



Call for Papers

Researching and Writing Irish Sporting Lives

A Workshop & Symposium

Hosted by the University of Ulster, 11th & 12th November 2022

Are you researching or does your research incorporate a significant figure in the history of sport who was born on the island of Ireland and had an influential life-long career in sport there or the wider world?

This workshop and symposium will provide an opportunity to both reflect upon the challenges of researching and writing about sporting lives and learn about some of the remarkable figures who have contributed to the making of sports history.

Day 1 (Friday 11th November)

Workshop (half-day) with sessions led by Margaret Roberts (Genealogist / Editor, *Playing Pasts*); Helena Byrne (Curator of Web Archives, The British Library); Terry Clavin / Turlough O’Riordan (Editors, *Dictionary of Irish Biography*). The workshop will provide a unique opportunity for doctoral and early career researchers to enhance their research skills and hone their approaches to biographical writing. *Places are limited – doctoral and early career researchers selected to present at the symposium will be guaranteed a place (see below ‘Symposium Call for Papers’).*

Day 2 (Saturday 12th November)

Symposium (one-day, conference-format) featuring a Guest Lecture by Terry Clavin / Turlough O’Riordan (Editors, *Dictionary of Irish Biography*), and Keynote Lecture by Professor Paul Rouse (University College Dublin).



Irish Sporting Lives Symposium – Call for Papers:

If you would like to present your original research about a player, coach, administrator, or influencer operating in Irish sport or beyond, please submit an abstract for a 20-minute presentation to meet the following criteria:

- ❖ A figure from any sport deceased for at least 20 years;
- ❖ not second-or-more generation emigrants of Irish extraction - unless resettled on the island of Ireland with an ongoing connection to sport played there;
- ❖ provides an overview marking the chosen subject's significance, or focuses on a specific achievement or aspect of their contribution to sport;
- ❖ you are available to present 'in person' at Ulster University on Saturday 12th November 2022

We welcome submissions from early, mid-career, and established researchers

Please submit your Abstract of c.200 words, to include:

- ❖ Full presentation title
- ❖ Your preferred title / name; affiliation; email address; short biography

Deadline: Monday 25th April 2022 to Dr Conor Heffernan at:
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Notification of selected presentations week commencing Monday 2nd May 2022