

Dear members of Trinity Legacies Review Working Group,

We the undersigned would welcome a decision to rename the Berkeley Library.

We propose renaming the Berkeley the Haraway library after the esteemed Irish American queer feminist scholar, Donna Haraway.

Haraway is the most important contemporary thinker produced by the Irish diaspora.

Importantly for an institution such as Trinity, Haraway's work is interdisciplinary (she originally trained as biologist). She works at the intersection between the humanities, science and technology. Naming the library after will provide an important model for the harmonious and critically reflexive existence of the arts and science side by side in contemporary academia.

Haraway's most important piece of writing, *The Cyborg Manifesto*, is one of the founding works of the digital age. The influence of Haraway's work continues to grow as we enter further into the late-anthropocene landscape of artificial intelligence, robotics and the posthuman. *The Cyborg Manifesto* also specifically discusses the positions of people of colour within Haraway's proposal for an intersectional Cyborg feminism, making Haraway a very suitable candidate to replace Berkeley in the light of his open acceptance of slavery, and personal slave ownership.

Haraway's 'Companion Species Manifesto' looks to a future in which the Earth, and what she terms its 'critters' prioritise interspecies care as a strategy for surviving and thriving (see also her book, 'Staying with the Trouble'). These hugely important concerns speak to contemporary issues including climate change, food sustainability and interspecies dependence, that are key concerns for the students of today and will be for those of the years to come.

This is an important opportunity to redress the general imbalance and bias in naming conventions in the Trinity buildings. Haraway is of Irish descent on both sides of her family and identifies as Irish. She discusses the impact of her Irish heritage in *Manifestly Haraway*:

"I am conscious of the odd perspective provided by my historical position—a PhD in biology for an Irish Catholic girl was made possible by Sputnik's impact on U.S. national science- education policy." p52

Haraway has not received any acknowledgement from an Irish university to date. An Irish-American male theorist of this stature would not have been ignored in this way. The renaming of the Berkeley Library presents a unique opportunity for the Irish academic community to acknowledge the great importance of her work while at the same time introducing students to Haraway's body of thought that offers not only strategies for survival, but hope for the future of the planet and all its inhabitants.

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