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Irish Festivals 2013

June 22-23

Connecticut Irish Festival — at North Haven Fair Grounds — Sponsored by Irish American Community Center — Jim Martens — (203) 467-3638 — www.ctirishfestival.com.

July 26-28

Greater Hartford Irish Music Festival — at Irish American Home Society — Glastonbury — Maureen Kennedy — (860) 633-9691 — www.Irishmusicfest.com

Upcoming meetings

July 16 — Dave Hannigan, author — “Terence MacSwiney, Courage Against Power”

August 20 — Douglas Rae, SOM, Yale — “Celtic Tiger Toothless? Ireland’s Economy Today”

How Irish is Samuel Beckett?

Nels Pearson

Irish Studies, Fairfield University



Samuel Beckett’s likeness appears on an Irish commemorative coin issued in 2006 in honor of the 100th anniversary of his birth. But the novelist, playwright, poet, theater director and recipient of the 1969 Nobel Prize in Literature often has been considered

“beyond the Pale” or boundaries of Irish literature. Beckett spent most of his adult life in Paris and has tended to be seen as rejecting or “transcending” his Irish background with the use of “nameless , highly abstract settings to reflect the basic, universal human condition.”

Tuesday, June 18

7:30 p.m.

Knights of St. Patrick

Fairfield University associate professor of English Nels Pearson, the speaker for our June meeting, is among a group of scholars taking a long second look “at the Irish cultural and historical significance of many of these presumably nameless settings.” Pearson, who specializes in Irish and British literary modernism, will describe “how the actual act (or moment) of leaving Ireland is repeatedly figured in Beckett’s stories and plays and how new developments in cosmopolitan theory illuminate the ways that his works speak to both Irish/particular and global/general themes at the same time.”

Pearson has written articles for numerous academic journals and is writing a book: *Irish Cosmopolitanism: Location and Dislocation in James Joyce, Elizabeth Bowen and Samuel Beckett*.

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