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Irish Studies Subject Matter:

Erin McIntosh, Honours Program, “The Politics of Peace Education in Northern Ireland”. (Political Science, complete in April 2014.)

Abstract: This thesis will analyze how the conflict in Northern Ireland has evolved in recent years, with the objective being to determine whether peace education in Northern Ireland has been effective in cultivating a lasting culture of peace, through comprehensive and consistent programming that is sufficiently responsive to changes in the nature and effect of the conflict, post-Troubles. More specifically, current shortfalls in the transitioning from policy on peace education to practice in programs will be uncovered, with an aim to assist in the development of a more encompassing and enduring peace education program for Northern Irish youth. It will do so by comparing and contrasting the shifts in peace education from its formal recognition during the Troubles, in 1989, to its operation in post-Troubles and in present day policies and programs. I argue that the *Good Friday Agreement* of 1998, the political resolution to the Troubles, and the institutional changes which followed, have gone a long way in ameliorating structural ethno-political inequalities and discrimination; however, these largely political developments have not adequately responded to cultural animosities and underlying community tensions, nor have they been properly supportive of peace education initiatives in doing so. Due to a disconnect between the political and the cultural, we see a peace process that entrenches ethno-political divides over time and enables the cycle of violence to continue under the pretences of a government that opts to promote neo-liberal economic prosperity in the classroom over meaningful reconciliation.

Katie Grant, Honours Program, “Memorializing Maze Long Kesh: Inserting multiplicity of the Self into a dyadic narrative”. (Political Science, completed and convocated in May 2013.)

Abstract: “Her Majesty’s Prison Maze, located in Long Kesh, Northern Ireland, saw its last prisoners re-located in 2000. Currently, it is being transformed into a Peace-building and Conflict Resolution Centre set to open in 2014- a development which has been met by claims that such a memorialization project will enshrine militant Republicanism vis-à-vis the 1981 hunger strike’s “martyrs”, including Bobby Sands. In contending with such claims, studies of ex-prisoner’s mental health, prison writings, and the South African experience with Robben Island Museum have all been analyzed in a framework based on Freudian projection and Thomas Meyer’s theory of identity mania. Contrasting the usual dyadic narrative applied to Northern Ireland and those objections to memorializing IRA martyrs, I will suggest that a multiplicity of the Self, developed and heightened by the prison experiences of many still living, is a considerable threat to peace-building in Northern Ireland. With the narrative aid of Stevenson’s *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, I will demonstrate how a multiplicity of the Self comes to dominate the prisoner’s identity formation and manipulates his moral behaviour. Finally, the potential

for the Peace-building and Conflict Resolution Centre to prompt a lethal multiplicity of the Self out or remission will be examined, with an emphasis placed on the need for Northern Ireland to address the persistent and wide-spread psychological traumas experienced by both Protestant-Unionist and Catholic Republican communities in a contentious and delicate political environment.

External Examiner Dissertation Defenses:

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M.A. Theses Supervision: (None in this category at this time.)

B.A. Honour Theses Supervision:

Kirt Goodridge, "Disenfranchised or Misunderstood? Why Youth in Great Britain Should Still Matter to the Labour Party" Honours thesis completed in April 2014.

Davina Rae Ebbeson; "Converging Policies: A Scalar Analysis of Commodification and the Issues of Immigration Policy Convergence between Canada and Japan." (Political Science, completed and convocated in May 2013.)

Katie Grant; "Memorializing Maze Long Kesh: Inserting multiplicity of the Self into a dyadic narrative." * (Political Science, completed and convocated in May 2013.)

Victoria Veersteg, "Strategic Error? The Incompatibility of Aboriginal Women's Identity Claims and Contemporary Neoliberalism." (Political Science, completed and convocated in May 2012. *) (*chosen to deliver the Valedictorian address May 2012.)

Kristina Stage, "The Economification of Immigration Policy: The Reduction of People and Success to Profitability." (Political Science, completed and convocated in May 2012.)

Yulduz Kutlieva, "The Marketization of Immigration in Canada: An Historical Overview and a Contemporary, Comparative Case Study". (Political Science, completed and convocated in May 2009.)

Gerard Boon, "The Recognition of the Need for Change: The Establishment of Aboriginal Electoral Districts in Canada, A Comparison with New Zealand and Australia." Completed April 2003.

Mark L'Ecuyer, "Neo-liberal Realities in the 21st Century." Completed April 2003.