

British Association for Irish Studies

EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS
1988

This is your ballot paper for the election of eight members of the Executive Committee of BAIS. Please note that it contains biographical information on each of the candidates standing for election.

Instructions are given on the ballot section of the paper as to how it should be completed.

When you have completed your ballot paper please place it in an envelope and seal the envelope. Use one of the two adhesive labels included in this post to address the envelope to the Returning Officer. Please sign the other label in the appropriate place and place it on the back of the envelope.

In order to be included in the count, ballots must be received in this office not later than 3 November.

Envelopes containing ballots will remain unopened until the poll has closed. They will then be checked and opened, and the ballots will be counted, by three Scrutineers in the presence of the Returning Officer who, in this case, is the Executive Secretary.

The time and place of the count will be announced in due course, and members who wish to attend to observe the count will be welcome to do so.

BALLOT PAPER FOR THE ELECTION OF EIGHT MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members should indicate their preferences by marking an X in each of the appropriate boxes opposite the names of not more than eight of the candidates listed below.

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| Dr Mary Fitzgerald | |
| Dr Anne Laurence | |
| Mr James White McAuley | |
| Mr Oliver McLarnon | |
| Professor Séamus Mac Mathúna | |
| Dr Austen Morgan | |
| Mrs Gemma O'Connor | |
| Mr Bob Purdie | |
| Dr G J B Watson | |

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Information on candidates (candidates who are members of outgoing Executive are indicated by an asterisk):

Dr Mary Fitzgerald*: Born 1953, graduated University College, Dublin, 1973; PhD 1980. Lectured Maynooth College, 1976-8, University College, Dublin, 1978-80, University of Toronto, 1981-2; Head of English and Principal Lecturer, Crewe and Alsager College, 1982 - . Papers to IASAIL, Northern Association for Philosophy, University College Cork, University of Liverpool, Boston College, Harvard, etc. Organised first BAIS conference and was founding member. Various publications on Irish literature. In preparation: Women in an Irish World: the Parnell Sisters and Words of power: power and authority in Irish Literature.

Dr Anne Laurence*: 1978 to present, lecturer in history, Open University. Research and publications on Anglo-Irish relations in the seventeenth century. Member and Conference Secretary of the BAIS since 1986. Organiser of 1987 BAIS Conference at Oxford Polytechnic on "City and Country in Ireland". Member of BAIS Higher Education Subcommittee.

Mr James White McAuley: Born Belfast 1956. Left school at 16 and worked for British Telecom for 8 years. Graduated from New University of Ulster in 1983 with BSc (Hons) in Sociology. Worked as research assistant for the Centre for the Study of Conflict (University of Ulster) before doing PhD at Leeds University on Protestant working class politics in contemporary Belfast. At present lecturing in Sociology at Satffordshire Polytechnic and has written and had published several articles on the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Mr Oliver McLarnon: Educated, Royal Belfast Academical Institution, Ulster College of Art, Hornsey College of Art (London). MA in Philosophy, London University. Teaching art, Belfast and London. Lecturing on philosophy/theory of education, Rachel Macmillan College of Education, Maria Grey College of Education, London; Head of Art and Art History, West London Institute of Higher Education. Currently Principal Lecturer in Education, West London Institute of Higher Education. Research interest: aesthetic education.

Professor Séamus Mac Mathúna*: Born, Portadown, co Armagh. Educated, Queen's University, Belfast, University of Zurich, University of Iceland. Has been lecturer at University of Upsala and at University College, Galway. Professor of Irish Studies, New University of Ulster/University of Ulster (1980 -). Head of Department, European Studies and Modern Languages, University of

Ulster (1984-88). Publications: Immram Brain: Bran's Journey to the Land of the Women (Max Niemeyer, Tübingen (1985)); various articles in learned journals on aspects of Irish language and literature.

Dr Austen Morgan: Freelance writer living in London. Born Northern Ireland, and lived in Belfast and Dublin. Since 1972 researched and taught Irish history, society and politics. Author of books on Ramsay MacDonald and James Connolly. Forthcoming, biography of Harold Wilson. Next project, book on Belfast working class. Sometime organiser of Lipman Seminar on Ireland, 1978 - . Wish to aid the scholarly study of Ireland in Britain, within a framework of political pluralism.

Mrs Gemma O'Connor: Born, Dublin; living in Oxford. London PRO for Dolmen, Wolfehound, Mercier, O'Brien presses (1984-85). Independent literary agent (1985-88). Editorial consultant, Murray Polinger (1985-86). Currently, series editor for Pandora Press Valiant Women Series and editorial consultant Lilliput Press, Mullingar. Member of Cultural Committee, Siamsa Cois Uisce, Watermans Art Centre (1986, 1987); member of organising committee, Sense of Ireland Festival, Riverside Theatre (1988). Member of Board of Directors, National Youth Music Theatre of Great Britain. Author of First Lines, Ferocious Chastity, Back to Work.

Mr Bob Purdie: Born Edinburgh. Studied at Ruskin College, Oxford, and Warwick University. A convenor of the Lipman Seminar on Ireland, 1978 - . A member of the editorial board of Fortnight, the independent review published in Belfast. A member of the committee of the Belfast branch of the Irish Labour History Society and sometime co-editor of Saothar, the journal of ILHS. Has completed a doctoral thesis on the Civil Rights Movement in Northern Ireland and has lectured and published on this and allied topics. Currently Tutor in Politics at Ruskin College.

Dr G J B Watson*: Educated St Patrick's College, Armagh, Queen's University, Belfast, and Wadham College, Oxford. Currently Senior Lecturer in Department of English Literature, Aberdeen University. Member of Executive Committee of BAIS 1986-88. Author of Irish Identity and the Literary Revival; organiser of first BAIS lecture series.