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Particulars

Philip McGowan is AHSS Faculty Lead on the M Liberal Arts degree programme (launched 2018) and the Programme co-ordinator of the Story summer school (launching June 2020).

He is President (2016-2024) of the European Association for American Studies (eas.eu; @eas_eu) and has been a member of the Executive Board of the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society (fscottfitzgeraldsociety.org; @FSFSociety) since 2005. He serves on the Royal Irish Academy Committee for Languages, Literature, Culture and Communications and is a member of the Peer Review College for the UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships.

- Administrative Leadership

Since 2016 I have been the AHSS Faculty lead on the M Liberal Arts degree programme (<http://www.qub.ac.uk/courses/undergraduate/mlba-um-liberal-arts-mlibarts-y300/>).

I am the Programme Co-ordinator of the Story summer school (<https://www.qub.ac.uk/International/International-students/Studyabroad/Summer-Schools/Story/>) that will launch in June 2020.

I am a recruitment ambassador for North America for the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. As part of this role, I attended the 2017 (Los Angeles), 2018 (Philadelphia) and the 2019 (Washington, D.C.) NAFSA conferences on behalf of the University.

I am a member of the University's USA Strategy Group, chaired by Professor Richard English (PVC Internationalisation and Engagement).

I am a founding member of the University's Centre for the Americas research network.

I am a member of the University's Periodic School Review panel.

I am a member of the AHSS Cross-Faculty and Joint Degrees Subgroup.

I serve on the AHSS Faculty Student Appeal Committee (FSAC) and the Central Student Appeal Committee (CSAC).

I am the Staff Forum representative for the School of Arts, English and Languages.

I have been an appraiser and a PDR reviewer for colleagues in both the former School of English and in the School of Arts, English and Languages since 2014.

I have served on Institutional Disciplinary Panels as required by Academic Council.

I was Director of Internationalisation for the School of Arts, English and Languages from October 2018 to December 2019.

I was a member of the AHSS Study Abroad and International Exchanges Subgroup (2018-19).

I served as Subject Lead for English in the School of Arts, English and Languages (July 2018-June 2019).

I was the Director of Education in the School of English (2014-16), a member of the University's Courses and Regulations Committee and the AHSS Faculty DE on the Higher Education Review Group that prepared Queen's institutional audit in November 2015.

For RAE 2008 I collated the School of English documentation and drafted the RA5 narrative (scored at 100% 4*) for an overall subject profile of 35 30 25 10.

As Postgraduate Director of Education for the School, I authored English's submission as part of the University's successful bid to the AHRC for BGP1.

Other

- Management & Administration

2006-2008: I collated and wrote the School of English RAE 2008 submission.

2006-2010: Postgraduate Director of Education, Chair School Postgraduate Committee, Chair MA Examination Board, Member Postgraduate Advisory Board, Member School Management Board, Member University Academic Board

2010-2012: Chair School of English Examination Board

Research output

What We Imagine Knowledge to Be: Wallace Stevens, Elizabeth Bishop, and 70 Years of American Studies

McGowan, P., 31 Aug 2020, In : Journal of the Austrian Association for American Studies. 1, 1, p. 53-70 18 p., 3.

This Side of Paradise

McGowan, P., 28 May 2020, 2 ed. Oxford: Oxford UP. 324 p. (Oxford World's Classics)

Elizabeth Bishop's Work of Fire

McGowan, P., 31 Mar 2020, In : Mosaic. 53, 1, p. 1-17 17 p., 1.

'John Berryman's Last Prayers'

McGowan, P., 02 Mar 2020, In : Literature and Theology.

The Bestseller and the Blockbuster Mentality

McGowan, P., 31 May 2018, *American Literature in Transition, 1970-80*. Curnutt, K. (ed.). New York: Cambridge University Press, p. 210-225 16 p. (American Literature in Transition).

Deep Lane

McGowan, P., 01 May 2016, In : The Yellow Nib. 3 p.

Why Las Vegas is the ultimate American city

McGowan, P., 22 Feb 2016, The Conversation 1 p.

Anne Sexton's Transformations

McGowan, P., 01 Apr 2015, *Anne Sexton*. Bloom, H. (ed.). 1 ed. New York: Chelsea House Publishers, p. 70-84 15 p. (Blooms Modern Critical Views).

'Last Vegas?'

McGowan, P., 22 Nov 2014, In : IJAS Online. 3, 1 p.

Reading Elizabeth Bishop's "Artifact of [Words]"

McGowan, P., 15 Nov 2014, *Maintaining a Place: Conditions of Metaphor in Modern American Literature. Literature Essays and Poems in honour of Ron Callan*. Stuart, M., Sweeney, F. & Dillane, F. (eds.). Dublin: UCD Press, p. 130 14 p. 8

Berryman, Sexton and the Possibilities of Poetic Language

McGowan, P., Dec 2013, In : English: The Journal of the English Association. 62, 239, p. 380-404 25 p.

'Producing Neverland: Imploding the Past in Sin City'

McGowan, P., Oct 2013, (Unpublished).

AA and the Redeployment of Temperance Literature

McGowan, P., Mar 2013, In : Journal of American Studies. 48, 1, p. 1-28 28 p.

Ecopoetics: The Language of Nature, The Nature of Language by Scott Knickerbocker (review)

McGowan, P., Jan 2013, In : Modernism/Modernity. 20, 1, p. 161-163 3 p.

Exile and The City: F. Scott Fitzgerald's "The Lost Decade"

McGowan, P., 2013, In : The F. Scott Fitzgerald Review. 11, p. 54-79 26 p.

Innocence & Loss in William Maxwell's They Came Like Swallows and The Folded Leaf

McGowan, P., Jul 2012, *'Forever Young?' The Changing Images of America*. Matterson, S. & Coleman, P. (eds.). Universitätsverlag Göttingen

Innocence & Loss in William Maxwell's They Came Like Swallows & The Folded Leaf

McGowan, P., Feb 2012, p. 1-1. 1 p.

'The Games Bond Plays'

McGowan, P., Sep 2010, *James Bond in World and Popular Culture: The Films Are Not Enough*. Weiner, R., Lynn Whitfield, B. & Becker, J. (eds.). Cambridge Scholars Press, p. 379-391 13 p.

'Thirteen Ways of Looking at RS Thomas'

McGowan, P., Sep 2010.

'The American Carnival of The Great Gatsby'

McGowan, P., Apr 2010, *The Great Gatsby F. Scott Fitzgerald (New Edition) (Bloom's Modern Critical Interpretations)*. Bloom, H. (ed.). Chelsea House Publishers, p. 145-157 13 p.

'Reading Fitzgerald Reading Keats'

McGowan, P., Jul 2007, *Twenty-First-Century Readings of Tender is The Night*. Blazek, W. & Rattray, L. (eds.). Liverpool University Press/University of Chicago Press, p. 204-220 17 p.

After Thirty Falls: New Essays on John Berryman

McGowan, P. & Coleman, P., Jun 2007, Rodopi. 290 p.

'Algren and Carnival in 1930s America'

McGowan, P., 2007, *Nelson Algren: New Essays*. Ward, R. (ed.). Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, p. 56-82 27 p.

Berryman and The Writing of Silence

McGowan, P., Oct 2006, *After Thirty Falls: New Essays and Perspectives on John Berryman*. Coleman, P. & McGowan, P. (eds.). Rodopi, p. 150-72 23 p.

'The American Carnival of The Great Gatsby'

McGowan, P., Mar 2006, In : *Connotations: A Journal for Critical Debate*. 15 (1-3), p. 143-158 16 p.

Anne Sexton and Middle Generation Poetry: The Geography of Grief

McGowan, P., Sep 2004, Praeger. 147 p.

'Carnivals'

McGowan, P., 2003, *Encyclopedia of Recreation and Leisure in America*. Cross, G. (ed.). Scribner's, p. 145-149 5 p.

'The Writing of Blackness in Saul Bellow's The Victim'

McGowan, P., Dec 2001, In : *The Saul Bellow Journal*. 2000/2001, p. 74-103 30 p.

American Carnival: Seeing and Reading American Culture

McGowan, P., Jul 2001, Greenwood. 167 p.

'All My Pretty Ones'

McGowan, P., May 2001, *Encyclopedia of American Poetry: The Twentieth Century*. Haralson, E. (ed.). Fitzroy Dearborn, p. 658-659 2 p.

'Anne Sexton'

McGowan, P., May 2001, *Encyclopedia of American Poetry: The Twentieth Century*. Haralson, E. (ed.). Fitzroy Dearborn, p. 656-658 3 p.

'John Berryman: The Dream Songs'

McGowan, P., May 2001, *Encyclopedia of American Poetry: The Twentieth Century*. Haralson, E. (ed.). Fitzroy Dearborn, p. 66-67 2 p.

'Drinking to Anonymity: Berryman, Sexton, Carver'

McGowan, P., Apr 2000, *A Babel of Bottles: Drink, Drinkers & Drinking Places in Literature*. Nicholls, J. & Owen, S. (eds.). Sheffield Academic Press, p. 181-203 23 p.

The Sun Also Rises

McGowan, P., Oct 1999, *The Encyclopedia of the Novel*. Schellinger, P. (ed.). Fitzroy Dearborn, p. 1300-1301 2 p.

'Uncovering the Female Voice in Anne Sexton'

McGowan, P., Sep 1998, In : Revista Canaria de Estudios Ingleses. 37, p. 125-141 17 p.

Activities

MSA 2020: Modernist Studies Association's Annual Conference

Philip McGowan (Participant), , Sarah Churchwell (Participant), & Erin Templeton (Speaker)
26 Oct 2020

AmLit (Journal)

Philip McGowan (Editorial board member)
01 Aug 2020 → ...

Folia Linguistica et Litteraria (Journal)

Philip McGowan (Editorial board member)
01 Jun 2020 → ...

EAAS 2020: 20/20 Vision

Philip McGowan (Speaker), , Stamatina Dimakopoulou (Speaker), , Cristina Iuli (Speaker), & Irene Polimante (Speaker)
01 May 2020

IAAS 2020: Counter-Narratives and Hidden Histories

Philip McGowan (Participant)
03 Apr 2020 → 04 Apr 2020

Community College Baccalaureate Association

Philip McGowan (Participant)
28 Feb 2020 → 01 Mar 2020

'Anne Sexton, Sylvia Plath and Media Culture'

Philip McGowan (Examiner)
21 Feb 2020

'Laying in the Dark: The Literary Night in Nineteenth-Century American Prose'

Philip McGowan (Examiner)
12 Feb 2020

'The Only Secrets People Keep: Strategies of Silence in American Women's Writing'

Philip McGowan (Advisor)
13 Oct 2019

EAAS Modern and Contemporary Poetry Network

Philip McGowan (Chair)
01 Sep 2019 → ...

15th International F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference

Philip McGowan (Participant)
28 Jun 2019

15th International F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference

Philip McGowan (Participant)
25 Jun 2019

God After God

Philip McGowan (Participant)
18 Apr 2019

Irish Association for American Studies Annual Conference

Philip McGowan (Participant)
12 Apr 2019 → 13 Apr 2019

EAAS Women's Network Symposium

Philip McGowan (Participant)
06 Apr 2019

European Association for American Studies, Board Meeting (Event)

Philip McGowan (Advisor)
04 Apr 2019 → 05 Apr 2019

Belfast Metropolitan College

Philip McGowan (Advisor)
13 Mar 2019

Oxford University Press (Publisher)

Philip McGowan (Peer reviewer)
10 Mar 2019 → 30 Sep 2040

An Evening with Iain Archer, Lucy Caldwell, and Lisa McGee

Philip McGowan (Participant)
05 Mar 2019

Nicholas Allen

Philip McGowan (Host)
04 Mar 2019

Adrian Little

Philip McGowan (Host)
01 Mar 2019 → 06 Mar 2019

St. Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick

Philip McGowan (Advisor)
15 Feb 2019

Dominican College

Philip McGowan (Advisor)
31 Jan 2019

Irish Research Council International Assessment Panel Member (External organisation)

Philip McGowan (Advisor)
16 Jan 2019 → ...

Irish Research Council New Foundations Review Panel Member (External organisation)

Philip McGowan (Advisor)
15 Jan 2019 → ...

Echoes of the Silent Movie Age: F. Scott Fitzgerald on the Silver Screen (1920-1926)

Philip McGowan (Examiner)

14 Sep 2018

Study of Languages, Literature, Culture and Communication Committee

Philip McGowan (Advisor)

01 Sep 2018 → 31 Aug 2022

UKRI Future Leaders Fellowships Peer Review College

Philip McGowan (Advisor)

01 Aug 2018 → ...

Harrogate Grammar School

Philip McGowan (Advisor)

03 Jul 2018

'Protestantising the West: Willa Cather and Marilynne Robinson'

Philip McGowan (Participant)

30 Jun 2018

Co-organizer, Ghost Stories: Contemporary Arts after the Troubles, by Declan Long, National College of Art and Design, Dublin

Ramona Wray (Organiser), , Alex Murray (Organiser), & Philip McGowan (Organiser)

11 Jun 2018

Ex-centric Narratives: Journal of Anglophone Literature, Culture and Media (Journal)

Philip McGowan (Editorial board member)

01 May 2018 → 30 Apr 2022

EBAAS 2018

Philip McGowan (Participant)

04 Apr 2018

Berryman's Late Poetry as Prayer

Philip McGowan (Invited speaker)

08 Nov 2017

70th Salzburg American Studies Seminar

Philip McGowan (Keynote/plenary speaker)

03 Nov 2017 → 05 Nov 2017

"Can I Pray?" On John Berryman's Last Collections

Philip McGowan (Invited speaker)

12 Oct 2017

University of Warsaw

Philip McGowan (Reviewer)

12 Oct 2017 → 14 Oct 2017

Wallace High School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

04 Oct 2017

Minsk State Linguistic University

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

20 Sep 2017 → 24 Sep 2017

Visiting Professorship Lecture Series

Philip McGowan (Invited speaker)
20 Sep 2017 → 25 Sep 2017

Humanities (Journal)

Philip McGowan (Peer reviewer)
01 May 2017 → ...

Pathways Day

Philip McGowan (Presenter)
10 Feb 2017

St Louis Grammar School, Kilkeel

Philip McGowan (Presenter)
02 Feb 2017

Careers Convention

Philip McGowan (Presenter)
25 Jan 2017

Society of Americanists Review (Journal)

Philip McGowan (Editorial board member)
01 Jan 2017 → ...

A Level Specification Working Group

Philip McGowan (Member)
08 Dec 2016

US Student Recruitment Visit to Sierra Nevada College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
18 Nov 2016

American Studies Association Annual Meeting

Philip McGowan (Invited speaker)
17 Nov 2016

International Address to the ASA

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
17 Nov 2016

US Student Recruitment Visit to Creighton University

Philip McGowan (Member)
28 Oct 2016

US Student Recruitment Visit to Coe College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
27 Oct 2016

US Student Recruitment Visit to University of Northern Iowa

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
26 Oct 2016

US Student Recruitment Visit to Beloit College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
25 Oct 2016

US Student Recruitment Visit to Loras College, Dubuque, Iowa

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
24 Oct 2016

External PhD Examiner - Ulster University

Philip McGowan (Examiner)
03 Aug 2016

Living Literature - The Great Gatsby

Philip McGowan (Contributor)
05 May 2016

European Journal of American Studies (Journal)

Philip McGowan (Peer reviewer)
25 Apr 2016 → 24 Apr 2020

EAAS 2016 Conference

Philip McGowan (Participant), , Catherine Gander (Participant), , Caroline Blinder (Participant), , Justyna Wierzchowska (Participant), & Sarah Garland (Participant)
24 Apr 2016

European Association for American Studies

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
24 Apr 2016

European Journal of American Studies (Journal)

Philip McGowan (Editor)
21 Apr 2016 → 20 Apr 2020

Hunterhouse College

Philip McGowan (Presenter)
13 Apr 2016

Richard Ford

Philip McGowan (Presenter)
09 Apr 2016

IBAAS

Philip McGowan (Conference committee chair)
07 Apr 2016 → 09 Apr 2016

IBAAS

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
07 Apr 2016

Is he Dead? America's Romance with Mark Twain

Philip McGowan (Host)
09 Mar 2016

NI UCAS Careers Event
Philip McGowan (Advisor)
09 Mar 2016

Ulster University
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
07 Mar 2016

Royal Belfast Academical Institution
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
01 Mar 2016

Bangor Grammar School
Philip McGowan (Advisor)
12 Feb 2016

St. Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick
Philip McGowan (Advisor)
12 Feb 2016

New-Bridge Integrated College
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
22 Jan 2016

Antrim Grammar School
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
19 Jan 2016

External PhD Examiner - University of Essex
Philip McGowan (Examiner)
11 Dec 2015

IAAS Postgraduate Symposium
Philip McGowan (Chair)
28 Nov 2015

Hitchcock's Vertigo
Philip McGowan (Lecturer)
09 Nov 2015

Kilkeel High School
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
21 Oct 2015

Belfast Metropolitan College
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
20 Oct 2015

Methodist College Belfast
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
10 Sep 2015

St Genevieve's High School for Girls

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

02 Sep 2015

13th International F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference

Philip McGowan (Participant)

07 Jul 2015

Elizabeth Bishop's Questions of Travel: 50 Years Later

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

25 Jun 2015 → 27 Jun 2015

IAAS: Irish Association for American Studies Annual Conference

Philip McGowan (Chair)

24 Apr 2015 → 25 Apr 2015

Ballyclare Secondary School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

22 Apr 2015

BAAS Annual Conference 2015

Philip McGowan (Session chair)

09 Apr 2015 → 12 Apr 2015

English A Level Subject Committee

Philip McGowan (Member)

30 Mar 2015

New-Bridge Integrated College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

20 Mar 2015

Portadown College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

12 Mar 2015

Victoria College Belfast

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

24 Feb 2015

Ballyclare Secondary School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

29 Jan 2015

St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

12 Dec 2014

Lagan College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

28 Nov 2014

Lagan College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)

25 Nov 2014

Stranmillis University College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
25 Nov 2014

Belfast Metropolitan College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
21 Oct 2014

St Columb's College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
16 Oct 2014

John Berryman Centenary Conference

Philip McGowan (Participant)
10 Oct 2014

Newcastle Sixth Form College

Philip McGowan (Presenter)
01 Oct 2014

St Columb's College

Philip McGowan (Presenter)
19 Sep 2014

St Columb's College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
19 Sep 2014

Methodist College Belfast

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
11 Sep 2014

Banbridge Academy

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
09 Sep 2014

The 13th International F Scott Fitzgerald Society Conference

Philip McGowan (Chair)
04 Jul 2014 → 10 Jul 2015

St Dominic's Grammar School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
30 May 2014

Head Teachers Event

Philip McGowan (Member)
20 May 2014

St Dominic's Grammar School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
30 Apr 2014

Lagan College

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
15 Apr 2014

Conference Organiser 2016 BAAS Conference, QUB

Philip McGowan (Host)
10 Apr 2014 → 10 Apr 2016

Down High School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
10 Apr 2014

Seamus Heaney: A Conference and Commemoration

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
10 Apr 2014

Aquinas Grammar School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
09 Apr 2014

Aquinas Grammar School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
09 Apr 2014

The European Association for American Studies

Philip McGowan (Session chair)
04 Apr 2014

Board member on EAAS

Philip McGowan (Board Member)
01 Apr 2014 → 01 Apr 2018

Mosaic (Journal)

Philip McGowan (Peer reviewer)
01 Apr 2014 → ...

Society for Cinema and Media Studies

Philip McGowan (Invited speaker)
21 Mar 2014

The IAAS Lecture

Philip McGowan (Host)
14 Mar 2014

Sullivan Upper School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
11 Mar 2014

Sullivan Upper School

Philip McGowan (Speaker)
11 Mar 2014

Arts & Humanities Research Council (External organisation)

Philip McGowan (Advisor)
01 Mar 2014 → ...

Aquinas Grammar School
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
27 Feb 2014

Wallace Stevens in the Poetry of RS Thomas
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
30 Jan 2014

Homeward Bound joint BAAS and IAAS Postgraduate Conference
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
07 Dec 2013

Kathryn Olmsted
Philip McGowan (Host)
02 Dec 2013

The 12 International F Scott Fitzgerald Conference
Philip McGowan (Invited speaker)
09 Nov 2013

Lagan College
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
22 Oct 2013

Methodist College Belfast
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
22 Oct 2013

External Examiner, Department of English & Creative Writing
Philip McGowan (Examiner)
01 Oct 2013 → 31 Jul 2017

Journal of American Studies (Journal)
Philip McGowan (Peer reviewer)
06 Jun 2013

Aquinas Grammar School
Philip McGowan (Speaker)
24 Apr 2013

External PhD Examiner - University College Cork
Philip McGowan (Examiner)
Dec 2011

11th International F. Scott Fitzgerald Conference
Philip McGowan (Participant)
06 Jul 2011

Cambridge University Press (Publisher)
Philip McGowan (Peer reviewer)
01 Sep 2010 → ...

Aquinas Grammar School
Philip McGowan (Participant)
May 2010

External PhD Examiner - University of Sydney
Philip McGowan (Examiner)
Oct 2009

St Dominic's Grammar School
Philip McGowan (Participant)
22 Apr 2009

Aquinas Grammar School
Philip McGowan (Participant)
21 Apr 2009

External Assessor for University of Limerick Lectureship
Philip McGowan (Examiner)
10 Mar 2008

9th International F.Scott Fitzgerald Conference, London
Philip McGowan (Organiser)
08 Jul 2007 → 12 Jul 2007

University of Limerick
Philip McGowan (Advisor)
31 May 2007 → 01 Jun 2008

Executive Board Member
Philip McGowan (Advisor)
01 Jul 2005 → ...

EAAS 60th Anniversary Conference 2014
Philip McGowan (Participant), , Philip Coleman (Participant), , Johanna Hoorenman (Participant), , Stephen Matterson (Participant), , Julia Sattler (Participant), & Justin Quinn (Participant)
04 Apr 2004