24-27 June 2020

CFP: North Atlantic Worlds
A Joint CAIS/SSHORE Conference

Memorial University, St. John’s (NL)

Photo: Vivid Maps ("Canada mapped only by rivers, streams and lakes")

North Atlantic Worlds is a joint meeting of the Canadian Association for Irish Studies (CAIS) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Oceans Research and Education network (SSHORE), organized by Danine Farquharson (Memorial University) and Julia M. Wright (Dalhousie University).

The organizers welcome submissions on "North Atlantic Worlds." We take “worlds” broadly, to consider the Atlantic as a diverse space of undersea worlds and coastal worlds, a bridge between the “Old” and “New” worlds, diasporic worlds and territorial worlds, utopian and dystopian worlds, past worlds and future worlds. We are open to proposals from any discipline in the Social Sciences or Humanities, and from such fields as ocean studies, Indigenous studies, Irish studies, environmental studies, and/or transatlantic studies.

Our conference dates overlap with those of the International Small Island Studies Association’s meeting, also in St. John’s, and we expect to have some joint panels and events. The CAIS/SSHORE conference will feature a reading by Irish author Lisa McInerney and two keynote speakers:

Dr. Claire Connolly (Professor of Modern English, University College Cork; 2018-19 Parnell Fellow of Irish Studies, Magdalene College Cambridge)

Dr. Willeen Keough (Professor of History, Simon Fraser University)
We welcome submissions on such topics as (but not limited to):

- The Galway Statement (2013)
- Traditional fisheries
- The Irish diaspora in North America
- Ocean energies and environments
- Maritime masculinities: from adventure narratives to gendered work
- Imagining islands
- Coastal communities and ecologies
- The ocean in Irish literature and visual art
- Migrant narratives
- Oceans and the law
- Environmental policy
- The ocean in folklore and/or spiritual beliefs
- Treaties

Please send proposals of 300-400 words and a brief bio-note to the organizers at atlanticworlds2020@gmail.com no later than 15 February 2020.