



## 2017 NAACLCT Montréal Meeting 2-4 June 2017

At the AGM in June 2016, in Albany, NY it was decided that we would not run a conference this year (2017). We decided instead to adopt, on a trial basis, a policy of bi-annual conferences. That policy will be pursued for two years and will be revisited in 2018, at the conference in Newfoundland.

While the "Montréal Meeting" is not being advertised as a conference, it will have many of the trappings of a conference.

Everything will be extremely informal and low overhead. The reception will be simply a matter of getting together in a local pub. The "Banquet" will be "à la carte" at a local restaurant. People will be left at liberty to arrange their own accommodations.

The panel on Brexit should be particularly interesting. The implications of Brexit for the Celtic languages is enormous. The Irish language was a central issue precipitating the recent election in the north of Ireland, and it appears that no power-sharing administration will be re-established until agreement is reached about an Irish Language Act. Brexit has brought the cause of Scottish independence closer to fruition than any time in the past 250 years. This carries huge implications for Scottish identity and language. Wales, faced with leaving the EU, stands to lose substantial language funding and research support. The Cornish language is under attack by British nationalists as an example of the extravagances of EU language policies. Manx also depends upon EU protections, and the status of Manx in the EU is contingent upon the UK's membership.

**Meeting venue: [School of Irish Studies](https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/irish-studies.html) – Concordia University**  
(<https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/irish-studies.html>)

Henry F. Hall Building  
Room H 1001  
Sir George William Campus  
1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. W.  
Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
H3G 1M8

Campus map: <https://www.concordia.ca/maps/sgw-campus.html>  
H = Henry F Hall Building

Building Map  
<https://www.concordia.ca/maps/sgw-campus.html?building=H>

**COST:**  
Can\$100 for the entire conference  
***or***  
Can\$40/session

## **Reception Friday, 2 June 2017**

7:00 – 9:00 PM

[Mckibbin's Bishop Irish Pub](#)

1426 Bishop St,  
Montreal, QC H3G 2E6

## **Saturday, 3 June 2017**

AM: Panel – Implications of Brexit for the Celtic Languages

PM: Panel – Promotion of the Celtic Languages in North America

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Late Afternoon/ Evening – Field Trip (details below)

7:00 PM Banquet (details below)

## **Sunday 4 June 2017**

AM: Invited Papers on Sundry Topics

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**Banquet** (evening, 7:00PM on Saturday 3 June, after the field trip)

The NAACLT banquet will be at:

[Irish Embassy Pub & Grill](#)

1234 Bishop St, Montreal, QC H3G 2E3

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/GrkQvae1EMD2>

**FIELD TRIP** (Later afternoon on Saturday 3 June)

[Montreal Irish Memorial Park](#)

Griffintown. Black Rock Monument

[Bridge St, Montreal, QC H3K 1X8](#)



Photo by Rose Eveleth

Details on the [Montreal Irish Memorial Park](#)

The Irish Commemorative Stone (also known as the Black Rock) is a monument in Montreal, Quebec commemorating the deaths of 6,000 Irish immigrants to Canada during the famine immigration.

Officially named the Irish Commemorative Stone, it is more commonly known as the Black Rock and also has been referred to as the Ship Fever Monument or the Boulder Stone.

During the mid-19th century, workers constructing the Victoria Bridge across the St. Lawrence River discovered a mass grave in Windmill Point where victims of typhus epidemic of 1847 had been quarantined in fever sheds. The workers, many of whom were of Irish descent, were unsettled by the discovery and wanted to create a memorial to ensure the grave, which held the coffins of 6,000 Irish immigrants, would not be forgotten

Erected on December 1, 1859, the stone was the first Canadian monument to represent the famine. The inscription on the stone reads:

*"To Preserve from Desecration the Remains of 6000 Immigrants Who died of Ship Fever A.D. 1847-48. This Stone is erected by the Workmen of Messrs. Peto, Brassey and Betts Employed in the Construction of the Victoria Bridge A.D. 1859."*

You may find this blog post quite interesting:

<http://www.lastwordonnothing.com/2015/12/25/the-monument-that-montreal-swallowed/>



**How to get to Concordia University** (via airport, car, train, etc):

<http://www.concordia.ca/maps/directions.html>

## Accomodations:

Grey Nuns Residence has blocked a selection of rooms for NAACLT attendees for 2-3 June 2017. The residence offers free high-speed Wi-Fi in every room, 24-hour security and use of the common rooms with kitchenette. NAACLT attendees will be allocated rooms close to each other.

The room rates are as follows:

- **1 single bed** with sink, fridge and shared washrooms **\$49 per night.**
- **1 double bed** with sink, fridge and shared washrooms **\$69 per night.**
- **2 single beds** with sink, fridge and shared washrooms **\$74 per night.**

- **1 single bed** with private washrooms **\$79 per night**.

All rates are subject to tax of approximately 19%.

**IMPORTANT:** These rates are available on reservations made by 2 May 2017. After this date any un-reserved rooms will be released from the block and returned to general sale.

**NOTE:** To reserve individual rooms, at the reduced rates, **please** use the [online booking platform](http://www.concordia.ca/students/housing/summer.html) (<http://www.concordia.ca/students/housing/summer.html>). When asked "Do you have a group code?" type **IRISHSTUDIES17** then complete the reservation process.

Any inquiries regarding the Grey Nuns Residence should be made to:

*Sarah Caille*

Residence Life Manager Summer Accommodation

Tel: 514 848 2424 x8000

Office location:

GN D-103, Grey Nuns Residence

1190 rue Guy, Montreal H3H 2L4

Mailing address:

1455 Blvd De Maisonneuve Ouest

GN D-103, Montreal

Quebec H3G 1M8

If you prefer to arrange your own accommodation, there are some of the hotels nearby, with approximate room rates – Canadian currency – for the first week in June:

**Hôtel Le Crystal Montréal** <http://www.hotellecrystal.com>

Room rates: minimum \$400+tx (single occupancy)

1100 rue de la Montagne, Montréal, Quebec H3G 0A1

Phone: 1 (877) 861 5550

Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/grt7SsKgTeu>

**Hotel Y Montreal** <http://hotelymontreal.com>

Room rates: minimum \$150+tx (single occupancy)

1355 René-Lévesque Blvd W, Montreal, QC H3G 1T3

Phone: (514) 866-9942

Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/73BQqkcD6UB2>

**Novotel Montreal Centre** <http://www.novotelmontreal.com>

Room rates: minimum \$700+tx (double occupancy)

1180 rue de la Montagne, H3G 1Z1 Montréal, Quebec

Phone: (514) 861-6000

Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/3J9hKKvzPk12>

**Le Centre Sheraton Montreal** [www.sheratoncentremontreal.com](http://www.sheratoncentremontreal.com)

Room rates: minimum \$270+tx (single occupancy)

1201 Boulevard Rene-Levesque West, Montreal, Quebec H3B 2L7

Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/fyMJ5v2W8pH2>

**Best Western Plus, Montreal Downtown-Hotel Europa** <http://www.hoteleuropa.com/en>

Room rates: minimum: \$170+ tx (single occupancy)

1240 Drummond Street, Montreal, Quebec H3G 1V7

Phone: 1(800) 780-7234

Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/9f5ncrhkVvN2>

**Ritz-Carlton Montréal** <http://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/canada/montreal>

Room rates: minimum \$780+tx (single occupancy)

1228 Sherbrooke St. West, Montreal, H3G 1H6 Quebec

Phone:(514) 842-4212

Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/uC6gGNvTcD82>

**Le Meridien Versaille** <http://www.lemeridienversailleshotel.com>

Room rates: minimum \$220+tx (single occupancy)  
1808 rue Sherbrooke Ouest, Montreal, QC, H3H 1E5  
Phone: (514) 933 8111  
Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/EnHhbaR1eoH2>

**Loews Hôtel Vogue** <https://www.loewshotels.com/montreal-hotel?chebs=gl-loewshotelvogue>

Room rates: minimum: \$400+tx (single occupancy)  
1425 Mountain St, Montreal, QC H3G 1Z3  
Phone: (514) 285-5555  
Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/FFidknJjbp82>

**Hôtel Le St James** <http://www.hotellestjames.com>

Room rates: minimum \$750+tx (single occupancy)  
355 Rue Saint-Jacques, Montreal, QC, H2Y-1N9  
Phone: (514) 841-3111  
Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/U9yBpPPBTHB2>

**Le St-Martin Hôtel Particulier Montréal** <http://lestmartinmontreal.com>

Room rates: minimum \$310+tx (single occupancy)  
980 Boulevard de Maisonneuve Ouest, Montréal, QC H3A 1N4  
Phone: (514) 843-3000  
Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/sHCL1mHek7G2>

**Sofitel Montreal Le Carré Doré / Golden Mile** <http://www.accorhotels.com/gb/hotel-3646-sofitel-montreal-golden-mile/index.shtml>

Room rates: minimum \$800+tx (single occupancy)  
1155 Sherbrooke St W, Montreal, QC H3A 2N3  
Phone: (514) 285-9000  
Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/RoXS6ns8r2w>

**Hotel Omni Mont-Royal** <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/montreal-mont-royal>

Room rates: minimum \$240+tx (single occupancy)  
1050 Sherbrooke Street West, Montreal, QC H3A 2R6  
Phone: 514-284-1110  
Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/yFTXdLkcWRs>

**L'hôtel Le Germain Montréal** <http://www.legermainhotels.com/fr/montreal/>

Room rates: minimum \$260+tx (single occupancy)  
2050 Mansfield St, Montreal, QC H3A 1Y9  
Phone: +1 (877) 333-2050  
Proximity to venue: <https://goo.gl/maps/XhFMiz6w44H2>

We hope that you enjoy both the conference and the Field Trip