

The Department of History of Art & Architecture is very sorry to learn of the death on 11 August 2026 of Professor Christine Casey. Our thoughts and prayers are with Christine's family at this sad time.

Christine Casey had a long association with and made a huge contribution to Trinity College, where she was at the time of her death Professor of Architectural History, and the research lead on the ERC Advanced Grants Project STONE-WORK. Christine received her PhD from Trinity in 1992, returning to the college in 2008 as Associate Professor. She was Head of Department from 2013-2016 and was elected a Fellow of the College in 2016. In 2020 Christine received Trinity's Research Excellence Award and in 2022 the Excellence in Research Supervision Award.

Christine received many honours during her illustrious career including in 2025 the Research Ireland (IRC Legacy) Researcher of the Year Award, and in 2018 the Alice Davis Hitchcock Medallion from the Society of Architectural Historians of Great Britain. However, this bare recital of facts hardly does credit to the character of Christine's achievement. She was an early contributor to the Buildings of Ireland series, her exhaustive volume on Dublin (2005) remaining the principal authority on the city's architecture. Books like *Making Magnificence: Architects, Stuccatori and the Eighteenth-Century Interior* (2017) and *Architecture and Artifice: The Crafted Surface in Eighteenth-Century Building Practice* (2025) were hailed as exemplary and transformative. Christine was a brilliant scholar whose work had a very significant impact in her field of architectural history. Rather than treat architecture as a paper exercise dominated by individual geniuses, Christine focused on the communities, crafts and materials that make our lived environment. She envisaged architecture as a social endeavour expressing the respect for materials and the human skills that went into its creation.

Christine brought the same insights and attitudes to her inspirational teaching. Her loyalty and generosity towards her students will be cherished and remembered fondly. Her ambition for them, and the dynamism she brought to departmental and college life, in which she demonstrated a great talent for working with colleagues across disciplines, was formidable. She will be greatly missed.