

Out of the Archive: Re-evaluations of Ulster-Scots Poetry for the 21st Century.



Conference 9th March 2012
Room: 82D23
Belfast Campus University of Ulster
10.00 am- 6.00 p.m.

The last twenty years have witnessed a resurgence of interest in Ulster-Scots poetry, and amid much political controversy and debate, a sizeable body of writing both recent and traditional has emerged. This conference will examine how this new and expanding body of work might be explored and understood by academics and the public in Northern Ireland and further afield, and what implications this literature might have for literary critics, linguists, historians and cultural commentators. The conference will provide a platform for established and up and coming critics to assess how Ulster-Scots poetry might be interpreted, developed and utilised in the twenty-first century.

The Plenary Speaker will be Professor Gerry Carruthers (Glasgow) who will talk on the following subject:

Topics will include:

Ulster-Scots poetry as community voice; Ulster-Scots poetry and literary theory; Ulster-Scots Poetry and diaspora; Ulster Scots poetry and digital humanities; Ulster-Scots poetry: Commemorating the Future.

Speakers will include:

Richard Holmes (Bristol), David Gray (Ulster) Frank Ferguson (Ulster) Andrew Holmes (QUB) Laura Spence (BBC) David Hume (MAGUS) Carol Baraniuk (Ulster) Kathryn White (Ulster), Jennifer Orr (Glasgow), Ivan Herbison (MAGUS), Alister McReynolds (Ulster).

The Ulster-Scots Poetry Project will launch its poetry website.

There will be a special launch of Dr. Jennifer Orr's *The correspondence of Samuel Thomson 1766-1816* (Four Courts).

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10.0 Welcome.

10.10 Plenary Address. Professor Gerry Carruthers (University of Glasgow). 'Scots & Ulster Scots Poetry: Varieties of Possibility'.

11.00 Coffee.

11.15-12.15 Panel 1. New Studies In Ulster-Scots Poetry.

Richard Holmes 'Bagpipes No Musick': The early reception of Allan Ramsay's 'Scots' verse (an Ulster-Scot's perspective).

David Gray 'Ulster-Scots Poetry and Ecocriticism'

12.15-1.15 Lunch.

1.15-2.00. Dr Frank Ferguson (University of Ulster) Dr Andrew Holmes (Queen's University Belfast)

'Out of the Archive: Revaluations, Revelations and Reconnections'.

2.15.-3.15 Panel 2. Ulster-Scots Poetry and the Community.

Dr David Hume (MAGUS). James Orr and Ballycarry.

Laura Spence (BBC) 'Ulster-Scots Poetry and the BBC'.

Alister McReynolds (Ulster) 'Gang to the Mools': A North-American Perspective.

3.15 Coffee.

3.30-4.30. Launch of the Ulster-Scots Poetry Project Website.

Dr Ivan Herbison (MAGUS/QUB). 'MAGUS and Ulster-Scots Poetry'.

Dr Carol Baraniuk (Ulster) and Dr Kathryn White (Ulster) will demonstrate the new website and discuss the Ulster-Scots Poetry Project.

4.30. Round table Forum on Future Plans.

5.00 Drinks Reception and Launch of Jennifer Orr's new edition of *The correspondence of Samuel Thomson 1766-1816* (Four Courts).

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