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## Employment

### Professor

School of History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics  
Queen's University Belfast  
Belfast, United Kingdom  
01 Aug 2015 → present

### History

Queen's University Belfast  
United Kingdom  
01 Aug 2015 → present

### Institute of Irish Studies

Queen's University Belfast  
United Kingdom  
01 Aug 2015 → present

## Research output

### William Sharman Crawford and Ulster radicalism

Gray, P., 30 Sept 2023, Dublin: University College Dublin Press. 750 p.

### Was the Great Irish Famine a Colonial Famine?

Gray, P., 28 Apr 2021, In: East/West: Journal of Ukrainian Studies. 8, 1, p. 159-172

### William Sharman Crawford, the Famine and County Down

Gray, P., 23 Jan 2019, *The Great Irish Famine and social class: conflicts, responsibilities, representations*. Corporaal, M. & Gray, P. (eds.). Peter Lang, p. 135-50 16 p. (Reimagining Ireland; vol. 89).

### The Great Irish Famine and Social Class: Conflicts, Responsibilities, Representations

Gray, P. (ed.) & Corporaal, M. (ed.), 2019, Oxford: Peter Lang. 311 p. (Reimagining Ireland; vol. 89)

### HB's Famine cartoons: satirical art in a time of catastrophe

Gray, P., 30 Nov 2018, *The Great Irish Famine: Visual and Material Culture*. Corporaal, M., Frawley, O. & Mark-Fitzgerald, E. (eds.). Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, p. 35-52 18 p.

### The Great Famine, 1845-1850

Gray, P., 26 Apr 2018, *Cambridge History of Ireland, Volume 3, 1730-1880*. Kelly, J. (ed.). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Vol. 3. p. 639-665 26 p.

### Mabel Sharman Crawford's Life in Tuscany: Ulster radicalism in a hot climate

Gray, P., 2017, *Traveling Irishness in the Long Nineteenth Century*. Corporaal, M. & Morin, C. (eds.). Liverpool: Liverpool University Press, p. 35-50 15 p.

**'The Great British Famine of 1845 to 1850'? Ireland, the UK and peripherality in famine relief and philanthropy**

Gray, P., 28 Apr 2015, *Famines in European Economic History: The Last Great European Famines Reconsidered*. Curran, D., Luciuk, L. & Newby, A. G. (eds.). London: Routledge, p. 83-96 14 p. (Routledge Explorations in Economic History).

**La Grande Famine en Irlande, 1845-1851**

Gray, P. & Collombier Lakeman, P., 15 Jan 2015, Paris: Editions Fahrenheit. 184 p.

**The Great Famine in Irish and British Historiographies, c. 1860-1914**

Gray, P., Oct 2014, *Global Legacies of the Great Irish Famine*. Corporaal, M., Cusack, C., Janssen, L. & van den Beuken, R. (eds.). Oxford: Peter Lang, Vol. 60. p. 39-60 21 p. (Reimagining Ireland).

**Famine and land, 1845-80**

Gray, P., Mar 2014, *The Oxford handbook of modern Irish history*. Jackson, A. (ed.). Oxford: Oxford University Press, p. 544-561 18 p. (Oxford Handbooks in History).

**A 'people's viceroyalty'? Popularity, theatre and executive politics 1835-47**

Gray, P., 26 Nov 2012, *The Irish Lord Lieutenancy, c. 1541-1922*. Gray, P. & Purdue, O. (eds.). Dublin: University College Dublin Press, p. 158-178 21 p.

**The Irish Lord Lieutenancy c. 1541-1922**

Gray, P. (ed.) & Purdue, O. (ed.), 26 Nov 2012, Dublin: University College Dublin Press. 256 p.

**British relief measures**

Gray, P., Aug 2012, *Atlas of the Great Irish Famine*. Crowley, J., Smyth, W. J. & Murphy, M. (eds.). Cork: Cork University Press, p. 75-86 11 p.

**Conceiving and constructing the Irish workhouse, 1836-45**

Gray, P., May 2012, In: *Irish Historical Studies*. 38, 149, p. 22-35 13 p.

**Poverty and Welfare in Ireland 1839-1948**

Gray, P., Jun 2011, Irish Academic Press. 244 p.

**Irish social thought and the relief of poverty, 1847-1880**

Gray, P., Nov 2010, In: *Transactions of the Royal Historical Society*. 20, -, p. 141-156 16 p.

**Accounting for catastrophe: William Wilde, the 1851 Irish Census, and the Great Famine**

Gray, P., 01 May 2010, *Power and Popular Culture in Modern Ireland: Essays in Honour of James S. Donnelly, Jr.*. Nie, M. D. & Farrell, S. (eds.). Irish Academic Press, p. 50-66 17 p.

**The Making of the Irish Poor Law, 1815-43**

Gray, P., Apr 2009, Manchester University Press. 380 p.

**Thomas Chalmers and Irish poverty**

Gray, P., Jan 2009, *Across the Water: Ireland and Scotland in the Nineteenth Century*. Ferguson, F. & McConnel, J. (eds.). Four Courts Press, p. 93-107 15 p.

**The European food crisis and the relief of Irish famine, 1845-50**

Gray, P., 2007, *When the Potato Failed: Causes and Effects of the 'Last' European Subsistence Crisis, 1845-1850*. Gráda, C. Ó., Paping, R. & Vanhaute, E. (eds.). Brepols Publishers, p. 95-107 13 p.

**Famine and land in Ireland and India 1845-1880: James Caird and the political economy of hunger**

Gray, P., Mar 2006, In: *Historical Journal*. 49, 1, p. 193-215 23 p.

**"Ireland's last fetter struck off": the lord lieutenant debate 1800-67**

Gray, P., 2005, *Was Ireland a Colony?*. McDonough, T. (ed.). Irish Academic Press, p. 87-101 15 p.

**Memory and the commemoration of the Great Irish Famine**

Gray, P., Jan 2004, *The memory of catastrophe*. Gray, P. & Oliver, K. (eds.). Manchester University Press, p. 46-64 19 p.

**The making of mid-Victorian Ireland? Political economy and the memory of the Great Famine**

Gray, P., Jan 2004, *Victoria's Ireland? Irishness and Britishness 1837-1901*. Gray, P. (ed.). Four Courts Press, p. 151-166 16 p.

**"Hints and Hits: Irish caricature and the trial of Daniel O'Connell, 1843-4**

Gray, P., 2004, In: *History Ireland*. 12(4), p. 45-51 7 p.

**The Memory of Catastrophe**

Gray, P., 2004, Manchester University Press. 225 p.

**Victoria's Ireland? Irishness and Britishness, 1837-1901**

Gray, P., 2004, Four Courts Press. 188 p.

**The peculiarities of Irish land tenure 1800-1914: from agent of impoverishment to agent of pacification**

Gray, P., Jan 2002, *The political economy of British historical experience, 1688-1914*. Winch, D. & O'Brien, P. K. (eds.). Oxford University Press, p. 139-162 24 p.

**National humiliation and the great hunger: fast and famine in 1847**

Gray, P., Nov 2000, In: *Irish Historical Studies*. 32, p. 193-216 24 p.

**Famine, Land and Politics: British Government and Irish Society 1843-50**

Gray, P., Jan 1999, Irish Academic Press. 384 p.

**"Shovelling out your paupers": The British state and Irish Famine migration, 1846-50**

Gray, P., 1999, In: *Patterns of Prejudice*. 33, p. 47-65 19 p.

**Wellington and the government of Ireland, 1832-46**

Gray, P., 1999, *Wellington Studies III*. Woolgar, C. M. (ed.). Hartley Institute, p. 203-226 24 p.

**Nassau Senior, the Edinburgh Review, and Ireland 1843-1849**

Gray, P., 1998, *Ideology and Ireland in the Nineteenth Century*. Foley, T. & Ryder, S. (eds.). Four Courts Press, p. 130-142 13 p.

**'Famine relief policy in comparative perspective: Ireland, Scotland, and North-western Europe, 1845-1849**

Gray, P., 1997, In: *Eire Ireland: Interdisciplinary Journal of Irish Studies*. 32(1), p. 86-108 23 p.

**The Irish Famine**

Gray, P., Oct 1995, Thames and Hudson. 192 p.

**Ideology and the Famine**

Gray, P., 1995, *The Great Irish Famine: the Thomas Davis Lectures*. Póirtéir, C. (ed.). Mercier Press, p. 86-103 18 p.

**Potatoes and Providence: British government responses to the Great Famine**

Gray, P., 1994, In: *Bullán*. 1(1), p. 75-90 16 p.

## Activities

### **Scotch-Irish Trust (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Advisor)

30 Jan 2024 → ...

### **Irish Studies Seminar Series, QUB**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

23 Oct 2023

### **Strzelecki Exhibition Workshop**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

27 Sept 2023

### **European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies Conference 2023**

Peter Gray (Organiser)

24 Aug 2023 → 27 Aug 2023

### **Organise! Organise! Organise! Collective Action, Associational Culture and the Politics of Organisation in Britain and Ireland, c.1790-1914**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

20 Jul 2023

### **Society for the Study of Nineteenth Century Ireland Conference**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

23 Jun 2023

### **The Tenant League and the Irish Famine, 1847-55**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

14 Apr 2023

### **Public lecture on 'William Sharman and Volunteering in Lisburn'**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

07 Mar 2023

### **Society for the Study of 19th Century Ireland Annual Lecture**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

28 Feb 2023

### **Melbourne Irish Studies Seminar**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

08 Feb 2023

### **University of Melbourne**

Peter Gray (Visiting researcher)

03 Jan 2023 → 11 Feb 2023

### **European Famines: Between History and Memory**

Peter Gray (Chair)

23 Sept 2022

### **The British Empire and Colonial Famines**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

09 Sept 2022

**Heritages of Hunger Conference, Radboud University Nijmegen**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

28 Jun 2022

**SSNCI (Society for the Study of Nineteenth Century Ireland) Conference 2022**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

25 Jun 2022

**Rural History Conference 2022**

Peter Gray (Chair)

20 Jun 2022

**PhD Defence Panel Member, EPHE Paris**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

13 Jun 2022

**Robert Allen Memorial Lecture, 2022**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

05 May 2022

**American Conference for Irish Studies (ACIS)**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

30 Apr 2022

**Royal Irish Academy (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Advisor)

2022 → 2023

**PhD External Examiner, Maynooth University**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

16 Dec 2021

**Public Lecture: Baron Eötvös and Count Strzelecki in Ireland: Poverty and Famine, 1837-49**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

25 Nov 2021

**Public Lecture: 'The Great Famine and Irish Politics' (online)**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

10 Nov 2021

**Cultural Democracy**

Peter Gray (Participant)

08 Oct 2021 → 10 Oct 2021

**1971 and the Escalation of the Ulster Troubles**

Peter Gray (Organiser)

25 Jun 2021

**European Social Science History Conference**

Peter Gray (Participant)

26 Mar 2021

**External Examiner, PGT in History, UCD**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

01 Aug 2020 → 31 Jul 2024

**External Examiner, UG in History, UCD**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

01 Aug 2020 → 31 Jul 2024

**European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Board Member)

01 Jun 2020 → ...

**PhD External Examiner, University of Cambridge**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

10 Jan 2020

**Public Lecture: 'Count Pawel Strzelecki and the Great Irish Famine'**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

19 Nov 2019

**Eighteenth Century Ireland Society Conference**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

14 Jun 2019

**Public Lecture on 'Paul Strzelecki and the Great Irish Famine'**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

12 Jun 2019

**1969: The Outbreak of the Troubles in Northern Ireland**

Peter Gray (Organiser)

07 Jun 2019 → 08 Jun 2019

**PhD External Examiner, University of Limerick**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

05 Apr 2019

**American Conference for Irish Studies**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

25 Mar 2019

**History Ireland Hedge School, Dublin Port**

Peter Gray (Participant)

17 Nov 2018

**Moving Statues: contested heritage in Ireland and the US**

Peter Gray (Organiser)

08 Jun 2018 → 09 Jun 2018

**European Social Science History Conference**

Peter Gray (Participant)

06 Apr 2018

**European Social Science History Conference**  
Peter Gray (Member of the organising committee)  
03 Apr 2018 → 07 Apr 2018

**Remembering 1968: The Civil Rights Movement in Northern Ireland**  
Peter Gray (Organiser)  
24 Mar 2018

**Symposium on Ireland in East Asia: Nationalism, Colonialism, Imperialism**  
Peter Gray (Organiser)  
12 Mar 2018

**Member of PhD Examination Committee, Radboud University Nijmegen**  
Peter Gray (Examiner)  
16 Feb 2018

**Graphic Satire in the Long 19th Century**  
Peter Gray (Participant)  
05 Sept 2017

**Graphic Satire in the Long Nineteenth Century**  
Peter Gray (Participant)  
05 Sept 2017

**European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies Conference 2017**  
Peter Gray (Participant)  
01 Sept 2017

**EMPIRE, COLONIALISM AND FAMINE IN COMPARATIVE HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE**  
Peter Gray (Invited speaker)  
05 Jun 2017

**Class and the Great Famine**  
Peter Gray (Organiser)  
21 Apr 2017 → 22 Apr 2017

**American Conference for Irish Studies 2017, Kansas City**  
Peter Gray (Speaker)  
30 Mar 2017

**Empire, Colonialism, and Famine in Comparative Historical Perspective**  
Peter Gray (Keynote/plenary speaker)  
28 Oct 2016

**Collapse of Memory – Memory of Collapse**  
Peter Gray (Speaker)  
22 Sept 2016

**Irish Studies Seminar Series, QUB**  
Peter Gray (Organiser)  
01 Sept 2016 → ...

**'Nature and the Environment in Ireland during the Long 19th Century'**  
Peter Gray (Speaker)  
16 Jun 2016 → 17 Jun 2016

**The Great Famine and its Impacts: Visual and Material Culture**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

15 Mar 2016

**Nineteenth Century European Famines in Comparison - International Network of Irish Famine Studies**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

07 Dec 2015

**Atlantic Canada Seminar Series**

Peter Gray (Invited speaker)

12 Nov 2015

**University of New Brunswick**

Peter Gray (Visitor)

24 Oct 2015 → 15 Nov 2015

**University of Oxford (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Advisor)

01 Oct 2015 → 31 Mar 2016

**4th Annual Famine Conference: 'The Local and Regional Impact of the Great Irish Famine',**

Peter Gray (Keynote/plenary speaker)

20 Jun 2015

**European Federation of Associations and Centres of Irish Studies Conference 2015**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

04 Jun 2015

**AHRC Conference: Welfare and Public Health in the Industrial City: Belfast in Comparative Contexts c. 1800-1973'**

Peter Gray (Organiser)

16 Apr 2015 → 17 Apr 2015

**PhD External Examiner, NUI Maynooth**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

19 Dec 2014

**English Department Seminar, Strasbourg University**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

15 Dec 2014

**'La Grande Famine Irlandais: problemes et historiographie', Centre culturel Irlandais, Paris, 12 Dec. 2014**

Peter Gray (Keynote/plenary speaker)

12 Dec 2014

**British Studies seminar series, University of Paris-Sorbonne**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

11 Dec 2014

**Public Lecture**

Peter Gray (Speaker)

24 Sept 2014



**The meaning of poverty**

Peter Gray (Participant)  
05 Sept 2014

**Member, Irish Committee of Historical Sciences**

Peter Gray (Member)  
01 Sept 2014 → ...

**•'Travelling Irishness in the Long Nineteenth Century', University of Limerick**

Peter Gray (Keynote/plenary speaker)  
29 Aug 2014

**European Social Science History Conference**

Peter Gray (Participant)  
24 Apr 2014

**Poverty and Famine in Ireland: The Great Famine, its contexts and legacy**

Peter Gray (Organiser)  
11 Apr 2014 → 12 Apr 2014

**QUB Representative, Irish Humanities Alliance Steering Group**

Peter Gray (Member)  
01 Sept 2013 → 01 Jan 2021

**Global legacies of the Great Irish Famine**

Peter Gray (Keynote/plenary speaker)  
28 Mar 2013

**'Poverty and Welfare in Comparative Urban Contexts' Workshop**

Peter Gray (Organiser)  
22 Feb 2013

**Negotiating Crisis in Irish History**

Peter Gray (Keynote/plenary speaker)  
14 Sept 2012

**National University of Ireland**

Peter Gray (Examiner)  
01 Aug 2010 → ...

**Arts & Humanities Research Council (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Member)  
2010 → 2014

**Northern Ireland Museums Council (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Member)  
2009 → 2012

**Advisory Council Member, Institute of Historical Research (London)**

Peter Gray (Member)  
2008 → 2011

**External Examiner, NUI Maynooth**

Peter Gray (Examiner)  
2008 → 2011

**External examiner, PhD level, University College Dublin**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

2008 → 2011

**External examiner, PhD level, University College Dublin**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

2008 → 2011

**External Examiner, University College Cork**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

2008 → 2011

**External Examiner, University College Cork**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

2008 → 2011

**Chair, National Committee for Historical Sciences, Royal Irish Academy**

Peter Gray (Chair)

2007 → 2010

**Member of the Board for Humanities and Social Sciences, Royal Irish Academy**

Peter Gray (Member)

2007 → 2010

**Irish Historical Studies (Journal)**

Peter Gray (Editorial board member)

01 Sept 2006 → ...

**External examiner, M.Stud. in Historical Research, University of Oxford**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

2006 → 2009

**Member of the National Committee for Historical Sciences, Royal Irish Academy**

Peter Gray (Member)

2006 → 2014

**Ulster Society for Irish Historical Studies (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Chair)

2006 → 2010

**Ulster Society for Irish Historical Studies (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Member)

2006 → ...

**Irish Economic and Social History Society (External organisation)**

Peter Gray (Member)

01 Sept 2005 → ...

**External Examiner, UG Degrees, NUI Galway**

Peter Gray (Examiner)

2005 → 2008

**Boston College**  
Peter Gray (Visitor)  
2004

**Irish Research Council (External organisation)**  
Peter Gray (Reviewer)  
2004 → 2008

**Society for the Study of Nineteenth-Century Ireland (External organisation)**  
Peter Gray (Member)  
01 Sept 1994 → ...

**History Ireland (Journal)**  
Peter Gray (Editorial board member)  
01 Sept 1993 → 31 Aug 2009

## **Awards**

## **Projects**

**R1084HIS: DIPPAM**  
Gray, P.  
01/08/2009 → ...

**R1047HIS: Welfare and public health in Belfast and the north of Ireland 1800 -1973**  
Gray, P., Atcheson, R., Laragy, G., Lucey, S., Purdue, O. & Purdue, O.  
01/08/2011 → 31/10/2015

**R1799HIS: Welfare Regimes under the Irish Poor Law 1850-1921**  
Gray, P.  
01/08/2006 → ...

## **Impacts**