

To whom it may concern,

I hope this finds you well.

I'd like to submit two evidence-based submissions to rename the Berkeley Library.

**[1] 1904 Library**

I suggest the name 1904 library to commemorate the year, women were finally admitted to an institution initially created for the education of young (morally integer and Protestant men.

Up until today busts, names, and statues around campus commemorate the great men of the West (Long Room), the staff and students killed during the Great War (War Memorial at the 1937 Reading Room), or Trinity's great men (at the front gate and the Fellows' Square). Women continue to be absent from Trinity's historiography. The work of women and female bodies is still decorative rather than commemorative, e.g. the piece of art hanging next to a male bust at the entrance of the Leckey Library or the female embodiments of the faculties on the Campanile.

By naming the library 1904 students, staff, and the greater public are reminded of the presence of women at Trinity (at least) since 1904 and the campaigns by strong women (and men) that have preceded it. It shed light on the continuous androcentrism of an institution that is now more diverse than ever. The new name would further juxtapose the date and the sacrifices of men commemorated with the 1937 reading room. The war memorial invisibilising the sacrifices of women, children, and the elderly during the Great War while centring around the masculine activity of war. The 1904 library would be a step to recognise, first, the women who contributed to the legacy of Trinity College Dublin and second, the experiences of women in higher education.

**[2] Oldham Library**

I suggest the name Oldham Library to commemorate the continuous fight of women preceding the admission of women to Trinity. Oldham was a fierce advocate for the education of girls and women. By naming the library after an advocate of education for women it highlights the agency of women within academia instead of the benevolence of men to admit women to all-male space, e.g. the board after the passing of Provost Salmon and recently illustrated by this years exhibition at the Long Room).

Of course, other advocates, like Henrietta White or Isabella Mulvaney might be options as well, however, I think Oldham deserved more praise than the house at Trinity Hall for her campaign.

Both submissions are informed by my research on Werner Heisenberg and three years of studies as a women at Trinity. As part of my research, I used scientific masculinity as an analytical category in the tradition of Joan Wallace Scott (1986) "Gender: A Useful Category of Historical Analysis."

Many thanks,

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