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Gilmartin Lecture 2021

Thursday 9th December 2021



**'Of Chloroform, Contagion & the
Comanche Nation: Aspects of the World
in 1847'**

**Presented by
Mr Turtle Bunbary**



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Turtle Bunbury is a bestselling author, historian and podcaster based in Ireland.

His best-selling **2021** book, *The Irish Diaspora* is described by *BBC History Magazine* as 'impeccably researched.'

Sebastian Barry applauded his 2020 book *Ireland's Forgotten Past* as 'a stirring atlas of Irishness.'

Turtle is co-founder of ***Vanishing Ireland***, a podcast chronicling the life and times of Ireland's oldest generation through their stories and distinctive voices. He has also researched and written hundreds of family, house and corporate histories. You can find Turtle's extensive archive body of work on www.turtlebunbury.com

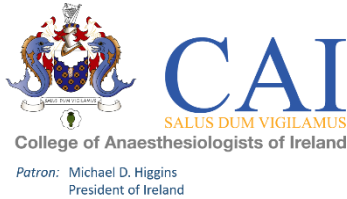


The Gilmartin Lecture

THOMAS JAMES GILMARTIN 1905-1986 First Dean of the Faculty of Anaesthetists RCSI

Thomas Gilmartin was born in Ballymote Co. Sligo in 1905 and educated at Summerhill College and subsequently Belvedere College Dublin. He attended medical school at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and graduated L.R.C.P.S.I in 1929. He then trained in Anaesthetics in Liverpool and London. He was appointed assistant anaesthetist in Mercers Hospital in 1932 and full consultant in 1946. He is credited with introducing Thiopentone to anaesthetic practice in Ireland in 1934 and subsequently curare in 1945. He was involved in development of the first Diploma in Anaesthetics which was a conjoint examination of both the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ireland, which was held for the first time in 1942 and which he received in 1943.

In 1945 he applied to the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland to form a section of Anaesthetics. Permission was granted provided a committee of 12 be formed. The committee was created with TPC Kirkpatrick as



President and Tommy Gilmartin as secretary. At their inaugural meeting Sir Ivan Magill spoke on “Current topics in anaesthetics.” He subsequently held the role of president of the anaesthetic section RAMI. In 1949 he was a foundation fellow of the new Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons (England).

In 1959 he was a founding member and first dean of the Faculty of Anaesthetists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. He was also a founding member of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) in 1932, was a council member and vice-president(1973-1975). He was awarded the John Snow Medal by the AAGBI in 1985.

He was made an Associate Professor of Anaesthetics by the RCSI in 1965, the first academic post in the Republic of Ireland , just a year after the appointment of John Dundee as Professor in Belfast. He received an Honorary F.R.C.S.I. in 1974.The Gilmartin lecture was inaugurated in his honor following his death in 1986. Since 1985 Prof Gilmartin has been commemorated by the Gilmartin Lecture which is held annually.

Author: Joseph A Tracey, April 2016.

Gilmartin Lecture Speakers

2020: Dr Miriam Coleran, 'Palliative care in ICU in a time of change'

2019: Dr Bredan Rooney, Head Curator and Curator of Irish Art at the National Gallery of Ireland. 'Irish by Definition'.

2018: Professor Brendan Kelly, Professor of Psychiatry at Trinity College Dublin and Consultant Psychiatrist at Tallaght University Hospital. 'How To Be Happy'.

2017: Dr Barbara Dawson, Director of Dublin City Gallery The Hugh Lane. 'Who needs Art'.

2016: Professor Deborah Kelleher, Royal Irish Academy of Music, Director. 'Spackling Band: What can we learn from the music of Georgian Dublin?'.

2015: Dr Joe Tracey, Retired Consultant Anaesthetist. '250 year at 22 Merrion Square: The story of the house and the speciality'.

2014: Dr Rhona Mahony, Master of National Maternity Hospital Holles St, Dublin. 'Take Me to Monto'

2013: Professor Aidan Halligan, Director of Education at University College London Hospitals. 'Rediscovering Lost Values'.

12/2012: Mr Kevin O'Sullivan, Editor of the Irish Times Newspaper. "Why Quality Newspapers matter in the Ireland of 2012"



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5/2012: Mrs Margaret Murphy, Expert Lead, Patients for Patient Safety, World Health Organization. 'The Patient Experience as a Catalyst for Change'

2011: Prof Charles Normand, Edward Kennedy Prof of Health Policy and Management, Trinity College Dublin. "Doing more for less"

2010: Mr Marc Coleman, Economic Editor of Newstalk Radio Station

2009: Prof Paul Muldoon, Professor of English, Princeton University

2008: Dr Archie Brain 'LMA'

2007: Prof Garret Fitzgerald 'NSAIDS and Beyond: Cardiovascular Consequences of COX inhibition'

2006: Dr John Hillery 'Professional Self Regulation in the 21st Century: Hall-mark or outdated artefact?'

2005: Prof Carol Black 'The changing practice of Medicine'

2004: Prof Richard M Satava, Professor of Surgery University of Washington, USA, 'The Bio intelligence age –Science & Healthcare after the information age'

2003: Mr Michael McDowell, Minister for Justice

2001: Micheal Martin, Minister for Health & Children

1997: Art Cosgrove, President UCD, 'The Universities Bill 1996'

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The College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland

The College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland (CAI) was formed in 1998.

It was preceded by the Faculty of Anaesthesiologists of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, which was founded in December 1959 and became operational in January 1960. The Faculty of Anaesthesiologists RCSI was founded as an all-Ireland body and has remained so ever since. There are now over 4000 Fellows worldwide. Fellows of the Faculty (FFARCSI) and the College (FCAI) have made a significant contribution to the development of anaesthesia in Ireland and abroad as consultants, trainers, examiners and researchers. Fellows in Ireland, Northern Ireland and the UK contribute to the College as Council members, trainers and examiners.

The College Arms which is watermarked on your booklet was granted by the Herald's office in December 1999. The shield contains a semee of poppy heads; the cloud symbolises the drift to the other side by way of haziness (unconsciousness) with the healing hand of the Physician in attendance. The Supporters in the form of dolphins are unusual and are granted for the first time in Ireland. They are contained on the "McDonnell of the Glens" Coat of Arms and in Heraldic terms provide a link to the administration of the first anaesthetic in Ireland by John McDonnell, a surgeon in the Richmond Hospital, Dublin. The natural intelligence of Dolphins is acknowledged. The Helmet with reef above affords protection to the Shield over which is the Harp of Ireland in the figure Nike (victory) associated with overcoming disease. The Mantling in red and white is of obscure origin and is thought to afford protection from the elements. The wording underneath "Salus Dum Vigilamus" is literally translated as "safety while we watch" - which speaks for itself. The Badge is an inverted roundel containing a poppy head.

Dr Brian Kinirons