

Society for Neo-Latin Studies Lecture at the Moore Institute.

12.50pm, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of April, Room G010, Hardiman Research Building,  
NUI Galway



Dr Alan MacQuarrie

Roderick MacLean of Iona (d. 1553): a renaissance Humanist from the  
Western Isles

This talk will examine the life and work of Roderick MacLean of Iona, a 16<sup>th</sup> century writer and churchman. He was Bishop of the Isles and Abbot of Iona, following in a long line of Abbots from St Columba onwards. The work for which Maclean is best remembered is his epic Latin poem *Ionis*. It was published in Rome in 1549, and is an early modern Latin verse paraphrase of sections from Adomnán's *Vita Columbae*. Dr MacQuarrie is co-editor (with Professor Roger P. H. Green) of a critical edition of the text, which will soon be available. Professor Michael Clarke from NUIG will introduce Alan's talk with a discussion on the Latin tradition within earlier monastic Irish/Gàidhlig culture.

**This talk will be part of a series on Scots and Irish Latin Literature and Literary culture at the Moore Institute on 24<sup>th</sup> of April.**

**Details here:** <http://cas.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk/files/2019/03/programme-SNLS.pdf>