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MATTHEW GARRISON, NEW IN ADMISSIONS

In April the College hired Matthew Garrison to help with customer services in Admissions and with our Connect2Bridge program--which provides a seamless gateway for students to move from Trident Tech to CofC. Luckily for Irish Studies, Matt's degrees are in Irish Education, including an MEd from Trinity and a dissertation on immigrant populations in Irish schools. We hope he'll be teaching a course for us on Irish sports and their significance in culture and politics.

CARA DELAY

MOORE QUINN

SCOTT LANDRETH (COFC '12) ACCEPTING THE GREENVILLE CUP FOR CHARLESTON

HURLING TOURNEYS

Charleston Hurling Club has taken home two tournament cups so far this season. The 2014 Holy City Cup was hosted at the Danny Jones Sports Complex on April 26th and Charleston welcomed teams from Atlanta, Greenville, Hampton Roads (VA), and Raleigh. Charleston 4-10 (22) beat Raleigh 2-6 (18) in the Final, which led to an after party at Molly Darcy's of Charleston. On May 17th, Charleston traveled to Greenville, SC and took home The Greenville Cup after reviving a 11 point deficit at half time against Raleigh. The hard fought battle ended with Charleston 5-2 (17) and Raleigh 2-10 (16). The next tournament is The Peach Cup in Atlanta on June 7th. Interested? Stop by practice Wednesdays at 6 PM and Saturdays at 10 AM in Hampton Park.
Follow updates via Facebook.

What are CofC faculty up to?

CARA DELAY'S NEW RESEARCH

CofC historian, Cara Delay, has been researching abortions in Ireland for a new book she's writing--a project that was supported by an NEH fellowship. She recently wrote a blog post for the UCD/Royal College of Medicine blogsite, *History of Medicine in Ireland*. Take a look at her post: http://historyofmedicineinireland.blogspot.com/

PATRICK NEISON LYNCH: THIRD CATHOLIC BISHOP OF CHARLESTON

Stephen J. White, Sr. and David C. R. Heisser have written the first biography of Bishop Lynch, due to come out from USC press in the Fall. Visit USC Press for more info. We hope Stephen will be teaching a course on the Irish in Charleston in the near future.

MARK LONG'S SUMMER COURSE

Mark's our geographer from Cork, and though this course isn't about Ireland, it's too interesting not to mention. He's teaching it with Chris Lamb of IUPUI in Indianapolis.

Drawing Fire - Editorial Cartoons in the War on Terror
An examination of editorial cartooning of the War on Terror reveals the pressures put on cartoonists to conform to the Bush administration's dogma. Many cartoonists defended the president. Others held their fire, either in support of the administration or because they did not want to offend their editor or readers, or, worse, face the wrath of the administration or its supporters in the conservative news media. Some cartoonists, however, expressed their opposition to the war with powerful images, believing that giving the president a free pass during times of crisis undermines the democratic process, and democracy itself. Such cartoonists often paid a price by having their work suppressed by their newspaper; or, in some cases, by being forced to work under strict dictates or even being fired. Our purpose is to track the response to cartoonists who challenged the Bush administration and its policies when such criticism is needed most—when wartime corsets us in the ideological straitjackets of militarism and nationalism.

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CELTIC ARTS SERIES AT PICCOLO SPOLETO

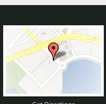
I had hoped to get this newsletter out before Spoleto to alert friends of Irish and Irish American Studies to the several performances in the Celtic Arts Series, including the Taylor Festival Quality, Mary Taylor and Na Fiddlieri, and Lunasa's Kevin Crawford and Cillian Vallely. Instead, we'll have to solicit pictures and blurbs for our website. If you have anything to send us, please do, and we'll post it on the Irish Studies blog.

Castle Crossing: Celtic Music

WHEN
Friday, June 13th, 7pm

WHERE
Ms. Rose's Fine Foods and Cocktails

MORE INFORMATION
See our calendar for more info:
http://blogs.cofc.edu/irishstudies/calendar/



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IRISH AND IRISH AMERICAN STUDIES

An exploratory committee of faculty from several departments is working on a curriculum for an Irish and Irish American Studies Minor, to be launched in Fall 2015. We are also constructing an administrative infrastructure that will help the College of Charleston become a center for the local and regional Irish American community, and for Irish culture in America. If you have any ideas, concerns, contributions, needs, suggestions, etc., please send them to Joe Kelly at the email address below.

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BACKGROUND PICTURE

In the background of this newsletter are CofC students in the Iron Age structure, Dun Aengus, on Inishmore off the west coast of Ireland. This is an old photo from the first time Trish Ward and Joe Kelly brought students to Ireland back in the summer of 2004.