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Dr. Robert Ventresca '93 completed his undergraduate studies at King's and went on to complete his Masters and PhD degrees in History at the University of Toronto. He returned to King's in 2000 as a full-time member of faculty, and holds the title of Associate Professor of History.

He is the author and editor of three books including, most recently, the award-winning *Soldier of Christ: The Life of Pope Pius XII* (Harvard University Press, 2013).

Dr. Ventresca's research and teaching explore the role of religion in European fascism, as well as religious involvement in the Holocaust with a special focus on the Catholic Church. He is a Member of the Committee on Ethics, Religion and the Holocaust at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. and is also a member of The Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

Faculty

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