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Marshall Scholar to Study Irish Poetry’s Indian Connection

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Anna Feuer ’11CC has been awarded a 2011 Marshall Scholarship for two years of graduate study in the U.K. An English major who is originally from Los Angeles, Feuer will pursue two consecutive year-long master’s programs at Oxford, one in global and imperial history and the second in English literature.

Her research will focus on how W. B. Yeats and other Irish writers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries borrowed concepts and imagery from Indian poetry — the

swan, the lotus, the mirror — to weave a new Irish national mythology.

“I’m interested in the question of why Irish writers, rather than drawing upon the more familiar cultures of Europe, instead looked for inspiration to the other side of the world, to people of an altogether different race, culture, and language,” she says.

Feuer became interested in this topic during a semester she spent studying at the University of Hyderabad in India.



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