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Signatories: our literary legacy for 1916



EILIS O'BRIEN
Director of Communication and Marketing

A chat over a cup of tea in the Common Room in the Newman Building with Frank McGuinness is where the idea of *Signatories* germinated. Inspired by the UCD poet Thomas McDonagh and motivated by a desire to create a literary legacy for students, we took the seven signatories of the Proclamation of Irish Independence, added Elizabeth O'Farrell and asked eight writers to create a fifteen minute monologue in response to each of the characters.

The lineup of writers: Thomas Kilroy, Joseph O'Connor, Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, Marina Carr, Emma Donoghue, Hugo Hamilton, Rachel Fehily and of course Frank McGuinness, was signal enough that the work would be of high quality but, when we came to the first reading in December 2015, we knew we had created something extraordinary. The writers and a few colleagues involved in the project gathered in Ardmore House. Director Patrick Mason (an honorary UCD man) decided the reading order and brought the actors along. At the last line of the reading you could have heard a pin drop. We were electrified and exhausted at the same time.

At a very early stage in the planning we settled on staging the first performance at Kilmainham Gaol and the writers had this in mind when they undertook the project. The setting is so evocative. For the signatories it was a place of no return. The tiny cells were to be the last place they would write their letters, lay their heads and think of their loved ones.

Kilmainham is where we begin but, the nature of the monologues, the symphonic movement through sound and tempo, the drawing in of the audience to the voice and the face of the actor, ensure that the play can be performed anywhere. And so after the opening three performances in the Gaol we moved to the Pavilion Theatre in Dun Laoghaire, then to the Civic Theatre in Tallaght and finally to the National Concert Hall for what felt like a homecoming.

The work is captured in the beautiful volume published by UCD Press. Where it is next staged remains to be decided but as a fitting literary commemoration in this centenary year, *Signatories* is a lasting legacy.

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Cover image: Shane O'Reilly in character as Joseph Mary Plunkett during the world premiere of *Signatories* in Kilmainham Gaol on April 22nd.





Pictured at the world premiere of *Signatories* in Kilmainham Gaol were six of the eight writers (l-r) Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, Rachel Fehily, Thomas Kilroy, Emma Donoghue, Marina Carr and Hugo Hamilton

■ *Signatories* – theatrical centrepiece of the 2016 commemorations

***Signatories*, a unique theatrical production commissioned by UCD, opened at Kilmainham Gaol on Friday 22 April, and played for three sold out performances at the iconic venue. Eight world-class Irish writers presented the seven signatories of the Proclamation of the Irish Republic, along with Nurse Elizabeth O’Farrell, in a series of eight monologues.**

The writers of *Signatories*, all with strong UCD connections, are Emma Donoghue, Thomas Kilroy, Hugo Hamilton, Frank McGuinness, Rachel Fehily, Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, Marina Carr and Joseph O’Connor. This remarkable theatrical production was directed by Tony award-winning director and UCD Professor of Drama, Patrick Mason and was produced on behalf of UCD by Verdant Productions.

The production elicited five star reviews from the Irish Times and the Irish Examiner, with glowing reviews from many other publications including the Irish Independent and Sunday Independent. *Signatories* went on tour in Dublin with a further five performances at the Pavilion Theatre, Dún Laoghaire and the Civic Theatre, Tallaght. The final performance was at Dublin’s National Concert Hall, a fitting venue as the former home of UCD, on 5 May.

When asked how the concept for *Signatories* came about, Eilís O’Brien, Director, UCD Communication and Marketing said: “Professor Frank McGuinness, UCD Professor of Creative Writing, and I decided to ask eight Irish writers

each to write a monologue for the seven signatories of the Proclamation, and one for nurse Elizabeth O’Farrell who delivered the surrender. It was a one-line brief. When you look at the stellar line-up of authors we have at our disposal, you don’t really need to dictate what they do . . . We asked them to be as creative as they wished. It’s not a historical piece. This is theatre, their interpretation of what might have happened.”

“There was no consultation between the writers, but there was something almost symphonic in how the pieces fit together . . . so the sequencing of them, which was [director] Patrick Mason’s choice, proved that they didn’t need to collaborate to create the pieces.”

“*Signatories* has been a theatrical centrepiece of the commemorations for 2016, one of which UCD can be justly proud. It will provide an opportunity for intellectual discourse around the centenary that goes well beyond the circumstances of the Rising and places them in the wider cultural context. This extraordinary production is a piece of theatre magic.”

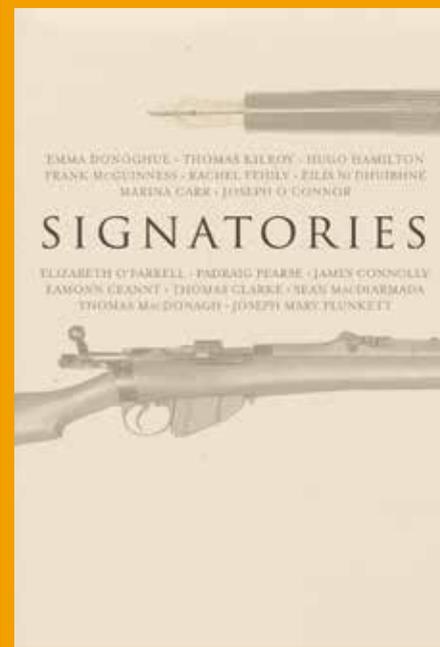
■ *Signatories* – special edition publication

Eight revolutionaries, eight world-class writers, eight monologues, one original piece of drama linking Ireland’s heroic past with its artistic present.

A special edition publication entitled *Signatories*, was launched in Kilmainham Gaol – to coincide with the opening night of the theatrical production of *Signatories*.

The volume comprises the artistic responses of the acclaimed authors Emma Donoghue, Thomas Kilroy, Hugo Hamilton, Frank McGuinness, Rachel Fehily, Éilís Ní Dhuibhne, Marina Carr and Joseph O’Connor, to the seven signatories and Nurse O’Farrell. It includes a preface by Eilís O’Brien, Director, UCD Communication and Marketing, a note on the staging of the play by its director, Patrick Mason and an introduction by Dr Lucy Collins, UCD School of English, Drama and Film.

***Signatories* is available for sale at www.ucdpress.ie and in all good bookshops, priced €20.**



■ UCD Ulysses Medal awarded to playwright Thomas Kilroy

On the occasion of the final performance of *Signatories*, in the National Concert Hall on 5 May, UCD presented alumnus and renowned playwright, Thomas Kilroy with the UCD Ulysses Medal, the highest honour the University can bestow.

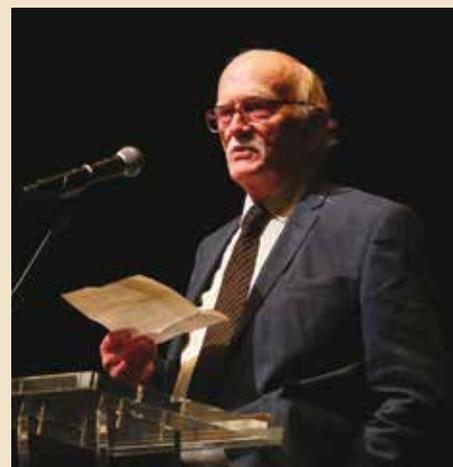
Thomas Kilroy began the first of a series of associations with UCD in 1953 when, on a university scholarship, he came here to pursue a BA in English. Kilroy would stay on to take a Higher Diploma in Education and to work as a schoolteacher and ultimately headmaster in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

He had an important influence as a university teacher of dramatic literature, first as lecturer in the Department of English at UCD from 1965 to 1973 and later as Professor of Modern English at NUI Galway from 1979 until 1989.

Professor Anthony Roche, UCD School of English, Drama and Film, giving the citation for Thomas Kilroy said: “It is singularly appropriate that the Ulysses Medal be conferred on Thomas

Kilroy. For fifty years, he has been at the forefront of Irish drama, producing a succession of profound and memorable works which have developed, extended and deepened the nature of the contemporary stage”.

Thomas Kilroy thanked UCD for bestowing this award on him and added “UCD played a crucial part in my personal development, which is one reason why this award is so important to me. Another reason is because it invokes the name of James Joyce. For so many other writers Joyce is the great moral presence because, apart from the richness of the writing, he has incarnated, given flesh to those values which matter most in human life.”



Thomas Kilroy, UCD Ulysses Medal awardee, presented to him by Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD President at the National Concert Hall on 5 May

Conferring of honorary degrees



Pictured at the conferring of honorary degrees, themed **Celebrating History: The Decade of Centenaries**, were (l-r): Professor John Joseph Lee, New York University; Catriona Crowe, National Archives of Ireland; Victor Laing, former Officer Commanding of Military Archives; Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD President; Professor Michael Mann, University of California, Los Angeles; Professor Roy Foster, University of Oxford; and The Hon. Mr. Justice Gerard Hogan

Earliest edition of *Easter, 1916* donated to UCD

Published privately by Clement Shorter in 1917, the fourth of only 25 copies produced, the earliest edition of WB Yeats's poem *Easter, 1916* is now on display in the foyer of the UCD James Joyce Library and is open for public viewing.

The exhibition is made possible by a significant donation of WB Yeats materials by Dr Joseph Hassett, given in honour of the late UCD Professor Gus Martin. Dr Hassett is a graduate of Harvard Law School and holds a PhD in Anglo-Irish Literature from UCD. He practices law in Washington DC and writes and lectures extensively on literary subjects. UCD Library also wishes to acknowledge the deposit by the American Ireland Fund of this and other valuable Yeats material.

UCD President, Professor Andrew Deeks welcomed Dr Hassett back to campus on March 23rd and thanked him for entrusting the university's Special Collections Unit with this valuable piece of history.

As curator of the exhibition, Dr Hassett has prepared a narrative that explores the many and varied reasons why Yeats delayed publication of his now iconic poem. He concludes, "The Clement Shorter *Easter, 1916* captures Yeats's



Dr Joseph Hassett pictured at the UCD James Joyce Library alongside his generous donation of a very rare, earliest edition of WB Yeats's poem *Easter, 1916*

state of mind in the wake of the executions. He is reluctant to start the process by which his poem's reception will transmute the historical fact of those deaths into the myth of a terrible beauty by which "all changed, changed utterly". UCD Librarian Dr John B. Howard, welcoming this donation, said "Coming to us at the very time we commemorate the Easter Rising of

1916, this donation causes us to reflect on the events of one hundred years ago and the extraordinary impact they had on all dimensions of Irish culture. Joe Hassett's commitment to both the study and understanding of Yeats, and to UCD as a keeper of cultural memory, is deeply appreciated."

€6.6m investment for UCD-based medical device company FIRE1

UCD-based company Foundry Innovation and Research 1 (FIRE1) has raised €6.6m from investors for the development of a new medical device.

FIRE1 says it is developing a "novel remote monitoring device". The firm raised the investment for the device through series B financing, which refers to a second round of financing for a firm by private equity investors or venture capitalists.

The company raised the €6.6m from existing investors including leading venture capital firms Lightstone Ventures and New Enterprise Associates, as well as Medtronic.

FIRE1 is based at NexusUCD, the Industry Partnership Centre at UCD.

The medical device company has appointed Conor Hanley as its President and CEO. It has

also appointed John Britton as Vice-President of Commercial Operations and Fiachra Sweeney as Senior Director of Engineering.

FIRE1 is the 15th medical device company founded by medical device incubator The Foundry.

With this financing, Foundry Managing Director Mark Deem was also appointed Chairman of the Board.

"We are in a very strong position to accelerate the development and commercialisation of our first product," said Conor Hanley, FIRE1, CEO and President.

"This investment underscores global unmet needs in healthcare delivery, especially in predicting the onset of major diseases," he added.

Conor Hanley was previously CEO and co-founder of BiancaMed, a UCD spin-out company which commercialised a novel method of providing connected health solutions. In 2011, BiancaMed was acquired by ResMed, where Mr Hanley also led the firm's Chronic Disease Management Solutions division.

He received a PhD in Chemical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania, an MBA from INSEAD, and a First Class Honours B.E. from UCD.

"By locating at NexusUCD, our Industry Partnership Centre, FIRE1 and UCD will mutually benefit from the close proximity and interaction by the company with UCD researchers and academics working in this key research area," said Brendan Cremen, UCD Director of Enterprise and Commercialisation.



Understanding Bariatric Surgery: Making People Healthy Rather Than Thin

Professor Carel Le Roux is sitting in a hotel lobby in Moscow where he speaks to UCD Today after finishing a lecture on the mechanisms of bariatric surgeries and how these surgeries can be implemented clinically. Next is a series of lectures in Australia discussing the topic of his newly published research paper in the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)* on why the NHS (National Health Service) in the UK should be doing more bariatric surgeries.

Le Roux is Professor of Experimental Pathology at UCD School of Medicine and UCD Diabetes Complications Research Centre at the UCD Conway Institute of Biomolecular and Biomedical Research. He has received the President of Ireland Young Researcher Award from Science Foundation Ireland as well as a Clinician Scientist Award from the National Institute Health Research in the UK.

The BMJ paper, which he co-authored is titled *'Why the NHS should do more bariatric surgery; how much should we do?'*

Bariatric surgery is an operation on the stomach and the bowel allowing the gut to send signals to the brain to make people feel full quicker after they've eaten. It is often viewed as a surgery designed merely to make people lose weight and become thinner. The key finding of the paper is that these surgeries are about making people healthy rather than thin.

"It turns out that some people are very heavy but there is nothing wrong with them medically and to operate on them is not helpful because you can't become healthier than healthy - but they may have all the potential side effects of the surgery," explains Le Roux.

However, if operations are carried out on patients with complications of type 2 diabetes, especially those where medications weren't good enough to prevent them from deteriorating, then surgery in conjunction with medication can lead to a much better outcome.

"To put this in perspective only 6% of the population in Ireland have diabetes but 10% of our healthcare expenditure is focused on diabetes. It's not the recently diagnosed patients who cost money; it is the patients with diabetes with complications such as those needing renal dialysis.

"Dialysis for one individual costs almost €60,000 per year. If we carry out a €10,000 operation and we stop someone from going onto dialysis, we are effectively saving this expense and improving the person's quality of life," says Professor Le Roux.

Le Roux says that the healthcare expenditure of the HSE is in many regards similar to the NHS: bariatric surgery clinical services in the UK are similar to that in Ireland: "We have already invested in the infrastructure; there are two very good clinics at St Vincent's University Hospital in Dublin and Galway University Hospital that have entire multidisciplinary teams ready and working so we don't need additional investment in that. What we now need to do is to allow the patients to go through the existing systems to benefit."

The BMJ paper points to the low level of bariatric surgeries being carried out by the NHS and argues the case for increasing this number, both for the patients' benefit and the economic benefit.

"Right now the NHS is only doing about 8,000 operations per year. Our calculations suggest that they need about 50,000 operations per year to come in line with the number per capita being carried out in Sweden and France, where they have more mature healthcare systems."

If we translate this to Ireland this would equate to about 4,000 operations per year but right now there are only 50 or so bariatric surgeries being carried out here. "Nobody is suggesting we jump from 50 to 4,000 right away; this is about starting a discussion on where we can have most impact both in terms of improving health and from an economic point of view."

This discussion needs to be started, not least due to the misperception of obesity as a lifestyle choice rather than a disease. Le Roux says that obese patients are still being discriminated against significantly: "People will say 'why should we spend money on operations when you can just tell them to eat less or do more exercise'. This is why interdisciplinary research is so important."

Professor Le Roux and his research group at UCD receive significant funding from Science Foundation Ireland and the Health Research Board to investigate bariatric surgery and the mechanisms involved and they are also working with the UCD School of Philosophy and the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science in order to have an interdisciplinary, societal impact.

"We have a responsibility to use tax payers' money to do research that will impact positively on society and this BMJ paper is an example of such."

Le Roux finishes: "I want to emphasise that this is not about making people thin or happy; it is to make people healthier and more functional and we, as doctors, often have to make difficult decisions. We have to say to patients that it's not 'first come, first served', it's about who needs it most.

"This has been defined in the paper by the diseases that get better after surgery. If you operate on someone with poorly controlled diabetes or blood pressure, or someone who is infertile due to their weight or has sleep apnoea, those diseases respond very well to surgery. Not everybody should have this kind of surgery. We need to operate on those who have diseases that will benefit most."

Professor Carel Le Roux was in conversation with Marie Boran, a freelance science and technology writer

Intel and UCD sign partnership to boost innovation

A new strategic partnership between Intel and UCD has been launched to further connect researchers and students and help fuel the innovation economy in Ireland. Vice President of Intel's Technology Manufacturing Group and General Manager of Intel Ireland, Eamonn Sinnott, and UCD President, Professor Andrew Deeks signed the memorandum of understanding at the Intel campus in Leixlip, Co. Kildare.

The new partnership will focus on three areas: talent, research, and national policy associated with research and education. It includes the support by Intel of a structured Masters programme to ensure students receive education and training which is aligned to the needs of industry.

The new partnership is the culmination of a longstanding relationship between UCD and Intel which has included the provision of high quality graduates who have worked in Intel Ireland along with the collaboration between the two on a number of research activities.

Commenting on the significance of the new partnership Eamonn Sinnott, Vice President of Intel's Technology Manufacturing Group and General Manager of Intel Ireland said: "At Intel we have been proactively developing our advanced manufacturing capability, together with a design, research and innovation footprint in Ireland over the last 26 years. This development has been supported by the strong relationships we have built with academic institutions and the innovation community across Ireland."

"Our partnership with UCD is one which is well established and multi-faceted and has contributed towards many of our recent



Pictured (l-r): Eamonn Sinnott, Intel Ireland General Manager; and Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD President at Intel's Leixlip campus upon signing of the memorandum of understanding

successes. The signing of this memorandum signals a new strategic approach to our engagement with UCD which will consolidate and build on this important relationship."

UCD President, Professor Andrew Deeks added: "I am particularly pleased that our partnership with Intel will contribute directly to the national economy. As well as reinforcing value-added research, the creation of a tailored graduate scholarship programme provides excellent opportunities for the next generation of scientists."



Professor John O'Doherty, Professor of Animal Nutrition, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science, receives the Sir John Hammond Memorial Prize from Dr Caroline Rymer, President, British Society of Animal Science

UCD spin-out company APC Ltd announces 100 Jobs

APC Ltd, the UCD pharmaceutical research spin-out, has announced the creation of 100 new jobs.

The announcement was made as the company opened its new world-class, state-of-the-art process research facility in Cherrywood, Dublin. The new 6,000m² premises will also serve as the company's new headquarters.

APC is an innovator in process research solutions for the drugs industry and helps global clients accelerate the development of their medicines for a wide range of conditions including cancer and HIV. The company's move to Cherrywood Business Park from UCD is part of APC's rapid expansion as it looks to more than double its workforce to meet client demand.

The company, winner of the NovaUCD 2011 Start-up of the Year Award, was established by Professor Brian Glennon and Dr Mark Barrett in 2011 as a spin-out from UCD's School of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering.

In the space of just four years, the company, supported by Enterprise Ireland, has pioneered innovation in the pharmaceutical sector and now partners with 8 of the top 10 pharma and 5 of the top 10 biotech firms in the world. 80% of its services are export-driven and the company aims to reach revenues of €50m by 2020.



Dr Mark Barrett and Professor Brian Glennon, both UCD School of Chemical and Bioprocess Engineering and co-founders of APC Ltd

Dr Mark Barrett, APC CEO, said, "Our success has come from working with talented and creative engineers and scientists. We need people who enjoy the rewards of working in an environment that is driven by cutting-edge technology and science. In return, we will provide them with an opportunity to do something extraordinary: to help change patient outcomes for the better."

British Society of Animal Science honour UCD's Professor John O'Doherty

The British Society of Animal Science have awarded Professor John O'Doherty, Professor of Animal Nutrition, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science, the Sir John Hammond Memorial Prize at their annual Conference Dinner at Chester University on 6 April.

This prestigious prize is awarded by the Society to an individual in research, teaching, advisory, farming or affiliated professions who has made a significant contribution to the science or development of animal production.

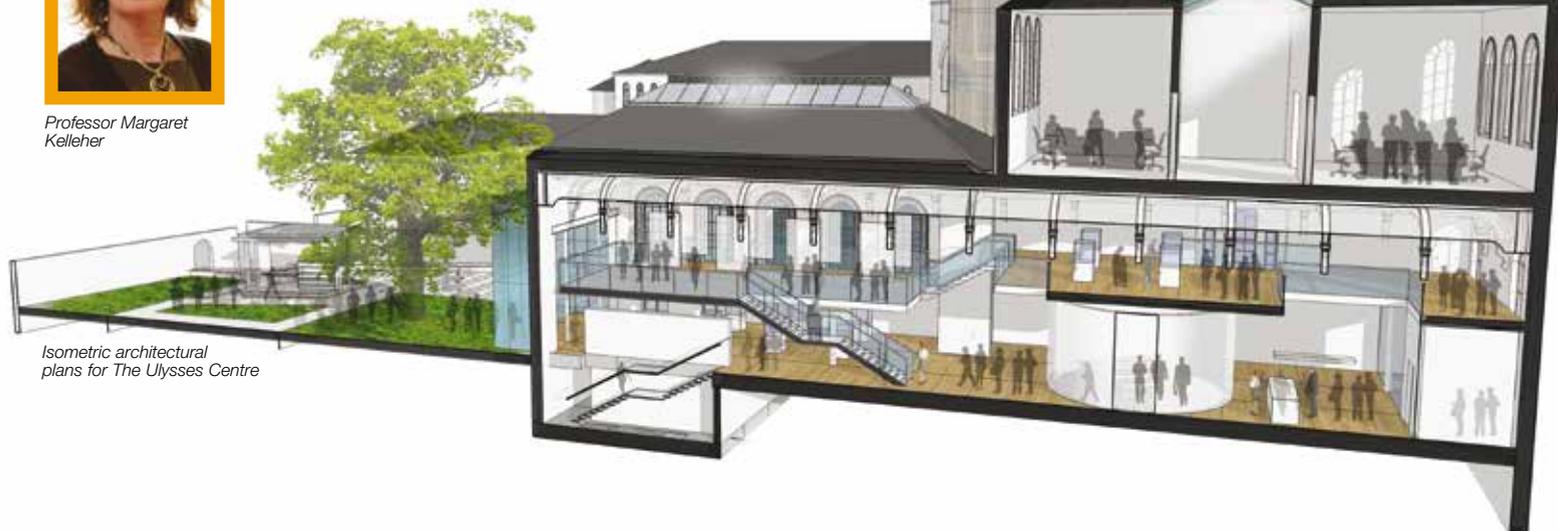
The overall nature of Professor O'Doherty's research programme is to develop novel sustainable husbandry strategies to enhance pig productivity and health while imparting a positive impact on environmental load. The novel nutritional compounds investigated include prebiotics, antimicrobials and enzymes from a variety of natural sources, including seaweeds, cereals, yeast and milk by-products. The innovative husbandry strategies include: the role of energetically efficient pigs in feed utilisation, animal productivity and environmental load; and the role of maternal nutrition on the subsequent health and lifetime productivity of the progeny.

The Ulysses Centre - A new literary landmark for Dublin



Professor Margaret Kelleher

In 2018 Newman House will begin a fresh chapter in its long association with UCD as home to the new Ulysses Centre.



Isometric architectural plans for The Ulysses Centre

The links between Newman House and UCD go back to 1854, when pre-eminent theologian and scholar Dr John Henry Newman located the Catholic University of Ireland there. Since then the building has echoed the voices and footsteps of generations of students, including James Joyce's Stephen Dedalus, and in 2018 it will get a whole new lease of life as home to the Ulysses Centre.

The Ulysses Centre is an ambitious €10m project that brings UCD and the National Library of Ireland together to create a new literary attraction with international appeal. Its focus will be on 20th and 21st century writers with a particular emphasis on James Joyce, arguably the university's most famous graduate. However Joyce won't have it all to himself. Other literary luminaries from the past and present ranging from Newman, Hopkins and Beckett to Donoghue, Tóibín and Meehan, will also feature.

"The commitment and enthusiasm of so many people to the project has been fantastic and we are very excited by what's to come," says Professor Margaret Kelleher chair of Anglo-Irish Literature and Drama at UCD and the academic lead on the project.

"UCD's Eamonn Ceannt is the project leader and he has been working closely with Ruth Ferguson, the curator at Newman House and Elizabeth Dunne and other colleagues in Buildings and Services at UCD to ensure that we respect the history, authenticity and fabric of Newman House during construction. Newman House is undoubtedly one of the most striking buildings on St. Stephen's Green. It has some of the finest stuccowork in the city and you really couldn't ask for a better building to work with".

"The project is also made possible by great cooperation between UCD and the National Library of Ireland, with Katherine McSharry, head of outreach leading the library's involvement," Professor Kelleher adds. "Also critical was that our architects, Scott Tallon Walker, and design team RAA (New York and London) completely bought into what we wanted to achieve. I think we are

going to have a unique public centre that bridges the gap between Ireland's literary past and present very successfully."

The idea behind the centre is twofold: to celebrate Ireland's extraordinarily rich literary heritage and to create a dynamic, living space where the achievements of contemporary writers can be explored and enjoyed. The centre is seen as a fitting addition to the capital's cultural landscape and one that complements existing literary attractions and Dublin's position as a UNESCO City of Literature.



Newman House, St. Stephen's Green

The idea for the Ulysses Centre has been in gestation for some time but was finally made possible by a €5m donation from Glen Dimplex founder, Martin Naughton and his wife Carmel. Fáilte Ireland is contributing €2.5m to the centre and the remainder will be raised by the UCD Foundation.

The centre is due to open in 2018 and will be housed over three levels in the *Aula Maxima*, the university's former main assembly hall. The hall has not been used for some time and architects Scott Tallon Walker were given the task of reimagining the space to provide permanent and temporary exhibition areas, an atrium with spectacular views over St Stephen's Green and creature comforts such as a café and bookshop.

The ground floor will house a permanent Joyce exhibition while the newly constructed mezzanine floor will focus on other twentieth century writers and contemporary literature. The top floor will explore the continuing legacy of Joyce and his inspiration for national and international writers.

"Vitality is one of the qualities that has always distinguished Irish writing and it is this sense of energy and living in the present as well as enjoying and learning from the past that we want to achieve," Professor Kelleher says. "The centre will also allow us exhibit a wealth of archival material from both UCD and the National Library and this will provide a focal point for continuing research and scholarship and will be an important agent of renewal. We also want to create a great visitor experience by using the most up-to-date exhibition technologies, hosting a stimulating programme of events and co-creating content with living Irish writers and bringing them into conversation with each other."

Professor Kelleher is also hoping that the Ulysses Centre will help build links with other "happening" literary hubs including Shanghai (a major translation centre where many Irish writers are translated into Chinese for example), Paris, New York and Buenos Aires. The centre will have its own director and the position will be advertised shortly.

"UCD has its roots in the city and the Ulysses Centre will reinforce that footprint and open up the treasure that is Newman House to a much wider audience," Professor Kelleher says. "We also hope the Ulysses Centre will answer one of the questions that visitors to Ireland often ask: why has a country of this size had such a disproportionate impact on the world literary stage? The Ulysses Centre will give lots of answers!"

Professor Margaret Kelleher was in conversation with Olive Keogh, a contributor to The Irish Times

Torthaí na Réabhlóide: Litríocht Cultúr agus Teanga

Líne ghreannmhar í seo i measc iliomad línte atá mar chuid de dhlúth agus d'ineach 'Scéalta Bhaile Átha Cliath 1916' atá á ndigitiú ag Críostóir Mac Carthaigh agus Jonny Dillon mar chuid de thogra Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis. Ba ag an chomhdháil idirnáisiúnta idir-institiúideach 'Torthaí na Réabhlóide' i Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis UCD a cuireadh é seo i láthair mar aon le neart cainteanna spreagúla eile 19-20 Feabhra.

Bhí neart ábhar machnaimh in óráid oscailte Chláraitheoir Ollscoil Náisiúnta na hÉireann, an Dr Attracta Ní Ailpín, don slua mór a bhí i láthair i Músaem na bPiarsach tráthnóna Dé hAoine. Leag an tOllamh Jerry White, Cathaoir an Léinn Eorpaigh i gCeanada bunús láidir lena léacht oscailte inar sholáthair sé léargas úra chomparáideacha ar *Mise Éire* agus *Tine Bheo*. Léiríodh an tionchar mór ag scannánaíocht na Sóivéadach agus scannáin ar nós *Nightmail* ar an ré réabhlóideach scannánaíochta. Bhí Louis Marcus chun tosaigh ag leibhéal idirnáisiúnta i modhanna tionscantacha a mhúnlaigh grianghraif chun an scéal a insint ar bhonn réadúil a ghabhann le scannáin idirnáisiúnta eile na linne. Luadh Réabhlóid na Rúise mar ábhar comparáide d'iliomad ábhar scannán ag leibhéal domhanda, *Mise Éire* ina measc.

Is i Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis UCD a lean an chomhdháil Dé Sathairn le taispeántas ar ábhar nua ó Dhubhghlas de hÍde, ón Phiarsach agus ó Chonradh na Gaeilge (le cead ó Leabharlann Náisiúnta Éireann agus ó Shainchnuasaigh Leabharlann James Joyce i UCD). Rianáíonn an taispeántas tréimhse thosaigh ghluaiseacht na Teanga le ticéad ballraíochta do the 'Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language' in 1887 ar aghaidh go dtí an cosc a cuireadh ar Chonradh na Gaeilge mar cheann de na 'dangerous organisations' i 1919. Ba shlabhra leanúnach i rith na comhdhála í obair de hÍde agus leis an anailís a rinneadh ar thorthaí na réabhlóide litríochta, teanga agus cultúir tuigtear go bhfuil a háit agus a spás féin gearrtha amach ag an Ghaeilge ag leibhéal náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta san aonú haois is fiche. Spás í seo a chlúdaíonn cultúr na lámhscríbhinní, na meáin chló agus na meáin dhigiteacha, forbairtí teanga mar aon le cruthú agus forbairtí litríochta le breis agus céad bliain anuas.



An Dr Regina Uí Chollatáin, Ceann Scoil na Gaeilge, an Léinn Cheiltigh agus an Bhéaloidis, UCD; an tOllamh Jerry White, Cathaoir an Léinn Eorpaigh i gCeanada, Ollscoil Dalhousie, Ceanada; agus an Dr Meidhbhín Ní Urdáil, Ceann na Nua-Ghaeilge UCD

San anailís a thug an Dr Éilís Ní Dhuibhne ar ról na mban i bhforbairt na litríochta is léir go bhfuil sé thar am ligint do scríbhneoireacht na mban teacht in inmhe anois. De thoisc nár scríobhadh oiread agus aon úrscéal fiúntach Gaeilge amháin ó pheann na mban i rith an fhichiú haois, mar a deir Ní Dhuibhne, tuigtear gur 'binn peann ina thost' ar a lán cúiseanna. Léiríonn an díospóireacht a lean a caint agus an anailís agus plé a rinneadh thar an deireadh seachtaine trí chéile gur fiú ócáidí comórtha mar seo chun stair chultúrtha, teanga agus litríochta na hÉireann a mheas.

Comhdháil chomhoibritheach í seo le coiste ó institiúidí náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta, Regina Uí

Chollatáin agus Meidhbhín Ní Urdáil (COBÁC) Máirín Nic Eoin, Riona Nic Congáil agus Pádraig Ó Liatháin (Coláiste Phádraig OCÁC), Roisín Ní Ghairbhí (Coláiste Mhuire, Luimneach), Brian Ó Conchubhair (Notre Dame) agus Pádraig Ó Siadhail (Ollscoil Naomh Mhuire, Ceanada). Gabhann an coiste buíochas le Coiste Dheich mBliana na gCuimhneachán UCD, le scéim rialtais 'An Teanga Bheo' agus le Coiste Taighde Coláiste Phádraig as an tacaíocht a cuireadh ar fáil.

Leanfar leis an anailís san fhóram cló anois le foilseachán ar thorthaí na réabhlóide litríochta, teanga agus cultúir seo.

UCD Farm Safety Forum with FBD and ESB Networks

As part of a major national Farm Safety campaign, which took place from 11-22 April, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science in conjunction with FBD and ESB Networks coordinated a successful forum connected with farm safety at the UCD Agriculture and Food Science Centre. A large number of students from the UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science participated in the forum, organised by Dr Aoife Osborne, FBD Lecturer for Farm Health and Safety at UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science. Dr Osborne coordinates a module connected with farm safety entitled "Health, Welfare and Safety in Agriculture" that is undertaken by second year students in advance of completing professional work experience.

Opening the forum, Professor Alex Evans, Dean, UCD School of Agriculture & Food Science outlined the grim statistics on the number of farm related accidents in Ireland, while also commending the significant commitment of progressive organisations such as FBD and ESB Networks that are helping change attitudes and behaviour on the important topic of farm safety. Professor Evans



Pictured at the Farm Safety Forum (l-r) are Ciaran Roche, Risk Manager, FBD; Dr Aoife Osborne, FBD Lecturer in Farm Safety, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science; Professor Alex Evans, Dean, UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science; and Arthur Byrne, Public Safety Manager, ESB Networks

highlighted that fatal accidents in the sector now account for almost 50% of all workplace deaths, while farms make up just 6 per cent of workplaces. Approximately 2,500 non-fatal accidents causing injury take place each year on Irish farms. (Teagasc, National Farm Survey, 2011).

Ciaran Roche, FBD Risk Manager and Arthur Byrne, Public Safety Manager for ESB

Networks spoke to students about practices their respective companies follow in order to educate the farming community about improving safety on farms. During their addresses, both speakers acknowledged the critical role of UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science students and graduates with regard to improving awareness and changing attitudes and behaviour around farm safety.



Dr Paul Brooks (right), pictured at Malahide Marina where experiments featured in the report, *Dublin Port and Dublin Bay: Reconnecting with Nature and People*, were undertaken



Dr Paul Brooks



Dr Tasman Crowe

Human impact on the environment: can we strike a balance?

Dublin Bay is a hugely important leisure amenity and an essential commercial hub. It is also a crucial ecosystem with internationally important populations of birds and a range of coastal, inter-tidal and sub-tidal habitats, and it has been designated as a UNESCO biosphere.

But, between climate change, rising sea levels, erosion caused by human activity and more intense storms, threats from invasive species, industrial pollution and sewage contamination, Dublin Bay faces critical challenges in the coming decades. Now, two UCD academics, Dr Tasman Crowe and postdoctoral researcher Dr Paul Brooks, both UCD School of Biology and Environmental Science and the UCD Earth Institute, have taken an in-depth look at the impacts of human activity on Dublin Bay's harbours in collaboration with environmental consultant Richard Nairn, Dublin City Council's Maryann Harris; and David Jeffrey, emeritus professor at Trinity College Dublin. Their new report, *Dublin Port and Dublin Bay: Reconnecting with Nature and People*, published recently in *Regional Studies in Marine Science*, may chart a way for the bay as we know it to survive and prosper.

The report has proven to be timely: it was released around the same time as a major report from the Environmental Protection Agency which found that water quality at Merrion Strand was poor, with contaminants including seagull faeces and untreated human sewage, as well as household rubbish and industrial run-off. Warnings have been put up for swimmers.

"There are enormous challenges," Dr Crowe says. "The big thrust of our research is how multiple stressors combine to have effects on marine ecosystems. We all know that eutrophication is caused by excessive fertilisers running into the waters and causing a build-up of algae, or that copper is toxic for marine organisms and that over-fishing and erosion can damage marine ecosystems. What we don't know enough about is how these and other processes interact with each other: what are the combined

impacts of copper and sedimentation, or fisheries pressure and nutrient inputs, and how these may be influenced by climate change."

In experiments covered in the report, Dr Brooks has been working with Malahide Marina to deliver controlled doses of multiple contaminants including copper, pesticides and nutrients, combined with climate-related stressors such as warm water and fresh water, to up to 100 small experimental plots to test effects on marine ecosystems. "Reviews have shown that around 26 per cent of combinations of stressors studied to date have independent or additive effects, 36 per cent have synergistic effects (effects greater than the sum of their independent effects), and another 38 per cent actually ameliorate each other, but for many combinations there is simply no evidence to use in decision-making," Dr Crowe explains.

Dr Crowe has always been interested in the intersection between human culture and the marine environment, and this is a theme that is of increasing concern throughout the EU and worldwide. "How do we value our natural resources and recognise the value they have for societies? How can we balance development and economic activity with protection of marine ecosystems and the services they provide, such as fisheries, biofuels, cultural and health benefits?" Interdisciplinary collaboration and stakeholder engagement are key.

Dr Crowe and Dr Brooks are collaborating in the World Harbours Project. Initiated by the Sydney Institute of Marine Science, researchers in partner universities are looking at 21 harbours around the world, including Singapore, Rio de Janeiro, Auckland, New York and Hong Kong. "These are different places, with different climates and ecosystems, different kinds of societies bordering and interacting with them, and different threats," says Dr Crowe. "What we are doing is taking stock of what we know about harbour ecosystems and exploring ways of improving how these harbours interact with nature."

"We need to make changes", concludes Dr Crowe. "We know that sewage is one of the important issues in Dublin Bay. There were substantial improvements made over a decade ago, but with rising populations, we need further improvements to be made, and they need to be paid for. We shouldn't just be rushing to catch up, we should be looking at how humans may impact the environment not just now, but in the future. In making plans, we have to consider population growth and climate change, among other factors, as the natural and built environments are changing rapidly."

Dr Brooks has analysed the data from multiple harbour studies and found an abundance of evidence to show that when harbours are carefully designed with ecosystems in mind, life can flourish: For instance, artificial rock pools help limpets, barnacles, crabs and octopuses to thrive.

Through their connection with Dublin City Council's Maryann Harris, Dr Crowe and Dr Brooks are also working with the Dublin Bay Biosphere, part of a UNESCO initiative that supports areas of natural habitat which are also intricately linked with human activity - such as a harbour close to a city - fostering a more inclusive and integrated approach to environmental management.

Dr Tasman Crowe and Dr Paul Brooks were in conversation with Peter McGuire, a journalist with *The Irish Times*



Aodhán Peelo, Law Society Auditor (2nd from right) presents Dr Robert Fisk with Honorary Life Membership of the UCD Law Society. Also pictured (l) Professor Fran O'Rourke, UCD School of Philosophy; Adam Cullen, Philosophy Society Auditor; and far right Professor Colin Scott, Principal UCD College of Social Sciences and Law

Robert Fisk delivers remarkable 'Life after ISIS' lecture at UCD

Dr Robert Fisk, arguably the most celebrated international journalist in recent decades, delivered a remarkable lecture at UCD on 18 April, entitled 'Life after ISIS'.

The event, hosted by the UCD Philosophical and Law Societies and supported by UCD Alumni Relations and University Relations, was attended by the President, Michael D Higgins and his wife Sabina. An audience of over 1,000 alumni, students and staff were kept captivated by Fisk's insightful lecture and by the engaging Q&A session that followed.

During the lecture Dr Fisk said there was an irrational fear of refugees who had turned their backs on ISIS, and who believed – probably

correctly – that the rest of the Arab world did not care about them.

"The EU is embarking on a misadventure in sending refugees to Turkey – a country which has a history of human rights abuses stretching from the Armenian Genocide of 1915 to more recent attacks on the Kurdish people", said Dr Fisk. "The inability of the EU to deal with this could see the downfall of the union", he continued. "Empires crumbled from within, not without, because of policies that did not work", Dr Fisk told the capacity audience which included Palestinian Ambassador Ahmad Abdelrazek.

Following the lecture, Dr Fisk was presented with honorary life membership of the UCD Law Society.



Professor Pat Guiry elected Science Secretary of the RIA

At the Stated General Meeting of the Royal Irish Academy on 16 March, Professor Pat Guiry, UCD School of Chemistry, was elected Science Secretary of the RIA. Professor Guiry is UCD Professor of Synthetic Organic Chemistry and Director of the Centre for Synthesis and Chemical Biology.

Professor Guiry was elected member of the RIA in 2013. With his recent appointment, UCD academics now hold three of the senior most positions on the Executive Committee of the RIA.

Professor Mary E Daly, Emeritus Professor of History at UCD, was elected member of the Royal Irish Academy in 1991. In 2014 she was elected President of the RIA and made history by becoming the first female President in the 230 years of the Academy.

In that same year Professor Imelda Maher, inaugural Sutherland Chair of European Law at UCD and elected member of the Royal Irish Academy in 2011, was elected Secretary for the Humanities and Social Sciences (Polite Literature and Antiquities Secretary) of the RIA.

UN Sustainable Development Goals Awareness Week

UCD School of Medicine hosted the UN Sustainable Development Goals Awareness week at UCD Health Sciences from 4-7 April. This event marked the launch of the UN's global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that were introduced in January 2016. 17 goals with 169 associated targets were announced to guide the decisions to be taken over the next fifteen years.

This significant event aimed to generate awareness of these goals and targets and attracted faculty members, undergraduate and postgraduate students from the UCD community and beyond. The event explored Goal 3 of the SDGs: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages. A number of topics were covered over the four days, including the Role of Universities in Developing Countries, Neonatal, Maternal and Child Health, Chronic and Infectious Diseases and Accident/Injury. Keynote speakers included Professor Patrick Paul Walsh, Chair of International Development Studies, Senior Adviser to the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Columbia University; and Dr Patricia



Pictured (l-r) are: Professor Patrick Paul Walsh, Chair of International Development Studies, Senior Adviser to the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Columbia University, New York; Professor Patrick Murray, Dean of Medicine, Head of UCD School of Medicine; and Professor Brendan Drumm, Professor of Paediatrics, UCD School of Medicine.

Scanlon, UCD alumna, Paediatric Oncologist. Students also enjoyed practical hands on simulations and open discussion were held at the close of each evening.

The SDGs Awareness week was organised by Ms Nadia D'Alton, UCD Health Sciences Programme Office and was supported by the UCD School of Medicine's Health Sciences U21 partners. The event was launched by Professor Patrick Murray, Dean of Medicine and Head of UCD School of Medicine and closed by Professor Cecily Kelleher, College Principal, UCD College of Health and Agricultural Sciences.

UCD Rio 2016 Olympians

This summer UCD will be represented by eight athletes across a host of sports in the Rio 2016 Olympics. Professor Colin Boreham, Director of the UCD Ad Astra Sports Programme, had this to say of the UCD Ad Astra athletes who are Rio bound.

“UCD and the Ad Astra Academy can be justly proud of these superb young athletes in achieving the pinnacle of sporting success while maintaining their academic standards. It’s an incredible success for a university to have not one but eight Olympians competing, and they will prove to be excellent ambassadors for UCD on the world stage. The UCD Ad Astra Academy would not be possible without the support of our benefactors. We congratulate our Olympians on their fantastic achievement and wish them all the best for the tough challenges ahead in Rio.”

Men's 800 metres



Mark English

- 4th year Medicine student and Ad Astra Sport Scholar
- From Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
- European Indoor silver medallist, 2015 and holds the Irish Senior Indoor 800m record (1.46.82)
- Ranked 15th in the world at 800m

Women's 1,500 metres



Ciara Mageean

- 4th year Physiotherapy student and Ad Astra Sport Scholar
- From Portaferry, Co. Down
- Irish Indoor Mile record holder (4.28.40)
- Ranked 36th in the world at 1,500m

Men's Lightweight Double Sculls Rowing



Paul O'Donovan

- 4th year Physiotherapy student and Ad Astra Sport Scholar
- From Skibbereen, Co Cork
- Gold at European Rowing Championships 2016
- Brothers Paul and Gary O'Donovan will represent Ireland in this discipline

Men's Hockey



Shane O'Donoghue

- Sport and Exercise Management graduate and Ad Astra Sport Scholar
- From Knocklyon, Dublin
- Nominated for the World Player of the Year Award in 2015
- The Irish men's hockey team will be the first Irish hockey team to compete at an Olympics since 1908

Women's 800m metres



Ciara Everard

- Completed her Masters in Sports Physiotherapy and Ad Astra Sport Scholar
- From Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny
- Irish Indoor 800m record holder (2.02.54)
- Ranked 60th in the world at 800m

Modern Pentathlon



Arthur Lanigan O'Keeffe

- Sport and Exercise Management student and Ad Astra Sport Scholar
- From Kilkenny, Co Kilkenny
- First Irish pentathlete to win the gold medal in the European Modern Pentathlon Championship
- Ranked 16th in the world at Men's Modern Pentathlon

Women's Lightweight Double Sculls Rowing



Claire Lambe

- UCD Mechanical Engineering graduate and Ad Astra Sport Scholar
- From Cabra, Dublin
- Irish National Champion - lightweight and senior singles, 2014
- Claire and partner Sinead Jennings finished in third place in the lightweight double sculls B final to qualify for the Rio Olympics

Men's Hockey



Kirk Shimmins

- 2nd year Business and Law student and an Ad Astra Sport Scholar
- From Ballinteer, Dublin
- Member of the Irish team that won bronze at the European Hockey Championships in 2015
- The Irish Men's Hockey team is currently ranked 14th in the world

Launch of the inaugural UCD Festival



Pictured at the launch of the inaugural UCD Festival to be held on Saturday, 18 June 2016 were some of UCD's most well-known and well respected alumni who will feature as part of the Festival programme, (l-r) Jarlath Regan, Dr Aoibhinn Ní Shúilleabháin, Miriam O'Callaghan, Dr Rhona Mahony and Fr. Peter McVerry

Thousands of septic tank owners unaware of health risks of improper maintenance

In Ireland, almost one-third of the population (29.5% or 418,033 households) uses a septic tank system, yet recent UCD research has found that thousands of householders with septic tanks are not aware that the fixtures potentially pose a serious health risk if not properly maintained.

Consuming water emitted from septic tank systems that are not functioning properly is a potentially serious health risk.

An investigation part-funded by the Environmental Protection Agency was conducted at the UCD Earth Institute and led by Dr Eoin O'Neill, UCD School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy.

The analysis sought to identify issues that would motivate and also prevent Irish householders from carrying out maintenance on their septic tank systems.

It also sought to assess the measures needed to improve householders' awareness of the risks associated with septic systems that are not working properly.

The investigators carried out a series of in-depth focus groups and interviews with 28 individuals in rural areas that were of high-risk of septic system breakdown.

The majority of the sample survey acknowledged that there were environmental and health risks associated with septic systems. However, despite the fact that householders were aware of the risks, the majority still failed to carry out maintenance on their septic systems.

The evidence suggested that although participants are aware of the associated health and environmental risks, these beliefs were not sufficiently strong to compel them to regularly service their septic tank systems.

The investigators suggested a number of measures including informing householders of the potential of system breakdown, the costs involved, and the resulting risks to health.

"It is important that this health and environmental risk is communicated to the large number of Irish households that rely on a septic tank system so that they are motivated to undertake regular maintenance of their system," said Dr Eoin O'Neill.



Facilitators at the open forum 'The Patient Voice in Cancer Research' included : (back row l to r) Elaine Kelly (patient advocate), Ann Cody (Health Research Board), Patrick Slevin (PhD student, INSIGHT), Dr Sharon O'Toole (St James Hospital); (front row l to r) Dr Claire O'Connell (freelance journalist), Marie-Ennis O'Connor (patient advocate) and Dr Robert O'Connor (Irish Cancer Society)

The Patient Voice in Cancer Research

More than 100 cancer survivors and their families joined health care professionals, researchers, patient advocates, funding agencies and charity groups at an open forum in UCD on 13 April.

The discussion focused on placing survivorship at the heart of the research agenda and giving participants the opportunity to voice the questions and concerns that matter most to cancer patients and are likely to improve the relevance of cancer research.

A key message from participants is that there should be a re-balancing of the Irish research portfolio to reflect the entire cancer journey from

prevention to treatment to survival in what is fast becoming a chronic disease globally.

The concept of public and patient involvement (PPI) in research is relatively new in Ireland. PPI describes a whole variety of ways in which researchers can engage with the people for whom their research is relevant. It is an important step in ensuring that the real life experiences of patients are considered in decision-making processes around research.

Participants also had an opportunity to meet with cancer researchers and hear about their work as they toured the laboratory facilities in the UCD Conway Institute for Biomolecular and Biomedical Research prior to the facilitated

round-table discussion forum in the UCD O'Brien Centre for Science.

Speaking at the event, Professor William Gallagher, Director, UCD Conway Institute said, "We welcome the opportunity to listen to your experiences in the cancer journey and hope that the shape of future research in Ireland will be guided by the sentiment "Do nothing about me, without me".

The event was organised by UCD Medicine Research, UCD Conway Institute, Systems Biology Ireland & BREAST-PREDICT in conjunction with Relay for Life UCD (whose fundraiser event took place the same day) and the Irish Cancer Society.

Report shows families not availing of free medicines for children with ADHD



Professor Fiona McNicholas

Campaign expected to help lower costs for families following research

For families with children diagnosed with ADHD, the first question usually is how and where they can get help if their loved one needs it. The number of Irish children presenting with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is on the increase, but not due to a rise in the prevalence of the condition.

Associated stigma with ADHD down through the years and a failure by clinicians to properly diagnose it mean many children, some at this stage young adults, are only presenting with symptoms now.

Treating children early with medication can help any long term effects, contend clinicians. Nonetheless, a new study involving Professor Fiona McNicholas, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at UCD School of Medicine and consultant at Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children in Crumlin, throws light on the surprising fact that only a small amount of children are availing of free medication under a state-funded scheme. A public campaign is now needed to ensure there is a greater take up of the free ADHD medication to ensure better outcomes for children, especially as they approach adolescence. But changes must minimise cost implications for the state.

Outlining the background to the study entitled *ADHD in children: a path to free medicines*, published in a recent edition of the *Irish Journal of Medical Science*, Professor McNicholas, explained:

"We have reasonable data in that long term, effective treatment of ADHD has benefits in terms of a child not engaging in criminality or a child having a better educational outcome, having a better record of going to a job and maintaining a job, having fewer interpersonal difficulties, these are all the long term negative sequela of ADHD.

"The sense is that those who have a treatment have a better outcome than those who have not been treated. The argument would be that you are swapping one cost for another".

The research looked at the discrepancies in entitlements of Irish children to free ADHD medication and how, after a decision by the

Ombudsman, all children with ADHD can now avail of free medication.

The study looked at the cost implications for the state and the implications of universal coverage under the long term illness (LTI) scheme for under 16s.

Professor McNicholas explained how, while it was internationally accepted that 5% of children had ADHD, that there was no concrete data on the numbers of children in Ireland who have the condition and are taking the medication. There was also a period of confusion in 2013 after negative public discussion around ADHD and a perception that some children were only entitled to such medication outside of the LTI scheme.

"That created a disparity and an inequity amongst families with a member who had the condition," explained Professor McNicholas.

The confusion was clarified by the Ombudsman who wrote to the Government and declared it was unsatisfactory that there was such inequity around the issue.

The research group accessed data on those drawing down medication under the scheme. It discovered that the number of children with ADHD taking medication on the LTI scheme was "very small".

In fact, €107,894 (4.4%) of the €2.4m the State spent on ADHD medicines was under the LTI scheme in 2011. But this study concludes that, given demand and applications for free ADHD medicines, this is likely to rise significantly now under the LTI scheme. There could now be a €8.4m bill for ADHD medicines, based on current prescribing patterns.

But why has there been such a limited take up by families under the scheme to date?

"Given there was confusion and a wish to remove ADHD, it is understandable how clinicians

filling in forms may have been influenced by what their old managers on health boards were saying," added Professor McNicholas.

"In addition, there's certainly stigma around mental health problems and even pursuing free medication. For some families, they already feel blamed for their children's misbehaviour and feel unentitled to free medication," she explained.

Professor McNicholas, has said that a campaign is needed to ensure the take up of ADHD medication increases.

GPs will help destigmatise ADHD and will be trained to do so while campaign groups have also been contacted. Clinicians are sufficiently aware of the costs of drugs and should be encouraged to consider prescribing less expensive drugs if equal efficacy is established.

"The NHS [in Britain] have started to do this on a larger scale where they are recommending and in some cases restricting stocking of medications to ones that are less expensive."

ADHD medication here on average now costs €100 a month per family for each child.

"The reality going forward is medication costs shouldn't be a barrier to effective treatment."

Professor McNicholas has also received EU funding for research into the transition between child and adult mental healthcare, including young people with ADHD.

The MILESTONE project gave €6m to eight countries, including €350,000 to Ireland. Professor McNicholas and Dr Lesley O'Hara of UCD School of Medicine are leading the research. This separate project aims to map the gap in child to adult services across Europe.

"There's a huge gap in the mental health service when children reach the age of 18 and need to continue to receive care. Children with ADHD and eating disorders are less likely to be referred," concluded Professor McNicholas.

Professor Fiona McNicholas was in conversation with Juno McEnroe, a journalist with the Irish Examiner

Books



Afterimages: Photography and U.S. Foreign Policy

Professor Liam Kennedy, Professor of American Studies and Director of the UCD Clinton Institute for American Studies

The University of Chicago Press

The infamous photo by Nick Ut of a Vietnamese girl running from a napalm attack and striking images from other wars have served as microcosms for their respective conflicts. Photojournalism's focus on global conflicts has long been in a symptomatic relationship with American power enacted as "foreign policy". *Afterimages* examines the role of the press in international politics, and explores how the values of liberal democracy stand up in the face of constant and brutal wars waged by the US.

For most professional photographers documenting and commenting on significant global events with a view to publication in mainstream media, it is a necessity that their work tends to follow the contours of the geopolitical imperatives of the US.

Professor Liam Kennedy maps the evolving relations between the American way of war and photographic coverage of it. The book is organised in its first section around key US military actions over the last fifty years and perspectives of the photographers who worked to push the boundaries of photographic practice and to critically reflect on the contexts and scenery of war; including Larry Burrows and Philip Jones Griffiths in Vietnam, Susan Meiselas in Central America, Gilles Peress in Iran, as well as Chris Hondros and Ashley Gilbertson in post-9/11 era Iraq.

Afterimages then explores how photographers engaged with these conflicts on wider ethical and political grounds, and examines the genre of photojournalism itself as an inquiry into the high ethical, sociopolitical and legalistic value that continues to be placed on the power of the still image to bear witness and to stimulate action. Illustrated throughout with examples of the photographs being considered, *Afterimages* argues that photojournalism is a critical mirror that must be held up to power, offering a means for critical reflection on war, violence, and human rights.



Between Two Worlds of Father Politics USA or Sweden?

Dr Michael Rush, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice

Manchester University Press

The essential message of the 'two worlds' model is that the social politics of fatherhood have taken on a global significance and that the USA and Sweden represent two ends of an international continuum of ways of thinking about fatherhood. In this book America and Sweden are represented as divergent and internationally influential 'father regimes' or as 'two worlds' of fatherhood.

Between Two Worlds of Father Politics offers students a comparative analytical framework and new insights into why some welfare states have 'father-friendly' social policies and others do not. This volume makes an original contribution to the growing fields of welfare regime and gender studies by linking the significant decline of patriarchal fatherhood to welfare state expansion over the course of the twentieth century and it raises new questions about gender equality and the declining global legitimacy of the rule of fathers over boys and girls.

This book may appeal to readers in the fields of social policy, gender studies, sociology, family policy and child development and especially those interested in the field of comparative social policy. *Between Two Worlds of Father Politics* offers new theories about gender equality as a driver of welfare state development.



Theory Development in the Information Sciences

Editor, Professor Diane H. Sonnenwald, Professor Emerita and former Chair of Information and Library Studies at UCD

University of Texas Press

Emerging as a discipline in the first half of the twentieth century, the information sciences study how people, groups, organisations, and governments create, share, disseminate, manage, search, access, evaluate, and protect information, as well as how different technologies and policies can facilitate and constrain these activities. Given the broad span of the information

sciences, it is perhaps not surprising that there is no consensus regarding its underlying theory—the purposes of it, the types of it, or how one goes about developing new theories to talk about new research questions.

Professor Sonnenwald states that "The goal of this book is to illuminate the theory development process in order to encourage, inspire, and assist individuals striving to understand theory, develop theory, or teach theory and theory development". Experienced researchers were asked to reflect on their experiences developing theory and to share their reflections, revealing the challenges, successes, failures, excitement and satisfaction they experienced during the process. The particular theories that the contributors explore in their essays range widely, from theories of literacy and reading to theories of design and digital search.

Theory Development in the Information Sciences is the inaugural volume in a new series on the information sciences.



SHADES OF GREY: DIRECTORS' DILEMMAS

Professor Niamh Brennan, Michael MacCormac Professor of Management at UCD College of Business and Academic Director of the UCD Centre for Corporate Governance

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

Company directing is an art not a science. It can involve having to make difficult or awkward decisions. A new publication *Shades of Grey: Directors Dilemmas* sets out to capture the judgemental and subjective nature of company directing and what it is like being a director in practice. The report follows the detailed exploration of ethical tension in the work of the ICAS's Ethics Committee in *Shades of Grey: Ethical Dilemmas*, which dealt with ethical dilemmas facing professional accountants.

This new publication by Professor Niamh Brennan links closely with that theme, through analysing 34 ethical dilemmas covering six areas commonly experienced by company directors. The dilemmas cover areas of particular challenge in boardrooms, including directors' fiduciary duties/conflict of interest, the exercise of due care and skill, decision making, behavioural issues, information asymmetry and the conduct of board business.

The dilemmas analysed in this report raise serious issues common to boards across the globe, written in engaging style, ideal for setting up a lively and engaged discussion in a classroom/training situation. While reference is made to a UK regulatory context, many of the regulatory principles are applicable in other jurisdictions. The dilemmas can therefore easily be used outside the UK by tailoring the context and discussion, thus helping to embed ethical values and thinking into the day-to-day work of company directors wherever they may be based.



Anna M Kelly, Director of Access and Lifelong Learning, at the recently-opened new UCD Access & Lifelong Learning Centre in the UCD James Joyce Library Building

UCD opens new Access & Lifelong Learning Centre

UCD's new Access & Lifelong Learning Centre (ALL), offers a state of the art facility, designed as a 'bridge to the university' for students from a diverse range of backgrounds and circumstances. The new Centre is located in the UCD James Joyce Library Building – a highly visible position in the main student thoroughfare that signals the importance the university attaches to widening participation and student diversity.

Over many decades, enthusiastic and committed staff members have developed a comprehensive suite of specialised services and supports to enable a diverse range of students to enter and participate in the university, all of which are now available in the new ALL Centre. A wide range of pre-entry initiatives, such as supplementary and alternative admissions routes, including HEAR, DARE, Mature Years, as well as Open Learning, which is developing pathways to part-time undergraduate education. A programme of work to ensure ease of access to campus buildings and facilities is also underway.

The Centre reaches out to the wider community through a wide range of initiatives, including Future You, mentoring and academic support programme to DEIS schools, and Mature Years' Access as well as numerous lifelong learning opportunities.

Ensuring the students' transition and participation in university life is critical and the UCD ALL approach includes offering needs assessments, specialised guidance, learning, technology and financial supports, as well as ensuring that students are linked to the university's extensive range of academic and personal services. A critical aspect of the work is the promotion of mainstreaming through inclusive or universal design. This involves working with academic and professional colleagues to design programmes, policies and services, for use to the greatest extent possible by everyone, regardless of their age, ability, or status in life.

UCD has a long tradition of extending education opportunities dating back to Newman. The opening of the university's new Access & Lifelong Learning Centre is yet another chapter. This wonderful new facility stands as tangible evidence of UCD's vision for developing a diverse scholarly community.

UCD Learning Through Research Symposium

Educational approaches in UCD are continuously reviewed and improved in order to give students a high quality, holistic learning experience. A curriculum review project taking place this year to appraise all of UCD's taught programmes is focusing on a number of themes; including enhancements that can be made by research-informed and research-led education.

Approximately one hundred UCD faculty and staff attended the "Learning Through Research" Symposium held by UCD Teaching and Learning on 8 April. At the daylong event delegates were provided with insight into the distinctive approach to research-based education taken by University College London, with a keynote address by Dr Dilly Fung, Director of the Centre for Advancing Learning and Teaching, UCL.

The UCD Fellows in Teaching and Academic Development presented their research findings on UCD perceptions of research teaching linkages, demonstrating that a strengthening of research-teaching linkages is mutually beneficial to both students and faculty. Students benefit from the rich educational experience, the development of transferrable skills and inclusion in a broader community of scholars. Faculty enjoy sharing their passion for their field of research and reported that student questions can influence the direction of their research and the exploration of new ideas. The symposium showcased UCD case studies where students are already benefiting from a research informed education in a range of disciplines involving innovative teaching approaches.

UCD Teaching Expert Awards Presented

UCD's Teaching Expert Awards were presented by Professor Mark Rogers, Registrar and Deputy President at a ceremony on 8 April. The awards recognise staff whose teaching practice evidences excellence in terms of expertise and impact on student learning. There were four winners, two of whom were also winners of the prestigious national Teaching Experts Awards.

Professor Anne Drummond, UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science received an individual award for her work on UCD's Occupational Safety and Health programmes. She has developed and evaluated multi-disciplinary and blended learning for the programmes, as well as bespoke resources to facilitate the transition from work into university for OSH students, who comprise part-time mature industry-based working adults, taking on new responsibilities and/or moving to a new career. Professor Drummond also received a prestigious national Teaching Experts Award, receiving a special commendation for 'Bridging Non-Traditional Transitions'.

Dr Maria Meehan, UCD School of Mathematics and Statistics, who plays a leadership role in Mathematics Education also

received an individual award. In 2004, she set up the UCD Maths Support Centre which last year had over 6,000 student visits. Dr Meehan's philosophy of noticing, reflecting and redesigning is evident in the innovative teaching approaches she takes.

The Disability Liaison Team consisted of Dr Phil Halligan, Ms Frances Howlin, Dr Alison Clancy, UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems. The first of its kind in Ireland, the Disability Liaison Team scaffolds learning and accommodations for nursing and midwifery students with disability on clinical placement; with an aim to foster a culture of inclusivity and an environment of change.

The College Liaison Library team consists of Mr Peter Hickey, Ms Susan Boyle, Ms Jenny Colley, Ms Michelle Dalton, Mr James Molloy, Ms Carmel Norris and Mr Diarmuid Stokes.

As a team of professional librarians, they are responsible for UCD Library's Learning Support Strategy. During the last academic year the team delivered 218 hours of lectures and workshops to approximately 6,300 students university-wide. The College Liaison Librarian Team also received a prestigious national Teaching Experts Award in the group category.



Professor Anne Drummond, UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science, UCD Teaching Expert and National Teaching Expert awardee, with Professor Mark Rogers, UCD Registrar and Deputy President

The Shan Van Vocht now available online

UCD Digital Library presents a wonderful historical journal from the UCD National Folklore Collection.

The Shan Van Vocht was a national monthly magazine, founded by two Belfast poets, Alice Milligan and Anna Johnston (later Anna MacManus), which ran from 1896 until 1899. It contained literature, poetry, historical articles, and political commentary, as well as news and events of various cultural and political societies. Poetry and prose in Irish were also included, occasionally with an English translation.

As the centenary commemorations of 1798 approached, many issues included articles, short stories, oral histories, and poetry relating to the United Irishmen's rebellion. James Connolly, Douglas Hyde, and Arthur Griffith were among those who contributed to *The Shan Van Vocht*. The journal also featured writings by P. J. McCall, Lionel Johnson, T.W. Rolleston, John MacNeill, William Rooney, Michael Cusack, Thomas Concannon, Alice Furlong, Nora Hopper, and Seumas MacManus under the pen name 'Mac'. In 1899, when *The Shan Van Vocht* ceased publication, its subscription lists were transferred to Arthur Griffith's *United Irishman*. The collection can be viewed at:

<http://digital.ucd.ie/view/ucdlib:43116>



Cover of an issue of *The Shan Van Vocht*

Evidence of Irish language influence on Australian-English

UCD School of Irish, Celtic Studies and Folklore has recently launched a series of guest lectures on 'Irish Studies in a Global Context'. The first lecture was held on 31 March.

Dr Dymphna Lonergan from Flinders University, South Australia presented an insightful paper on the influence of the Irish language on Australian-English. Dr Lonergan has examined a range of sources which indicate the influence of the Irish language – spoken by Irish convicts and immigrants – on the English-language discourse in Australia, including evidence from contemporary and modern literature, place names, and everyday usage. Dr Erik Eklund, Keith Cameron Chair of Australian History, chaired the session which was attended by UCD faculty, students and staff, UCD graduate Breandán Ó Caollaí who has recently been appointed as Irish Ambassador to Australia, and members of the public. This lecture series will continue in the 2016-2017 academic year. For further information please contact the series organisers, Dr Regina Uí Chollatáin: regina.uichollatain@ucd.ie and Dr Aoife Whelan: aoife.whelan@ucd.ie



Pictured (l-r): Professor Liming Wang, Director of UCD Confucius Institute for Ireland; H.E. Mr. Xu Jianguo, Chinese Ambassador to Ireland; Mr. Frank Keane, founder and Chairman of Motor Import Ltd; Mr. Sean Barrett TD, former Ceann Comhairle; and Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD President

10th annual Spring Festival Gala

On 18 February, the 10th annual Spring Festival Gala entitled "Cultures of China, Festival of Spring" was held at the Convention Centre Dublin and attracted an audience of over 2,000 people. The gala was hosted by UCD Confucius Institute for Ireland in conjunction with the Chinese Embassy in Ireland.

The opera troupe from China National Opera and Dance Drama Theatre, along with the

students from UCD Confucius Institute for Ireland, presented a brilliant performance which fused traditional classics and modern elements of Chinese dancing, traditional instruments, face-changing, and sand painting.

H.E. Xu Jianguo, Chinese Ambassador to Ireland; Mr. Tianxing Tan, Vice Minister of Overseas Affairs Office of the State Council; Mr. Sean Barrett TD, former Ceann Comhairle; and Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD President attended the event.

During the Gala the Confucius Medals Award ceremony was held and was chaired by Professor Liming Wang, Director of UCD Confucius Institute for Ireland. UCD President, Professor Andrew Deeks announced the recipients of the 2015 and 2016 Confucius Medal Awards. Medals were presented to Ambassador Xu Jianguo, Chinese Ambassador to Ireland; and Mr. Frank Keane, founder and Chairman of Motor Import Ltd.

ICON and Alexion Chiefs honoured as UCD Business Alumni of the Year 2016

Ciaran Murray BComm 1982 is Chief Executive Officer of ICON plc, a global leader in clinical research and one of Ireland's most successful indigenous companies. Julie O'Neill MBA 1996 is Executive Vice President, Global Operations for Alexion Pharmaceuticals, leading technical, quality, manufacturing and supply chain activities since 2014. Both were honoured at the UCD Business Alumni of the Year 2016 awards fundraising dinner at the InterContinental Hotel, Dublin on 22 April.

Murray and O'Neill join a list of prominent UCD College of Business graduates who have been previously honoured including Breege O'Donoghue, Director, Primark; Aidan Brady, CEO, Citibank Europe plc and Citi Country Officer, Ireland; Siobhan Talbot, Group Managing Director, Glanbia plc; Caroline Casey, CEO, Kanchi; Alan Ennis, CEO, Revlon Group; Patrick Kennedy, CEO, Paddy Power; Senator Feargal Quinn, founder of Superquinn; Gina Quin, CEO, Dublin Chamber of Commerce; Aidan Heavey, Tullow Oil; Michael Carey, Jacob Fruitfield; Tony Garry, Davy Stockbrokers; Liam Fitzgerald, United Drug; and Vivienne Jupp, Accenture, among others.

The Business Alumni Awards, which have been running since 1991, are the highest honour UCD College of Business bestows upon its graduates, recognising alumni who have demonstrated proven leadership skills, notable achievement in business and a significant contribution to the community, whether in Ireland or abroad.

The UCD Business Alumni of the Year Awards Dinner is sponsored by Tullow Oil and all profits raised are donated to the UCD College of Business Centennial Scholarship Fund, supporting the next generation of business leaders.



Julie O'Neill, Alexion and Ciaran Murray, ICON, UCD Business Alumni of the Year 2016 awardees, with Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh, Dean, UCD College of Business



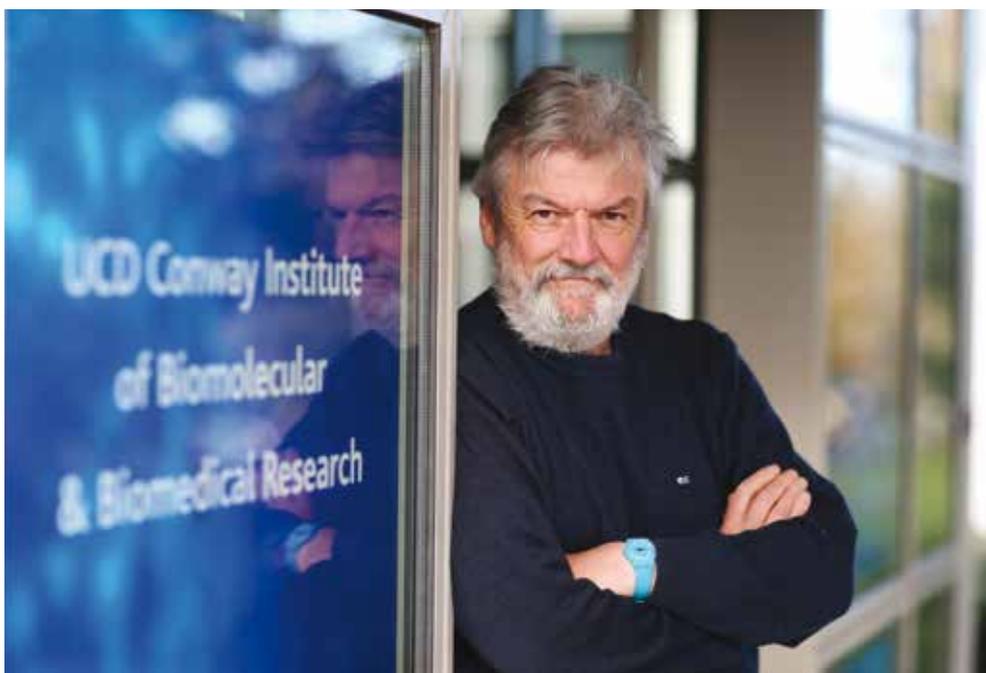
Willie Walsh (CEO IAG), Professor Ciarán Ó hÓgartaigh (Dean UCD College of Business) & Norm Liu (Chairman GECAS) at the launch of the UCD Smurfit Graduate School of Business Masters in Aviation Finance

UCD Smurfit School Masters in Aviation Finance Takes Off

Ireland has carved out a leadership position in aviation finance and today 50% of the world's leased aircraft are owned and managed from Ireland. The industry contributes €4.1 billion to the economy comprising €1.9 billion directly from aviation, €1.3 billion through the supply chain, and a further €900 million from associated spending by people employed in the sector. With the sector expected to double in scale in the next twenty years, UCD Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business has introduced Europe's first Masters in Aviation Finance, to enable Ireland to support the further development of this important industry for the Irish economy and to assert its position as a global hub for the sector.

The Masters was launched on 12 April by Willie Walsh, CEO of IAG, in the presence of other global leaders in aviation.

The one year full-time course commencing in September 2016 has been developed in association with six industry partners: AERCAP, AVOLON, GE Capital Aviation Services, KPMG, Snecma (Safran) and SMBC Aviation Capital. This close industry involvement will facilitate student internships, access to scholarships and insights from key industry guest speakers, in addition to identifying and collaborating on key research projects.



Professor Des Higgins who is to be honoured with the Kimura Motoo award on 1 June

Professor Des Higgins named as Kimura Motoo awardee

Professor Des Higgins, UCD Conway Institute of Biomolecular and Biomedical Research Fellow, Professor of Bioinformatics, UCD School of Medicine and Systems Biology Ireland will receive the Kimura Motoo award in recognition of his significant contributions to the advancement of evolutionary biology, and to the field of molecular phylogeny in particular.

The Kimura Motoo Foundation for the Promotion of Evolutionary Biology supports research and education in the life sciences. Dedicated to the memory of Dr Motoo Kimura, widely regarded as one of the greatest evolutionary geneticists, the Foundation was established ten years ago by Mr Osamu Suzuki, Chairman of Suzuki Motors Corporation.

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Foundation, the Kimura Motoo award has been created to recognise the most outstanding scientist worldwide from each of four research fields of evolutionary biology; population

genetics, molecular phylogeny, molecular evolution and evolutionary genomics, and human evolution.

Professor Higgins is being honoured along with Professors Giorgio Bernardi (Roma Tre University), Montgomery Slatkin (University of California) and Marcus W. Feldman (Stanford University). They will each deliver a seminar on their research and receive the award at a ceremony in Tokyo, Japan on 1 June.

Professor Des Higgins has been working in the areas of bioinformatics and molecular evolution since 1985, predominantly on methods

and software for DNA and protein sequence alignment.

In 1988, he developed the original Clustal programme for aligning protein sequences, which has made an exceptional impact in the field. The papers describing Clustal are among the most highly cited bioinformatics papers ever.

One of the innovations of that programme was that the algorithm was designed to work on personal computers, which greatly increased its use among scientists and has meant it could be used in laboratories everywhere; today it is considered the industry standard.



Pictured at the registration of UCD for the Green-Campus Programme run by An Taisce are (l-r) Professor Michael Monaghan, Vice-President for Campus Development; Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD President; Deirdre O'Carroll, Green-Campus Programme Coordinator, An Taisce; and Marcus O'Halloran, UCD Students' Union President

First Global Study on Missed Care in Community

The *Missed Care in Community Nursing Report*, was launched on 4 April. This study was led by Dr Amanda Phelan, UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, was funded by the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation and was the first globally to examine missed care in community nursing. Missed care, which refers to care that is required, but has been omitted or left incomplete, has been studied in the hospital setting and has been shown to be associated with increased risk for patients, decreased care quality, low job satisfaction and staff intention to leave.

The study used a number of methods to generate data. Firstly, the missed care survey with 283 community nurses demonstrated that there was missed care in all domains of practice. In particular, missed care was found in relation to updating client notes, care reassessment and older people. Secondly, interviews with key stakeholders demonstrated a lack of leadership in community nursing and a need for reform. This reform was presented in light of previous reports on community nursing and current realities, such as changing health policy, more complex care in the community, shorter hospital stays and changing demographics. The third approach used was a health economist review of the missed care.

This considered common missed care client based scenarios experienced by community nurses and identified potential fiscal savings if issues of health promotion and early intervention were accessible to populations through services such as community nursing.

Findings support a reform to ensure a fit for purpose service. Recommendations include the establishment of a Commission to review the structure, governance, skill mix and population demands of community nursing in Ireland, the protection of continuous professional development opportunities for community nurses and the establishment of an independent monitoring body for community care.

Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade visit UCD Confucius Institute

The Secretary General of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Mr Niall Burgess visited UCD Confucius Institute on 2 March. After a meeting with Professor Andrew Deeks, UCD President and H.E. Jianquo Xu, Chinese Ambassador to Ireland,

Mr Burgess met with teaching staff from UCD Confucius Institute. Guests also in attendance were Mr Xiaochuang Wu, First Secretary of the Chinese Embassy, Mr Xiongwen Pan, Director of the Political Division of the Chinese Embassy and Ms Maeve Collins, Regional Director of the Asia Pacific Division of the DFAT.

During the meeting Mr Burgess inquired about the current degree programmes in Chinese studies, student recruitment and career choices for graduates. He referred to New Zealand in his discussion on the relations between languages and bilateral business and trade. He pointed out that the business and trade development with China brought about

the demand for Chinese learning in Ireland, while a growing number of Irish students with fluent Chinese will in turn push the Sino-Irish business and trade relations forward.

Professor Liming Wang, Director of the UCD Confucius Institute for Ireland stressed the fact that multinational companies such as Google are recruiting business minded people with fluent Chinese. The demand for such talented graduates has been constantly growing. Professor Wang also briefed the guests on the design and functions of the new UCD Confucius Institute building which is currently under construction and expressed the intention to work with all stakeholders regarding the inclusion of the Chinese language in post primary curriculum.



Pictured: The UCD Ladies Gaelic football team celebrates, with captain Ciara Murphy (centre) holding the cup, their victory over University of Limerick at the IT Tralee GAA grounds, to claim their first O'Connor Cup since 2006. Picture © Brendan Moran / Sportsfile

UCD Ladies Gaelic football team claims first O'Connor Cup title in ten years

The University College Dublin Ladies Football team has beaten the University of Limerick to claim their first O'Connor Cup title since 2006.

The Belfield team won their first intervarsity Ladies Football title in ten years by 1-7 to 0-9 in an exciting clash at the IT Tralee GAA pitch. The win denied the Limerick team their third successive O'Connor Cup.

The first half of the game was low scoring. Kate O'Sullivan scored the opening point of the match and the sides went in level 0-2 apiece at half time.

But shortly after the start of the second half, UCD took command of the affair. Player of the Match, Nicola Ward, whose twin sister, Louise, was playing on the opposing University of Limerick team, found the net from a long-

range shot that dipped into the top right hand corner of the UL net for the match's only goal in the 35th minute.

Then UCD substitute Emma Guckian scored two points and her teammates Roisin Curran and Niamh Collins added a point each to extend the Belfield team's lead to 1-5 to 0-2.

Roisin Leonard led a spirited fight back when she scored UL's first point of the second half with 13 minutes played. Roisin Curran and Elaine Scally then added two more points for UCD.

Leonard scored a further one point from play and four frees, including one deep in injury time, that left just one point separating the sides.

But UCD held out to survive the UL comeback and UCD captain, Ciara Murphy lifted the O'Connor Cup.



Pictured are the UCD Boat Club team that won the Men's Senior Eight race at the Irish University Rowing Championships

UCD's men and women win three titles at Irish University Rowing Championships

UCD Boat Club won the Men's Senior Eight race at the Irish University Rowing Championships. They came out on top during a close finish to win their final by a half-length ahead of Trinity College (racing as Dublin University). NUI Galway finished in third with University College Cork in fourth.

The winning UCD crew were Eoin Gleeson, Piers Ryan, Turlough Hughes, Andrew Griffin, Eoghan O'Connor, Max Murphy, Shane Mulvaney, David O'Malley and coxswain Orlagh Reid.

Two of the team, Shane Mulvaney and David O'Malley, also won the Men's Senior coxless pair earlier in the day. They claimed the title by six lengths from NUI Galway.

UCD golfer Yates claims West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship

UCD golfer and Geography and Sociology student Jonathan Yates won the West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship on 30 March.

Jonathan Yates (22), from Churchtown, Dublin, beat Castle Golf Club's Daniel Holland with a dramatic 2 and 1 win at the 17th hole at County Sligo Golf Club, Rosses Point.

He now joins a list of prestigious golfers who have won this competition, including four-time Major winner and World number three Rory McIlroy, UCD's own Shane Lowry and three-time major winner Pdraig Harrington.

Despite the loss of the first hole to a birdie, the UCD Geography and Sociology student steadied himself with a fine display from tee to green coupled with some precision putting.

He won three of the four holes from the fourth after he birdied the seventh and bogeyed the fifth and sixth, and the powerful UCD man never relinquished his lead after that.

A bogey at the eighth left him just one up again. He got a birdie at the 12th and pars for halves at the 13th, 14th and 15th. But a bogey at the par three 16th which left Jonathan just one up again set up a dramatic finale.

Jonathan hit a sold three iron to the fringe at the par-three 17th and two-putted to win the championship with a par after Holland failed to save par from 15 feet.

The UCD student beat defending champion Dermot McElroy in the semi-final.

The win means Jonathan, who plays at Naas Golf Club, has taken a significant step towards claiming his first international amateur cap for Ireland.

The West of Ireland Amateur Open Championship is the first Major competition on the amateur golfing calendar in Ireland.

Jonathan is a second year BA Joint Honours student: Geography and Sociology at UCD.

UCD Ladies Boat Club claimed the Women's Novice Eight race with a two-and-a-half length victory ahead of Trinity College A. Queen's University finished third with Trinity College B fourth.

The UCD crew were Hannah McDevitt, Helen Kirrane, Sophie Melvin, Clíodhna Goodrich, Emer Finnegan, Gersende Youl, Rachel Ryan, Katie Murphy and coxswain Sine Ní Fhinn.

Michael Palin honoured by UCD Arts Society

British comedy legend and travel documentarian, Michael Palin received a lifetime achievement award from the UCD Arts Society on 7 April for his outstanding contribution to the Arts.

Accepting the award, Palin spoke of his early writings at school. He explained how he was drawn to comedy writing at a young age, and how he wanted his brain to work like the brains of surreal, anarchic comedy writers like Spike Milligan, Marty Feldman, Ray Galton, Alan Simpson, and Barry Took.

While at Oxford University, Palin met Terry Jones, and the two soon became two of six members of the British surreal comedy group Monty Python.

Following Monty Python, Palin pursued one of his long held passions and became a travel writer and documentarian. In 2000, he was awarded a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to television. In 2013, he was made a BAFTA fellow, the highest honour conferred by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

The award was presented by Joanna O'Malley, Auditor (2015/2016) of the UCD Arts Society.



Michael Palin was presented with a lifetime achievement award from the UCD Arts Society by its 2015/2016 Auditor Joanna O'Malley, with Vice Auditor Robert Sweeney



Pictured (l-r): Clíodhna Ní Chéileachair and Aodhán Peelo, winners of the John Smith Memorial Mace, with Sarah Duffy and Grace Given, winners of the English Speaking Union Schools' Mace. Credit: Gigi Giannella

UCD students win UK and Ireland debating competition

UCD law and philosophy students Clíodhna Ní Chéileachair and Aodhán Peelo have won the John Smith Memorial Mace debating competition in London. The competition is the main event for third-level debating teams in the England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales

Ní Chéileachair and Peelo defeated University of Cambridge, Glasgow University and University of Swansea, arguing in favour of the motion "This house believes that anti-racist activism ought also to be anti-capitalist."

"Our law classes obviously help with some techniques, but debating is an art form in and of itself," said Ní Chéileachair. "We have weekly training in UCD from some of the world's best coaches, and get amazing support from the university and the Societies' Officer when it comes to attending competitions and getting the practice we need to excel."

"It's been a whirlwind. Even to have the chance to represent the university and the country abroad is such a privilege," said Peelo. "To bring the trophy home to UCD is a dream come true."

The two winners have reached the final of debating competitions before. Ní Chéileachair beat 300 other students to win the individual award at the Irish Times National Debating Championship in February. Peelo represented UCD Law Society with Paul O'Dwyer in the final of the European Universities Debating Championship in 2015.

Beijing Scholars visit Teach na Gaeilge UCD

Thug mic léinn ón tSín cuairt ar Theach na Gaeilge UCD le déanaí le linn dóibh a bheith ar thuras go Baile Átha Cliath.

Bhí an 30 mac léinn a tháinig ar cuairt páirteach sa chlár 'Cuir Eolas ar Éirinn' de chuid Choláiste Idirnáisiúnta Beijing-Baile Átha Cliath (BDIC). Is éard atá i gceist sa chár seo ná sraith imeachtaí cultúir agus cuairteanna ar áiteanna ar díol spéise staire agus nádúrtha iad. Tá Bord na Gaeilge UCD ag obair le BDIC le trí bliana anuas chun ceardlanna teanga agus ceardlanna i ndamhса Gaelach a chur ar fáil don ghrúpa. I mbliana, ghlac mic léinn Theach na Gaeilge agus ceoltóirí Chumann Ceoil Traidisiúnta UCD páirt sna ceardlanna damhса in éineacht le mic léinn Beijing. Bhain gach duine an-sult as an oíche agus thug na mic léinn Éireannacha cuireadh dá gcomhghleacaithe sa BDIC cuairt a thabhairt ar scéim chónaithe na Gaeilge, Teach na Gaeilge, chun blaiseadh ceart den teanga agus den chultúr a fháil. Chomh maith leis na ceardlanna cultúir ar an gcampas, chuir oifig Bhaile Átha Cliath an BDIC clár cuimsitheach ar fáil, le turais go dtí Sí an Bhrú, Gleann Dá Loch, Cill Chainnigh agus na Sceirí ina measc.

Beijing Dublin International College (BDIC) is a joint programme between UCD and Beijing University of Technology (BJUT). Students study at the BJUT campus in Beijing and may have the opportunity to complete a portion of their study at the UCD campus in Dublin. They are awarded degrees from both institutions. The recent visit to Ireland was part of an effort to introduce stage one students to life in Ireland.