

SLIGO SCHOLARS



Winter 2024 Newsletter

News from the 65th Yeats International Summer School



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OPENING POEM

“The Lake Isle of Innisfree” by W.B. Yeats

I will arise and go now, and
go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build
there, of clay and wattles
made;
Nine bean-rows will I have
there, a hive for the honey-
bee,
And live alone in the bee-
loud glade.

And I shall have some peace
there, for peace comes
dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of
the morning to where the
cricket sings;
There midnight's all a
glimmer, and noon a purple
glow,
And evening full of the
linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for
always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with
low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway,
or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's
core.

A Summer in Sligo

This July, our 2024 cohort joined writers, scholars and poetry lovers from around the world at the 65th Yeats International Summer School in Sligo, Ireland. Over ten days, scholars attended lectures, seminars and poetry readings, took part in workshops, and set out on excursions to the places that shaped Yeats's work.

As in years past, the group took a boat trip on Lough Gill, home of the Lake Isle of Innisfree, and spent evenings at the school's dinners and gatherings, where several of our scholars shared their own poetry with the summer school community.

“I absolutely loved the impromptu Evening at Auntie Eileen's that we did, as I found it to be such a cool, creative Irish custom. Watching everyone perform their party pieces was a feeling I'll never forget.”

Rose Goyette, YISS '24



Meet the 2024 Scholars

Jose Flores-Jimenez · Joshua Gill-Sutton · Rose Goyette · Fiona Murphy · Adria Vidales · Jenna Williamson

Scholar Performances

Jose Flores-Jimenez performed three poems at the kickoff dinner.

Rose Goyette performed her poem "I'll Give You A Ride" at the Farewell Party.

Watch them all at youtube.com/@sligoscholars3909

Joshua Gill-Sutton performed spoken word at the Farewell Gathering.

Adria Vidales performed "My Grandfather."

Alumni Updates

Rose Goyette, YISS '24

Rose began her honors thesis on Charles Baudelaire and the "untranslatability" of poetry, translated Yeats's "Under Ben Bulbin" into French, and serves as Marketing and Media Director for Live Poets Society at UC Berkeley. She was also named a semi-finalist for the Fulbright English Teaching Assistant program in France.

Adria Vidales, YISS '24

Adria is journaling, making zines and compiling their poetry into a collection in hopes of publishing in the next couple of years.

"Shouts out to the Stockton gang!! I love all my Stockton artists and poets."

Christina McDermott, YISS '18

After a year working for public radio in Dillingham, Alaska, Christina has returned to Santa Barbara and is working for the Santa Barbara Independent.

Fiona Murphy, YISS '24

Fiona is entering the writing phase of her senior honors thesis on representations of infidelity in Early Irish narrative literature, and is preparing one of her term papers for publication.

"Valuing art for art's sake is such important work in these times. Thank you."

Kathryn Harlan-Gran, YISS '18

Kathryn completed her PhD in English Literature at Cornell University and now lectures in Cornell's writing program. Her article on genre in Toni Morrison's novels is forthcoming in an edited collection.

Alyssa Langworthy, YISS '22

Alyssa will graduate from Teachers College of San Joaquin's Impact Teaching Credential Program in May 2025 and continues to teach English at Ronald E. McNair High School in Stockton.