

CURRICULUM VITAE
Dr Richard Kirwan

Education

PhD in History, Trinity College Dublin (2007).

B.A. with Honors, History and English Literature, Trinity College Dublin (2001).

Research Profile

My scholarly interests relate in general terms to the social and cultural history of Europe in the early modern period. The particular focus of my research to date has been the history of university and scholarly culture in the Holy Roman Empire in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

PhD Dissertation and Monograph

Empowerment and Representation at the University in Early Modern Germany: Helmstedt and Würzburg, 1576-1634.

This study explores the formation of professorial social elites at new confessional universities in sixteenth and seventeenth century Germany with particular focus on Lutheran Helmstedt and Catholic Würzburg.

Post-doctoral Research

Universities, Representation and Social Action in the Holy Roman Empire, 1500-1700.

This research examines the role of self and communal fashioning in the negotiation of academic power in the Empire in the early modern period. The influence of academic representational strategies on the cultural practices of other social groups is also investigated.

Awards/Funding Received

- Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute, Florence (2009-2010)
- Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Post-Doctoral Fellowship (2008-2009)
- Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst Research Grant (2009)
- Research Initiative Scheme award from the Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin to support a conference on 'Self-Fashioning and Community in the Early Modern University' (2009)
- Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Postgraduate Scholarship (2002-2005)
- Rolf and Ursula Schneider Stiftung Doctoral Fellowship, Herzog August Bibliothek, Wolfenbüttel (2004/2005)
- Trinity College Dublin One-Year Postgraduate Award (2005/2006)
- Grace Lawless Lee Award, Trinity College Dublin (2004)

Publications

Books:

Richard Kirwan, *Empowerment and Representation at the University in Early Modern Germany: Helmstedt and Würzburg, 1576-1634* (Wolfenbütteler Arbeiten zur Barockforschung 46, Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden, 2009).

Articles:

‘Universitäre Repräsentationsformen, Feiern und Jubiläen,’ in *Das Athen der Welfen: Die Reformuniversität Helmstedt 1576-1810*, edited by Jens Bruning & Ulrike Gleixner, (Wiesbaden, forthcoming).

‘The Appeal to Tradition in the Ceremonial Prescriptions of the Statutes of Helmstedt, 1576’ in *Gli statuti universitari: tradizione dei testi e valenze politiche*, edited by A. Romano, (Bologna, 2008), 295-302.

Reviews:

Thomas Bach, Jonas Maatsch and Ulrich Rasche (eds.), ‘Gelehrte’ *Wissenschaft. Das Vorlesungsprogramm der Universität Jena um 1800* (Stuttgart, 2008) in *German History* (forthcoming).

Joachim Bauer, Andreas Klinger, et al. (eds.), *Die Universität Jena in der Frühen Neuzeit* (Heidelberg, 2008) in *German History* (forthcoming).

Stefanie Knöll, *Creating Academic Communities. Funeral Monuments to Professors at Oxford, Leiden and Tübingen 1580-1700* (Haren, 2003) in *History of Universities*, Volume XXIII/2 (2008), 210-12.

Neil Kenny, *The Uses of Curiosity in Early Modern France and Germany* (Oxford, 2004) in *History of Universities*, Vol. XXI/2 (2005), 160-63.

Other publications:

English summary of Volker Seresse, *Politische Normen in Kleve-Mark während des 17. Jahrhunderts. Argumentationsgeschichtlich und herrschaftstheoretische Zugänge zur politischen Kultur der frühen Neuzeit* (Bibliotheca Academica Verlag, Tübingen/Epfendorf, 2005) published in the same volume, 411-21.

Papers Presented (Most Recent)

August 2009: ‘Negotiating the Social Landscape: the Formulation of Academic Spaces in Early Modern Germany,’ presented at the *Wolfenbütteler Barockkongress*.

June 2009: ‘Public Image and the Formulation of Academic Power in Early Modern Germany,’ *Conference of Irish Historians*.

- May 2009: 'Reputation, Representation and the Public Life of a Scholar in Early Modern Germany,' *Self-Fashioning and Community in the Early Modern University*, Trinity College Dublin.
- March 2009: 'The Jubilee Record as Model and Mirror: Trinity College Dublin, 1892,' *University Jubilees in Northern Europe in the Nineteenth Century*, Helsinki.
- Oct. 2008: 'Universities, Representation and Social Action in the Holy Roman Empire, 1500-1700,' *Seventh Workshop on Early Modern Central European History*, German Historical Institute, London.
- Dec. 2007: 'Empowerment and Representation at the University in Early Modern Germany: Helmstedt and Würzburg, 1576-1634,' *Breaching the Ivory Tower: Universities in Context*, European University Institute, Florence.
- Oct. 2007: 'Scholarly Migration and Institutional Merit: Representations of *Peregrinatio Academica* in the Celebration of Personality at Helmstedt,' *Academic Mobility & Cultural Change from the Middle Ages to the Present*, (conference of the International Commission for the History of Universities), Trinity College Dublin.

Conferences Organised

- May 2009: 'Self-Fashioning and Community at the Early Modern University' conference in Trinity College Dublin. Undertaken on behalf of the International Commission for the History of Universities and sponsored by Trinity College Dublin's Arts and Humanities Institute.
- Feb. 2004: 'Book as Artefact' conference, Marsh's Library, Dublin.

Employment Experience

- Post: Max Weber Fellow (2009-2010)
Employer: European University Institute, Florence
- Post: Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2008-2009)
Employer: National University of Ireland, Maynooth
- Post: Research Officer/Research Fellow (2007-2008)
Employer: Long Room Hub (Humanities research institute), Trinity College Dublin
- Post: Teaching Assistant (2004-2007)
Employer: Department of History, Trinity College Dublin
- Post: Research Assistant (2007)
Employer: John Rylands University Library, Manchester