during the Late 19th Century*, American Historical Association/American Catholic Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York City, January 2020.
- 2019 “'Where'er we go they fear the name of Garryowen in Glory:’ *Violence and Trauma among Irish Immigrants and Native Americans during the Plains Wars*,” The Many Faces of War V: Veterans and History Conference, Brookings, South Dakota, October 2019.
- 2019 “*An Empire of Liberty?*” *Irish Immigrants and Native Americans in the Trans-Mississippi West from 1840 to 1924*. National Meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Boston, MA, March 2019.
- 2018 “*I call upon you, the truest of all Americans to help us win our struggle for freedom*”: *Political Solidarity between Irish Nationalists and Native Americans from 1870 to 1920*. Mid-Atlantic Conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Villanova University, Villanova, November 2018.
- 2018 *Dealing with "Rascally Red Men": The Irish, American Imperialism, and Native American Communities in the trans-Mississippi West*. Mid-West Conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN, October 2018.
- 2018 *Living in a Monumental City: The Irish Diaspora and the Development of Baltimore's Medical and Industrial Infrastructure Between 1800-1860*. University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, March 2018.
- 2016 *Brothers Across the Ocean: Baltimore During Easter Rising of 1916*. Irish Railroad Workers Museum, Baltimore, MD, April 2016.

- 2015 *A Foggy Dew Crosses the Atlantic: The Impact of the Easter Rising on Baltimore, MD.*
Mid-Atlantic Conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies, Kutztown University, Valley Forge, PA, November 2015.
- 2015 *“A Person from Northern Ireland is Naturally Cautious:” Everyday life During the Troubles and Finding a Path Toward Peace.*
Guest Lecture at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Baltimore, MD, October 2015.
- 2015 *No Irish Need Apply: Redefining our Understanding of NINA in Baltimore between 1840-1890.*
Irish Railroad Workers Museum, Baltimore, MD, September 2015.
- 2014 *The Land Beyond the Sea: The Growth of Irish Nationalism in Nineteenth Century Baltimore.*
Mid-Atlantic Conference of the American Conference for Irish Studies George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, October 2014.
- 2014 *The Gun in Irish Politics: Understanding the Troubles in Northern Ireland.* Guest Lecture at University of Maryland, Baltimore County. Baltimore, MD, September 2014.

Professional and Service Experience

- 2019 – 2023 Member of the Board of Directors,
Someone To Tell It To.
- 2019 – 2020 Graduate Research Assistant and Monograph Editor,
The Middle Way by Derek Chollet.
- 2019 Political Affairs Intern,
Dauphin County Democratic Committee (DCDC).
- 2018 – Present Contributor,
The Center for America and the West, Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.
- 2018 – Present Contributor,
Irish Central.
- 2018 Guest Panelist,
“Baltimore Immigration History,” a National Heritage Areas Podcast for the National Parks Service.

- 2016 Digital History Research Assistant,
Bandit (a Civil War videogame developed by UMBC).
- 2015 Historical Consultant and Interviewee,
“Making Tracks”, a railroad documentary, LifeFM, Ireland.
- 2014 – Present Member of the Board of Directors,
Irish Railroad Workers Museum.
- 2012 – 2014 Community Peace Worker,
Quaker Cottage, Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- 2010 – 2014 Peace and Reconciliation Officer,
Corrymeela, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland.

Memberships:

American Historical Association	European Association for American Studies
American Conference for Irish Studies	Labor and Working-Class History Association
Society for Military History	Economic History Association
American Catholic Historical Association	Irish Association for American Studies
Pen and Pencil Club of Philadelphia	Young Professionals in Foreign Policy