CALL FOR PAPERS:
Memory and Oral History
1ˢᵗ & 2ⁿᵈ July 2022
Maynooth University

The **Oral History Network of Ireland (OHNI)** in conjunction with **Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI)** is pleased to announce its 2022 conference on the theme of 'Memory and Oral History' which will take place in person at Maynooth University on **Friday 1ˢᵗ and Saturday 2ⁿᵈ July 2022**. Questions of memory abound in oral history. In collecting oral histories, we invite interviewees to recall now distant places and events. We ask them to explain to us and to future listeners what their experiences were and how they felt. In turn our interviewees recall, remember, and even redefine these memories. What is remembered, how it is remembered, what is forgotten and why are key questions for oral historians and the focus of this year's conference.

We are delighted to welcome Professor Guy Beiner, the Sullivan Chair in Irish Studies at Boston College as our keynote. His research focuses on the historical study of remembering and forgetting with interests that include oral history, folklore, public history and heritage, historiography, terrorism, and the 'Spanish' Influenza pandemic. Guy has authored award-winning books on history, memory and forgetting including *Forgetful Remembrance: Social Forgetting and Vernacular Historiography of a Rebellion in Ulster* and *Remembering the Year of the French: Irish Folk History and Social Memory* and edited *Pandemic Re-Awakenings: The Forgotten and Unforgotten 'Spanish' Flu of 1918-1919*.

Conference contributions are welcome in a range of formats:
- Standard conference papers (20 minutes)
- 10-minute presentations for our 'Moments' panels, focusing on outstanding or memorable individuals, experiences, and/or incidents that influenced or changed the way the presenter practices oral history
- Posters and visual presentations

We welcome proposals on any topic related to oral history, particularly those that take an imaginative approach to the 'Memory and Oral History' conference theme. Potential topics could include (but are not limited to):
- Individual and collective memory
- Intergenerational memory
- Narrating memories
- Remembering and forgetting
- Difficult memories and silences
- Flawed remembering
- Subjectivity and objectivity
- Memory prompts
- Reusing and performing memories
- Reminiscence and oral history
- Memory studies, oral tradition and oral history

To propose a paper, please submit an abstract (of not more than 250 words) along with your name, the name of your group, organisation or institution, and your email address to info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie before **Friday 20ᵗʰ May 2022** at 5pm. All proposals must demonstrate a clear engagement with oral history and/or personal testimony and we actively encourage the use of audio clips. The conference committee's decision on successful abstracts will be communicated to potential presenters by early June.

Registration for the conference and further information will shortly be posted on the conference page of our website. For further details or queries please contact us through info@oralhistorynetworkireland.ie.