

Vincent Arnold

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Vince,

Here are the particulars. I trust you'll forward this to Rick for the calendar. I figured everything for the Museum should come from one source. I did my best with Kennedy's precis. I hope it reads OK.

Best, Joyce

Thursday, March 31

Speaker:
 Dr. Christopher Kennedy
 Providence College
 History Department

Title:

"When the Drink is in, the Truth Comes out" Exploring the Nature of Irish Nationalist opinion 1914 - 1916.

This talk will present highlights from one chapter in Dr. Kennedy's forthcoming book from Cork University Press on the true nature of public opinion among Irish nationalists in the period immediately before the Easter Rising of 1916. In it, he removes the persona of the loyalty mask to reveal what Irish nationalists might truly have been thinking (their covert opinion) in the years since the start of the Great War up to the Easter Rising. A work of historical revision, Dr. Kennedy's study challenges the notion of the "Turning of the Tide" in Irish nationalist opinion that many feel occurred in the wake of the Rising, with the key triggering mechanism being the executions of the Rising's leaders. He refutes this and shows how the transformation might have been much more subtle with covert opinion being thrust out onto the overt stage only after the Rising. Thus, the Rising served as a catalyst to help speed up the process, which ultimately lead to Ireland's independence.

BIO info:

Originally from Michigan, Dr. Kennedy received his MA from Providence College in 1996 and completed his Ph.D. at University College Cork/National University of Ireland, working under Joe Lee, Dermot Keogh and David George Boyce. He is a faculty member in the History Department at Providence College where he teaches Modern Irish and British history. A current research interest is Bishop George Berkeley of Cloyne and his ties with colonial Rhode Island.

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