

friday  
**MARCH 16**  
2012

St. Basil Hall Auditorium,  
St. John Fisher College  
9 AM - 5 PM

Launching the new Irish Studies Program at  
St. John Fisher College

**SESSION 1 9AM**

**Frederick Douglass & Ireland: The Unexpected Irish Connection of Rochester's Most Noted Civil Rights Leader**

Tim Madigan, Director, Irish Studies Program and Assistant Professor of Philosophy

**James Joyce's Dubliners as a Creative Writing Tool**

Fionnuala Regan, Adjunct Professor of English

**Waterford & Rochester: Partners in Business & Education**

Thomas O'Connell, President, Rochester/Waterford Sister City Committee

**The Peace Accords in Northern Ireland: A Student's Perspective**

Samantha Adams, International Studies Graduate Student

**SESSION 2 10:10AM**

**Kate Wheelwright: Rochester Resident and Mother of Eamon de Valera**

Patricia Carey, Researcher

**The Irish Children's Program: Bringing Children from Belfast to Rochester**

Suzanne Roscoe, Admissions Processing Specialist

**The Irish American Experience in Upstate New York**

Carolyn Vacca, Associate Professor of History and Monroe County Historian

**SESSION 3 11:15AM**

**St. John Fisher College in Ireland**

Greetings from students in the study abroad program at the University of Limerick

**Examining Your Irish Heritage**

Michael McCarthy, Author of *From Cork to the New World: A Journey for Survival* and *Flight of the Wretched*

**How to Begin Researching Your Irish Ancestry**

Dennis Hogan '68, Professional Genealogist

**The Book of Kells at the Lavery Library**

Melissa Jados, Director of the Lavery Library

-LUNCHEON BREAK-

**KEYNOTE: "Celtic Tiger Redux?" 1:45PM**

**Hon. James T. Walsh**

Former member of Congress, NY 25  
Former Chairman, Congressional Friends of Ireland

**Rt. Hon. Alex Maskey**

Member, Legislative Assembly, Northern Ireland  
Former Lord Mayor of Belfast

*An examination of the ongoing peace process and the ways in which Irish-Americans can foster continued economic and cultural ties with their Irish brethren*

**CLOSING RECEPTION 3:45PM**

Entertainment by the **Dady Brothers**

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