

**Women Religious and the Political World  
Annual Conference of the Historians of Women Religious in  
Britain and Ireland**

**National University of Ireland, Galway**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**Friday 22 August 2008**

**1-2pm: Registration**

**2-3.30: Panel 1**

Mary Ellen Doona

Care and Controversy: the “Crimean Brigade” of the Irish Sisters of Mercy

Kate Harper (York University)

Nightingale, Nurses and Nuns: Personal Politics and Public Perceptions in Frances

Taylor’s Account of the Crimean Nursing Expedition

Moira E. Egan (Graduate Center, City University of New York)

Women’s War Work during the Crimean War

**3.30-4: Tea/Coffee**

**4-5.30: Panel 2**

Eliot Wilson (University of St. Andrews)

Constancy in a Sea of Change: St Mary’s Abbey, Winchester, during and after the  
Dissolution

Elizabeth Perry (Framingham State College)

Visual Displays of English Catholicism: Exile and Identity at Syon Abbey, Lisbon (1594-  
1861)

Sr. Majella O’Keeffe (Mercy Archive Centre, Galway)

Mother Teresa Whyte – Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy, Galway

**5.30: Book Launch**

Carmen Mangion, *Contested Identities: Catholic Women Religious in Nineteenth-Century  
England and Wales* (Manchester University Press) and Margaret MacCurtain, *Ariadne’s  
Thread: Writing Women into Irish History* (Arlen House).

**7.30: Conference dinner at Harbour Hotel** (not included in conference fee)

**Saturday 23 August 2008**

**9.30-11: Panel 3**

Carmen Mangion (Birkbeck)

*Constans ac sedula*: Catholic Women Religious, Medical Care and the Medical Missions

Anselm Nye (Queen Mary)

“About the washing...”: the Great Strike of 1930

Caroline Bowden (Royal Holloway)

Who Were the Nuns? A Prosopographical Study of the English Convents in Exile in the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries

**11-11.30: Tea/Coffee**

**11.30-1: Panel 4**

Kimm Curran (Glasgow University)

Late Medieval Prioresses: Role and Authority in a Scottish Context

Casey Beaumont (University of Liverpool)

The Lesser Saints of Wilton and Barking: SS Wulfthryth and Wulfhild

Anne Boyd

Saint in the City: the Political Strategies of Catherine of Siena

**1-2: Lunch** (included in conference fee)

**2-2.30: Meeting**

**2.35-4.05: Panel 5**

Elizabeth Smyth (University of Toronto)

The Politics of Congregational Change: the Mothers Carter and Vatican II in Canada

Louise O'Reilly (National University of Ireland, Maynooth)

The Art and Science of Governing a Religious Congregation: Study of the Union of Presentation Sisters