

NOTES ON CONTRIBUTORS

Professor Thomas Owen Clancy holds the Chair of Celtic at the University of Glasgow, where he has taught since 1995. He has been Principal Investigator for a number of recent place-name projects, including most recently the AHRC-funded 'Scottish Toponymy in Transition' (2011–2014) and the Leverhulme-funded 'Commemorations of Saints in Scottish Place-Names' (2010–2013). He is a former editor of *The Innes Review* and is joint series editor of *The International Companions to Scottish Literature*.

Professor Richard A. V. Cox's interests include Gaelic language and literature, including modern poetry and prose writing, publishing, lexicography, linguistics, onomastics and Norse-Gaelic contact. Formerly at the Departments of Celtic at Glasgow and then Aberdeen, he is currently Professor in Gaelic language and literature at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig, University of the Highlands and Islands.

Dr Leonie Dunlop is currently in the final year of the MLA in Landscape Architecture at Edinburgh College of Art. In 2016, she completed her PhD entitled 'Breaking old and new ground: a comparative study of coastal and inland naming in Berwickshire' in the School of Critical Studies at the University of Glasgow. Her poetry has been published in the Dangerous Women Project, Gutter, Raum, and Dactyl, and she won the Alastair Buchan Prize in 2015.

Dr Richard Lathe is at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Edinburgh. A graduate of the university, he has held professorial appointments in Strasbourg, Edinburgh and Moscow. In addition to biomedicine, he has interests in the origin of life as well as in the music and early history of Scotland, with a special interest in the evolution of sea levels and their impact on migration and place-names.

Dr Coinneach Maclean is by training an archaeologist and for eight years was Deputy Chief Executive of the National Trust for Scotland. Since 2008 he has worked as a Gaelic-speaking Scottish Tour Guide Association Blue Badge guide, specialising in Gaelic and Highland Scotland. Since 2008 he has also been a trading partner in Iùl. His broad interests include archaeology, architecture, art, history, heritage and environment conservation, and all aspects of Gaelic culture. In 2014 he completed a doctoral research thesis: 'The "Tourist Gaze" on Gaelic Scotland' at the University of Glasgow.

Dr Peadar Morgan graduated in History and International Relations from the University of Aberdeen in 1982 and returned to part-time study to obtain a PhD

on 'Ethnonyms in the Place-Names of Scotland and the Border Counties of England' from the School of History, University of St Andrews, in 2013. He has worked since 2005 with the statutory Gaelic body Bòrd na Gàidhlig, latterly in research management, data processing and corpus planning. Current interests include topographic generics and geo-genealogy.

For **William (Bill) Patterson** place-names are the point of intersection for interests in language, history, archaeology, mythology and folklore, and the use and administration of land resources. From 1969 to 2012 he worked in town and country planning, from 1989 as a Reporter handling appeals and similar matters for the Scottish Office/Executive/Government. This involved making acquaintance with places and place-names around Scotland from Unst to Kirkmadrine, Carloway to Foulden. An early childhood living on Tyneside but with frequent visits to relatives in Edinburgh, Peebles and mining settlements in Lanarkshire, usually combined with exploration of historic places and hearing their stories, no doubt fostered the group of inter-related interests; as did the resulting exposure to many registers and varieties of speech, from parental Scottish Standard English enlivened by Scotticisms to rural Northumberland and retired Shotts coal miner. At the same time interest in the more exotic was encouraged by occasional sorties as far as the Firth of Clyde, the East Neuk of Fife, or west Cumberland.

Dr Norval Smith studied Latin and Ancient Greek at the University of Glasgow, and General Linguistics at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. Following a working career at the Linguistics department of the University of Amsterdam, he is still affiliated there as a (retired) Guest Researcher. His specialities are phonology, creole studies and revitalising older linguistic documentation. His most recent publication was a large edited report for the Netherlands Foundation for Research (NWO), *Surviving the Middle Passage: the West Africa-Surinam Sprachbund* (2015), produced together with co-lead investigator Pieter Muysken of the Radboud University Nijmegen. He has had a life-long interest in the place-names of Strathearn, Perthshire, and did fieldwork with the last speaker of the Scots dialect of Fowlis (Strathearn).

Dr Simon Taylor has been working in various aspects of Scottish place-name studies since the early 1990s, including the production of detailed surveys of Fife (5 volumes, 2006–2012), Kinross-shire (1 volume, 2017) and Clackmannanshire (1 volume, forthcoming). He is employed half-time as a reader in Scottish Name Studies at the University of Glasgow. Editor of *JSNS* since its inception in 2007, he is now co-editor with Richard Cox.