## The Study of Religions Undergraduate and Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Conference Love and Religions Saturday, March 29th, 2025 | UCC's NW Council Room

10:00 Opening Address Amanullah De Sondy (UCC Study of Religions)

10:10 Panel One: Loving the Planet Chair: Jenny Butler (UCC Study of Religions)

**Rivka Desbordes (UCC Study of Religions) –** "Kindling our Love for the Living Earth through Contemporary Spirituality and Deep Ecology"

Sandra James (UCC Anthropology) – "Love Thy Planet: Celtic Christian ity and the Ethics of Nature"

**Charis Stadler (UCC Study of Religions) –** "Reciprocity: Sustainable Love as Shown by the American Potawatomi"

11:15 Tea Break (Provided)



Study of Religions Department Staidéar Reiligiún 11:30 Panel Two: Inclusive Love and Commitment Chair: Robyn McAuliffe (UCC English and Study of Religions)

Jan Dunaiev (UCC Study of Religions) – "Self-abandonment is the creed and religion of lovers': Queer Love as Modesty and Self-Realization amongst Sufi Practitioners"

Fahmeda Naheed (Community Development Officer, Radio Presenter and Co-Chair Cork 3

Faiths Forum) and Jamil Akhtar (Islamic Studies, University of the Punjab) – "Loving the Stranger: Islamic Hospitality and Love Beyond Boundaries"

Natasha Dukelow (UCC History) – "Love and Marriage: Medieval Perspectives in a Thirteenth-Century Preaching Collection"

Denise Stobart (UCC Music) – "The Song of Songs: Singing Erotic Love Poetry in Church"

12:45 Lunch (Provided)



13:15 Lightning Talks Chair: Brendan McNamara (UCC Study of Religions)

**Cedar Monroe (UCC Study of Religions) – "**For Love of Land: Can Nature Spiritualities and Folk Religions inspire Ecological Change?"

Amin Sharifi Isaloo (UCC Sociology & Criminology) - "Common Ground - Religions and Love"

Amir Shahhosseini Angas (UCC Philosophy) - "Gay Love in Classic Persian Poems"

**Diarmuid Scully (UCC History) –** "Was there any love?: Early LGBT activism and the Christian Churches in Ireland (1970s-1980s)"

Amna Walayat (Visual Artist/Cultural Activist, Backwater Artists) – "Divine Brushstrokes: An Artistic Journey Through Art, Love, and Islam"

Caroline West (Sexual Violence and Harassment Prevention and Response Manager, UCC) – "Sex and Religion in Dublin's Forgotten Red Light District from 1860-1925"

14:30 Closing Address Evelien Geerts (UCC Gender, Women's Studies and Philosophy)

