

The Museum of Newport Irish History

Michael F. Crowley Lectures

3rd Program of the 2020-2021 Series ~ Our 19th Annual

Politics, Bigotry and Nativism: Rhode Island's Catholic Irish in the 1842 Dorr Rebellion

Guest Speaker: Erik J. Chaput, PhD

Wednesday, February 10, 2021 ~ 6:00 p.m.

“Virtual” Presentation via Zoom

Dr. Erik J. Chaput will discuss the life of Thomas Wilson Dorr and the 1842 rebellion in Rhode Island that bears his name. In his talk, Dr. Chaput will devote particular attention to issues of gender, race and religion, especially the profound role anti-Catholic sentiment and anti-immigrant bigotry played in the spring and summer of 1842. Dr. Chaput's talk will spotlight the social, labor and political environment in which Irish immigrants in Rhode Island lived and worked during this era. Dr. Chaput will also address the profound national ramifications of Dorr's attempt at extra-legal reform.

(For background on the Dorr Rebellion, see the short documentary film on the Dorr Rebellion Project website, hosted by Providence College Library website: library.providence.edu/dorr)

ERIK J. CHAPUT received his doctorate in early American History from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Dr. Chaput is a frequent contributor to opinion and book review pages of the *Providence Journal*. He is the author of *The People's Martyr: Thomas Wilson Dorr and His 1842 Rhode Island Rebellion* (University Press of Kansas, 2013). A native Rhode Islander and Providence College graduate, Professor Chaput teaches American history in the School of Continuing Education at PC and at the Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. Professor Chaput's research has appeared in numerous publications, including *Reviews in American History*, *Rhode Island History*, *Common-Place*, *American Nineteenth Century History*, *The New England Quarterly*, *Newport History*, *U.S. Catholic Historian*, *The Catholic Historical Review*, *Historical New Hampshire*, and the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*. He has edited a teaching document on *Rhode Island and the Establishment Clause* for secondary educators. He is the co-editor with Russell J. DeSimone of a digital edition of the letters of Thomas Wilson Dorr. The letters are available on the Dorr Rebellion Project Site hosted by Providence College.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Visit www.NewportIrishHistory.org, click “Lectures,” then click the link to Reserve, under listing for Feb. 10. You will receive an e-confirmation. **Important:** The day before the presentation, you will receive another email containing a link to the virtual event. This will allow access to the live presentation which will begin at 6pm. If you do *not* see this email, check your SPAM. You can download and install Zoom on your computer or mobile device. We recommend you plan to log in early. **No fee** will be charged to participate, but we'd ask that members who have not yet paid their renewal fee for the current membership year (4/01/20-3/31/21) renew on the “Membership” page of our website.

Non-computer/-mobile device Users: This lecture, including speaker's slides and Q&A, will be videotaped and a link to view will be available on the ‘Lectures’ page of our website after the event. Please consider enjoying the lecture with a family member or friend who can provide computer access. We look forward to resuming in-person lectures when safe to do so.

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