

Department of English  
Reading List for Graduate Field Examination  
2021

### Modern British and Irish Literature 1890-Present

**Please Note: You may wish to modify up to 5 works from this list in consultation with your examination committee and after approval from the DGS office with the required proposal.**

#### **Fiction:**

1. Ali, Monica: *Brick Lane*
2. Beckett, Samuel: *The Trilogy (Molloy, Malone Dies, [and] The Unnamable)*
3. Bowen, Elizabeth: *The Last September*
4. Conrad, Joseph: *The Secret Agent*
5. Evaristo, Bernardine: *Girl, Woman, Other*
6. Ford, Ford Madox: *The Good Soldier*
7. Forster, E. M.: *Howards End*
8. Green, Henry: *Party Going*
9. Hardy, Thomas: *Tess of the d'Urbervilles*
- 10-12. Joyce, James: *Ulysses, Portrait, and Dubliners*
13. Lawrence, D. H.: *Women in Love*
14. McCabe, Patrick: *The Butcher Boy*
15. O'Brien, Edna: *The Country Girls*
16. Rhys, Jean: *Voyage in the Dark*
17. Rushdie, Salman: *Midnight's Children*

18. Smith, Zadie: *White Teeth*
19. Spark, Muriel: *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*
20. Wilde, Oscar: *The Picture of Dorian Gray*
- 21-22. Woolf, Virginia: *To the Lighthouse* and *Orlando*

**Drama:**

23. Harrington, ed. *Modern and Contemporary Irish Drama: Yeats and Gregory, Cathleen ni Houlihan; Yeats, At the Hawk's Well, Purgatory; J. M. Synge, Riders to the Sea, Playboy of the Western World; Sean O'Casey, Juno and the Paycock; Brian Friel, Translations; Conor McPherson, The Weir; Marina Carr, By the Bog of Cats*
24. *The Methuen Drama book of Plays by Black British Writers: Jackie Kay, Chiaroscuro; Kwame Kwei-Armah, Fix-Up*
25. Beckett, Samuel: *Waiting for Godot, Endgame*
26. Deevy, Teresa: *Katie Roche*
27. Kane, Sarah: *Blasted*
28. Lady Gregory, *The Gaol Gate, Grania*
29. McGuinness, Frank: *Observe the Sons of Ulster Marching Towards the Somme*
30. Osborne, John: *Look Back in Anger*
31. Pinter, Harold: *The Birthday Party*
32. Shaw, G. B.: *Widowers' Houses* and *Pygmalion*
33. Stoppard, Tom: *Arcadia*
34. Wilde, Oscar: *The Importance of Being Earnest (and Other Plays)* including *Salome*

**Poetry:**

35. Auden, W. H.: *Collected Poems*

36. Boland, Eavan: *New Collected Poems*, especially her sequence “Outside History”
37. Eliot, T. S.: “The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock,” “Ash Wednesday,” “Gerontion,” and *The Waste Land* (as published with the original drafts in Valerie Eliot, ed. *The Waste Land: A Facsimile and Transcript of the Original Drafts Including the Annotations of Ezra Pound*, Harcourt).
38. Hardy, Thomas: *Apology* and poems in *Late Lyrics and Earlier*
39. Heaney, Seamus: *New Selected Poems*
40. Hill, Geoffrey: *Broken Hierarchies: Poems 1952-2012* (focus on *For the Unfallen*, *Tenebrae*, *Mercian Hymns*, and *Triumph of Love*)
41. Jones, David: *In Parenthesis*
42. Loy, Mina: *The Lost Lunar Baedeker*, especially “Anglo-Mongrels and the Rose”
43. MacDiarmid, Hugh: “The Drunk Man Looks at the Thistle”
44. Marriott, David: *Hoodoo Voodoo*
45. Muldoon, Paul: *Collected to 2014*
46. Ní Chuilleanáin, Eiléan: *Selected Poems* (2008)
47. Riley, Denise: *Selected Poems*
48. Smith, Stevie: *Collected Poems* (focus on poems from 1940s and 1950s)
49. Yeats, W. B.: *The Yeats Reader*
50. In Keith Tuma, ed., *Anthology of Twentieth-Century British & Irish Poetry*, read the short selections of the poets below including the brief introductory comments (approx. 220 pages):

Adcock, Fleur  
Alvi, Moniza  
Breeze, Jean ‘Binta’  
Dabydeen, David  
Davie, Donald  
Douglas, Keith  
Duffy, Carol Ann  
Feinstein, Elaine

Finlay, Ian Hamilton  
Forrest-Thomson, Veronica  
Graham, W. S.  
Harrison, Tony  
Healy, Randolph  
Hopkins, G.M.  
Hughes, Ted  
Kavanagh, Patrick  
Kay, Jackie  
Kipling, Rudyard  
Johnson, Linton Kwesi  
Joyce, Trevor  
Larkin, Philip  
Lawrence, D.H.  
Leonard, Tom  
Lochhead, Liz  
Maclean, Sorley  
MacNeice, Louis  
McGuckian, Medbh  
Mew, Charlotte  
Montague, John  
Nichols, Grace  
O'Sullivan, Maggie  
Owen, Wilfred  
Prynne, J.H.  
Raine, Craig  
Raworth, Tom (and spend an hour in our newly acquired archive of his work!)  
Shapcott, Jo  
Silkin, Jon  
Sitwell, Edith  
Thomas, Dylan