

**The Postcolonial Nation  
in  
Contemporary Irish Literature**

**English 8593  
Kelly Marsh**

**Spring 2015  
Tuesdays 3:30-6:20**

In this study of Irish and Northern Irish literature of the past thirty years, we will read

Poetry by Seamus Heaney and Eavan Boland

Short Stories by William Trevor

Novels by Roddy Doyle, Julia O'Faolain, John McGahern,  
Jennifer Johnston, Seamus Deane, and Anna Burns

Plays by Marina Carr, Martin McDonagh,  
Brian Friel, and Christina Reid

In addition to the reading, the requirements for this course are  
two exams,  
one twenty-page research paper,  
and summary and analysis of critical articles.