H-WRBI Annual Conference:
SPACE, PLACE AND THE HISTORY OF WOMEN RELIGIOUS

THURSDAY 7 JUNE

10.30-11.15: Registration

11.15-11.30: Welcome

11.30-1: Women Religious and Public History (G010)
Sr Faustina Grealy (Poor Clare Monastery, Galway)
Cloistered Communities and the Internet: Negotiating a Digital Space
Barbara Vesey (Society of the Sacred Heart, England and Wales)
   Dulce et decorum est: The War Memorial of the Society of the Sacred Heart
Ultan Lally (National University of Ireland, Galway)
   Book Collections from the Dominican Monastery of Jesus and Mary, Galway

1-2: Lunch

2-3: Female Saints in Anglo-Saxon England (G010)
Sumner Braund (University of Oxford)
   Local Saints, Diverse Communities, and Spiritual Networks: Worshipping Female Saints in Late Anglo-Saxon England
Lesley Hardy (Canterbury Christ Church University)
   “Finding Eanswythe: the Life and Afterlife of an Anglo-Saxon Saint”: Place, Time and the Pursuit of the Past

2-3: Enclosure and Incarceration: Negotiations of Space in England and Germany (G011)
Anselm Nye (Queen Mary, University of London)
   The Biggest Little Flirt in Whitstable: Nuns Negotiating Private and Public Space
Angelika Hansert (Maynooth University)
   Bethania of the Good Shepherd (Heitersheim): A Girls’ Reformatory of the Sisters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul (motherhouse Freiburg, Germany) during the Third Reich, 1933 to 1945

3-3.30: Tea/Coffee

3.30-5: Schools, Hollywood Nuns, and Missionary Films (G010)
Catriona Delaney (University College Dublin)
   The Changing Experience of Presentation Convent Schooling, 1800-1960
Susan M. Maloney (Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary)
   From California Frontier to Hollywood: The Geographical Shaping of the Immaculate Heart Community of California
Edel Robinson (Independent)
   MAG*NIF*I*CAT: Space, Time and Travel in the films of Mother Francis Spring, FMDM

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3.30-5: Medieval Archaeological and Textual Spaces: France, Ireland, Spain (G011)
Yvonne Seale (State University of New York, Geneseo)
To Persuade a Curve into a Plane: Digital Possibilities in Mapping and Modelling Houses of Premonstratensian Women
Tracy Collins (University College Cork)
Investigating Space and Place: Archaeological Excavations at St Catherine’s Nunnery, Co. Limerick
Catherine Maguire (Queen Mary, University of London)
Making Space for Women in the Convent Writings of Constanza de Castilla and Isabel de Villena

FRIDAY 8 JUNE

9.30-11: Dominicans and Education (G010)
Margaret Susan Thompson (Syracuse University)
Collaboration and Conflict among Neighbors: Sisters as Colleagues and Competitors
John Cunningham (Order of Preachers in Ireland)
St Mary’s University College and the University Education of Catholic Women
Sr Alberta Ni Mhaolalaidh (Dominican Convent, Galway)
The best people arrive a minute after the time: Mother Bernard Heuston OP, her Life and her Times

9.30-11: Space and the Archive (G011)
Annie Price (University of Exeter)
Finding a Place: Challenges in Structuring the Syon Abbey Archive
Kristof Smeyers (University of Antwerp)
Misc 2.0. Building on the Stigmatic’s Archive
Hannah Thomas (Bar Convent, York)
Persecution, Place and Prayer: The Congregation of Jesus and the Archives of the Bar Convent York

11-11.30: Tea/Coffee

11.30-1: Travel and Enclosure: Life Writing (G010)
John McCafferty (University College Dublin)
“A faire Church of Religious Nuns, turn’d into a Stable”: The Place of Female Religious Life in the Writings of Seventeenth-century Irish Capuchins
Roberta Anderson (Downside Abbey Library and Archive)
Three Benedictine Nuns at Hastings
Elizabeth Patton (Johns Hopkins University)
Two Narratives, Two Countries, Two Modes of Spirituality and One Mission: Dorothy Arundell’s Pilgrimage

11.30-1: Nuns and Education in America and Ireland (G011)
Sophie Cooper (Northumbria University)
“A woman for president?” Chicago’s Sisters of Mercy and Student Agency in the Late Nineteenth-Century Schoolroom
Melanie Nappa-Carroll (Syracuse University)
Mentor Teaching: A Cross-Comparative Analysis of Four Congregations in the Mid-Twentieth Century
Mai Yatani (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)
“You will be surprised to hear that I read the following”: Shared Reading in Religious Girls’ Schools in Ireland at the Turn of the Twentieth Century
1-2: Lunch

2-3.30: Women Religious in the UK and USA after Vatican II (G010)
Carmen Mangion (Birkbeck, University of London)
   Local and Global: The Politicisation of Religious Ministeries, 1960s-1980s
Ryan P. Murphy (Chesnut Hill College, Philadelphia)
   “Sister, This is MY Church!” The Sisters of St. Joseph and Contested Sacred Space
Brian Titley (University of Lethbridge)
   Convent Class Struggle: Lay Sisters, Choir Sisters and Social Hierarchy in American Religious Life

2-3.30: Refugees and Migrants: New and Abandoned Places (G011)
Maria Luísa de Castro Vasconcelos Gonçalves Jacquinet (Portuguese Catholic University)
   Surviving in Exile: The Communities of Refugee Nuns in Sixteenth- and Seventeenth-century Lisbon
Tonya Moutray (Russell Sage College)
   “[A] happy enclosure”: Remembering Conventual Space
Mary T. Brien (Mary Immaculate College/University of Limerick)
   The Flanders Factor: Migration and Cultural Diversity in the Forging of a Founder

3.30-4: Tea/Coffee

4-5.30: Borders, Building Works, Hospitals: Convents in Early Modern Flanders (G010)
Julie Piront (University of Liège)
   Seventeenth-century Female Monasteries in Cities on the Borders of Protestantism: A Comparative Approach to their Architecture
Caroline Bowden (Queen Mary, University of London)
   Inhabiting and Adapting Convent Spaces over time: Changing Structures at the English Convent, Bruges, 1629-1794
Sibylla Goegbuer (University of Leuven)
   St John’s Hospital in Bruges in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries: A Real and Intangible interaction between Devotion, Care and Art forms a Holy Trinity

4-5.30: Nineteenth-century Piety and Devotion in Ireland and Europe (G011)
Bridget Harrison (Queens University, Belfast)
   The Laity and Convent Spaces in Post-Famine Ireland
Kristien Suenens (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
   Women Religious before the BlessedSacrament: Gendered Space and Female Agency in the Nineteenth Century
Jan De Maeyer (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
   Women Religious before the Blessed Sacrament: Rehabilitation with Colour and Gold

5.30: Conference close