Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Robert Ventresca

Dr. Robert Ventresca ‘93 Interim Academic Dean, completed his undergraduate studies at King’s and went on to complete his MA and PhD degrees in History at the University of Toronto. 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.

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.

Faculty

History

Dr. Graham Broad: War and Society Studies (PhD, Western Ontario)

Dr. Mark Sholdice: 20th-century Canadian and US political history (PhD, Guelph)

Dr. Robert A. Ventresca: Modern Europe; Church-State relations (PhD, Toronto). Member of the College of the Royal Society of Canada.

Literature, Music, and Culture Studies

Dr. Claudia Clausius: Comparative Literature, Art History, Critical Theory (PhD, Toronto)

Dr. Katharina Clausius: (Guest Lecturer from the Université de Montréal): Politics of Aesthetics, Music, Intermedial Studies (PhD, University of Cambridge)

Philosophy

Dr. Antonio Calcagno: Renaissance and Contemporary European Philosophy (PhD, Guelph). Member of the College of the Royal Society of Canada.

Prof. John Heng: Bioethics, Philosophy of Science, Disability Studies (MA, Toronto)

Dr. Antonio Calcagno

Dr. Antonio Calcagno is Full Professor of Philosophy. He received his MA at the University of Louvain (Belgium) and his PhD at the University of Guelph. He is a member of the Royal Society of Canada’s College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists.

His most recent books include On Political Impasse: Power, Resistance, and New Forms of Selfhood (Bloomsbury Press, 2022) and Lived Experience from the Inside Out: Social and Political Philosophy in Edith Stein (Pittsburg, Duquesne, 2014), which won the Edward Goodwin Ballard Book Prize in Phenomenology in 2014.

Dr. Calcagno’s research and teaching focus on recent European philosophy and social and political thought.

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