



Postdoctoral Researchers (5)

Project: The Reception and Circulation of Early Modern Women's Writing, 1550-1700 (RECIRC)

Moore Institute

College of Arts, Social Sciences and Celtic Studies

The National University of Ireland, Galway is seeking to fill 5 full-time, fixed-term Postdoctoral Researcher positions for the project 'The Reception and Circulation of Early Modern Women's Writing, 1550-1700' (RECIRC), led by Dr. Marie-Louise Coolahan, Principal Investigator (School of Humanities). The positions are funded by the European Research Council, under the Consolidator Grant Scheme, 2013. The successful candidates will be expected to start on 1st October 2014.

Project Description

The project will produce a large-scale, quantitative analysis of the reception and circulation of women's writing from 1550 to 1700. The results will enable analysis of how texts, ideas and reputations gained traction in the early modern period. RECIRC is organised in four interlocking work packages to which the postdoctoral positions are allocated: (1) transnational religious networks; (2) the international republic of letters; (3) the manuscript miscellany; and (4) book/manuscript ownership. The focus includes writers who were read in Ireland and Britain as well as women born and resident in Anglophone countries. The research team will be based in the Moore Institute, now housed in the new, purpose-built Hardiman Research Building.

Work Package 1: Transnational Religious Networks – REF NO: NUIG 37-14

Position 1 - Postdoctoral Researcher

Contract duration: 1 October, 2014 – 30 September, 2017 (36 months)

This work package will map the transmission and translation of female-authored texts among Franciscan, Jesuit and Benedictine communities across Europe.

The work of this postdoctoral researcher includes the following duties:

- Archival research on female-authored texts that circulated among the transnational religious orders
- Analysing data and results
- Preparation of papers for dissemination (presentation and publication)
- Preparation of data for online virtual research environment
- Joint-preparation of major conference
- Preparation of joint-edited essay collection
- Contribution to the project website
- Associated administrative duties

Qualifications

Suitable candidates must meet the following criteria

- PhD in early modern English, History or a pertinent field
- Expertise in transnational Catholic religious orders

- Significant experience in archival and historical research
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Ability to work well both collaboratively and independently
- Highly motivated, with excellent organisational skills

It is also desirable that suitable candidates would have experience in some or all of the following areas:

- Network analysis
- Reception history
- Experience of working with databases
- Knowledge of one or more of the following languages: French, German, Irish, Italian, Latin, Spanish
- Experience of quantitative research
- Excellent IT skills
- Peer-reviewed publication record

Work Package 2: The International Republic of Letters – REF NO: NUIG 38-14

Position 2 - Postdoctoral Researcher

Contract duration: 1 October, 2014 – 30 September, 2017 (36 months)

This work package will analyse the international “republic of letters” as the locus for the circulation of texts and ideas by women and their forging of new intellectual networks across Europe.

The work of this postdoctoral researcher includes the following duties:

- Archival research on female-authored texts that circulated among international correspondence networks
- Analysing data and results
- Preparation of papers for dissemination (presentation and publication)
- Preparation of data for online virtual research environment
- Joint-preparation of major conference
- Preparation of joint-edited essay collection
- Contribution to the project website
- Associated administrative duties

Qualifications

Suitable candidates must meet the following criteria

- PhD in early modern English, History or a pertinent field
- Expertise in European correspondence networks and/or letters
- Significant experience in archival and historical research
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Ability to work well both collaboratively and independently
- Highly motivated, with excellent organisational skills

It is also desirable that suitable candidates would have experience in some or all of the following areas:

- Network analysis
- Reception history
- Experience of working with databases
- Knowledge of one or more of the following languages: French, German, Irish, Italian, Latin, Spanish
- Experience of quantitative research
- Excellent IT skills
- Peer-reviewed publication record

Work Package 3: The Manuscript Miscellany as Instrument of Circulation and Site of Reception – REF NO: NUIG 39-14

Positions 3 & 4 - Postdoctoral Researchers

Contract duration: 1 October, 2014 – 30 September, 2018 (48 months)

This work package addresses the reception of women's writing in early modern manuscript culture by focusing on a specific category: the manuscript miscellany. It investigates various modes of manuscript reception, including the compilation, adaptation and excerpting of texts by women.

The work of these two postdoctoral researchers includes the following duties:

- Archival research on major collections of manuscript miscellanies held in libraries internationally
- Analysing data and results
- Preparation of papers for dissemination (presentation and publication)
- Preparation of data for online virtual research environment
- Preparation of joint-authored monograph
- Contribution to the project website
- Associated administrative duties

Qualifications

Suitable candidates must meet the following criteria

- PhD in early modern English or a pertinent field
- Expertise in early modern manuscript culture
- Significant experience in archival and historical research
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Ability to work well both collaboratively and independently
- Highly motivated, with excellent organisational skills

It is also desirable that suitable candidates would have experience in some or all of the following areas:

- Book history
- Reception history
- Experience of working with databases
- Knowledge of one or more of the following languages: French, German, Irish, Italian, Latin, Spanish
- Experience of quantitative research
- Excellent IT skills
- Peer-reviewed publication record

Work Package 4: Transmission Trails and Book Ownership – REF NO: NUIG 40-14

Position 5 - Postdoctoral Researcher

Contract duration: 1 October, 2014 – 31 March 2016 (18 months)

This work package will map the transmission of women's texts by focusing on the evidence of early modern library catalogues, patterns of book ownership and authorial attribution.

The work of this postdoctoral researcher includes the following duties:

- Archival research on private library catalogues and book auction lists
- Archival research on the translation of women's texts into English
- Compilation of statistics on book/manuscript ownership in early modern libraries
- Analysing data and results

- Preparation of papers for dissemination (presentation and publication)
- Preparation of data for online virtual research environment
- Contribution to the project website
- Associated administrative duties

Qualifications

Suitable candidates must meet the following criteria

- PhD in early modern English, History or a pertinent field
- Expertise in book history and/or reception history
- Significant experience in archival and historical research
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Ability to work well both collaboratively and independently
- Highly motivated, with excellent organisational skills

It is also desirable that suitable candidates would have experience in some or all of the following areas:

- Experience of statistical analysis
- Experience of working with databases
- Knowledge of one or more of the following languages: French, German, Irish, Italian, Latin, Spanish
- Experience of quantitative research
- Excellent IT skills
- Peer-reviewed publication record

All researchers will work under the direct supervision of Dr. Marie-Louise Coolahan.

Salary: €42,394 per annum (public sector pay policy rules pertaining to new entrants will apply)

Start: 1st October 2014

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Further informal enquiries concerning this position may be made by contacting Dr. Marie-Louise Coolahan: marielouise.coolahan@nuigalway.ie.

To Apply

Applications should include a covering letter, CV, a sample of academic written work (e.g. published article, thesis chapter), and the contact details of two referees. Applications should be sent via email (in Word or PDF only) to martha.shaughnessy@nuigalway.ie. **Please put the relevant NUIG reference number in subject line of the e-mail application and all correspondence.**

Closing date for receipt of applications is 5.00 pm, Wednesday 14th May 2014

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