

QUEEN'S SCHOOL OF RELIGION
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A New Name and Identity

The Queen's School of Religion (formerly Queen's Theological College) was officially launched on March 23, 2010, the result of a joint decision by the school's Board of

Over the same decade, enrolment in theology programs declined. This is a trend in North America, reflecting the increasing secularization of society and an aging and declining membership in main-line Canadian denominations. At the same time, the reality of a shrinking and aging clergy (76% currently between the ages of 55-69), combined with a growing need in Canada for persons equipped to provide spiritual care with multi-faith competence, were persuasive factors in the school's decision to preserve academic programs in theology and a program for professional ministry practice. Graduate Theology Programs include the Master of Divinity (with a specialization available in Restorative Justice) and a Mast

The Principal/Head serves a five-year term, renewable for a second five-year term. The Office of the Principal, Queen's University, appoints a representative to the Search Committee for the Principal/Head of the School of Religion and the Dean (or delegate) of the Faculty of Arts and Science also serves on the Search Committee.

All tenured and adjunct faculty members in the School are members of the Department of Religious Studies. The Department of Religious Studies is responsible for all academic matters and Theology Programs are considered by means of a departmental sub-committee. All tenured faculty members teach in the Department of Religious Studies, which is a department within the Faculty of Arts and Science. The majority of the tenured faculty also teach in Theology Programs (with 4.0 FTE allocated annually to Theology Programs). The school's nine tenured faculty come from a variety of religious and intellectual backgrounds. Teaching and research range over major religious traditions of the world (including Buddhism, Chinese Relig

Strength of Teaching and Learning in Religious and Theological Studies

Faculty at the School of Religion are known fo

\$200,000 (from the sale of the Queen Street UC in Kingston) to establish an endowment fund in support of the education of theology students. The School, in cooperation with the University, is actively cultivating a donor who has expressed interest in restoring and renovating Theological Hall.

New Website

A new website for the School of Religion was launched in the spring. For further information about the school, its programs, faculty and students go to:

www.queensu.ca/religion.