

CALL FOR PAPERS

2020 Conference

North American Association for Celtic Language Teachers (NAACLТ)

NEW YORK IRISH CENTER, NEW YORK CITY, USA

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 4-6, 2020

Major Theme: Another World – The West in Celtic Myth, Language and Imagination

From ancient times the concept of the Western World has played an important role in the cosmologies and imaginations of the Post-Roman Celtic-speaking peoples of the Atlantic World through the stories and mental imagery of Tír na nÓg (the Land of Youth), An Saol Eile (The Other World), Hy Brasil, the Voyage of Bran, the Islands of the Blessed, and by extension, Avalon. In the medieval and early modern periods, this consciousness was also incorporated in more visceral places such as the Faroe Islands, Iceland, and Newfoundland. In the period after conquest, colonization and industrialization of the surviving Celtic homelands, this consciousness was transformed and extended to include modern-day Canada, the United States, the West Indies and Argentina, which became part of a physical continuum of diaspora, socio-economic networks and political-cultural inspiration.

NAACLТ invites scholars, teachers, and the public to submit abstracts for twenty-minute presentations and discussions of research on this theme within any of the six Celtic cultures, encompassing either mythological, medieval or modern contexts.

Abstracts are also invited on any linguistic, cultural or pedagogical topic dealing with one or more of the Celtic languages.

Speaking to the conference theme is encouraged but not required.

Additional appropriate abstract topics could include: Methods, techniques, and best practices in teaching Celtic languages • Incorporating Celtic cultures into the classroom or learning experience • Application of computer technology to Celtic language teaching or research • Pedagogical materials: what works, what doesn't • Topics in Celtic linguistics, sociolinguistics, and Second Language Acquisition • Language policy and planning in the Celtic world • Promoting appreciation of Celtic languages and cultures.

NAACLТ includes but is not limited to academic professionals. People involved in Celtic language learning and teaching from every walk of life are invited to participate, including: • Community-based language teachers • Celtic language enthusiasts • Celtic language policy makers • Celtic-language musicians.

Please send abstracts of 200-300 words to Kevin Rottet at krottet@indiana.edu by April 10, 2020.

We offer the Seán Tierney Scholarship (a \$250 value) to offset the cost of attending the conference. If you are interested in presenting a paper and would benefit from this scholarship, please email Aralt Mac Giolla Chainnigh at aralt@gaeilge.ca.

More information will be added to the NAACLТ website in the coming weeks at www.naaclt.org