



Michael F. Crowley Lectures

Our 1st Program of the 2011-2012 Series

William J. Matthews, Ph.D.

Thursday, September 15, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.

**La Forge Casino Restaurant
186 Bellevue Avenue, Newport**

A History of the IRA: Óglaigh na hÉireann

This Irish-language title for the “Irish Volunteers” of 1913 was retained when the Volunteers became known in English as the “Irish Republican Army” (IRA) during the War of Independence of 1919-1922. Ireland has had a long history of violent opposition to British occupation and, in his talk, Dr. Matthews will discuss the rise of the "physical force" approach to Irish independence, from the Rising of 1798, to the Fenian movement of the 19th century, to the Irish Volunteers of 1913, through the formation of the IRA in 1919, and concluding with its demobilization in Northern Ireland in 1998.

WILLIAM J. MATTHEWS received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Connecticut. He is Professor Emeritus at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where he has taught for over 30 years. Professor Matthews holds dual American/Irish citizenship and has studied many areas of Irish history, including the Irish Uprising and Civil War. We warmly welcome Dr. Matthews back for this, his seventh speaking engagement with the Museum of Newport Irish History.

Following the lecture, a reception with light hors d'oeuvres will be held.

**Reservations are required. Please call or e-mail Ann Arnold at 401-841-5493
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