



The Museum of Newport Irish History MNIH

Michael F. Crowley Lectures

First Program of the 2021-2022 Series ~ Our 20th Annual

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Shared Spaces: The Irish and African Heritage Experience in Gilded Age Newport

Guest Speakers:

Dr. John Quinn & Mr. Keith Stokes

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The Wayfinder Hotel

151 Admiral Kalbfus Road, Newport, R.I. 02840

and Live-Streamed via Zoom

Keith Stokes will examine neighborhoods such as West Broadway/Kerry Hill and Memorial Boulevard/Historic Hill and will show how Irish and African heritage families interacted within them. He will also discuss George T. Downing and the Rev. Mahlon Van Horne and explain the leading roles that they played in campaigns for equal rights and voting rights.

John Quinn will seek to demonstrate that the two groups were often allies as well as neighbors. He will focus on Irish leaders such as Father James Coyle, the pastor of St. Joseph's Church. Coyle sought to include Downing and other black leaders at lectures and performances promoting Home Rule for Ireland, the temperance movement, and the campaign to extend suffrage to foreign-born Rhode Islanders.

KEITH STOKES is Vice President with the 1696 Heritage Group, a historical consulting firm (www.1696heritage.com). A native of Newport, Mr. Stokes is a frequent national, state and local lecturer in community & regional planning, historic preservation, and interpretation with an expertise in early African and Jewish American history.

JOHN F. QUINN is Professor of History at Salve Regina University, where he has taught since 1992. He specializes in Irish history and American ethnic and religious history. This is Prof. Quinn's tenth talk for the Museum. His first talk, October 24, 2002, was the Crowley Series' inaugural event, so it is fitting that he helps kick off our 20th Annual Crowley Lecture Series.

A reception with light hors d'oeuvres will be held following the lecture. Cash Bar

Reservations Required for In-Person & Zoom Participation → *in-person attendees must be fully vaccinated* ←

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To Reserve by Phone or Questions: Contact Ann at (401) 841-5493 or (917) 270-3372 or email her at tpm1@earthlink.net.

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