Irish Americans have also earned distinction in Cleveland on the “right” side of the law—as lawyers and judges and members of the city’s safety forces. At the request of the Irish American Law Society of Cleveland, IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch and Board President Thomas D. Corrigan will present a talk for continuing education credit that highlights some of Cleveland’s pioneering Irish American lawyers and judges and the ways in which they blazed a path for other ethnic groups to follow. The talk will take place on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at Noon, in connection with Brown’s Cincinnati “joint,” reported in the Plain Dealer on July 22, 1936.

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Free Talk by Mick Mulchrone, Tiernaur Oral History Group: “Remember Us – The People’s War, Newport Area, Mayo 1914-1924”
Presented by Jack Kirroy with assistance from the Irish American Archives Society
West Side Irish American Club
(Assembly Room)
8559 Jennings Rd, Olmsted Township, OH 44138

Wednesday, October 30, 2019, Noon
Continuing Education Talk by Thomas D. Corrigan and Margaret Lynch: “Diversifying Cleveland’s Judicial and Legal Community: The Irish Led the Way in the 19th and early 20th Centuries”
Presented by Irish American Law Society of Cleveland
Cleveland Chop
824 W St Clair Ave,
Cleveland, OH 44113

Sunday, November 10, 2019, 4:00 pm
Free Talk by Margaret Lynch: “Diversifying Cleveland’s Judicial and Legal Community: The Irish Led the Way in the 19th and early 20th Centuries”
Presented by the Padraic Pearse Center
Irish American Club East Side
22770 Lakeshore Blvd, Euclid, OH 44123

Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 7:00 pm
Free Talk by Margaret Lynch: “Gangs, Gangsters, and Gamblers Among the Irish in Cleveland”
Presented by the Padraic Pearse Center
Irish American Club East Side
22770 Lakeshore Blvd, Euclid, OH 44123

At each annual Walks of Life dinner, we take a photograph that brings together the current year’s honorees with past honorees in attendance that night. Our honorees, past and present, continue to devote their time and talent to making Cleveland a better place, and we’re pleased to share this photo every year as a reminder of the contributions that individuals of Irish heritage have made to our community. We look forward to welcoming our honorees, and all of our faithful supporters, to our next Walks of Life dinner on February 27, 2020. Save the date!
Students Help to Advance Research on the “Tuke Assisted Emigration Scheme”

A conference was held at Quinnipiac University in June 2019, entitled “Famines in Ireland Before 1845 and After 1852.” The conference was organized by Christine Kinealy, Director of Ireland’s Great Hunger Institute at Quinnipiac University. IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch was able to participate and present research work that she has completed with the assistance of several student interns.

The conference brought attention to the important humanitarian effort by English Quaker James Hack Tuke (1819-1896) in bringing relief to Ireland during the Great Famine of 1845-1852 as well as the lesser-known Forgotten Famine of 1879-1881. The so-called “Forgotten Famine,” which afflicted northwest Mayo and Galway most acutely, prompted Tuke to enlist sponsors for 3,267 people to depart from Blackscot Bay in 15 sailings during 1883 and 1884. Along with the coal-mining regions of Pennsylvania, Cleveland, with its growing steel and shipping industries, was one of the prime destinations for the Tuke-sponsored immigrants.

In order to assess the significance of Tuke’s philanthropy for Cleveland, some basic, but time-consuming, research must first establish where the 3,267 Tuke-sponsored immigrants ended up. That’s a lot of people to track in public records. Lynch approached the history department at John Carroll University for assistance. And, every spring semester since 2016, one or more JCU history students have served as research interns. Six students in all have contributed to the effort to date. 5 have been JCU students: Shane Meehan (Spring 2016), Erin Kelly and Jacquelyn Wilson (Spring 2017), Mary Rose Flynn (Spring 2018), and Acadia Palocko (Spring 2019). Sean Joyce, a Holy Name High School sophomore, also assisted with research this past summer.

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As part of The Great Famine Voices Roadshow, funded by the Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme, interviews were recorded at the Quinnipiac conference this summer with many of the speakers, panelists, and descendants of Tuke-assisted immigrants who were present. The following link leads to those interviews, including one with Lynch about the Cleveland research project: http://greatfaminevoices.ie/hamden-cf/.

Holy Name High School intern Sean Joyce with IAAS Executive Director Margaret Lynch at the Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival in July. Joyce said, “Through my internship, I learned the values of time management and critical, logical thinking. Having a previous interest in genealogy, I found the project that we did on the Tuke Immigration Scheme very intriguing. This internship has inspired me to possibly pursue a career in research or genealogy.”

JCU intern Mary Flynn during her study abroad semester at NUI Galway.