

Appendix II: Block Schedule for 2015 NEH Seminar (dates approximate)

Queens University Belfast: June 8 –June 14 (7 days)

Week 1 Focus: Gaelic and Norse influences on medieval language, literature, and culture

Day	Morning 9.30am	Afternoon 2.00pm	Evening	Transport
Sun. 6/7	Arrive: Stranmillis University College, Belfast	Arrive: Stranmillis University College, Belfast	From 5pm Get acquainted party	N/A
Mon.	Arrive: Stranmillis University College, Belfast	Arrive: Stranmillis University College, Belfast	Introduction: Medieval Irish Sea cultural zone, Old Irish language /literature/ paleography	N/A
Tues.	J.P. Mallory: Linguistic history of British Isles; background to <i>Táin Bó Cúailnge</i>	Tour of Navan fort		Minibus
Wed.	Discussion of <i>Táin Bó Cúailnge</i>	Trip to Queen's University library		bus
Thurs.	Discussion of <i>Táin Bó Cúailnge</i>			
Fri.	Individual meetings with professors Nagy and MacQuarrie	Individual meetings with professors Nagy and MacQuarrie		
Sat.				N/A
Sun.	Ferry to Isle of Man	Welcome lecture from Jennifer Kewley Draskau: Manx Culture		N/A

*independent student exploration of Andreas Church, Knock-y-Doonee, Bride, Jurby to see Manx crosses *in situ*

Week 2 Focus: June 15-22. From Gaelic and Norse to Welsh and Latin influences on the Isle of Man and in medieval British culture and literature

Day	Morning 9.30am	Afternoon 2.00pm	Evening (Optional)	Transport
Mon.	Peter Davey: Manx archaeology & early Christian Period (Manx Museum)	Trip to Rushen Abbey		N/A
Tues.	Introduction to Medieval Welsh language /literature/ paleography & the <i>Mabinogi</i>	Visit to standing stones at Maughold		N/A
Wed .	Sionad Davies on the <i>Mabinogi</i>	Discussion		Minibus
Thurs.	House of Manannan and Peel Castle: Discussion session at House of Manannan	House of Manannan Peel Castle	Evening in Peel	Manx Electric Railway
Fri.	Castletown* Castle Rushen	Seminar in House of Keys Old Parliament in Castletown		Steam train
Sat.	Research day			
Sun.	Research day			

*Optional nearby site visits: Balladoole, Meayll Circle, the Sound, Cregneash, St Michael's Isle

Week 3 Focus Norse, June 23 to 28

Mon	Introduction to Old Norse language /literature/ paleography and <i>Njal's Saga</i>	David Wilson: Introduction to Vikings on Man & Norse Saga		Train
Tues	Viking Place names on Man: Trip to Laxey Wheel & Snaefell	Viking Place names on Man: Trip to Laxey Wheel & Snaefell		
Sun.	Discussion session: <i>Njal's Saga</i>	Discussion Session <i>Njal's Saga</i>		
Thurs.	Further discussion of <i>Njal's Saga</i>	Research and afternoon to attend sessions at Manx Museum		N/A
Friday	Research at Manx Museum			N/A
Sat.	Research	Hike to Mull Circle (Neolithic burial site) & Sleeping Giant	Farewell Dinner Niarbyl Cafe	N/A
Sun.	Leave IOM for Glasgow On Ferry from Douglas to Heysham	En route to Glasgow via coach from Heysham	Glasgow orientation	N/A

University of Glasgow: 28 June to 12 July

Week 4 Focus: June 28 to July 5. Welsh-Celtic Connections, Beowulf, and independent research projects

Day	Morning 9.30-11.30am	Afternoon 2.00-4.00pm	Evening (Optional)	Transport
Mon.	Thomas Clancy: Welcome to Glasgow and Medieval sea voyage tales	Session with Dr. Clancy	TBA	N/A
Tue.	Discussion Session Intro to Old English language /literature/ paleography	Discussion Session Old English literature	Prof Nagy screens movies	Train
Wed.	Kathryn A. Lowe: <i>Beowulf</i> and the insular manuscript tradition	Discussion Session with Dr. Lowe	TBA	N/A
Thurs.	(Edinburgh) National Library of Scotland Tour & obtain Reading Cards		TBA	Train
Fri.	Discussion Session On Beowulf and Ibn al Fadlan	Visit to Medieval Manuscripts U. of Glasgow	TBA	N/A
Sat.	Research Day/ optional field trips: Oban, Hadrian's Wall, Stirling Castle, Loch Lomond			Train/bus
Sun.	Research Day			Train

Week 5 Focus: July 5-12 Sir Gawain and the Green Knight & independent student research. Final summaries of research papers in progress to NEH seminar.

Day	Morning 9.30- 11.30am	Afternoon 2.00-4.00pm	Evening	Transport
Mon.	Intro to Middle English language /literature/ paleography	Gillian Rudd (Liverpool): Introduction to Middle English literature and SGGK		N/A
Tue.	Visit National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh	Discussion Session (in Edinburgh)		N/A
Wed.	Discussion Session Alliterative Revival and SGGK	Research		Train
Thurs.	Nicola McDonald (York) on the database of English Romance	Discussion: the Irish, Welsh, Norse, Anglo-Saxon, and Manx influence on Sir Gawain and other medieval romances.		N/A
Friday	Research	Research		N/A
Sat.	NEH final participants presentations at Royal Overseas League in Edinburgh	NEH final participants presentations at Royal Overseas League in Edinburgh	NEH final participants presentations at Royal Overseas League in Edinburgh	N/A
Sun.	Free day/travel day	15 th International Celtic Congress begins on Monday the 13 th of July at Uni of Glasgow: http://www.celticstudiescongress.org/index.php/english/		N/A

