Dear friends,

Happy New Year! As the inaugural year of the Irish Studies Institute (ISI) at Molloy College draws to a close, we look back fondly on the many exciting events and programs we enjoyed during 2009. We also look ahead with great anticipation to 2010, which promises to be even more eventful.

After a wonderful kick-off with our visit from Bertie Ahern in February, followed by positive course offerings in the spring, the Irish Community gathered on Molloy’s campus once again in early fall as ISI was pleased to provide the venue for the 37th Annual Feis and Festival of the Nassau County Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. It was a glorious September day, and the talented Irish dancers, pipers and Gaelic football stars, who took part in the festivities, provided the perfect backdrop for this truly Irish celebration.

The Oral History Project undertaken as part of ISI has been moving ahead quite well. Over 25 interviews have been conducted already. This is an ongoing project of the Institute funded in part by the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick that will enable friends and family members to have a lasting legacy of the rich history of our Irish ancestors who settled in the greater Long Island area. If you have a story to tell or want to recommend someone to the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

For those interested in things Irish, ISI provided new and exciting programs during the fall 2009 semester. We enjoyed lectures given by talented and knowledgeable presenters. First, Ian McGowan, an expert on the origins of Celtic Park in Queens and the Irish American Athletic Club, gave a fascinating lecture on the historical significance of both entities. Secondly, Dr. Brian Cogan, Molloy College Professor and noted Author, shared his insights on Irish culture’s influence on American pop culture. The Institute also offered the opportunity to participate in a New York City Walking Tour with Jill Gold. This event was co-hosted by the College’s Office of Alumni Relations. The tour traveled from the Bowery to City Hall, and the audience was enlightened about the history of the area known as the five points in lower Manhattan.

Finally, we were proud to be part of a collaborative event Our Common Heritage, which was presented by ISI and The Institute for Interfaith Dialogue at Molloy College. The event highlighted the outstanding talents of Carl Nelkin, a native of Dublin, Ireland, who performed both Irish and Jewish songs for the audience. Also part of the event was a lecture by Dr. Michael Ziegelbaum, who gave a brief history of the migration of people of Jewish heritage into Ireland, how they have influenced the country, and how many have held significant positions within the Irish government.

We hope 2010 will be a wonderful year for all of our supporters. We look forward to seeing you at the many wonderful offerings ISI has planned over the upcoming months.

Sincerely.

Catherine Tully Muscente
### Spring 2010 Program Schedule

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| **Sunday, February 28th** | Assisted Emigration - The Story of Brigid Egan  
Presented by Clare Curtin, Sociologist, Vice President, Garden City Irish Cultural Society  
3:00 p.m.  
Reception Room, Kellenberg Hall  
*A seventeen-year old girl left County Clare as part of an Assisted Emigration scheme. Who was the sponsor and what was the motive? Research for this topic has taken the author from New York to Dublin, Belfast and County Clare over a ten-year period.* |
| **Sunday, March 28th** | A History of Traditional Irish Music in America  
Told and performed by Robert Lynch  
3:00 p.m.  
Multi Purpose Room, Wilbur Arts Center |
| **Wednesday, April 28th** | An Evening of Irish Storytelling  
Presented by Jim Hawkins, Seanchai (storyteller)  
7:00 p.m.  
Reception Room, Kellenberg Hall  
*A discussion and performance of the different types of stories in the Irish storytelling tradition, their origins and development.* |
| **February 6th through April 17th** | IRISH FOR BEGINNERS - LEVEL 2  
Instructor: Hazel Conroy-Chrobet  
Location: TBD  
8 Sessions  
All classes are Saturday morning, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
*Note: there are no classes Feb. 13, March 6, & April 3.*  
Fee: $144 |

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If you wish to register for any of the above classes, please email cmuscente@molloy.edu or fax to 516.678.7410. You can also mail in this registration form to the Irish Studies Institute at Molloy College, Attn: Cathy Muscente, 1000 Hempstead Avenue, P.O. Box 5002, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-5002.

Name: ___________________________________________  Phone No. _____________________________

*I wish to attend:*

- Lectures  
  - [ ] February 28  
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- Classes  
  - [ ] Irish for Beginners Level II ($144/pp)

- Oral History Project  
  - [ ] I wish to be interviewed, or recommend ___________________________ (you will be contacted for more information)

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