



Professor Robert Elgie tells Department of Government Conference that French Presidential Election is 'Hollande's to lose'



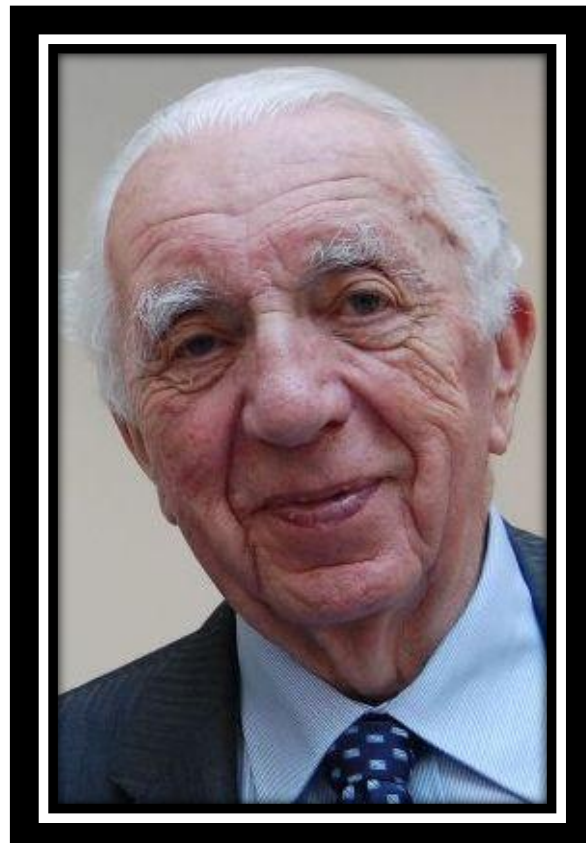
Dr Robert Elgie, renowned for his research on Semi-Presidential systems, was one of the main speakers at the Department's French Presidential Conference (see pages 8 & 9). The above picture (from left to right) shows Professor Elgie, Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan (organiser) and Professor Patrick O'Donovan (Department of French, UCC).



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*A Newsletter for Department of Government Students and Staff*

## Death of Dick Haslam, former Head of Department



Dick Haslam  
1925-2012



## ***Editorial Page***

This issue of *Government Times* is – quite correctly – dominated by **Dick Haslam**, the former Head of our Department. Dick's legacy is enormous and, on pages 5 to 7, we chart his career within local government and academia and also include a gallery of pictures. Dick's portrait hangs proudly in the Department of Government; we will always remember him and be forever grateful to him. Rest in peace, Sir.

Elsewhere in Issue 43 we recount the **French Presidential Conference** organised by the Department of Government which attracted impressive speakers and a large, appreciative audience. See pages 8 and 9.

On pages 10 and 11 we pay tribute to New York State Assemblyman **Jack McEneny**, who has announced his retirement from politics at the end of the year. Jack has been a true friend to the Department of Government, through his support for the Whalen Internship Programme in Albany. We are grateful to **Dean Duke, Neill O'Callaghan** and **Colm Bergin** for writing excellent pieces describing Jack's influence and contribution.

On page 12 we are delighted to announce that CAO first choice preferences for the **BSc Government** (CK210) are up 36% on last year. This is a tremendous boost for all involved in the programme.

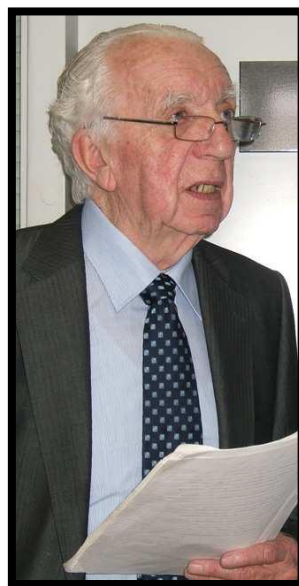
Finally, we are happy to welcome the latest member of our doctoral family. Congratulations to **Dr Niall Mulchinock** who passed his Viva examination last week.

***Aodh Quinlivan***

Director BSc Government  
Co-editor of *Government Times*

***Ben English***

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Co-editor of *Government Times*





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# Dick Haslam

## 1925-2012

**RICHARD HASLAM:** RICHARD (DICK) Haslam, who has died aged 86, was a former Limerick county manager, a leading proponent of local government reform and the driving force behind University College Cork's Department of Public Administration (now Department of Government).

As a practitioner and lifelong student of local government in Ireland, he had an unwavering belief in the devolved system but regarded Ireland's highly centralised form of national government as the bane of his life.

Mature and sage, both in life and profession, he was big in stature, a good man to tell a story and had a cool head in difficult situations. To his colleagues he was, as one succinctly put it, "a friend, mentor and inspiration".

Having lectured in public administration at UCC since the early 1970s, he became Head of the Department in 1988 and by the time he retired nine years later had established its reputation as a leading centre of government studies. Now at the Department of Government – it boasts a fully fledged BSc programme (CK210) and Haslam's portrait hangs prominently – the annual prize for Graduate of the Year bears his name.

From the village of Lower Aghada on the eastern shore of Cork harbour, where his father ran a public house, he went to school in the city's North Monastery and St Coleman's College in Fermoy.

Having entered the public service, his progress through the labyrinthine corridors of local government is a classic illustration of a successful career punctuated by promotions and characterised by hard work. Cutting his teeth as a young civil servant, he started as clerical officer in Cork County Council in 1946. In 1954 he became an assistant staff officer. His first significant posting was Town Clerk of Youghal UDC in 1954, followed by City Accountant with Cork Corporation in 1958. He was seconded to the Cork Health Authority as temporary secretary/ accountant between 1960-1963.

He became County Secretary of Limerick County Council in 1963, Cork Assistant County Manager from 1966-1970, was seconded to Limerick County Council as Deputy County Manager from 1967-1968 and became County Manager there in 1970, a post he held for 18 years.

His interest in teaching had persisted since he graduated from UCC with a BComm in 1951. He became a part-time assistant at the college in 1955, part-time lecturer in 1962, full-time lecturer in the Department of Public Administration in 1972, and Head of the Department in 1988. In another family connection with UCC, his wife, Geraldine, was Professor of Nursing until her recent retirement.

His wider community role in Cork included chairmanship of the board of the €75 million St Patrick's Hospital and Hospice that replaced the city's old Marymount Hospice last year.

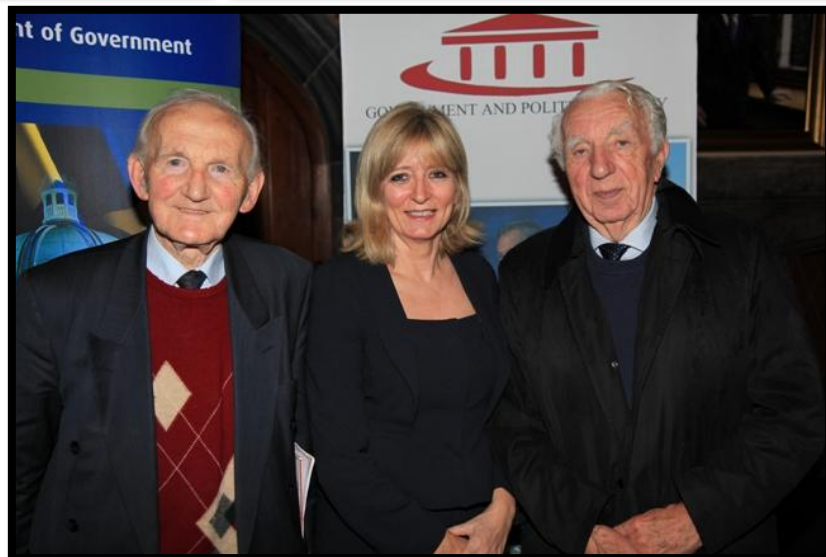
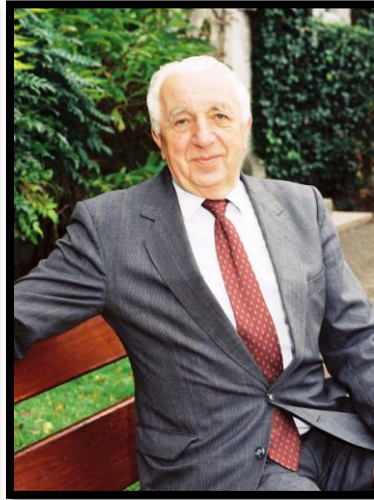
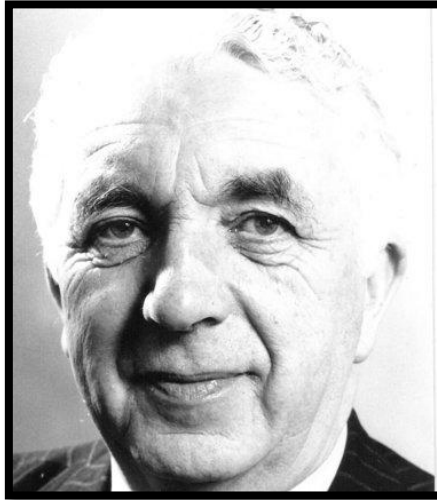
Pre-deceased by his first wife, Noreen, he is survived his wife Geraldine, daughters Mary and Ann, and son Joe.

Richard Haslam: born 26 October 1925; died 8 April 2012

Obituary as appeared in *The Irish Times*



# Dick Haslam 1925-2012



**Top Left:** Dick as County Manager in Limerick; **Top Right:** Dick as Head of Department in 1988; **Middle Left:** Dick at the unveiling of his portrait in the Department in 2010; **Middle Right:** Dick with his good friends and colleagues, Tom O'Connor and Tadhg O'Murchu at the Monahan Lecture in 2006 delivered by Senator David Norris; **Bottom:** Dick with Tom O'Connor and Emily O'Reilly, Ombudsman and Freedom of Information Commissioner, at the Monahan Lecture in November 2011.

# A Distinguished Career in Public Service



## Dick Haslam: Local Government Fact File

Born in Aghada, County Cork, 1925

Clerical Officer, Cork County Council, 1946-1954

Assistant Staff Officer, Cork County Council, 1954

Town Clerk, Youghal UDC, 1954-1958

City Accountant, Cork Corporation, 1958-1963

(Seconded to Cork Health Authority as temporary Secretary/Accountant, 1960-1963)

County Secretary, Limerick County Council, 1963-1966

Cork Assistant County Manager, 1966-1970

(Seconded to Limerick County Council as Deputy County Manager, 1967-1968)

Limerick County Manager, 1970-1988

Member of the Advisory Expert Committee on Local Government Re-organisation and Reform, 1990

## Dick Haslam: UCC Fact File

Bachelor of Commerce, UCC, 1951

Part-time Assistant, UCC, 1955-1962

Part-time Lecturer, UCC, 1962-1972

Lecturer, Department of Public Administration, UCC, 1973-1988

Head of Department of Public Administration, UCC, 1988-1997

\* Dick also has a long association with the University of Limerick (formerly NIHE) where he was an Adjunct Associate Professor

## “A friend, colleague, mentor and inspiration”

At the ceremony on 9 March, tributes were paid to Dick Haslam by Professor Neil Collins, Dr Aodh Quinlivan and Professor David Gwynn Morgan. Neil Collins praised Dick for his work as Head of Department and noted that today's Department of Government owes much to his unstinting efforts. Aodh Quinlivan described his former lecturer as a friend, colleague, mentor and inspiration and thanked him for all of his guidance and support. Professor David Gwynn Morgan (Law Department) said that it was a great honour for him to attend the ceremony and say a few words about Dick. He chronicled Dick's career from his time in Cork County Council and Youghal Urban District Council all the way through to his lengthy spell as County Manager in Limerick. He referred to Dick's unwavering belief in local government and he quoted various extracts from books to which Dick has contributed. In response, Dick thanked the Department of Government for organising the event. He recounted anecdotes from his career in local government and academia. True to form, he described national government as the bane of his life! Dick concluded by stressing the need for public service.

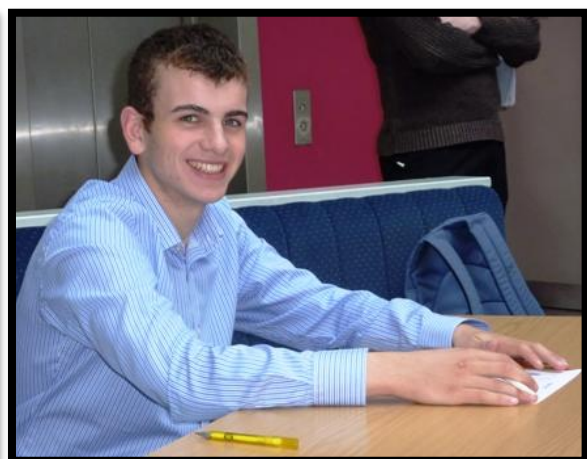
# Conference on French Presidential Election is Big Success



On Friday 20 April, the Department of Government hosted a successful conference on the French Presidential elections 2012. Organised by **Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** (who presented the first paper), the conference attracted a large crowd who enjoyed the contributions of

- **Professor Robert Elgie** from DCU who spoke about campaign strategies;
- **Professor Grace Neville**, from the French Department in UCC, who analysed Francois Hollande's manifesto and his vision for France;
- **Dr Nick Startin**, from University of the West of England, who examined the reasons which explain the increasing reluctance of French voters regarding globalisation and Europe;
- **Professor Patrick O'Donovan**, from the French Department in UCC, who closed the conference and addressed the challenges faced by the candidates.

The live Twitter feed from the conference proved popular (@FrenchpresUCC) and two video links from the event are available from the Department of Government web site at <http://www.ucc.ie/en/government/>.



**Above:** The opening slide from the conference; James did sterling work on the registration desk

\*Congratulations to the second year BA Politics students who produced excellent posters as part of the conference;

\*Thanks to the College of Business and Law which helped to finance the conference.



## *Some tweets from @FrenchpresUCC during conference*



@ESchonQuinlivan explains that French Presidential election is based on two-round majority system. Pres has big powers & appoints PM

@ESchonQuinlivan describes Cheminade as the eccentric candidate with no coherent policies! Polling at zero per cent!

@ESchonQuinlivan says Marine Le Pen has toned down rhetoric of Le Front National. Focus on recovering sovereignty.

@ESchonQuinlivan - Protection of French identity at heart of Sarkozy's campaign. Also, fight against social and fiscal fraud.

Elgie - Hollande in comfortable position with no pressure. Aim is not to 'shoot himself in foot.' Accordingly he 'has done nothing.'

Elgie - Le Pen has struggled, hurt by Melenchon campaign and squeezed out by Sarkozy. Polls indicate unlikely to make second round.

Elgie - 'Bayrou has had total meltdown. He must cry at home every night. It's been a nightmare for him.'  
@UCC Ireland #fp12

Elgie - 'Unfortunately, campaign has been as dull as dishwater.' #fp12 @UCC Ireland

Grace Neville talking about Hollande's aim to protect public health and hospitals, stressing that should not be run as a business. #fp12

Grace Neville quotes Economist - 'France mistakenly believes its public finances close to Sweden or Germany. In reality, closer to Spain'

Startin - Triangular relationship between nation state, EU & globalisation. Classic 'ménage a trois.' #fp12 @UCC Ireland

Startin - 'Hollande wants renegotiated fiscal compact with more emphasis on jobs and growth.' #fp12 @UCC Ireland

Patrick O'Donovan - 'Sarkozy has pushed more to right in first round. Has put himself in sticky corner.'  
@UCC Ireland #fp12

O'Donovan - 'Abstention big issue in French politics but less so for Presidential elections. High participation in '07.' #fp12 @UCC Ireland

O'Donovan discussing relationship between Presidential and legislative elections. Does not feel co-habitation likely in 2012

O'Donovan - 'Sarkozy has sounded increasingly hysterical in recent days.' #fp12 @UCC Ireland

# New York State Assemblyman Jack McEneny, a great friend of the Department of Government, announces his retirement



New York Assemblyman, Jack McEneny, recently announced his retirement. Jack has been a great supporter of our Whalen Internship Programme in Albany and has helped many of our students down through the years. In this special feature, three such students share their thoughts with us. Dean Duke (pictured above with Jack) is currently in Albany while Neill O'Callaghan and Colm Bergin were previous Whalen interns.

## DEAN DUKE

For the last month I've been on placement in the New York State Assembly, working with Assemblyman Jack McEneny. Jack has served in the Assembly since being elected in 1992 and he recently announced that this term will be his last.

Jack began his career in public service in 1965, starting as a social service caseworker, before being appointed Director of the Albany County Youth Corps. In 1971 Jack was appointed as Director of Manpower Planning and Public Employment Programs by the Mayor of Albany. Serving in these positions, Jack implemented socially progressive programs benefiting veterans, the disabled and addicts. He also established the City Arts Office, the county archives, public housing tenant patrols, a dispute mediation centre and a rape crisis centre.

Jack was first elected to the New York State Assembly in 1992 and is currently serving his tenth term. During his twenty year career as an Assemblyman Jack has introduced and supported bills placing an emphasis on progressive social policies, cultural heritage and job creation. As I was starting my placement in Jack's office the process of updating the boundaries of the Assembly's districts was coming to an end here in Albany. Jack was the Co-Chair of the taskforce responsible for that contentious, unpopular and highly politicized task and it was a job that he managed to do in as fair, reasonable and apolitical way as possible; a reflection of his approach

Announcing his intention not to run in this November's election Jack said, "I had my opportunity, I made my mark and I enjoyed it." He can certainly leave with pride, knowing that he's fought hard to better the lives of his constituents and of New Yorkers generally. An active historian, who literally wrote the book on Albany, retirement is the wrong word to use for Jack's departure from the Assembly as he'll continue to be involved in the community. In the meantime, I look forward to working with Jack and his staff for the rest of my placement.

## NEILL O'CALLAGHAN

When I first started my work at the New York State Legislature, I was nervous, then anxious, then excited, then annoyed with the amount of paper work that we were required to do, then nervous again when the six of us (interns) were each given our respective offices and Assemblymen and women that we were going to work for, for the next four months. When I was handed the two page description about Jack and seeing the photo of him on the corner of the page, I remember saying to myself "Oh God! What have I got myself into?" Reading about his career and what he had done with his life was truly amazing and we were told to learn off all of this before we meet with them and I was about two minutes away from introducing myself to this man.

I can remember the first meeting we had like it was yesterday, I was waiting in the main office just outside his and he told me to come and close the door behind me so that the staff wouldn't listen in, and at that moment I felt that I was entering the lion's den and that I was completely underdressed, even though I was wearing a suit. At first I proceeded to his desk, and remained standing like a soldier until he first sat down and then requested me to sit. It at first was almost like an interview, I was really nervous at this stage and he hadn't asked me anything yet, but the conversation we had that day set the tone for the four months we worked together. He spoke about his interests and what he did and what he was doing and what he expects from me and I immediately jumped in like a fool and said I had no experience in an office environment but that I was will to learn and work hard, he however said after that he wasn't interested if I had any experience but that I was here to have a good time and learn the ways and if needing assistance, all I had to do was ask. I knew then that the four months were going to fly.

I never imagined that I would be placed under such an outstanding politician and person as John "Jack" McEneny. He asked me to take part in the St Patrick's Day parade in New York, and unfortunately had the time I was running low on money but he jumped in and paid for my ticket, and said that he didn't want me missing out on a once and a life time opportunity, and for that I was forever grateful because it was a memorable occasion and something that could not be missed. He took me on tour of the Capital Building, the home of the New York State legislature, and to all his speeches, but most importantly he invited me to his lovely home on Easter Sunday, and on several other occasions, where I met his family and friends outside of the Assembly. I loved going to his home, especially his wife's cooking, which was delicious.

I really enjoyed my time working for Jack, especially getting a ride in his mustang, which made the other interns jealous. All the joking aside, I would like to wish Jack all the best for the future; I never believed that he would retire because he loved his work and he loved working for and representing the people of Albany, where he spent his entire life. Good luck to you Jack and farewell.

## COLM BERGIN

Tom Whalen once told me that it was because of Jack McEneny that the Whalen interns were so well received in the New York State Assembly, and from my time being his intern there I can see why, for he was always singing our praises to anyone who was willing to listen. Even on my first day in the Assembly he began mentioning us in a television interview. Jack always emphasised education and the importance of youth. Even in his speech announcing his decision not to run for his eleventh term he said that it was time to pass the torch on to the next generation, in order to allow them to make the decision that would affect their lives and future and those of their children.

One of the greatest lessons that I learned from Jack was not just to think decisions through, but to think them through thoroughly. While many people would be happy to think one or two steps ahead Jack always tried to see what the fourth, fifth and sixth step might bring. It was because of this that when he spoke the Assembly listened, and why he was appointed to one of the leadership positions within the party and why in more recent years he was appointed as chair of the redistricting committee.

It is important to mention the importance that his staff played in his career. Dawn, Ann, Bill, Joe, Al and Donna were always there for him, in good form. From that staff I learned some really important lessons. For instance one time something needed to be done and they had to get in contact with someone who could do it and the question went around "Do you know him?" and all Donna replied was "No, but we can get to know him". When you hear of a politician retiring you always think about them, but rarely is a moment spared for the staff that they employ and the work they have done throughout their terms.

I hope Jack enjoys his retirement, he deserves it. When I met him last year in DC he was talking about all the travelling he would like to do; now I am sure he will get his chance.

# CAO First Preference Applications for BSc Government (CK210) up 36%

The recently published CAO 'First Preference Statistics' for University places shows that demand for the BSc Government in 2012 has increased by 36% over the 2011 figure. Director of the programme, **Dr Aodh Quinlivan**, has reacted positively to the news – “Obviously we are pleased that demand has increased. The trend over previous years had been in the opposite direction so it is good to reverse the trend. We have worked hard to promote the degree with initiatives such as the Showcase last November and the secondary school essay competition. We will continue our work in this regard and develop the BSc Government programme even more over the coming years.”



*THE ONLY WAY TO GO IS CK210*

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## Debate on Directly Elected Mayors

On 17 April, **Dr Aodh Quinlivan** took part in a debate in the Little Museum of Dublin on the motion: ‘This House believes that Dublin needs a directly elected Lord Mayor now.’ Aodh opposed the motion along with Dr Sean O’Riordain (NUI Maynooth) and Terry O’Niadh (former County Manager). Proposing the motion were Minister Lucinda Creighton, Councillor Dermot Lacey and Councillor Mary Fitzpatrick. The event was very well attended and was covered by ‘Morning Ireland’ on RTÉ Radio the following day. Each participant spoke from the lectern used by President John Kennedy during his famous speech to the Joint Houses of the Oireachtas in 1963.



**Minister Lucinda Creighton and Aodh Quinlivan were on opposite sides of the debate**



# Student awards presented for BA Politics programme



Well done to all student award winners and to the participating academic departments in UCC.

Photographs courtesy of Dr Tim McCarthy

# Congratulations to Dr Mulchinock



**Niall Mulchinock** is the latest candidate to emerge from the Department of Government's thriving PhD programme after passing his Viva examination last week.

Supervised by **Dr Andrew Cottey** – to whom warm congratulations are also due – Niall's thesis focuses on the response of the NATO Alliance to the disintegration of Yugoslavia and its subsequent wars of secession in the 1990s. At the wider level, Niall analysed how NATO, as an international organisation, has adapted to the new European security environment since the end of the Cold War.

**Dr Emmanuelle Schön-Quinlivan** was an internal examiner.



# Thanks and good luck to James



Over the past week we have had the pleasure of working with James from Pres who was with us on Work Placement. James was a great help, especially for the French Presidential Conference. We wish him all the best for a bright future.