



IUSA Annual Conference
Biden, Brexit and New Beginnings
28th January 2021 | Streamed Online



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What

Join the IUSA, for our first ever online event on January 28th 2021 at 7:00 P.M. GMT. This year, we will hear from international prominent speakers who will set out their view on the current state of the world and our potential future.

The IUSA Annual Conference allows us look forward with hope and confidence to the challenges and opportunities ahead for the Ireland and United States relationship. The format of the conference promises to be lively and informative with some of the finest minds on both sides of the Atlantic.

The conference will conclude with IUSA Alumni Awards 2021 Presentation by Charges D’Affaires, Alexandra McKnight.

Where & When

7:00 P.M. GMT (Approx. 45 mins.), 28th January 2021.

Streamed online through YouTube.

How much

Complimentary.

Taking Part

Please join us all online through the Twitter hashtag #IUSACon21

How Do You Register

Sign up on the website:

<https://www.irishusalumni.com/conference/>

Programme

All times are an approximation

19:00 IUSA Introduction by Host Ms. Kate Acheson and IUSA Video

19:07 Conversation with Dr. Lara Brown and Ms. Joanna Weiss

19:35 IUSA Alumni Awards 2021 Presentation by Charge D’Affaires Alex McKnight and Awards Committee Chair Mr. Chris MM Gordon:

Emerging Leader Award to Mr. Ian Power

Distinguished Leader Award to Emeritus Prof. William Reville

19:45 Event Concludes



***We wish to thank the U.S. Embassy,
Dublin for their continuing support
of the IUSA Annual Conference.***



Our Line Up

This year, we will hear from international prominent speakers who will set out their view on the current state of the world and our potential future.

Tweet throughout the day using our Twitter handle @irishusalumni #IUSACon21

Find extended biographies at: www.irishusalumni.com/conference



Dr. Lara Brown

Lara M. Brown, Ph.D., serves as an associate professor and the director of the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) at the George Washington University.

A distinguished writer and dedicated scholar, Dr. Brown is the author of *Amateur Hour: Presidential Character and the Question of Leadership* (Routledge, 2020) and *Jockeying for the American Presidency: The Political Opportunism of Aspirants* (Cambria Press, 2010).

Dr. Brown has written op-eds and blogs for *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Politico*, *The Hill*, *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Huffington Post*.



Ms. Joanna Weiss

Joanna Weiss is editor-in-chief of *Experience*, an award-winning digital magazine published by Northeastern University. She is a contributing editor to *Politico Magazine*, where she writes frequently about the intersection of politics, media, and culture.

A former op-ed columnist, political reporter, and TV critic for the *Boston Globe*, Joanna is also a contributor to Boston's *GBH News* and *WBUR*. She has appeared as a commentator on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, NPR, CBSN, *Monocle 24*, and other national and international radio and TV outlets. Her writing has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Slate*, *Pacific Standard*, and *The Economist*, as well as *The Times-Picayune* of New Orleans, where she started her career as a reporter covering Louisiana politics and culture.



Ms. Kate Acheson

Kate is the President of the IUSA. Kate was nominated by the U.S. Embassy as the Irish delegate on the IVLP; 'Women in Politics and Social Sectors', in October 2014. Kate is a Life and Team Coach, and a workshop creator and facilitator. She started her Coaching practice; *Coaching Studio*, in June 2020. Kate's career spans over 12 years and has been working as a project manager, event planner, campaign coordinator, facilitator and consultant working with individuals, teams and companies across Ireland and Europe.



Charge D'Affaires Alex McKnight

Ms. McKnight is the Charge D'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy Dublin in January 2021 after assuming the position of Deputy Chief of Mission at U.S. Embassy Dublin in September 2020. Prior to that, Ms. McKnight was posted to Washington, where she was Senior Advisor for Resilience to the Director General of the Foreign Service and Deputy Director of the European Bureau's Office of Nordic, Baltic, and Arctic Security Affairs. From 2016-2018, Ms. McKnight served as the Migration and Human Rights Chief at U.S. Embassy Mexico City, and before that she was the Political-External Unit Chief at U.S. Embassy Rome.

Distinguished and Emerging Leader Alumni Awards



Emeritus Prof. William Reville

Emeritus Professor William Reville was Professor of Biochemistry, Director of Microscopy and Public Communication of Science Officer in UCC until his retirement in 2011. He continues his passion for sharing knowledge of science and technology with the general public, an area he has pioneered in Ireland since the 1980s. He has been writing a science column in The Irish Times since 1994.



Mr. Ian Power

Ian Power is CEO of Community Creations, the not-for-profit company behind the award-winning youth information platform 'SpunOut.ie' and '50808', a new 24/7 free-text service, providing everything from a calming chat to immediate support for people going through a mental health or emotional crisis. Ian is also a non-executive director of the Citizens Information Board and the Community



Mr. Chris MM Gordon

Chris MM Gordon is the Vice-President of the IUSA and the Chair of the IUSA Awards Committee. Chris is the CEO of the Irish Social Enterprise Network, Managing Director of Collaboration Ireland and Adjunct Teaching Fellow of Trinity Business School, Trinity College, Dublin. Chris volunteers as Chair of Far and Wild social enterprise and facilitates the BCorp Community in Ireland.