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### MARY McALEESE

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In 1997, Mary McAleese was inaugurated as the eighth President of Ireland. The first President from Northern Ireland, she was re-elected in 2004. She is currently Chancellor of Trinity College Dublin. The eldest of nine children, President McAleese grew up in Northern Ireland through the violent period known as “The Troubles.” Her family was one of many adversely affected by the conflict. She graduated in Law from the Queen’s University of Belfast in 1973 and was called to the Northern Ireland Bar in 1974. In 1975, she was appointed Reid Professor of Criminal Law, Criminology and Penology at Trinity College Dublin. In 1987, she returned to her Alma Mater as Director of the Institute of Professional Legal Studies. In 1994, she became the first female Pro-Vice Chancellor of the Queen’s University of Belfast. President McAleese is an experienced broadcaster, having worked as a current affairs journalist and presenter in radio and television with *Radio Telefís Éireann*. She has a longstanding commitment to justice, equality, social inclusion, inter-religious dialogue, non-violence, and reconciliation. The theme of her Presidency was “Building Bridges.”

In her recently published memoir *Here’s the Story*, President McAleese traces her astonishing life from her youth in Northern Belfast” to her two triumphant terms as President of Ireland. In her book she also provides insights into the Northern Irish Peace Process and details her encounters with everyone from prime ministers to priests.

President McAleese and her husband Martin live in Ireland and have three children Justin, Emma and SarahMai.



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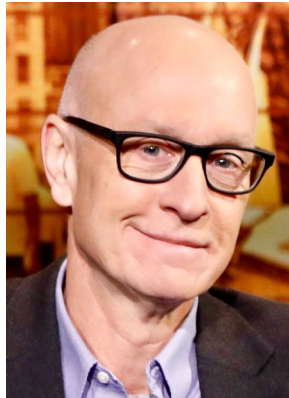
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Anne M. Finucane is Vice Chairman at Bank of America and Chairman of Bank of America Europe. Anne is responsible for the strategic positioning of Bank of America and leads the company's global environmental, social and governance, sustainable finance, and public policy efforts.

As Chairman of Bank of America Europe – the firm's EU bank headquartered in Dublin – Anne oversees more than €60 billion in assets. She also serves on the board of Bank of America Securities Europe SA – the bank's EU broker-dealer in Paris – with both entities playing a critical role in the company's post-Brexit European growth strategy. Anne is also leading Bank of America's \$1billion, four-year commitment to advance racial equality and economic opportunity.

A strong advocate of the arts and of humanity, Anne led the Bank's work with U2 and The Ireland Funds to support Music Generation, Ireland's National Music Education Program that provides vocal and instrumental tuition to thousands of young people across Ireland. In addition, the Bank's Art Conservation program helps restore works of art from around the world, including *The Marriage of Strongbow and Aoife*, at the National Gallery of Ireland, Dublin. Anne is a long-standing Board Member of The Ireland Funds America. Anne was the 2019 recipient of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute Award for Inspired Leadership, and was the honoree at the Ireland Funds 2018 National Gala and the Ireland Funds 2015 Boston Gala. Anne and her husband, journalist Mike Barnicle, live outside of Boston, where they raised their four children.





#### **DAN BARRY**

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Dan Barry is a senior writer for *The New York Times* and the award-winning author of several books. Since joining *The Times* in September 1995, he has covered many major events, including the World Trade Center disaster, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, and the coronavirus pandemic. He has written both the “About New York” and “This Land” columns, as well as many long-form narratives, including “The Lost Children of Tuam,” about the mother and baby home scandal in Ireland.

A graduate of St. Bonaventure University and New York University, Mr. Barry shared a 1994 Pulitzer Prize as a member of an investigative team at the *Providence Journal* and has twice been a nominated Pulitzer finalist for feature writing. His other honors include a George Polk Award, two American Society of Newspaper Editors Awards, the Mike Berger Award from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and a Best American Newspaper Narrative Award. He is the author of *Pull Me Up: A Memoir*; *City Lights*, a collection of his “About New York” columns; *Bottom of the 33rd: Hope, Redemption, and Baseball’s Longest Game*, which won the 2012 PEN/ESPN Award for Literary Sportswriting; *The Boys in the Bunkhouse: Servitude and Salvation in the Heartland*; and *This Land: America, Lost and Found*, a collection of his national columns.

Mr. Barry’s mother was from County Galway and his father from New York City. He lives in Maplewood, N.J., with his wife, Mary Trinity, and their daughters, Nora and Grace.



The mission of Glucksman Ireland House is to foster excellence in the study of Ireland and the Irish Diaspora. Renowned for its dynamic programming and public humanities initiatives, Glucksman Ireland House is the home of the NYU Press Glucksman Irish Diaspora Series, the Archives of Irish America, and the *American Journal of Irish Studies*.

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and combined  
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of mind With the Big  
Apple of Knowledge...”*

Seamus Heaney





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