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## EDUCATION

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### **Doctor of Philosophy in History (October 2000)**

Washington State University  
Advisors: Drs. Heather Streets and Steve Kale  
Major Field: Modern Europe Since 1648  
Specialty Field: Modern Ireland  
Minor Fields: Ancient and Medieval Europe, Modern East Asia  
**Dissertation Title:** “Women of the Dáil: The Gendering of Irish Politics, 1916-1927”

### **Master of Arts in History (May 1996)**

Washington State University  
Major Field: Modern Europe  
**Thesis Title:** “Woodrow Wilson and the Irish Case for Self-Determination”

### **Bachelor of Arts in History and Mathematics (May 1992)**

Gonzaga University  
Summa Cum Laude

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Interim Dean, College of Arts and Humanities, Central Washington University**  
September 2022-August 2024

**Professor, Central Washington University**  
September 2013-present

**Associate Professor, Central Washington University**  
September 2008-September 2013

**Assistant Professor, Central Washington University**  
September 2005-September 2008

**Visiting Lecturer, Central Washington University**  
September 2004-June 2005

**Assistant Professor, Humboldt State University**  
August 2001-August 2005 (on leave 2004-05)

**Instructor, University of Idaho**  
January 2001-May 2001

**Instructor, Gonzaga University**  
January 2001-May 2001

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## BOOKS

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*Democracy and Dissent in the Irish Free State: Opposition, Decolonization, and Majority Rights.* Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2023.

*A Formative Decade? Ireland in the 1920s*, eds. Mel Farrell, Jason Knirck, Ciara Meehan. Dublin: Irish Academic Press, 2015.

*Afterimage of the Revolution: Cumann na nGaedheal and Irish Politics, 1922-32.* Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2014.

*Imagining Ireland's Independence: The Debates over the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921.* Boulder: Rowman and Littlefield, 2006.

*Women of the Dáil: Gender, Republicanism and the Anglo-Irish Treaty.* Dublin: Irish Academic Press, 2006.

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## ARTICLES

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"A Slightly Revolutionary Party: Labour and Parliamentary Politics in the Early Free State," *New Hibernia Review* Vol. 21 No. 4 (Winter 2017): 39-61.

"The Irish Revolution and World History: Nation, Race, and Civilization in the Rhetoric of Irish Revolutionary Politics," *Éire-Ireland* Vol. 52, Nos. 3-4 (Fall/Winter 2017): 157-89.

"A Cult of No Personality: W.T. Cosgrave and the Election of 1933," *Éire-Ireland*, Vol. 47, Nos. 3-4 (Fall/Winter 2012): 64-90.

"Apostates or Imperialists?: W.T. Cosgrave, Kevin O'Higgins, and Republicanism," *New Hibernia Review*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (Winter 2010): 51-73.

"The Dominion of Ireland: The Anglo-Irish Treaty in an Imperial Context," *Éire-Ireland*, Vol. 42, No. 1-2 (Spring/Summer 2007): 229-255.

"Afterimage of the Revolution: Kevin O'Higgins and the Irish Revolution," *Éire-Ireland*, Vol. 38, No. 3-4 (Fall 2003): 212-243.

"Ghosts and Realities: Female TDs and the Treaty Debate," *Éire-Ireland*, Vol. 32, No. 4 (Winter/Spring 1997-98): 170-194.

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## CHAPTERS IN ANTHOLOGIES

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- “Searching for the Normal: The Farmers’ and Labour parties in the 1923 Election,” in Elaine Callahan, Mel Farrell, and Thomas Tormey, eds., *Vying for Victory: The 1923 General Election in the Irish Free State*. Dublin: University College Dublin Press, 2023.
- “Confederates, Boers, or Silesians: Analogies to World History in Arguments about Partition During the Irish Revolution,” in N.C. Fleming and James H. Murphy, eds., *Ireland and Partition: Contexts and Consequences*. Clemson: Clemson University Press, 2021.
- “Taxation and the Revolutionary Inheritance: Tax Proposals, Legitimacy, and the Irish Free State, 1922-32.” in Douglas Kanter and Patrick Walsh, eds., *Taxation, Politics, and Protest in Ireland, 1662-2016*. London: Palgrave, 2019.
- “‘A Regime of Squandermania’: The Irish Farmers’ Party, Agriculture, and Democracy, 1922-1927,” in Mel Farrell, Jason Knirck, and Ciara Meehan, eds., *A Formative Decade? Ireland in the 1920s*. Dublin: Irish Academic Press, 2015.
- “Women’s Political Rhetoric and the Irish Revolution,” in Thomas Hachey, ed., *Turning Points in Twentieth-Century Irish History*. Dublin: Irish Academic Press, 2011.

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- “A Gaelic Economy? Financing the Irish State,” in Darragh Gannon and Fearghal McGarry, eds., *Ireland 1922: Independence, Partition, Civil War*. Dublin: Royal Irish Academy Press, 2021.
- “Irish Nationalism,” and “Easter Rising” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.

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## RECENT REVIEWS

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- Review of Liam Weeks and Mícheál Ó Fathartaigh, *Birth of a State: the Anglo-Irish Treaty*, in *20<sup>th</sup> Century British History* (online, March 2023)
- Review of Robert Lynch, *The Partition of Ireland 1918-1925* on H-Net (January 2020)
- Review of Fergus O’Farrell, *Cathal Brugha*, in *New Hibernia Review* Vol. 23 No. 4 (Winter 2019): 151-54.
- Review of Liam Weeks and Mícheál Ó Fathartaigh, *The Treaty: Debating and Establishing the Irish State* in *Irish Historical Studies*, Volume XLIII, No. 163 (May 2019): 171-72.
- Review of Una Newell, *‘The West Must Wait’: County Galway and the Irish Free State*

- in *Irish Historical Studies*, Volume XLI, No. 160 (November 2017): 306-7.
- Review of Bryce Evans, *Sean Lemass: Democratic Dictator* in *Canadian Journal of Irish Studies*, Volume 37, Nos.1 & 2 (Spring/Summer 2013): 235-36.
- Review of Jane G.V. McGaughey, *Ulster's Men: Protestant Unionist Masculinities and Militarization in the North of Ireland, 1912-23*, in *Journal of British Studies* Vol. 52, No. 2 (April 2013): 552-53.
- Review of Ciara Meehan, *The Cosgrave Party: A History of Cumann na nGaedheal 1923-33* in *Reviews in History*, <http://www.history.ac.uk/reviews/> (2011)
- Review of Rebecca Graff-McRae, *Remembering and Forgetting 1916: Commemoration and Conflict in Post-Peace Process Ireland* on H-Albion (March 2011)

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## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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*The Irish Free State and Modernity: Paths to Modernization in Independent Ireland*

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## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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- County Louth Decade of Centenaries series, November 2021**  
Roundtable, "The North in Southern Politics"
- Boston College, Center for Irish Programs, April 2019**  
"Confederates, Boers, or Silesians?: Analogies for Irish Partition in the 1920s"
- Boston College, Center for Irish Programs, April 2018**  
"A Loyal Opposition? The Development of Parliamentary Opposition in the Irish Free State" (Burns Scholar Lecture)
- Midwest Conference for Irish Studies, October 2015**  
"The First of the Small Nations': The Revolutionary Generation and Ireland's Place in the World" (Plenary Address)
- Drew University, Conference on Irish Women's History, June 2009**  
"Women and the Irish Revolution" (Keynote Address)
- Brandon University, Gender and Women's Studies Program, October 2007**  
"The Gendering of Irish Political Debate: Women, Irish Republicanism and the Anglo-Irish Treaty of 1921."
- Boston College Center for Irish Programs Lecture Series, April 2007**  
"The Role of Women in the Treaty Debates and Civil War"

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## **RECENT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- North American Conference on British Studies, November 2019**  
"Female Blue Shirts and the Militarization of Irish Politics in the 1930s"
- Midwest Regional American Conference for Irish Studies, October 2019**  
"Decentering the Irish Civil War"
- American Conference for Irish Studies, June 2018**  
"An Irish Fiscal System? Economic Debates in the Early Free State"
- American Conference for Irish Studies, March 2017**  
"The *Voice* of Reason: Revolutionary Labour's Rational Appeal"
- American Conference for Irish Studies, April 2016**

“‘That Crooked Spanish Bastard’: Sinn Féin, Race and the Irish Revolution”  
**American Conference for Irish Studies, March 2015**

“A Slightly Revolutionary Party: Labour in the Early Free State”  
**American Conference for Irish Studies, June 2014**

“Opposition and Dissent in the First and Second Dáils”  
**American Conference for Irish Studies, April 2013**

“The Farmer in the Dáil: The Farmers’ Party in the Free State Dáil”  
**American Conference for Irish Studies, March 2012**

“‘A Regime of Squandermania’: The Irish Farmers’ Union, Cumann na nGaedheal and Irish Agriculture”

**American Conference for Irish Studies, April 2011**

“Reclaiming the Revolution: Cumann na nGaedheal and the Legacy of the Revolution, 1927-1932”

**Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, March 2011**

“Cumann na nGaedheal, Irishness and the Irish Revolution”

**American Conference for Irish Studies, May 2010**

“A Cult of No Personality: W.T. Cosgrave and the 1933 Election”

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## **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend (Summer 2019)  
Boston College, Burns Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies (Spring 2018)  
Central Washington University Distinguished Professor of Research (2017)  
Central Washington University Phi Kappa Phi Scholar of the Year (2017)  
Central Washington University Sabbatical Award (2017-18, 2010-11)  
Central Washington University Graduate School Seed Grant (2018, 2016, 2014, 2011, 2008, 2006)  
Central Washington University Faculty Research Appointment (Spring 2015, Spring 2010, Fall 2007)  
American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant (2014)  
Central Washington University College of Arts and Humanities Summer Research and Creativity Grant (2011, 2008, 2006)  
Boston College-Ireland Visiting Fellow in Irish Studies (Summer 2008)  
Central Washington University College of Arts and Humanities Outstanding Faculty Research Award (2007)  
Humboldt State University Office for Research and Graduate Studies Grant (2002)  
Humboldt State University Foundation Grant (2002)

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## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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British Isles to 1485	Britain and Empire since 1763
Early Modern British Isles 1485-1763	Modern Ireland
Irish Revolution	Ireland and Empire
Revolutionary France	Comparative Fascism
Nineteenth Century Europe	Twentieth Century Europe
Germany 1815-present	The Era of World War II

Republican and Imperial Rome  
Graduate Seminar: Nationalism  
Graduate Historiography  
Introduction to History  
World History 1500-1815  
Western Civilization to 1648

Early Modern Europe  
Graduate Seminar: Women and Revolution  
Graduate Seminar: Revolution  
Senior Seminar in History  
World History 1815-present  
Western Civilization since 1648

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## **GRADUATE STUDENT SUPERVISION**

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### THESIS DIRECTOR

“The Belfast Boycott,” Katie Omans, 2020  
“Lord Kames and Scottish Agrarian Modernization,” Amanda Widney, 2019  
“British Intelligence and the Irish Revolution,” Elliott Reid, 2016  
“James I, Witchcraft, and the Scottish State,” Kelsee Shearer, 2016  
“Cuchulain and Finn McCool in Popular Culture and Politics during the Irish Revival,”  
Aaron Steeves, 2014  
“Gaelicizing Ireland’s Youth: The Pedagogy of Patrick Pearse and the Creation of St.  
Enda’s School for Boys,” Christina Bartholet, 2013  
“Illuminating the Irish Free State: Nationalism, National Identity and the Promotion of  
the Shannon Hydroelectric Scheme,” McKayla Sutton, 2009  
“Values and Epistemology in Buffon’s *L’histoire Naturelle*,” Tamara Caulkins, 2009  
“The Development of Modern Yoga: British Imperialism, Transnational Theosophy, and  
Indian Independence, 1875-1966,” Katie Pittner, 2008  
“‘In Wholehearted Union Lies our Strength’: The Ulster Women’s Unionist Council,  
1911-1921,” Kirsten Erickson, 2008

### EXAMINATION DIRECTOR

Jazmyn Bragg, Primary Field in Modern Ireland, 2023  
Catherine Colwell, Primary Field in Modern Ireland, 2023  
Eric Bennett, Primary Field in Tudor-Stuart Britain, 2021  
Joseph Melton, Primary Field in Modern Germany, 2015  
Philip Herman, Primary Field in Modern France, 2014  
Lucas Prpich, Primary Field in Modern Germany, 2012  
Andrew Willden, Primary Field in British Empire, 2010

### EXTERNAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

“The Politics of Memory: The Difficulties of Honoring World War One Dead in Ireland,”  
Amanda (Townesley) Link, Washington State University (Ph.D. dissertation, 2015)  
“Ireland and the Difficulties of World War I Memory,” Amanda Townesley, Washington  
State University (MA Thesis, 2010)

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## **RECENT UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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Department Chair (2015-16; 2019-2022)  
Department Graduate Studies Director (2018-2019)

University Graduate Studies Task Force (2019-2021)  
Vice-President, United Faculty of Central (2016-17)  
Acting President, United Faculty of Central (2015-16)  
University Strategic Planning Subcommittee (2014-15)  
Department Personnel Committee (2013-15, 2016-17)  
United Faculty of Central Bargaining Team (2012-13; 2016-17)  
Chair, East Asian History Search Committee (2012-13)  
United Faculty of Central Executive Board (2012-14; 2015-17)  
U.S. Colonial History Search Committee (2011)  
Dean of Student Success Search Committee (2011-12)  
Latin American History Search Committee (2010)  
University Budget Committee (2010)  
Department Curriculum Committee (2009-10)  
University Faculty Research and Development Committee (2008-10)  
Department Graduate Committee (2007-9; 2010-11; 2013-15, 2016-17)  
University Athletic Compliance Committee (2007-10)  
Department Budget Committee (2007-9)  
College Scholarship Committee (2005-07; Chair, 2008-10)  
Advisor, CWU Phi Alpha Theta Chapter (2005-9, 2011-13)

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## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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Article Reviewer, *Irish Studies Review*, *New Hibernia Review*, *Éire-Ireland*, *Irish Irish Historical Studies*, *Journal of Policy History*  
External Reader, University of Notre Dame Press, SUNY Press  
American Conference for Irish Studies: Larkin Prize Committee, Dalsimer Prize Committee, Executive Nomination Committee, Murphy Prize Committee  
External Tenure/Promotion Reviewer: Clemson University, Florida Atlantic University, Northern Illinois University, University of New Mexico, Idaho State University

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## REFERENCES

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