

Call for Papers

Abstracts are invited for a conference entitled *Ireland and Empire: Seafaring, Slavery and Salvation in the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World*. This event will be held on 7, 8 and 9 June 2012 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, and it is being co-hosted by the Gorsebrook Research Institute of Saint Mary's University (Canada) and the Centre for History of the University of the Highlands and Islands (Scotland). It will feature keynote addresses by **Dr Nini Rogers** of Queen's University Belfast and **Professor Angela McCarthy** of the University of Otago in New Zealand.

After the union of 1801, there was a dramatic shift in the civil and religious landscape of Britain and this would have long-lasting and dramatic consequences for Empire. This conference aims to bring together scholars whose work considers the representation and experience of the Irish in the British Empire during the nineteenth century. Much of the work to date on Irish citizenship and Empire has focused on the political and ethnic tensions inherent in the relationship between Ireland and Great Britain, but this conference seeks to explore the role of the Irish in the wider imperial context.

Papers that explore the naval, racial and religious dimensions of the Irish imperial experience are especially welcome - particularly those that relate to the following topics:

- Race and racial discourse
- Slavery and anti-slavery
- Networks and Networking
- Naval medicine and health in Empire
- Colonialism and legacy
- Gender
- Missionary activity, religiosity and identity
- Class and community
- Ethnicity and associational culture

Topics not listed will also be considered. Proposals for complete panels as well as individual papers are welcome. Applicants are asked to submit a 300 word abstract and an academic cv to Dr S. Karly Kehoe (karly.kehoe@thurso.uhi.ac.uk) or Professor Michael E. Vance (michael.vance@smu.ca) by 31 March 2011. Decisions will be announced in mid-April 2011.

The conference organisers plan to produce a publication of selected papers in 2013.

