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Professor Siobhán Mullally appointed Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Professor Siobhán Mullally as the Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at NUI Galway. Professor Mullally will take up her post in September 2017 (see inside page 10)



The Future is Now! - eConveyancing and Title Registration Conference

The School of Law, NUI Galway hosted a highly successful international conference that brought together national and international experts from around the world in the area of eConveyancing and title registration in April 2017 (see inside page 22)

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STUDENTS
& ALUMNI



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Welcome from Head of School



Dear all,

I am delighted to write the welcome for the 5th edition of our newsletter. Our newsletter shares stories about our colleagues in the School of Law and our research centres (the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy). We also include many stories about the successes and achievements of our students and alumni.

I took up the role of Head of School in May 2017 and I greatly look forward to working with colleagues, students and our extensive alumni community over the next 4 years. We have ambitious plans for the School of Law, which involve the development of new undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. I look forward to sharing news about these programmes in the next edition of this newsletter.

We are pleased to announce new appointments within the School of Law. Professor Siobhan Mullally joined the School in September as the Established Professor of Human Rights Law, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights and the first woman to be appointed as a professor in the School of Law. She is internationally recognised as an expert in human trafficking, migration and the wider field of human rights law. Siobhan is an outstanding legal scholar and we greatly look forward to working with her over the coming years.

Stella Carty joined the School of Law in June as Director of Strategic Development and Administration. Stella has extensive experience of working in the higher education sector. At NUI Galway she has worked in a variety of roles in the Office of the Registrar and Deputy-President, the Bursar's Office and the Research Accounting Office. Stella will play a central role in the development of new programmes and the implementation of the School's strategic plan.

We ran a number of successful events this year which included Summer Schools, conferences, seminars, workshops and guest lectures. We hosted a highly successful international conference entitled 'The Future is Now! - eConveyancing and Title Registration' on the 7th and 8th April 2017. The conference brought together national and international experts from around the world in the area of eConveyancing and title registration. The conference was chaired by the Honourable Ms Justice Mary Laffoy of the Supreme Court and Mr. Justice Michael Peart of the Court of Appeal. A number of papers from the conference will be published as a collection edited by Dr Padraic Kenna and Sandra Murphy.

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted the 18th Annual International Criminal Court Summer School in June 2017. The summer school was very well attended and was addressed by leading academics and legal professionals working at the International Criminal Court.

The 9th International Disability Summer School which took place in June 2017 explored the human rights of persons with psychosocial disability. Over 200 delegates from 50 countries attended including persons with disabilities, family members and civil society groups, as well as advocates for disability law reform, lawyers, policy-makers and policy analysts. The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health and the UN Special Rapporteur on Disability both delivered excellent keynote addresses at the Summer School.

We are always eager to hear from our friends and the alumni community. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to share a story or connect with us. We have begun a project archiving the history of the School of Law. We welcome anyone with photographs, documents or audiovisual materials about the School of Law to contact us to share this material. Please contact Michael Coyne at the following email address: michael.coyne@nuigalway.ie.

To keep up-to-date with the School explore our website, like our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/schooloflaw/) and follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/NUIGLaw).

You may also be interested in the different events we host throughout the year, many of which offer CPD points. If you would like to be added to our distribution list please sign up at law@nuigalway.ie.

Dr Charles O'Mahony
Head of School
School of Law

Student Activities

Student Law Society

This year the NUI Galway Law Society enjoyed an extremely successful and exciting year. Building on the success of last year's Phoenix Award, they arranged various educational and social events which provided a platform for all students to explore the legal profession in a fun and dynamic environment. The Law Society's highlights included:

- Arranging a trip to the office of their sponsor A&L Goodbody in Dublin.
- Hosting Full Disclosure with A&L Goodbody to gain an insight into obtaining training contracts which was followed by a meet and greet in Tribeton.
- Gaining top law firm Matheson as a sponsor to collaborate with the society and raise awareness within the student community of careers in law.
- Assisting the School of Law with the First Year Induction Week in September,

which gave incoming students an opportunity to meet LawSoc members and find out what the society had to offer.

- Hosting Val Corbett of the Irish Law Library who gave advice on FE1 examinations and study techniques.
- Hosting topical speakers such as the visit of exonerees Peter Pringle and Sonny Jacobs, together with an interactive discussion with the Right to Die with Dignity campaigner Tom Curran (partner of the late Marie Fleming).
- Assisting Dr Brian Tobin and the Career Development Centre with the Careers in Law Week in September.
- Organising the annual Law Ball in November which was a thoroughly enjoyable social event with over 600 attendees.



The 2016/17 committee at the Law Ball in February: (L to R) Diarmuid Curran, Pat Walsh, Shona Tansey, Darren Reilly, Grace Kennedy, Sharon Murray, Sean Harvey, Alex Burke, Evelyn Burke, Abhainn Coleman and Oissine O'Mhurchadha

Washington Ireland Program

The Washington Ireland Program takes 30 students from the island of Ireland to Washington D.C. to partake in an intensive curriculum designed to enhance the personal and professional development of the future leaders of the island of Ireland. The School of Law has two participants in the programme in 2017: Alexander Burke (2nd Bachelor of Civil Law) and Sean Harvey (1st BA in Law, Sociology & Political Science).

They follow in the footsteps of Jessica Richter (Final BCorp Law International) who participated in the Washington Ireland Program for Service and Leadership in Summer 2016. During her placement in Washington D.C., Jessica interned at the Center for Democracy and Technology, where she worked on issues surrounding technology policy. She received mentoring from many outstanding leaders in Washington D.C. and New York City, such as NUI Galway alumnus, Ambassador David Donoghue of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations and the former Chairman of the Federal Communications Committee, Tom Wheeler. As a special honour, Jessica was nominated as keynote speaker on behalf of the Washington Ireland Program Class of 2016 at the residence of Ambassador Anne Anderson, at the Embassy of Ireland to the United States of America.



Jessica Richter at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

Lá na nGradam

Lá na nGradam celebrates academic achievement across the spectrum of students at NUI Galway. The purpose of the awards is to encourage each student to develop his/her academic potential to the fullest, by setting a realistic threshold of excellence and rewarding every student who attains that level.

Pictured with the President of NUI Galway, Dr Jim Browne at Lá na nGradam in February 2017 are:



Sarah Smyth (final LLB), joint winner of the Val O'Connor Memorial Prize in Equity with Ruth Cormican



Grace Kennedy (2nd BCorp), University Scholar



Shauna Moran (1st BCL), University Scholar



Dara Deane (1st BCL), University Scholar

Charlotte May-Simera

3rd Year PhD student, Charlotte May-Simera presented at the 14th Nordic Network on Disability Research Studies, held at the Örebro University, School of Law, Psychology and Social Work on 3-5 May 2017 in Sweden. Charlotte's presentation was titled 'Reconsidering the role of Sheltered Workshops in light of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities'.



Mary O'Rourke (1st BCL), University Scholar



Sarah Pickford (2nd BCL), University Scholar

Undergraduate Awards Recognition

Congratulations to BCorp Law and LLB graduate Mahmoud Abukhadir who was a Highly Commended Entrant in the 2016 Undergraduate Awards. His paper, entitled "Make the case for the establishment of an international patent system" made it to the top 10% of all submissions in the Law category, as assessed by a panel of academics from universities around the world.

FLAC: Access to Justice

The NUI Galway FLAC Society is a student-run society aiming to promote equal access to justice for all. The Society is a branch of the national Free Legal Advice Centres organisation, operating in NUIG for almost 10 years and one of only two FLACs that involves law students in the running and administration of the clinics. It is an invaluable tool for anyone seeking legal advice on any matter or legal enquiry. In doing so, NUIG FLAC provide free legal advice clinics, training for student volunteers, and information seminars on contemporary legal issues. This is only achieved by the help of law students, lecturers, and legal professionals who give their time voluntarily.

In March 2017, in association with Epilepsy Ireland, NUIG held an information seminar on employment equality and discrimination law regarding 'Epilepsy and Employment: Hidden Disabilities in the Workplace'. The speakers included Lorraine Lally and Edel Killarney, human rights and equality advocates. NUIG FLAC also ran FLAC education lectures in 2016/17, where lecturers from the School of Law - Ursula Connolly, Professor Donncha O'Connell and Tom O'Malley assisted FLAC volunteers as part of their preparation to become volunteers at the clinics in the university.



Back (L to R): Emmajane Tonery, Lisa Flynn, Frances Whelan, John Cunningham; Front (L to R): Darra Deane, Peo Mosepele, Yamin Elhadi, Shane Kelly

Student Internships

A number of prestigious internships were organised by the School of Law's Director of Student Career Development, Dr Brian Tobin. Kyle Greene (Final BCL) and Rebecca McKittrick (Final LLB) were the successful applicants for the summer internships in the Superior Courts, which ran from June to July in 2017. Stephanie Hynes (LLM in Public Law) undertook a summer internship at the office of the DPP while Lauren Norton (2nd LLB) and Grace Kennedy (Final BCorp) were selected for the summer internship programme at the office of the Attorney General.

Dr Tobin was also involved in organising the Walkers Ireland Summer Internship 2017 (NUIG) with members of Walkers. The successful candidate for the summer internship was Jason McGoldrick (Final BCL).



Chief Justice of Ireland, Ms. Justice Susan Denham pictured with Rebecca McKittrick during Rebecca's Summer Internship at the Superior Courts



Kyle Greene with his assigned Judge for the Chief Justice Internship, Mr Justice Liam McKechnie



The Attorney General, Séamus Woulfe, SC with Lauren Norton

CÉIM



Well done to our fantastic CÉIM Law Leaders – pictured with Law and College of Arts staff at the University CÉIM Celebration where they received Certificates of Participation. Two of our BA Law students, Maeve Charles and Sarah Doherty, presented at this year's CELT teaching and learning conference in June on their experiences of peer learning.



Some of our dedicated CÉIM Law Leaders – to find out more about CÉIM visit <http://ceim.su.nuigalway.ie/>



Grace Kennedy during her internship at the Attorney General's office



Jason McGoldrick at Walkers Ireland

Internationalisation

Suffolk University Law School-NUI Galway Exchange

The Law School's internationalisation efforts, led by Dr Conor Hanly, continued to gather momentum in the past year. The Summer Internship Exchange Programme, initiated in 2014 with Suffolk University Law School (SULS) in Boston, was very popular again this year. Five NUI Galway students were chosen to spend their summer in Boston: Amy Hayes interned at the New England Innocence Project; Adesewa Okesiji interned at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office; Frances Whelan interned at the Committee for Public Council Services (Massachusetts Public Defender's Office); Sive Neary interned with the Health Law Clinic at SULS; and Ruth Buckley interned at Thebaud Law, a boutique law firm in downtown Boston.

The Law School also welcomed seven SULS students who spent their summer working in Ireland. Ryan Cesario interned at Community Law and Mediation in Limerick; Rebecca Huertas interned at the Law Reform Commission in Dublin; Elveera Nacina interned at the Rape Crisis Network Ireland in Dublin; Christopher LaBlanc interned at the Law Centre of the Immigrant Council of Ireland in Dublin; Daisy-Nelly Ngum Nji interned at the Children's Rights Alliance in Dublin; Matthew Rosencranz interned with GLANLaw in Galway; and MacKenzie Mahoney interned with the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at NUI Galway.



Selfie from Boston from Sive Neary, Frances Whelan, Adesewa Okesiji, Amy Hayes and Ruth Buckley.

Study Abroad

The Law School has participated for many years in the EU Erasmus mobility programme, and this year has been no different – thirty-five law students will spend the current academic year in various universities around Europe. Building on the success of last year, the non-Erasmus study-abroad options for undergraduate and postgraduate law students have also been much in demand. Two students will study at the University of Ottawa: Oissine Ó Murchadha, Chiara Quondamatteo (both 2nd BCL). Dara Deane and Peo Mosepelle (both 2nd BCL) will spend next year at Southern Utah University.

Interested in Studying Abroad?

In January 2017, Dr Conor Hanly and Michael Coyne produced a series of videos with NUI Galway law students who spent a year studying abroad in Sydney (Ruth Buckley, pictured), China (Jason McGoldrick) and Ottawa (Sinead Purcell and Pamela Chalecka), all of whom are Final BCL students. These can be viewed on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/NUIGSchoolofLaw or via the direct URL <http://bit.ly/2sYWxBD>



Student Recruitment Abroad

Dr Conor Hanly, Director of Internationalisation, was part of an Irish delegation that attended the HKTDC Education & Careers Expo and a series of recruitment events in Hong Kong organised by the Irish consulate in February 2017. He also met with principals and guidance counsellors in Hong Kong secondary schools.

Dr Hanly returned to Canada in September 2016 and February 2017 visiting Vancouver, Ottawa, Toronto and Halifax to attend Recruit in Canada Fairs.

Further information on international study is available at <http://www.nuigalway.ie/law/internationalstudy/>



The Irish delegation at St. Stephen's College, Hong Kong



Dr Conor Hanly at the Recruit in Canada Fairs

Erasmus



Sally-Ann Malone

Donal Campbell (Final BCL) currently on Erasmus in Budapest at Eotvos Lorand University School of Law for the 2016-17 academic year writes:

Below is a photo of my classmates and I (I'm the sixth from the left) after our course concluded, The Appellate System in the United States', with our professor Neil Tardiff, Visiting Professor of Law and Certified Appellate Specialist through the State Bar of California, in the centre of the photo. There are 11 different nationalities represented

in the photo, from Finland to Pakistan, Spain to Luxembourg, Scotland to Bulgaria!

It was an unforgettable year and I would highly recommend the Erasmus programme to anyone with an interest in international law and learning about other the common law system.

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Suffolk Summer School

Larry Donnelly, a Suffolk University Law School (SULS) graduate, and Dr Conor Hanly, Director of Internationalisation in the School of Law, together with Professor Sara Dillon of SULS, organised a summer school that ran from late May to the 9th of June. The summer school builds upon the pre-existing partnership between the two law schools, which was established to capitalise on the many close ties between Boston and Galway. For the past several years, students from both law schools have travelled to the other side of the Atlantic to avail of a short programme of study and internships.

The summer school, which will be held on the campus of NUI Galway on an annual basis, was taught this year by Professors Russell Murphy and Michael Rustad of SULS with contributions from various members of School of Law staff and two guest speakers: Kate Mulkerrins, Director of Prosecution Policy in the Office of the DPP, and Dr Nora Ní Loideain, Director of the Information Law and Policy Centre, IALS, University of London.

Highlights of the trip included a day-long opening seminar at the Burren College of Art; a visit to Twitter headquarters in Dublin with presentations from the public policy team and the chief legal counsel for the EMEA region; a tour of the King's Inns; visits to the Four Courts and the Criminal Courts of Justice; and a tour of Kilmainham Gaol.

There were approximately 25 participants in the summer school, including staff and students from the two law schools, and it is hoped that the numbers will grow in future. Recent School of Law graduates are invited to take part in the 2018 summer school (those interested should contact Larry.Donnelly@nuigalway.ie). Of the 19 SULS students who participated in the 2017 summer school, 7 stayed on in Ireland to undertake a wide range of internships facilitated by the School of Law in Dublin, Galway and Limerick. 5 NUI Galway students are completing internships in Boston, while taking a class with American postgraduate law students, in the summer of 2017.



Suffolk Summer School students visiting the Four Courts



Suffolk Summer School students at the Criminal Courts of Justice, Dublin

Clinical Legal Education

In the academic year 2016-2017, 24 final year BCL and LLB students were placed with government bodies, law firms, barristers and non-governmental organisations. A number of new placements were added this year, including MG Ryan Solicitors in Galway and in the office of legal counsel at Bio-Medical Research Ltd, also in Galway. Feedback from both students and supervisors from all placements – both new and “old” – was uniformly positive.

The School of Law continues to seek to expand clinical, or practical, opportunities for its students to complement the learning that takes place in lecture theatres with “real world” experience. While retaining an emphasis on the role law students can play in advancing the public interest – while pursuing their degrees and in their professional careers – there is also a concerted effort to expand placement offerings relating to commerce, business and technology, especially given that placements will soon be available to final year students on the Bachelor of Corporate Law degree.

The School of Law is in the process of developing a “Street Law” programme, through which law students will go out into the community and educate various groups about their legal rights and obligations. To this end, Larry Donnelly, the



Staff and students at the “Street Law” training weekend

Director of Clinical Legal Education, together with students Jocelyne-Joanne Fenez (Final LLB), Mellissa Melvin (Final LLB) and Lauren Norton (2nd LLB), attended a “Street Law” training weekend at Letterkenny IT in January. The training was conducted by staff and students of Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, including Professor Richard Roe. Professor Roe is widely regarded as the founder of “Street Law” and

is an internationally renowned figure in the field of clinical legal education. Stay tuned for further updates on this front.

The School of Law welcomes input from its graduates on the clinical legal education programme and, in particular, it welcomes contact from graduates who are interested in providing students with placements. Please contact Larry.Donnelly@nuigalway.ie.

Internal Moot Court Competition

The Moot Court Module final took place in January 2017 with the victorious team of Frances Whelan (Final LLB) and Emily Keilty (2nd LLB) narrowly overcoming Darra Deane (2nd BCL) and Jonathan Harte (Final LLB) in a tense final moot which exhibited everything that is positive about mooting. The judge for the initial rounds was Tom O’Malley, with Ms. Justice Marie Baker of the High Court presiding over the final round.

The School would like to thank both judges, in particular Ms. Justice Baker who travelled from Dublin, for their time and effort. Special tribute to all the mooters for their application, effort and enthusiasm which culminated in some fantastic mooting.

Thanks also to all the members of staff who so generously gave of their time, in particular Tom O’Malley for giving a guest lecture on court etiquette and Dr Ian Walsh, from Drama & Theatre Studies, who gave a practical and interactive class on public speaking. The team mentors were Ursula Connolly, Dr Eoin Daly, Larry Donnelly, Nicola Murphy and Dr Brian Tobin with Eoin and Brian’s teams battling in the final and Brian’s team emerging victorious.

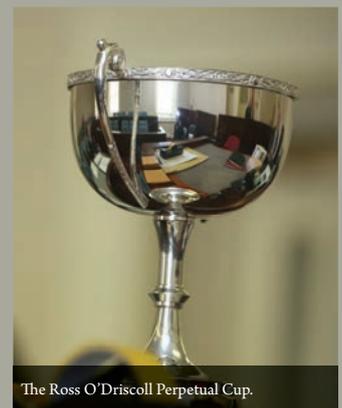
The new perpetual cup honours one of our most respected graduates Ross O’Driscoll, BL, who was also a medic, passed away following an accident in June 2015. A number of his colleagues at the Bar, at the instigation of Jarlath Ryan, BL, came together to sponsor this cup in his memory. This was presented, with members of Ross’ family and a number of contemporaries from his time as a student in UCG present, at this year’s Moot Court Final.



Ms Justice Marie Baker (centre) with the winning team of Frances Whelan and Emily Keilty.



Ms Justice Marie Baker, Tom O’Malley and Dr Conor Hanly pictured with runners-up Darra Deane and Jonathan Harte.



The Ross O’Driscoll Perpetual Cup.

Law Society Moot Court Competition

The NUI Galway Law Society hosted a moot court competition at the Galway City Courthouse in March 2017. Ms Ursula Connolly of the School of Law assisted the Law Society with the various workshops leading up to the competition and Colleen Brownlee BL judged the competition.



Pictured (L-R): Dr Brian Tobin, runners up Daniel Leahy (1BCL) & Yamin Elhadi (Final LLB), Colleen Brownlee BL (moot judge), Fawad Noonan (convenor), winners Shane Kelly (2BCL) & Robert Wall (2B Corp) and participants Ava Kavanagh & Kate Ni Mhaolain (1BCL).

Bréagchúirt Úi Dhálaigh

Ghlac foireann ón Scoil Dlí, Christina Hynes agus Daire Hickey-McGovern, mic-léinn ón 3ú bliain den BA (Dlí), páirt i mBréagchúirt Úi Dhálaigh a réachtáladh i mblia na hÓstaí an Rí, Baile Átha Cliath ar an 11ú Samhain. Cé nár thug siad an craobh leo rinne siad sár-obair ag diospóireacht an cháis. Buíochas do Nicola Murphy a thug comhairle dóibh maidir leis an dlí.



Daire Hickey-McGovern & Christina Hynes

Careers in Law Week 2016



Careers in Law Week, an initiative by the School of Law organised in conjunction with the Career Development Centre, took place in September 2016 and was jointly led by Dr Brian Tobin and Larry Donnelly on behalf of the School of Law.

The highlight of the week was the Law Firms' Fair which was held at the Orbsen Building on Monday, 26th September. Students were able to meet representatives from Ireland's top law firms, network and learn about life in a law firm through interactive panel sessions with partners and trainees from the firms. RDJ Glynn, Arthur Cox, William Fry, Matheson, A&L Goodbody, McCann FitzGerald, Maples and Calder, Keating Connolly Sellors, LK Shields and Berwick Solicitors were among the many law firms represented on the day. Arthur Cox also facilitated a 'mock interview' workshop.

New Staff Appointments

Professor Siobhán Mullally



We were pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Siobhán Mullally as the Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at NUI Galway earlier this year. Professor Mullally took up her post in September 2017.

Professor Mullally was a Professor at the School of Law, UCC where she held the position of Vice-Head of the College of Business & Law. She was recently elected President of the Council of Europe expert group on human trafficking, GRETA. Professor Mullally is also a Commissioner of the Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission and a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague.

Professor Mullally has worked as an adviser and consultant on human rights, migration and asylum law, gender and justice sector reform for UN bodies and international organisations in many parts of the world, including in Ethiopia, Timor-Leste, Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Kosovo. In 2009, she was appointed by the International Bar Association to an inquiry team, examining the independence of the judiciary in Pakistan. As President and member of the Council of Europe anti-trafficking body (GRETA), she has been rapporteur for several country reports, including Hungary, France, Italy, UK and Sweden. Professor Mullally is the Irish member of the Odysseus European network of experts on Asylum and Migration Law.

Prior to her appointment at UCC, Professor Mullally held lecturing posts in the UK and Pakistan. She has held visiting positions at several leading universities, including at Harvard Law School, Cornell University, Sydney Law School and the National Law School of India, Bangalore. In 2009-2010, she was a Fulbright Scholar and Senior Fellow in Residence at Columbia University, Gender, Sexuality and Law Centre, and in 2011-2012, she was awarded the prestigious Senior Fernand Braudel Fellowship at the European University Institute, Florence.

On taking up her new post Professor Mullally said: "The Irish Centre for Human Rights at NUI Galway is one of the world's premier human rights centres, with an outstanding track record of research, post-graduate teaching and doctoral education in the field of human rights law. Uniquely situated at the cross-roads of practice, policy and academia, the Centre brings together human rights practitioners and scholars from across the world in a dynamic intellectual environment. At this critical time for human rights globally, I look forward to working with colleagues at the Centre and School of Law, to contribute to informed policy debates on many pressing human rights challenges - from gender equality, women's human rights and social justice, to refugee and migrant protection."

New Director of Strategic Development & Administration

Stella Carty joined the School of Law in June 2017 as the Director of Strategic Development and Administration. Since joining the University in 2012, Stella has delivered on several roles within the central support units of Academic Administration and Finance & Research. She has held the following positions; Academic Planning and Development Officer (at the Office of the Registrar and Deputy-President); Bursar's Accountant (at the the Bursar's Office); Research Financial Reporting Manager (at the Research Accounting Office). Stella has a strong and practical understanding of the University including its policies, procedures, structures and governance. She previously worked in University College Dublin for over four years and has also worked in industry for a number of years. Stella qualified as a Chartered Accountant having completed a Bachelor of Commerce here in NUI Galway. She also completed a Diploma in Strategy Finance & Analytics and trained in Effective Leadership and Management. Stella is delighted to have this opportunity to work with the members of the School of Law to support the delivery of its academic mission.



Staff Departure Professor Ronán Long

We wished our colleague Professor Ronán Long goodbye in December 2016. Ronán held a Personal Professorship and the Jean Monnet Chair of European Law at the School of Law. Ronán has taken up the Nippon Foundation Professorial Chair of Ocean Governance and the Law of the Sea at the World Maritime University in Malmö, Sweden. We wish Ronán well in his new post.

Staff News

Dr John Danaher

Dr John Danaher gave the keynote lecture on 'Technological Unemployment and the Search for Meaning' at the W-JAX developers conference in Munich on the 8th November 2016. He spoke on 'Symbols and their Consequences in the Sex Robot Debate' at the third annual TEDx Conference at WHU - Otto Beisheim School of Management in Vallendar, Germany in February 2017. John was also invited to debate the future of robot relationships at the British Academy's season on Robotics, Artificial Intelligence & Society in February, and participated in a panel discussion about robot rights and the future of work at the Science Gallery in Dublin in March 2017.



Dr Rónán Kennedy

Dr Rónán Kennedy, a lecturer in the School of Law and a researcher in the Ryan Institute, has been appointed to the Advisory Committee of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a three year term. This role involves making recommendations to the Agency on a wide range of topics, including staffing, service provision, standards and guidelines, and research and work programmes. The Committee can also make recommendations to the Minister for Community, Climate Action, and Environment on the functions, financing, and activities of the Agency.

Rónán's research focuses on the relationship between information and communications technology and environmental regulation, and he is currently leading a project to implement a blockchain-based currency for the Cloughjordan ecovillage. He is a graduate of NUI Galway, the King's Inns, New York University and University College London. He has extensive practical experience in the information technology field, but was also Executive Legal Officer to the Chief Justice of Ireland, Mr Justice Ronan Keane, from 2000 to 2004.



Dr Anita Ferrara

Dr Anita Ferrara presented a paper at the Sixth Annual Conference of the Historical Dialogues, Justice and Memory Network, "Confronting Violent Pasts and Historical (In)Justice", that was held on December 1-3, 2016, at the NIOD Institute for War, Holocaust, and Genocide Studies, Amsterdam. Her paper, through the case study of Chile, explored the complex relationship between truth commissions and memorialization, and focused in particular on the contribution that the Chilean Truth commissions made to the belated memorialization initiatives.



Dr Anita Ferrara also chaired the session: "Chile and the Inter-American Human Rights system" at the Annual Conference of the Society for Latin American Studies, SLAS, University of Glasgow, UK

Dr Padraic Kenna

Dr Padraic Kenna drafted the Keeping People in their Homes Bill 2017, which was presented for the First Reading by Kevin Moran TD on Thursday 24th February 2017. It amends the Land and Conveyancing Law Reforms Acts 2009-2013 and grants powers to Irish courts to consider the circumstances and impact of home loss on dependents and children in the household. The Bill provides Irish courts with a statutory base to effectively conduct proportionality assessments on possession orders related to mortgages arrears, drawing on European consumer, family and human rights law. Courts will be able to examine any alternative arrangements, which could prevent home loss, the best interests of any children, and the availability of suitable alternative accommodation, which would allow the household to live together. The Bill seeks to enable County Registrars and Judges to balance the interests of corporate lenders with the fundamental human rights of individual borrowers and their households, who face loss of home.



Eugene Deering (LLB, 2014 and LLM in Public Law, 2015), Ministerial Special Adviser, and Dr Padraic Kenna, School of Law NUI Galway, who drafted the Bill, outside Dáil Éireann before the First Reading of the Bill.

Professor Gerard Quinn

Professor Quinn was made a lifetime honoree by the European Association of Service Providers at a ceremony in the European Parliament in October 2016. This complements similar awards previously made by the US International Council on Disability (USICD) and Rehabilitation International (RI). He was the first Irish legal academic to be made a fellow of the Government of India (GIAN-Global Initiative of Academic Networks) for his research and teaching on the future of personhood in law (October 2016). He was appointed to the Irish Government's Taskforce on Individualising of Services & Budgets for People with Disabilities in September 2016.



He gave several keynotes during 2016-2017 including for UN-ESCWA (meeting of Arab Governments on disability policy, Beirut-September 2016), ASEM (Asia Europe Meeting) in Beijing (in association with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute and the Chinese Government, November 2016), for the Australian Guardianship and Administration Council (Sydney, October 2016), for Fudan University and the Shanghai Research Centre on Disability (Shanghai, October 2016), for Age Platform Europe (November 2016), for EU Structural Funds Watch (European Parliament, December 2016), for Lund University (February 2017), for the Ministry of Social Affairs (Israel, February 2017), for the Council of Europe (launch of new Council disability strategy, in Nicosia, March 2017). In the period he served as extern on two PhD boards (Central European University, Budapest) and Lund University (Sweden).

His publications in the period include a major Manual for National Human Rights Institutions for the Asia/Pacific Forum (Sydney, February 2017) with Neil Crowther and a book on the UN Convention with Charles O'Mahony, 'Disability Law & Policy: an Analysis of the UN Convention,' (Clarus Press, 2017). Other publications include 'Civil Death – Rethinking the Foundations of Personhood for Persons with Disabilities,' (50 Irish Jurist, January 2017). He jointly produced (with Suzanne Doyle and Eilionor Flynn) a 'Study on the Equal Recognition Before the Law,' (January 2017, Strasbourg).

He continued in the period as a member of the advisory boards of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency (Vienna) and the Ruderman Family Foundation (Boston).

Dr Shivaun Quinlivan

In recognition of Dr Shivaun Quinlivan's research in the area of inclusive education she was awarded the very prestigious O'Brien Residential Fellowship at the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University, Canada. This fellowship supports activists, academics and practitioners in the field of human rights. The fellowship is awarded to those deemed to possess a "deep understanding of their chosen subject area and a track record of professional accomplishment". Dr. Quinlivan spent four months in Montréal based in McGill University and during that time she was the keynote speaker at the Annie McDonald Langstaff Annual Lecture, she also presented her research at the Sauvé Foundation and taught a module on the International Right to Inclusive Education.



Tom O'Malley



Tom O'Malley was invited to become a member of the Anglo-German Criminal Law Seminar which is jointly organised by the Universities of Oxford and Göttingen. The Seminar aims to produce a number of book length studies comparing key aspects of Anglo-American and German criminal law and criminal procedure. Tom has been allocated responsibility for the area of sexual offences on which he presented a paper at the University of Göttingen in March 2017 and at Oxford in September 2017.

Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti

Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti participated in February 2017 in a panel discussion on secularism in France and in the USA at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The discussion was part of a symposium comparing French and American perspectives on diversity and inclusion. In her talk she showed how the differences in the understanding of the role of the government in implementing secularism affects minority religious groups' rights in France and in the USA. The symposium was organized and sponsored by the Kennedy School and by the French Consulate in Boston. Over 180 participants from the Harvard University community and from all over the world attended the Symposium.



Professor Donncha O'Connell

Professor Donncha O'Connell, who completed a four-year term as Head of School in May, was appointed by the Government to the Commission on the Future of Policing in Ireland. The Commission, which is modelled on the former Patten Commission on Policing in Northern Ireland, is chaired by Kathleen O'Toole, the Chief of Police in Seattle who was previously the Chief Inspector of the Garda Inspectorate and Chief of Police in Boston. Ms O'Toole was also a member of the Patten Commission. The other members are: Ms Noeline Blackwell, Mr Conor Brady, Dr Johnny Connolly, Dr Vicky Conway, Mr Tim Dalton, Sir Peter Fahy, Dr Eddie Molloy, Ms Tonita Murray, Dr Antonio Ofeleie and Ms Helen Ryan. It will report by September 2018 and is also empowered to make rolling recommendations in the course of its deliberations.



Doctoral Programme

Doctoral Scholarships

The Irish Research Council (IRC) has awarded scholarships to two candidates from the School of Law and its Centres. They are:

- Jurgita Bukauskaite – supervised by Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko, ICHR. Her research topic is “Translating Universal Human Rights Commitments on Gender Equality into the Vernacular and in Line with the Istanbul Convention: the Case of Domestic Violence in Ireland”. A multidisciplinary socio-legal analysis of the human rights instruments will be conducted with an objective to identify the best practices to promote gender equality, prevent and end violence against women, and domestic violence in particular. This study is timely considering Ireland is preparing to ratify the the Istanbul Convention and will offer informed guidance to the legal professionals and policy makers on the standards necessary to promote and successfully implement the Convention vis-a-vis the de facto position of women.
- Sarah Hofmayer – supervised by Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley. Her research topic is “Work Integration Social Enterprises – a tool to further inclusive employment for persons with disabilities?” This research is looking into how WISE can contribute to realizing inclusive employment in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. It includes a comparative analysis of the legal and regulatory situation in Austria, Ireland and Italy, taking the experiences of service users and social entrepreneurs via

qualitative interviews into account.

In addition, following a competitive application process the School has awarded doctoral scholarships to the following candidates:

- Magnus Abraham-Dukuma – supervised by Dr Rónán Kennedy, Deirdre Callanan and Dr Stephen Hynes. His research is on Health, Safety and Environmental Risk Governance for Offshore Methane Hydrates in Developing States. It’s a proposed proactive research effort towards averting HSE hazards associated with or necessarily incidental to the potential commercial development of offshore methane hydrates as an energy source in developing states.
- José Henríquez – supervised by Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh, ICHR. His research topic is titled ‘Reintegration of gang members in the Northern Triangle of Central America. Perspectives from the International Human Rights Law’.
- Marianne Walsh – supervised by Dr Eoin Daly and Maureen O’Sullivan. Her doctoral research project is titled ‘Defining the Human Embryo in European Patent Law’. It seeks to address the legal uncertainty surrounding the definition of the term ‘human embryo’ in relation to patent applications for morally controversial biotechnological inventions in Europe.

This is an excellent result for the School of Law, building on the considerable IRC successes for the School in recent years. Congratulations to each of the successful applicants and their supervisors.



Dr Ekaterina Yahyaoui-Krivenko, Jurgita Bukauskaite, Dr Charles O’Mahony, Head of School, Sarah Hofmayer and Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley

Dr Karen Lynch-Shally

Dr Karen Lynch-Shally was awarded her PhD in March 2017. Her thesis analysed the impact of the Global Financial Crisis on frameworks of residential mortgage regulation in Ireland and Spain and queried whether there was a change in the regulatory paradigm from the pre to post crisis period. The research was funded by scholarships from the Irish Research Council and NUI Galway and was supervised by Dr Padraic Kenna.



ICHR Graduates

Dr Rhonda Ferguson successfully defended her PhD dissertation on the right to food and world trade in October 2016.



Pictured (L to R) are Dr Shane Darcy (PhD supervisor), Rhonda Ferguson and Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh (internal examiner). Professor Philip Alston was the external examiner.

Dr Hadeel Abu Hussein successfully defended her PhD, ‘Land Law under international law, a Key for Exercise State Power in Context of Law in Postcolonial Territories’ in December 2016.



Hadeel Abu Hussein pictured here with Professor Ray Murphy, Dr Shane Darcy, and Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh (PhD supervisor).

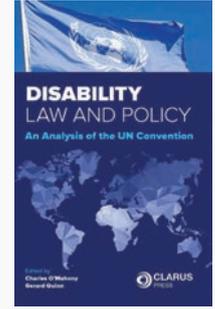
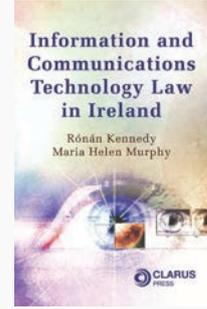
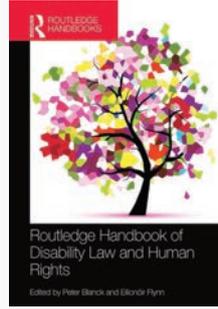
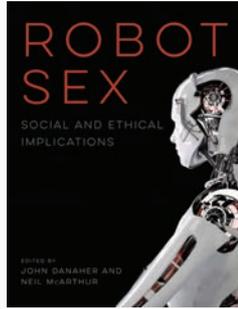
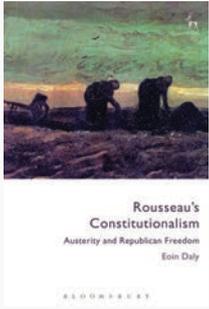
Dr Joseph Powderly successfully defended his PhD on judicial creativity in international criminal law in February 2017.



Joseph Powderly pictured here with Professor Ray Murphy (viva chair), Dr Shane Darcy (internal examiner) and Professor Robert Cryer (external examiner).

Congratulations also to Dr Leonard Taylor, who successfully defended his PhD, ‘Towards an understanding of Catholicism and human rights law’ in January 2017, and Dr Carla de Ycaza, who successfully defended her PhD on transitional justice in November 2016. Their PhD supervisors were Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh and Professor William Schabas respectively.

Selected Publications & Research



What follows is a selection of major publications by colleagues from the School of Law and its Centres published during the past year. It evidences a consistently high quality of academic research and writing but, also, of engaged scholarship and impact both nationally and internationally.

Dr Eilionóir Flynn, Associate Head for Research

Books:

- Eoin Daly, *Rousseau's Constitutionalism: Austerity and Republican Freedom* (Hart 2017).
- John Danaher and Neil McArthur (eds), *Robot Sex: Social and Ethical Implications* (Cambridge 2017).
- Eilionóir Flynn and Peter Blanck (eds), *Routledge Handbook of Disability and Human Rights* (Routledge 2017).
- Connie Healy, *Collaborative Practice: An International Research Perspective* (Routledge 2017).
- Rónán Kennedy and Maria Helen Murphy, *Information and Communications Technology Law in Ireland* (Clarus Press 2017).
- Rónán Kennedy, Larry Donnelly and Jennifer Schweppe (eds) *How to Think, Write and Cite: Key Skills for Irish Law Students* (Round Hall Sweet and Maxwell 2016).
- Charles O'Mahony and Gerard Quinn (eds), *Disability Law and Policy: An Analysis of the UN Convention* (Clarus Press 2017).
- Shivaun Quinlivan, Gauthier de Beco and Janet E. Lord (eds), *The Right to Inclusive Education in International Human Rights Law* (Cambridge University Press 2017).
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko (ed), *Human Rights and Power in Times of Globalisation* (Brill 2017).
- Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, *Rethinking Human Rights and Global Constitutionalism: From Inclusion to Belonging* (Cambridge University Press 2017).

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- John Danaher, 'Could there ever be an app for that? Consent Apps and the Problem of Sexual Assault' (2017) *Criminal Law and Philosophy*, DOI 10.1007/s11572-017-9417-x
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- John Danaher, 'Common Knowledge, Pragmatic Enrichment and Thin Originalism' (2016) 7 *Jurisprudence* 267.
- John Danaher, 'Could there ever be app for that? Consent Apps and the Problem of Sexual Assault' (2017) *Criminal Law and Philosophy*.
- John Danaher, 'Will Life Be Worth Living in a World Without Work? Technological Unemployment and the Meaning of Life' (2017) 23 *Science and Engineering Ethics* 41.
- John Danaher, 'Robotic Rape and Robotic Child Sexual Abuse: Should They be Criminalised?' (2017) 11 *Criminal Law and Philosophy* 71.
- John Danaher, 'Why we should create artificial offspring: meaning and the collective afterlife' (2017) *Science and Engineering Ethics*.
- John Danaher, Sven Nyholm, and Brian Earp (2017) 'The Quantified Relationship' (2017) *American Journal of Bioethics*.
- Shane Darcy, "'The Elephant in the Room'; Corporate Tax Avoidance and Business and Human Rights' (2017) *Business and Human Rights Journal*.
- Eilionóir Flynn and Clíona de Bhailís, 'Recognising Legal Capacity: Commentary & Analysis of Article 12 CRPD' (2017) 13(1) *International Journal of Law in Context* 6.
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- Tom O'Malley, 'Judgment and Calculation in the Selection of Penalty' (2017) 28 Criminal Law Forum.
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- Brian Tobin, 'The European Court of Human Rights' Inconsistent and Incoherent Approach to Second-Parent Adoption' (2017) 21(1) European Human Rights Law Review 59.
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Annual Distinguished Lecture 2017

On Friday 31 March the School of Law Annual Distinguished Lecture 2017 was delivered by Judge Síofra O'Leary of the European Court of Human Rights, "A Tale of Two Cities: the Protection of Fundamental Rights in Strasbourg and Luxembourg". The event was chaired by Ms Justice Iseult O'Malley of the Irish Supreme Court and took place in the Aula Maxima (Lower) followed by a reception in the Staff Club.

The lecture is held annually to mark the end of the academic year and to bid farewell to Final Year law students and provide an opportunity for them to be introduced to members of the NUIG Law School alumni community as they embark on the next stage of their careers.

Pictured above Judge Síofra O'Leary. All photographs by Aengus McMahon



Ms Justice Iseult O'Malley introducing Judge Síofra O'Leary



Professor Donncha O'Connell, Judge Síofra O'Leary, Ms Justice Máire Whelan, Ms Justice Catherine McGuinness, Ms Justice Iseult O'Malley and President of NUI Galway Dr Jim Browne.



Full house at the Annual Distinguished Lecture 2017



Kieran Fitzpatrick (LLM in Public Law) speaking from the floor



Ms Justice Catherine McGuinness, Claire Irwin, Solicitor, Michael O'Connor, BL and Ms Justice Carmel Stewart of the High Court and Law Reform Commission



LLM students from the Irish Centre for Human Rights (L to R): Kiersten McMahon, Antoni Mansilla Jacas, Suzanne Raap and Jeremy Bingham.



NUIG law students



BCorp and BCL students



Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley (centre) with Final BCL students (L to R) Sarah Pickard, Sive Neary, Kyle Greene and Alyssa Bhatti.



Cansu Akkoyun, Hayley Mulligan, Dr Ioanna Tourkochorit and Ywande Ajala.



Dr Deirdre Byrnes, Dr Charles O'Mahony and Deirdre Callanan

Last year, the Annual Distinguished Lecture was delivered by delivered by Professor Emeritus, Nicholas Canny, and the event was chaired by the former EU Commissioner for Research, Innovation & Science, Dr Máire Geoghegan-Quinn. In the past, the annual lecture has been delivered by: Sir Declan Morgan, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Mr. Justice Nial Fennelly of the Irish Supreme Court, Professor Neil Walker of Edinburgh University, Judge John T. Noonan of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Baroness Brenda Hale of the UK Supreme Court with Ms. Justice Catherine McGuinness of the Irish Supreme Court and Professor Christopher McCrudden of the University of Oxford.

News from the Centres

CENTRE FOR DISABILITY LAW & POLICY (CDLP)

Publication of 'Human Rights And Disability: A Manual For National Human Rights Institutions'



The CDLP is happy to announce the publication by the Asia/Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions of a Manual on the role of NHRIs in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities (2017). Two of its staff – Professor Gerard Quinn and Ms Abigail Rekas-Rosalbo – were directly involved in its production. We congratulate the Asia/Pacific Forum for the opportunity to work on the project and hope and expect it will be a useful resource for National Human Rights Institutions' around the world.

Visiting Researchers at the CDLP

Rannveig Traustadóttir is Professor and Director of the Centre for Disability Studies in the School of Social Sciences at the University of Iceland. Much of her research examines the intersection of disability and other categories of inequality and how these create multiple layers of discrimination and social exclusion in disabled people's lives. Currently she is particularly interested in preventing violence against disabled women, promoting independent living and personal assistance, and exploring how the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities can be used to promote full human rights and equality for disabled people. Rannveig has been one of the leaders in developing Disability Studies as a scholarly field in the Nordic countries and is a former president of the Nordic Network on Disability Research (NNDR). She has published thirteen books and numerous articles on disability, gender, childhood, policy, family, deinstitutionalisation and qualitative research methods.

Professor Ignacio Campoy Cervera is Senior Lecturer with tenure at the University Carlos III of Madrid; Assistant Department Head of the International Law, Ecclesiastical Law and Philosophy of Law Department; and Member of the Institute of Human Rights "Bartolomé de las Casas", of the University Carlos III of Madrid. His research interests have been focused mainly on children's rights, the rights of persons with disabilities, the rights of children with disabilities, inclusive education and the concept and grounds of human rights.

Dr. Elizabeth Timberlake-Newell studies law at Northeastern University. She is interested in international law, disability and administrative law. Elizabeth has a PhD in history and was an adjunct professor, and worked as a journalist for three years.

Charles de Souza visited the CDLP from February to May 2017 under the Erasmus Student Exchange.

New Staff Appointments

- Ms. Sharon Hegarty, Summer School Administrator
- Ms. Trish Brennan, Summer School Administrator
- Dr. M. Laura Serra, Research Associate, VOICES ERC Project and Centre Projects
- Dr. Maria Gomez, Research Associate, DFID Project
- Ms. Louise Burke, Summer School Intern



(L to R) Trish Brennan, Dr Maria Gomez, Louise Burke, Sharon Hegarty, Dr. M. Laura Serra

CDLP Gold Medal



Pictured is winner of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy's gold medal, Milika Sakala, following the official presentation of her award in February 2017. The gold medal is awarded to the top student in the LLM in International and Comparative Disability Law and Policy. Professor Gerard Quinn, Director of the CDLP and Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley, Programme Director are pictured also.

New Research Project on Deprivation of Liberty

The CDLP in conjunction with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities has commenced a global research project on disability-specific forms of deprivation of liberty, with funding from the UK Department for International Development. This research plans to examine deprivations of liberty operating at three levels: formal (state regulated), informal (community-driven) and in the private sphere. Formal deprivations of liberty will include those regulated and sanctioned by the state (including detention in hospitals and social care homes). Informal deprivations of liberty will include actions undertaken by the community (e.g. prayer camps and shackling). Deprivations of liberty in the private sphere will focus on people deprived of their liberty in the family home or other private settings, in light of the positive duties of the state to prevent arbitrary and discriminatory deprivations of liberty affecting persons with disabilities.

IRISH CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (ICHR)

Professor Michael O’Flaherty appointed Adjunct Professor at the Irish Centre for Human Rights

The School of Law welcomes the appointment of Professor Michael O’Flaherty as an Adjunct Professor at the Irish Centre for Human Rights. Michael brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Centre and it is appropriate that he should retain the strong professional and personal links he has with the Centre and School of Law at NUI Galway. Michael is currently Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights since 16 December 2015. Previously, he was Established Professor of Human Rights Law and Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland, Galway. He has served as Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission. From 2004-2012, he was a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, latterly as a Vice-Chairperson. Michael has been a member of the UK Foreign Office’s advisory bodies on freedom of expression and the prevention of torture and the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs’ human rights

advisory committee. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of the Arts and has sat on the advisory boards of numerous human rights groups and journals internationally.

Michael read law at University College Dublin, theology and philosophy at the Gregorian University, Rome, international relations at the University of Amsterdam and is a Solicitor of the Irish Courts. He was the principal drafter of the General Comment of the Human Rights Committee on the freedoms of opinion and expression (General Comment 34, adopted in 2011). He was also rapporteur for the development of the Principles on the Application of International Human Rights Law with regard to Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (the Yogyakarta Principles). He initiated and directed the opening and closing expert consultations of the Dublin Process on the Strengthening of the UN Human Rights Treaty Body System and was rapporteur for its Dublin Outcome Document. He has been a member of the UN Expert Task Force on

Human Rights Indicators. His recent publications include volumes on the law and practice of human rights field operations, the professionalisation of human rights field work and on human rights diplomacy.

Professor O’Flaherty came to NUI Galway from the University of Nottingham where he was Professor of Applied Human Rights and Co-director of the Human Rights Law Centre. Previously he held a number of senior posts at the United Nations. He established the UN human rights field missions in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1994) and Sierra Leone (1998) and subsequently guided UN headquarters support to its human rights programmes across the Asia-Pacific region. He has served as Secretary of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and UN human rights advisor for implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement. From 2000 to 2002 he chaired the UN reference group on human rights and humanitarian action.



Annual LLM class trip to the Hague

In March 2017, students from the LLM programmes at the Irish Centre for Human Rights took part in the annual class trip to the Hague. The students visited the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. The trip offered an excellent opportunity to see the activities of the various courts first hand, to hear from staff of the various institutions and to meet with Centre graduates that are now working at the courts.

Farewell to Sir Nigel Rodley

ICHR is deeply saddened of the passing of Professor Sir Nigel Rodley 25th January 2017, a dear friend of the Irish Centre for Human Rights. Sir Nigel was a distinguished scholar and a lifelong advocate and champion of human rights globally. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.



Conferences and Events

NUIG Law Alumni Event

The School of Law and the Alumni Relations Office held an informal gathering of NUI Galway law alumni in October 2016 in the Stephen's Green Hibernian Club with our distinguished alumna, the then Attorney General, Máire Whelan, SC, as guest of honour. The event was attended by over 140 graduates including many members of the judiciary and was extremely enjoyable. It is planned to hold a similar event in association with the Alumni Relations Office in the near future.

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Patrick Downes, Alumni Association and Judge John O'Connor.



Ms Justice Máire Whelan.



Killian McSharry (BCorp Law, LLB) and Eoghan Kenny (BCorp Law, LLB).



Helen Kealy (LLB) and Martina Baxter (LLB).



Lisa Maher (LLB), Paul O'Grady, BL, Enda Newton (BCorp Law) and Mark Heslin (LLB).



Gabriel Gavigan, SC and Judge Cormac Quinn.



Niamh Rodgers (BCL), Claire Walsh (BCL) and Avril Mollaghan (BCorp Law, LLB).



(L to R) Professor Donncha O'Connell, School of Law, Ms Justice Máire Whelan, Dr James Browne, President of NUI Galway and Tom Joyce, Galway University Foundation.



Pamela Hanley (LLB), Richard Breen (LLB) and Noreen White (BComm)



Eamonn Keane (BA), Pat Rabbitte, (BA, LLB) and Ruari McCool (BCorp Law).



John O'Halloran (BCorp Law, LLB), Simone George (BCorp Law, LLB) and Peter Feeney (BCorp Law, LLB).



Judge Mary Faherty, Professor Grainne McMorrow, SC and Jeri Ward, BL.



Feidhlim Seoighe (BCL), Sean Aherne (BCL) and Maggie MacAonghusa (BCL)

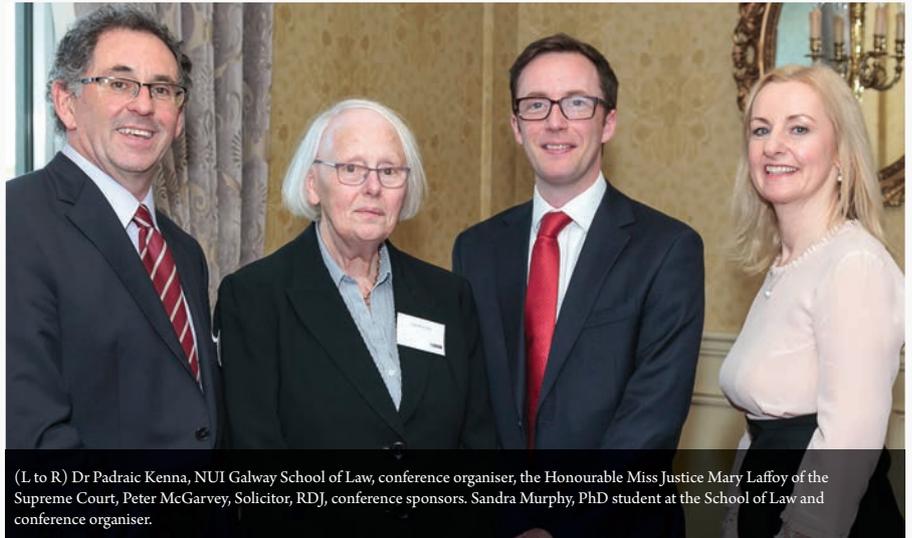


Eva Ní Shuilleabhain (LLB), John Curran (LLB) and Laura Ní Fhlannara, (LLB, LLM).

The Future is Now! eConveyancing & Title Registration Conference

The School of Law, NUI Galway hosted a highly successful international conference entitled 'The Future is Now! - eConveyancing and Title Registration' on the 7th and 8th April 2017. The conference brought together national and international experts from around the world in the area of eConveyancing and title registration. The conference was chaired by the Honourable Ms. Justice Mary Laffoy of the Supreme Court and Mr. Justice Michael Peart of the Court of Appeal. The keynote speaker was Professor J.C.W. Wylie, Irish expert in land and conveyancing law.

The conference explored electronic conveyancing (or eConveyancing), which is heralded as the future for conveyancing and title registration of land and property in many countries throughout the world. The conference explored the promised benefits of eConveyancing and the corresponding challenges for the current paper bound conveyancing process, particularly in Common Law countries. The conference brought together the leading authorities on eConveyancing and title registration drawn from academia, practice and the Property



(L to R) Dr Padraic Kenna, NUI Galway School of Law, conference organiser, the Honourable Miss Justice Mary Laffoy of the Supreme Court, Peter McGarvey, Solicitor, RDJ, conference sponsors. Sandra Murphy, PhD student at the School of Law and conference organiser.

Registration Authority. As such it was a unique opportunity for the exchange of ideas. A number of papers from the conference will be published as a

collection edited by the conference organisers Dr Padraic Kenna and Sandra Murphy.

Disability Summer School Goes from Strength to Strength



The world's biggest Disability Law Summer School focusing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities took place in NUI Galway from 19-23 June. Hosted by the School's Centre for Disability Law and Policy, this is the 9th Summer School to take place at the University, and the theme for 2017 was 'Psychosocial Disability'. The Co-Directors of the Summer School were Dr Charles O'Mahony and Professor Gabor Gombos.

The five-day Summer School sought to equip participants with the insights and skills necessary to translate the UN Disability Convention into tangible reform for persons with disabilities throughout the world. Leading experts on disability law and policy looked at some of the strategies successfully used to protect the rights and improve the lives of people with psychosocial around the world.

Over 200 delegates from over 50 countries participated, including persons with disabilities,

family members and civil society groups, as well as advocates for disability law reform, lawyers, policy makers and policy analysts. The teaching faculty included senior academics, practitioners, advocates and policymakers from around the world. Many of the speakers have been directly and actively engaged in drafting and implementing the UN Convention. Others are advocates for change and reform. The conference was addressed by leading 'users and survivors of psychiatry' who are people who have experienced mental health problems, or who have used or survived mental health services and who are to the fore advocating for the recognition of the legal capacity of persons with psychosocial disability.

Highlights from the Summer School included a keynote address by a Mr Dainius Pūras, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Health. Mr Pūras has been outspoken on the regrettable trend in recent decades of the excessive medicalization of mental health and the overuse of biomedical interventions, including in the treatment of

depression and suicide prevention, which he considers to be a biased and selective use of research outcomes that has negatively influenced mental health policies and services.

Ms Catalina Devandas Aguilar, the UN Special Rapporteur on Disability, also gave a keynote address. Ms Devandas in her work has highlighted the exclusion of persons with psychosocial or intellectual disabilities, in accessing essential services, such as health care, education or justice, owing to existing discriminatory legal and policy frameworks, segregated facilities and/or the lack of support, including support services. Dr Shivaun Quinlivan gave a masterclass on the right to inclusive education and critiqued the exclusion of children with psychosocial disability from the education systems throughout the world.

Proceedings of the School are available as an open resource on the Centre's YouTube site (CDLPNUIG).

President Donald Trump: The First Sixty Days and Beyond

Larry Donnelly of the School of Law, together with the Moore and Whittaker Institutes, organised an event in late March to mark Donald Trump's first two months in office and to consider what might lie ahead. The event was moderated by Mary Regan, a Moycullen native and journalist with the Sunday Business Post. Panellists, in addition to Mr Donnelly and Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh of the School of Law, were Professor Alan Aherne, Professor Daniel Carey and Irish Times journalist Karlin Lillington. The event was covered extensively in the local media and took place in front of a standing room only crowd, comprised of many Galway residents, as well as staff and students of the university.



Professor Daniel Carey, Moore Institute; Mary Regan, Sunday Business Post; Professor Alan Aherne, Whitaker Institute; Dr Kathleen Cavanaugh, Irish Centre for Human Rights; Larry Donnelly, School of Law; Karlin Lillington, Irish Times.

Honorary Law Degrees 2017

At a ceremony in NUI Galway in June 2017, the Irish Times journalist, Fintan O'Toole, businessman John McNamara, and engineer and STEM advocate Professor Jane Grimson were conferred with a Degree of Doctor of Laws (honoris causa).



Pictured at NUI Galway honorary conferring ceremony (L-R): John McNamara, businessman and philanthropist; Fintan O'Toole, Journalist; Dr Kristina Johnson, former US Under Secretary for Energy and recipient of the Honorary degree in Engineering; and Professor Jane Grimson, Engineer and STEM advocate.

Conference on the Judiciary, the State and Social Change

The School of Law held its annual Public Law conference, under the auspices of the Public Law LLM, in April 2017. This year's theme was "The Judiciary, the State and Social Change". There was an afternoon of lively deliberations on proposed reforms to the judicial appointments system in Ireland, and particularly the question of lay involvement in judicial selection. Speakers included the political scientist and former government advisor Dr Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, Tom O'Malley of the School of Law, and Dr Tom Hickey, a DCU lecturer and NUI Galway graduate.



(L to R) Tom O'Malley, Dr Eoin Daly (Conference Organiser), Dr Jennifer Carroll MacNeill and Dr Tom Hickey.

Concussion, Sport and the Law Seminar



Anne Marie Giblin, Dr Connie Healy, Ursula Connolly, Ciaran Gaffney (Connacht Rugby), Dr Ingrid Cunningham, Professor Jack Anderson, Peter Robb (Connacht Rugby), Deirdre Callanan, Dr Brian Tobin (Event Organiser), Cormac Brennan (Connacht Rugby & 2BCL), Dr Lucy-Ann Buckley, Enda Fallon.



Professor Jack Anderson, Queen's University Belfast

'Concussion in Sport - Brain Injury Litigation' was a public seminar organised by Dr Brian Tobin in February 2017 and attended by almost 200 people including legal and medical practitioners, professional and amateur sportspersons, academics, students and members of the public.

The guest speaker was Professor Jack Anderson from Queen's University Belfast, a leading sports law expert who spoke about brain injury litigation arising from concussion in sport and how sporting bodies might respond to such potential litigation.

Legal & Political Theory Workshop Series



The Legal and Political Theory Workshop Series has completed its second successful year. It is convened by Dr Eoin Daly, Dr John Danaher and Dr Ioanna Tourkochoriti. It provides a high-quality interdisciplinary forum for presenting and critically discussing work in legal and political theory broadly construed. This year the series welcomed 11 visiting speakers from Ireland, the UK, Continental Europe and Australia.

Speakers pre-circulated their papers for discussion at the seminars during which there was a heavy emphasis on discussion and debate. A diverse range of topics were covered such as: climate justice, interpreting the constitution from a comparative perspective, global constitutionalism, the requirements for complicity, the concept of humanity, the legal regulation of secret births and baby boxes, the rights of indigenous communities,

the philosophical foundations of human rights, the global public goods, the ambition to create a transnational Nomos, and tolerating conscientious objection.

The Speakers were: Alexa Zellentin (UCD) (1), Akis Psygkas (Bristol) (2), Luca Silliquini-Cinelly (Deakin) (3), Cristopher Cowley (UCD) (4), Ayça Çubukçu (LSE) (5), Jill Marschall (Leicester), Jen Hendry (Leeds) (6), Vittorio Bufacchi (UCC) (7), Aravind Ganesh (Max Planck) (8), Ming-Sung Kuo (Warwick) (9), Yossi Nehushtan (Keele) (10).

The Workshop Series will be recommencing in the next academic year. It will include thematic symposia and book (readers meet author) discussions. If you are interested in participating please contact one of the convenors via lptheory@nuigalway.ie.

International Criminal Court Summer School

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted the 18th Annual International Criminal Court Summer School in June 2017. The summer school was very well attended with delegates representing over 30 nationalities from around the world participating in a stimulating and interactive week. Participants attended a series of intensive lectures over five days, given by leading academics on the subject as well as legal professionals working at the Court.

This year's ICC Summer School included a special session on corporate crimes at the International Criminal Court. Although the Court does not formally have jurisdiction over companies, the Office of the Prosecutor recently indicated an intention to focus on crimes or practices that lead to "the destruction of the environment, the illegal exploitation of natural resources or the illegal dispossession of land". With business often implicated in such activities, this special session examined questions regarding prosecuting corporate actors before the International Criminal Court. Participants included Professor James Stewart

(University of British Columbia), Dr Nadia Bernaz (Middlesex University) and Richard J Rogers (Global Diligence LLP).

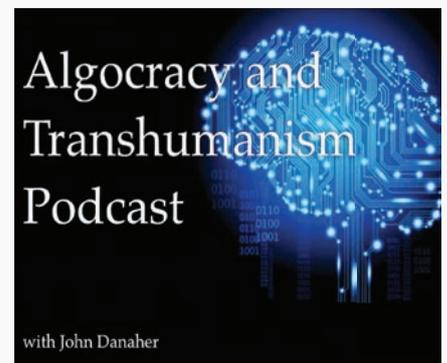


Professor William Schabas, Middlesex University and Chairman of the Irish Centre for Human Rights speaking at the International Criminal Court. Photo: Aengus McMahon

Algocracy and Transhumanism Workshops

Dr John Danaher ran two workshops as part of his Irish Research Council (IRC) funded Algocracy and Transhumanism project. The first workshop – entitled 'From Algorithmic States to Algorithmic Brains' – took place on the 22nd and 23rd of September 2016. It focused on the increasing role of artificial intelligence and robotics in governance and law. The second workshop – entitled "The Algorithmic Self" – took place on the 27th of January 2017 and focused on the rise of the quantified self movement.

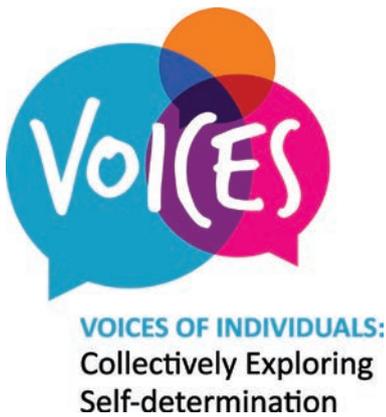
Dr John Danaher has launched a podcast on the legal, ethical and social implications of robotics, artificial intelligence and human enhancement technologies. The podcast features interviews with top researchers in the field and is part of his IRC-funded Algocracy and Transhumanism Project. It is available at: <https://algocracy.wordpress.com/project-podcast/>.



16th Annual Doctoral Seminar Program (2017)

The 16th Annual Doctoral Seminar took place at the Irish Centre for Human Rights from the 24th to the 28th April, 2017. The Seminar was the highlight of the calendar for the PhD students and comprised a vibrant and engaging event that brought together visiting experts such as Professor Marsha Freeman, University of Minnesota, Professor Anthony Anghie, University of Utah, Dr Yvonne McDermott, Bangor University, as well as academic staff and doctoral researchers.





The VOICES project held the first of their thematic workshops in September 2016 on criminal responsibility in the Institute for Lifecourse and Society. The first day of the workshop was a private day where the storytellers and respondents who had chosen this theme worked together with international experts in the area and a creative writing facilitator to develop their pieces for the final edited collection. The second day was a public seminar on rethinking criminal responsibility in light of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which included presentations from

Dr Florencia Heggelin, University of Buenos Aires, Professor Bebhinn Donnelly-Lazarov, Swansea University and storytellers and respondents in the VOICES project. The presentations looked at how key components of the criminal justice system, such as unfitness to plead and the insanity defence, can be reconstructed in a way that does not discriminate against people with disabilities.

The VOICES project held a workshop which focused on freedom to choose where and with whom to live, decisions about travel and financial decisions and featured a range of perspectives from the storytellers and respondents in the project and leading figures in the field of capacity and contract law such as Alex Ruck Keene, Dr Michael Bach and Dr Lyn Tjon Soei Len. Presentations examined how with the right support, people can make legally binding contracts that respect their will and preferences, while providing security for third parties who enter into contracts with people using this kind of support.

In January 2017, a VOICES project event explored how human rights under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) could be used to guarantee the right to consent to, and refuse, medical treatment – with a focus on lived experience in the mental health system. The seminar featured presentations from people with lived experience of mental health systems and responses from international experts with speakers

from a variety of countries including Sweden, India, the US, Canada, Australia, Colombia and Kenya.



Professor Rosie Harding, Birmingham school of Law, speaking at the Consent To Treatment seminar in January 2017



Nicholas Clarke, Story Teller in the Voices Project, presenting at the Criminal Responsibility seminar in September 2016.

Summer Schools for Secondary School Students – Now in its 5th Year

Dr Connie Healy organised a Summer School in Law for secondary school students in June 2017. The summer school provided participants with an insight into studying law at NUIG. Students travelled from all over the country to participate. Dr Conor Hanly introduced students to Criminal law, Ursula Connolly explored topical issues in Tort law, Dr Ciara Smyth examined the Irish Asylum system, Dr John Danaher explored Game Theory and the Law and Dr Brian Tobin led a session on the Regulation of Surrogacy in Ireland. The students also had an opportunity to meet with current students of the School of Law and learn about the different undergraduate law programmes that we offer. Dr Máire Áine Ní Mhainnín and Dr Deirdre Byrnes, from the School of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, spoke about the opportunity to study French, German and Spanish, and Nicola Murphy and Dr Conor Hanly outlined the many exciting opportunities there are to study throughout Europe and internationally as part of the undergraduate law programmes offered at NUI Galway. The final session, delivered by Dr Connie Healy, focused on outlining the different careers options available both as members of the legal profession (solicitors and barristers) and alternative careers in law.



Ursula Connolly discussing Tort law with students



Dr Conor Hanly, Dr Connie Healy and Ursula Connolly pictured with participants on the second day of the summer school

“Blockchain and Sustainable Communities” Workshop, Cloughjordan

Dr Rónán Kennedy of the School of Law is leading the Cloughpenny Project to create a blockchain-based local currency for the Cloughjordan ecovillage. The keynote speaker was Professor Joshua Fairfield of Washington & Lee University School of Law. This one day workshop in October 2016, funded by the Irish Research Council New Foundations scheme and co-organised by NUI Galway School of Law, FEASTA, and Cultivate, explored the possible future applications of blockchain technology in the development and coherence of sustainable communities. Videos from the event are available on the Law School YouTube account.



Dr Rónán Kennedy speaking about his experiences with the Cloughpenny project

Photography and International Law Lecture

Dr Aoife Duffy from the Irish Centre for Human Rights gave a fascinating and stimulating lecture in December 2016, entitled ‘Bearing Witness to Atrocity Crimes: Photography and International Law’. Her lecture formed part of the Whitaker Ideas Forum seminar series, within the Conflict, Humanitarianism and Security Research Cluster. Dr Duffy’s paper used ideas propounded by Susan Sontag and Judith Butler on photography to illuminate the critical role of photography and visual media in international law jurisprudence.

Two key questions were pursued: firstly, what role does photography have in international law (with a particular focus on abusive photography), and, secondly, how do photography and visual media bear witness to atrocity crimes in international law? The paper commenced with an overview of the evolution of war photography and interrogated the ethical issues involved in the aestheticization of suffering for consumerist purposes. Drawing from scholarly definitions of atrocity crimes, the article settled on terminology which carves out the parameters of the socio-legal research space. In identifying the relevant areas of international law, the study delved into the associated jurisprudence, evincing the critical evidentiary role of photography in litigating atrocity crimes, such as genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity.



Conference of the Irish-American Law Society of Cleveland, Ohio



Minister for Children & Youth Affairs, Katherine Zappone pictured with Tom O'Malley and Professor Donncha O'Connell of the School of Law at a conference of the Irish-American Law Society of Cleveland, Ohio in September 2016 hosted by the School of Law and the Galway University Foundation.

International Conference on Litigation as a Business Human Rights Remedy

International and Irish experts convened at NUI Galway in March 2017 for a conference which examined questions of responsibility and legal liability for Irish companies that may become complicit in violations of human rights when operating outside of Ireland. Organised by Dr Shane Darcy of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, the one-day conference was entitled ‘Exploring litigation as a business and human rights remedy’. The conference brought together United Nations experts, legal practitioners, academics and

advocates to explore civil litigation for serious human rights. Speakers included Professor Anita Ramasastry of the United Nations Working Group on business and human rights and Shanta Martin of the London-based law firm, Leigh Day. Several legal practitioners from Ireland considered the opportunities, challenges and barriers to pursuing cases in Irish courts against companies implicated in human rights abuses. Engaged participation from those in attendance made the conference a thorough success.



Dr Gearóid O Cuinn, of Global Legal Action Network, speaking at the March 2017 business and human rights conference

Sew to Speak Human Rights Seminar

The Irish Centre for Human Rights hosted a seminar with the Chilean human rights advocate and researcher, Roberta Bacic in November 2016. Roberta Bacic has curated more than 90 international exhibitions and associated events including arpilleras from Pinochet's Chile and textile narratives of loss, resistance and protest. As part of the International exhibition on conflict textiles organized by the Embassy of Chile in Ireland, Roberta brought to the Centre some arpilleras from Chile that speak about the massive and systematic human rights violations committed under the Pinochet dictatorship. Roberta also talked about her experience of working as assistant researcher in Chile for the National Corporation on Reparation and Reconciliation, a public body which continued the work of the Chilean Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



Round Table in the European Parliament: 'Community Living For Europe - Building on the Promise of European Structural and Investment Funds into the Future'

The round table in December 2016 looked at good practices, issues and challenges linked to the implementation of the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) regulations in the

transition from institutional care to community based living. It aimed to provide input on the need for improving practice under the existing regulations as well as how this underlying

legislative framework might be improved in the next programming period (2021-2028) to underpin more effective outcomes.



Pictured are senior officials from the European Commission and the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, Members of the European Parliament and of the Community Living for Europe Steering Committee as well as representatives of other European and national civil society organisations who participated in the round table.

Heroes of the Disability Rights Movement in Ireland

The Centre for Disability, Law & Policy pays tribute to Donal Toolan and Martin Naughton, who passed away in the past year. A generational change is happening now in Ireland. We mourn the loss of two giants of the disability rights movement in this country. All countries have their own inspirational leaders. It is fair to say that the disability rights revolution would never have happened in Ireland without Donal and Martin.

Donal Toolan
– RIP April 24th 2017

Donal was one of the founders of the disability rights movement in Ireland and an inspirational leader. He spoke with great moral conviction and clarity – and was never afraid to speak out. He challenged deeply held assumptions and was always especially attuned to hypocrisy. The Director of the Centre, Prof Gerard Quinn said, “We have now lost Donal. And we recently lost Frank Mulcahy and Martin Naughton. Together they were the best generation. They reminded people that the founding ideals of this Republic over 100 years ago concerning the inherent equality of all citizens was just an empty myth for several generations of people with disabilities. But they were equally clear that it was also an ideal worth fighting for. It’s time now for a new generation to emerge and take the baton. Donal lit a bright path for them. We mourn his loss, treasure our memories and will try hard to send the next generation on their way in his –and their –honour.”



Donal Toolan, pictured at the 2014 International Disability Summer School in NUI Galway.

Martin Naughton
– RIP October 13th 2016

The staff and students of the CDLP were profoundly grieved by the passing of Martin Naughton – one of the pioneers of the disability rights movement in Ireland and Europe. He was a perfect gentleman with a strong sense of people and place. He left a huge imprint on the evolution of the disability rights community both in Ireland and in Europe. In particular, the Irish and European independent living movements owe him a huge debt of gratitude. We were extremely proud to appoint him an honorary professor at the University where his wisdom was shared so generously with staff and students. He regularly chaired sessions at our International Summer School – most recently at last year’s 8th Summer School, with Senator Tom Harkin and Assistant Secretary of State Judy Heuman. He never lost his love for his native Connemara and the Irish language. We miss him terribly and will seek to honour his memory by trying to carry on his life’s work as best we can.



Martin Naughton at a Disability Federation of Ireland event in 2013.

Staff in the media



In the past year, law school staff have featured prominently in the print and broadcast media writing and speaking on a wide variety of issues.

in the news

Alumni News

Alumni Awards



NUI Galway President, Dr Jim Browne presents the Alumni Award for Law, Public Policy and Government, sponsored by Ronan Daly Jermyn, to Dr Tom Courtney. Also pictured is Padraic Brennan, Partner in charge Ronan Daly Jermyn.



(L-R) Professor Donncha O'Connell, NUI Galway, Leonard Silke, Dr Tom Courtney (Alumni Award Winner), Ms Justice Máire Whelan, Padraic Brennan and Liam O'Malley.

This year the Alumni Award for Law, Public Policy & Government was awarded to a most worthy recipient, Dr Tom Courtney, Corporate Partner at Arthur Cox Solicitors. Dr Courtney is a leading authority on company law and corporate governance. His textbook *The Law of Companies* is now in its 4th edition and is the leading text on Irish company law. A member of the McDowell Group on Company Law Compliance and Enforcement, Dr Courtney was appointed as the first Chairperson of the Company Law Review Group, a statutory advisory expert body charged with advising the Government on the review and development of company law in Ireland. The award was kindly sponsored by Ronan Daly Jermyn Solicitors.

Anne-Marie Godfrey



Anne-Marie Godfrey (BCorp Law, 1996, LLB, 1997) is head of the investment management practice for Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld in Hong Kong. She advises on the formation of hedge, private equity and retail funds and related regulatory issues. She is admitted to practice law in Ireland, England and Wales and Hong Kong.

Anne-Marie has won several awards for her work including the Best in Banking and Finance Award at the Euromoney Asia Women in Business Law Awards in 2015 and was voted one for the 50 most influential women in hedge funds globally in 2015 by the Hedge Fund Journal.

Conor Bowman



Congratulations to our BA LLB graduate, Conor Bowman, SC, on the publication of his latest novel, 'Horace Winter Says Goodbye'. Conor will be well known to graduates from the late-1980s and early-1990s as a very witty and distinguished debater who was prominent in Lit & Deb as well as many other student societies. He practises as a barrister in Dublin, has written several novels and produced a number of albums.

Judicial Appointments



Mr Justice Seán Ryan, President of the Court of Appeal with Ms Justice Máire Whelan

Congratulations to our alumna, Ms Justice Máire Whelan, who was appointed as a judge of the Court of Appeal in June 2017. Ms Justice Whelan served as Attorney General since 2011 and was originally a Labour Party nominee.

Congratulations to our graduate, Martina Baxter, BL, who was nominated by the Government for appointment as a judge of the Circuit Court in May 2017. Martina is currently completing the LLM in Human Rights (part-time) and is a graduate of the BA (1988) and LLB (1990).



Martina Baxter

Congratulations to two of our graduates, Fiona Lydon (BA, 1988 and LLB, 1990) and David Waters (BA, 1984 and LLB, 1986), who were appointed as judges of the District Court in September 2016. Congratulations also to Gerry Jones, Solicitor, (BA, 1977) from Co. Monaghan was appointed as a judge of the District Court in February 2017.



(L to R) Judge Fiona Lydon, Chief Justice Susan Denham and Judge David Waters.



Judge Gerry Jones

Aisling McMahon



Aisling McMahon, a graduate of the School of Law, NUI Galway, joined the Law School at Durham University in September 2017 as an Assistant Professor in Biolaw. Aisling completed a BCL at NUI Galway in 2008. Her interest in research first developed while a student on one of our taught LLM programmes in 2009. She subsequently undertook further research in this area, receiving the Principal's Career Development scholarship from the University of Edinburgh (2011-2014) which supported her PhD examining the role of ethics in the European patent system for biotechnological inventions. Aisling's research and teaching focuses primarily on medical and intellectual property law and her work has been published in international journals.

NUIG Law graduates at McCann Fitzgerald



Larry Donnelly with NUIG Law graduates now working at McCann Fitzgerald at an event on the US Election in November 2016



YouTube: Annual Distinguished Lecture 2017



Judge Siofra O'Leary

"A Tale of Two Cities: the Protection of Fundamental Rights in Strasbourg and Luxembourg"

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