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**Huron University Faculty of Theology**  
**London, Ontario**

**Education:**

Honours Bachelor of Arts in History, Huron University College, The University of Western Ontario 1982,  
 Doctor of Philosophy, Cambridge University, Faculty of History, 1992

**Awards:**

- National Scholar, Huron University College, 1978-9, 81-2
- Ontario Legislative Internship, 1983-4
- Commonwealth Scholarship (Canada) tenable in the United Kingdom, Selwyn College, Cambridge, 1985-8
- Thirlwall Student, Faculty of History, Cambridge University, 1988-9
- Research Scholar, Selwyn College, Cambridge 1985-9
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1995-7
- Dean's Alumni Research Award, Faculty of Social Sciences, The University of Western Ontario, "The Burghley Letters", \$3 000, 2003-2004
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Research and Development Initiative Award, 2004-6
- University of Western Ontario Major Award in Innovation, New Research and Scholarly Initiatives, 2004-6
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Development Grant, 2018-21
- Huron University Pilot Research Fund Award, 2018-19
- Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, February 2018

**Appointments:**

- Comparative Religion and History, Faculty of Theology, 2010-present
- Visiting Research Fellow, Wolfson College, Cambridge, 2019, 2022 (continuing Senior Member)
- Visiting Scholar, Faculty of History, Cambridge University, 2019-20
- History in the Faculty of Theology, Huron University College, 2004-10
- Lecturer and Assistant Professor in History, Huron College, 1997-2004
- Lecturer and Assistant Professor in History, Huron College, 1989-92

**Teaching:**

Sixty-Six courses at the undergraduate through doctoral levels in Faculty of Theology, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Huron University College), since 1998 at Department of History at Western (currently permanent standing appointee with tenure); associate of the Toronto School of Theology, School of Graduate Studies at the University of Toronto. Recipient of Huron University College Council Award for Excellence in Teaching, 2007; seven nominations for teaching awards by the University of Western Ontario Students' Council.

**Research: Current**

**SSHRC Insight Development Award, 2018-22**

**Book:**

- *Documents of the Mohawk Institute, 1872-77 to the New England Company*, Introduction and edition, William Acres; Special volume LIX (2021-2022), *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society*, 2024. <https://www.anglican.ca/news/new-volume-of-cchs-journal-focuses-on-the-mohawk-institute-in-the-1870s/30046556/>

### Editions

- *Special Tri-History Issue*, ed. W. D. Acres, June 2019, *Journal of the Canadian Church Historical Society* vol. 56 (edited major papers in the history of the *Journal*).
- *Journal of Church Historical Studies*, edited, Samuel Hume Blake's *The Church's Missions Amongst Aborigines in America*, vol. LVI (56), pp. 4-26 (originally for the Pan-Anglican Conference Papers 1908, London), June, 2019.

### Book Chapters:

"Samuel Hume Blake's Pan-Anglican Exertions: Stopping the expansion of residential and industrial schools for Canada's Indigenous Children, 1908", *Trauma and Survival in the Contemporary Church*, Cambridge Scholars, eds. Jonathan Lofft and Tom Powers, 2021, pp. 9-26;

<https://www.cambridgescholars.com/resources/pdfs/978-1-5275-6582-1-sample.pdf>

- *Behind the Bricks*, University of Calgary Press, *Arts in Action* series, eds. Richard Hill, Sr., Jennifer Pettit, Tom Peace, and Alison Norman, Fall, 2025, chapters: collected essays, in press. <https://press.ucalgary.ca/books/9781773856520/#>.
- "Robert Ashton, the New England Company, and the Mohawk Institute, 1872-1903"
- "The Lands of the Mohawk Institute and the Decline of the New England Company's "station", 1891-1922."
- "Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence: the 'Huron cluster", MRI@60, *Journal of Canadian Church Historical Studies*, Vol. CX, Spring, 2025

### Under Consideration

*Rex vs. The New England Company, B-4015B, 1919-34*, Law Society of Upper Canada, The University of Toronto Press, with Matteo Clarkson Maciel. 2024

### Nearing Completion:

- *Breaking Trust on the Grand River Station, 1827-1934* (in preparation), 2026
- "Rev. Robert Lugger's 1828 *Report* on the Six Nations of the Grand River to the New England Company", *Camden Miscellany*, Royal Historical Society at Cambridge University Press
- "The New England Company's Unitarian purge, 1892-1897"

**Scholarly exchange with Indigenous partners:** <https://diohuron.org/resources/huron-archives/pages/the-mush-hole-mohawk-institute>

- Major Library and Archives Canada grant to involve Haudenosaunee Scholars in cataloguing and bringing to survivors and others materials in the Diocese of Huron, V. P. Cronyn Archives, now at the Woodland Cultural Center, Six Nations, Ontario. Worked with Archivist Dez Necario on the grant and its importance for the Six Nations culturally and historically 2023-4;
- Major Library and Archives Canada grant to Haudenosaunee Scholars in digitizing and completing online catalogues for materials relating to the Mohawk Institute in the V. P. Cronyn Archives, Huron University College, 2024-5.

**Expert Opinions:** Ministries of the Attorney General of Canada and Ontario, on economic development on the Grand River, early 19<sup>th</sup> century. January-April, 2024. McCarthy-Tetrault, and Ministry of the Attorney General. Further research supplied, 2024-5 on contract.

Class-action lawsuit, historical expert in researching materials for affidavits for a legal team on Organ Retention by Coroners and Forensic Pathologists in the Province of Ontario, 1974-2010, 2014-17, Superior Court of Ontario

### Digital Mapping and Outreach:

*Digital Mapping of the Grand River Stations of the New England Company*; Digitization of Litigation before the Exchequer Court of Canada, London Metropolitan Archives class CLC 8005; LAC, RG 10, various classes; Huron Archives, Litigation fonds, Synod papers; General Synod Archives, MSCC Papers, GS 75-103; Ontario Archives, Nelles, Thorburn Papers.

Funded by the Huron University Pilot Research Fund, 2018-2019 Award SSHRC IDG, Summer, Fall 2019. I gave a series of interviews and talks on these materials, Spring and Summer, 2019.

### In preparation:

*John Strype, 1680-1737: Assembling the Reformation*, prospectus for Cambridge University Press and the subject material for the Wolfson College, Cambridge, fellowship, 2019-20. Since 2007 I have been researching Strype's use of the past, his theological inclinations and historical innovations in his use of manuscripts in his works on the English Reformation. I am drawing primarily on private archives during the years 1680-1720 to follow the circulation of manuscripts. Three articles and ten conference papers.

W. D. Acres, "The making of a book: manuscripts from secrecy to publication, Cambridge University Library MS Ee 3 56", *Book Practices & Textual Itineraries 4* : . From Text(s) to Book(s): Studies in the Production and Editorial Process. Eds. Nathalie Collé-Bak, Monica Latham and David Ten Eyck. Nancy : PUN – Editions Universitaires de Lorraine, 2015, <https://librairiedelanglerouge.com/livre/9060675-book-practices-textual-itineraries-4-from-text-s-to-book-s-studies-in-production-and-editorial-processes-david-ten-eyck-monica-latham-nathalie-colle-bak-presses-universitaires-de-nancy>.

### Research-Recent, 2008-

*Letters of Lord Burghley to Sir Robert Cecil, 1593-8*, Camden Fifth Series, vol. 53, 2017. An edition of a letter-book of private letters between the two Cecils' in the contested politics of the 1590s. <http://royalhistosoc.org/publications/camden-series/>

*Exploring Religion: A Reader* (Oxford University Press, 2014) <https://www.amazon.ca/ExploringReligion-Reader-William-Acres/dp/0195441451>. The process of creating this commissioned work was based on teaching and research in the intersection of histories and theories and practices of religion. I drew heavily on teaching experiential learning courses at the undergraduate level (with ten funded conferences by the Royal Bank of Canada Community-Based Learning Awards) and expanded the materials to include a theoretical approach to 'reading' the idea of religion across time and geographies. I published nine peer-reviewed articles, mostly on the theory of pedagogy, in approaching the materials.

Acres, W. D. "Religion in Globalization: World and Earth", *The Global Studies Journal*, vol. 4, no. 3, 2012, 73-90 ISSN: 1835-4432

Acres, W. D. "Genders, Rights, Histories and Religions: Educating the Self in an Age of Transition" *The International Journal of Learning* Volume 18, no 9, 355-372, 2012 <http://www.Learning-Journal.com>, ISSN 1447-9494

Acres, W. D., "Discourses of religious diversity: A paradox?" *Journal on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations*, 2011, vol. 2, no. 11, pp. 193-212

Acres, W. D. "World History, World Religions: Shape and context in contemporary classifications." *Journal of the World Universities Forum*, 2010, Volume 3, issue 6, 73-92.

Acres, W. D. "Re-Imagining 'Religion': World Religions and the non-'Religious' Context." *Journal of Global Studies*, 2010, vol. 3, issue 1, 43-56

Acres, W. D. "Toward a Common Language in World Religions: Reversing the Categories." *The Learning Journal*, 2010, vol. 17, issue 1, 201-212

Acres, W. D. "From 'text' to context in the teaching of World Religions." *Journal of the World Universities Forum*, 2009, vol. 2, issue 2, pp.129-144.

Acres, W. D. "What Are 'World Religions' Teaching Us? Post-Imperialism in Contemporary Views of Global Faiths." *Journal of Global Studies*, 2009, vol. 2, pp. 57-70. (Finalist, International Award of Excellence in Global Studies, 2009)

Acres, W. D. "University curriculum and religions: Museum, mausoleum, or mansion?" Chicago, *The Learning Journal*, September 2008, vol. 15, issue 5, pp. 291-298.

#### **Huron University College: Royal Bank of Canada Experiential/Community-Based Learning Conferences:**

"Communities and Partners: Sharing the wealth in religious knowledge", Conference, Partner Reception and Dinner, Huron University College (Royal Bank of Canada, CBL Grant, 2013-14, 19 March, 2013, Huron University College

"Religion in the World: Faith and Practice in the Local Setting," Conference and Community Partner Reception and Dinner, Huron University College (Royal Bank of Canada, CBL Grant, 2012-13), 27 March, 2013, Huron Room (Conference) and Reception (Great Hall)).

"World Religions: Religions in Our Worlds", 21 March 2012, Conference and Community Partner Reception and Dinner, Huron University College (Royal Bank of Canada CBL Grant, 2011-12)

"Conflict in translation: media, society and the Middle East as a Canadian construction." Student Conference, Huron University College, March, 2010.

"From Middle East to Canada: Transitional Experiences." Student conference, Huron University College, March 18, 2009.

"Middle Eastern Identities in Canada." Four speakers (submissions reviewed), with keynote Dr. Faisal Joseph, Student Conference, Huron University College, March 19, 2008.

"Understanding Islam." With my thesis student Alisha Bhanji (New School of Research, NYC, and UN Intern) presenting her documentary, *Islamic Identities in Canada: perceptions within and without*. Student Conference, Huron University College, March 23, 2007.

"Gender and Conflict in the Middle East: Unveiling Hijab." Student Conference, Huron University College, March 15, 2006.

“Media, War and Peace: perceptions and politics in Middle Eastern identities.” Keynote, Mark Sargeant, “Iraq, images and diplomacy.” Student Conference, Huron University College, February 28, 2005.

“Finding identity in the Middle Eastern Diaspora.” Student conference, Huron University College, March 15, 2004.

Acres, W. D. “Jews and Israelis: Reflections on roles and identity in Modern Israel.” Morning session, Israeli Consul to Canada, Women in Israel, 3 speakers; Afternoon session, Nationalism and secularism in modern Israel. Student Conference, Huron University College, March 12, 2003.

“Terrorism: a critical reflection on words and intentions.” Student Conference, Huron University College, March 2002.

#### **Other:**

Acres, W. D. Instructor Manual for Paul Bowlby, *World Religions in Canada*, Oxford University Press, July 2009 (Eight Chapters, Canadian resources, links, images, explanatory materials).

Developed "Sikhism" chapter for US edition, Giles Oxtoby, *World Religions*. OUP, 2009.

[http://www.oupcanada.com/higher\\_education/companion/religion/9780195427837.html](http://www.oupcanada.com/higher_education/companion/religion/9780195427837.html)

Click on “Instructor Resources”, Username is: oup51 Password is: xlu0i

#### **Previous Research Projects (selected):**

Officers and Stations database project funded by the University of Western Ontario (Research Western), SHARCNET (data group for Canadian universities), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2004-6. Elizabethan officers with command on account (600 approximately) with prosopographical data and analysis. Currently housed with Prof. Michael Bauer, Computer Sciences, Western University. Published five articles. Materials used in production of *Letters of Lord Burghley to Sir Robert Cecil, 1593-8* (Camden Fifth Series, vol. 53, 2018).

Acres, W. D. “Is history just a collection of biographies? Notes from a historical database” *International Journal of the Humanities*, 2010, vol. 7, issue 11, pp.75-86.

Acres, W. D. “Officers and Stations: Networks of Politics, Knowledge and Expertise in Late-Elizabethan England.” *Journal of the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences*, 2010, vol. 5 issue 4, pp. 447-464.

Bauer, Michael, and W. D. Acres. “Augmenting Historical Research with Databases: A Case Study of 16th Century Elizabethan Military” *International Society for Computers and Their Applications*, 2009, vol. 24, pp. 44-50.

Acres, W. D. “Office-holding and holding on to office: A study of Elizabethan army captains, 1579-1603.” International Conference in the Humanities, July, 2008, *International Journal of the Humanities*, vol. 6, issue 5, pp. 23-30.

Acres, W. D. “An interdisciplinary approach to ‘newness’ in historical populations.” *International Journal of the Humanities*, 2005, vol. 3, issue 2, pp.105-110. (*Nominated for International Award in the Humanities*)

**Selected recent peer-reviewed conference papers: 2002- \*Covid-19 postponement**

“John Strype’s *Cranmer* of 1694: A publication history”, Sixteenth Century Conference, Toronto, On. November 1, 2024.

“Mutual Responsibility and Interdependence: the ‘Huron cluster’”, *MRI@60* conference, St. Paul’s, Bloor St., 12-14 April, 2024.

“Modernity, faction, and mission at the Grand River Reserve, 1869-1884”, Canadian Society for Church History, Congress of the Humanities, York University, June, 2023.

“Mission, charity, and trans-Imperial ideals in Indigenous education, 1872-1896”, Global Meeting of Nineteenth Century Studies, Singapore, June 20-24, 2023.

“Becoming Christian and Indigenous in Canada: some periodicals, acculturation, and cultural dependencies, 1877”, ESPrit, European Society for Periodicals Research, *Periodicals and Belonging*, Leeds, 27 June, 2023.

“Martyrs, manuscripts, and Reformation: Correcting John Strype and the idea of an English Protestant Martyrology, 1530-1858”, Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Minneapolis, MN, 28 October, 2022.

“Mapping an Indigenous Mission in Colonial Property Law, 1827-1934”, Law and Society Association, International Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 17, 2022.

“Ambivalence and Strife in Printing the English Reformation, 1690-1725”, SHARP, Amsterdam, June 15-19, 2020\* postponed until Summer 2022, accepted, July 11-15, presented July 14.

“Writing *Cranmer*: John Strype and scholarly deception in the writing of Reformation history, 1690-1724”, Sixteenth Century Society Conference, San Diego CA, 28 October 2021

Acres, W. D. and Matteo Clarkson Maciel, “Title and Disintegration: The New England Company and the Six Nations of the Grand River, 1871-1934”, Birkbeck College, University of London, April 6, 2020, Workshop on Critical Perspectives on Land Registration \* (SSHRC-funded), postponed, given 30 October 2020 online

“Assembling the Reformation: John Strype and the circulation of manuscripts, 1684-1711”, Early Modern British History Seminar, Cambridge University Faculty of History, November 27, 2019, Trinity Hall, Cambridge

“Indigeneity and the Book: Reconciling Research Techniques and Public Awareness”, SHARP at Amherst MA, 15-19 July 2019. (SSHRC-funded)

“The New England Company, Trust and the Six Nations, 1894-1934”  
Tri-History Conference (<http://www.trihistory.org/2019.html>) Toronto, June 18-21, 2019 (SSHRC-funded)

“Breaking Trust with the Six Nations: The Department of Indian Affairs and the New England Company, 1910-34”, Canadian Law and Society Association, Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Vancouver, June 3-5, 2019 (SSHRC-funded)

“John Strype’s Evangelical Empire”, *Global Reformations*, University of Toronto, 29 September 2017

“Burghley as a historical figure: John Strype and the making of an English protestant hero, 1679-1731”, Midwest Conference on British Studies, Detroit MI, Sept. 24, 2015, chair Jennifer Mori

. "Printers, Protestants, Madness and Theft", Research seminar, HUC, Faculty of Theology, January 26, 2015 (longer version of Antwerp SHARP paper, as below)

"A "religious" model for history: John Strype's Reformation, 1660-1735", SHARP 2014, Antwerp, September 27, 2014, Chair Lori-Anne Ferrell

Acres, W. D., "Religion, History and the Enlightenment: From sacred biographies to the formation of the state", Canadian Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies Annual Conference, London, Ontario October 16-19, 2013

Acres, W. D., "Reading gender and sexuality in World Religions: An imagined public sphere", at Contested National Identities, Huron University College, Oct. 17, 2013.

Acres, W. D. *The House that Isaac Built: Huron, History and Canadian Identity at 150*, "Huron, Religion and Theology: John Morden and the challenge of multicultural society", May 13-15, 2013, Huron University College

Acres, W. D. "Reflections on a Seventeenth Century male correspondence" Queer Research Day, Western University, April 17, 2013, "Queerness and the Past", Panel with Christine Roulston and Wendy Pearson, Matthew Halse (Chair).

Acres, W. D. "Critical Reading for the Self?: A Perspective on Religion, the University and the Common Good", *The Idea of Religion in the Modern Research University*, Cambridge University, Faculty of Divinity, Prof. David Ford, Regius Professor of Divinity, Association of Commonwealth Universities, Templeton Foundation. April 3-5, 2013 <http://www.ideaofauniversity.com/conference/programme/>

Acres, W. D. "Religions in the Liberal Arts: Resistance, representation and performative pedagogies", *Great Books, Great Questions: Interdisciplinary liberal arts education in Canada*, June 29, 2012, University of King's College, Halifax

Acres, W. D. "Christopher Dawson's *The Crisis of Western Education* revisited", invited panel, *Great Books, Great Questions*, as above, June 28, 2012

Acres, W. D., "From manuscript to sale to curiosity to edition: Lord Burghley's letters to his son, 1593-8", *From Text(s) to Book(s)*, An international conference hosted by Nancy-Université, June 21-23, 2012

Acres, W. D. "Religion in Globalization: World and Earth," *Global Studies Conference*, Rio de Janeiro, July 18-20, 2011

Acres, W. D., "*Objet de Vertu*: Euler's image and the circulation of genius in print, 1740-60", SHARP conference, Washington D. C., July 14-17, 2011, July 16, Session F6, S Dillon Ripley Building, The Smithsonian Institution

Acres, W. D. "Genders, Rights, Histories and Religions: Educating the Self in an Age of Transition," 5-8 July, 2011, *Learning Conference*, Mauritius

Acres, W. D., "Discourses of religious diversity: A paradox?" *International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations*, Capetown, 20-22 June, 2011

Acres, W. D. and David Bellhouse. "Mathematical print and specialist knowledge in the Financial Revolution, 1660-1725." Royal Society Conference, *Circulating Ideas in Seventeenth Century Europe, Networks, Knowledge*

*and Forms*, in conjunction with the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Royal Society, July 8-10, 2010, Friday, July 9, Chair: Prof. Mark Greengrass

Acres, W. D. "Toward a Common Language in World Religions: Reversing the Categories." *17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Learning*, Hong Kong Institute of Education, July, 6-9, 2010.

Acres, W. D. "Re-imagining "religion": World Religions and the non-"religious" context." Third International Global Studies Conference, Busan University, South Korea, June 21-23, 2010.

Acres, W. D. "Officers and Stations: Sources from manuscript to digitized as points of access." Appositions, e-conference, February 15 - March 15, 2010. Scott Howard, The University of Colorado at Denver.

Acres, W. D. "World History, World Religions: Shape and context in contemporary classifications." *The World Universities Forum*, Davos, Switzerland, January 8, 2010.

Bellhouse, David and W. D. Acres. "Illustrating Innovation: Mathematical books and their frontispieces, 1650-1750." *Tradition & Innovation: The State of Book History* Society for History, Authorship, Reading and Print, University of Toronto, June 23 – 27, 2009.

Acres, W. D. "Is history just a collection of biographies? Notes from a historical database." *International Conference in the Humanities*, 2009 Beijing, China. June 2-5, 2009.

Acres, W. D. "What Are "World Religions" Teaching Us? Post-Imperialism in Contemporary Views of Global Faiths." *Second Annual Conference in Global Studies*, Dubai, May 30-June 1, 2009.

Bauer, Michael and W. D. Acres. "Augmenting Historical Research with Databases: A Case Study of 16th Century Elizabethan Military." *24th International Society for Computers and Their Applications*, New Orleans, LA, April 8-10, 2009.

Acres, W. D. "The Secretary of State as a metaphorical figure: the case of Sir Robert Cecil." UWO, British Faculty Seminar, March 13, 2009.

Acres, W. D. "From 'text' to context in the teaching of World Religions." *Second World Universities Forum*, Mumbai, India, January 16, 2009.

Acres, W. D. and Jonathan Eeuwes. "'Two wrongs do not make a 'right': Defining the Public Space of Religion in Canadian Media, Two case studies." *Second International Conference on Religion and the Media*, Teheran and Qum, Iran, November, 9-12, 2008. Invited. (Postponed until after the Iranian elections, 2009).

Acres, W. D. "Office-holding and holding on to office: A study of Elizabethan captains," 1579-1603." *International Conference in the Humanities*, 6th International Conference, Istanbul, Turkey, July 15-18, 2008

Acres, W. D. and Michael Bauer. "Computing the 'military' in early modern Europe." *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Workshop in Computing, Complexity and the Humanities*, Keynote speakers, Invited. Sponsored by SSHRC, NSERC, SHARCNET, Research Western, VP Research, UWO, June 16-17, 2008.

Acres, W. D. "University curriculum and religions: Museum, mausoleum, or mansion?" *Global Conference on Knowledge and Learning*, Chicago, June 3-6, 2008.

"Sacred and Secular in a Global Canada: Past, Present, and Future." Chair of Conference Organizing Committee, Huron University College, May 9-12, 2008. Youtube Interview with Wil Craddock



Acres, W. D. "John Strype (1642-1737) and Lord Burghley (1520-98): The Biography Unwritten." *Modern Languages Association*, Panel of Society of History, Reading, and Print, Chicago. Chair, Michael Winship, December 28, 2007.

Acres, W. D. "Defining Crime in Elizabeth I's Armies: Two case studies." *Law and Governance in Britain, 1350-1850*. The University of Western Ontario Law School. Chair, Margaret McGlynn, November 16, 2007.

Acres, W. D. "Irish Land and Faction in the Nine Years' War." British History Faculty Seminar, March 14, 2007.

Acres, W. D. with David Bellhouse. "Statistical databases in early modern English history." British Faculty Seminar Series, March 14, 2006.

Acres, W. D. with Christopher Sinal. "An interdisciplinary approach to 'newness' in historical populations." Paper and multimedia exhibit, *International Conference of the Humanities*, Cambridge, UK, August 4, 2005.

Acres, W. D. "Martial Men or Christian Knights: The role of the officer re-evaluated in Elizabeth I's armies." Session on New Currents in Elizabethan Military History, *North American Conference on British Studies*, Philadelphia PA. Chair, Dr. Barbara Donagan, October 29-31, 2004.

Acres, W. D. "Burghley's books and their circulation: 1598-1725." *Renaissance Society of America*. Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Print Session, Tempe, Arizona. Chair, Dr. Germaine Warkentin, April 10-13, 2002.

Acres, W. D. "History, the Internet and the Commodification of Historical Knowledge in the Digital World." *Future of the Past Conference*, The University of Western Ontario, March 17, 2002.

Acres, W. D. "Justus Lipsius and the neo-Stoic Garden." Humanities Research Group, University of Windsor, February 12, 2002.

Acres, W. D. "Historical Space and the Internet." *Historians and the New Millennium Conference*, Refereed, York University. Chair, Dr. Bryan Palmer, April 2000.

#### **Recent non-refereed contributions (selected):**

"The Ashtons and the Mohawk Institute, 1872-7", Huron University College Research Day, presentation on *Documents of the Mohawk Institute, 1872-7*, 5 June, 2024.

"Modernity and Indigeneity at the Mohawk Institute: Cultural Erasure, 1872-77", Faculty of Theology, Spring Intensive presentation with Dez Necario, V. P. Cronyn Archives, 13 May, 2024.

"The Ashtons, the New England Company, and "modernizing" an Indigenous Residential School: The Mohawk Institute, 1873-7", Keynote, invited, Canadian Church Historical Society Annual Lecture, 12 November, 2022.

"Devious Histories of the Reformation, 1680-1727", Faculty Seminar Research Presentation, History at Western Series, October 28, 2020, Invited.

“Parish, Piety and Power: Framing Anglicanism on the Six Nations, 1880-1934”, Invited, Annual Faculty of Theology Fall Lecture (Holy Cross), 24 September 2020 (SSHRC-funded) "Parish, Piety and Power: Framing Anglicanism on the Six Nations, 1880-1934." <https://westernuniversity.zoom.us/j/7wvcuqrqDksGtcZp...>

“Breaking of Trust on the Grand River Station: Nationalism and Indigenous Identities from Colony to Development”, Wolfson Humanities Society, November 12, 2019, Wolfson College, Cambridge. Invited. (SSHRC-funded) <https://www.wolfson.cam.ac.uk/about/events/humanities-society-breaking-trust-grand-river-station-1836-1934>.

“Evidence and the NEC’s lands: Recovering the Mohawk Institute”, Invited, April, 2019, Woodland Cultural Centre Documentary and Conference, Invited (SSHRC-funded).

“Mapping the Hidden Litigation of the Grand River Stations”, Six Nations Genealogy Society, Woodland Cultural Centre (10 February 2019), Invited (SSHRC-funded).

“Pious Objects on the Six Nations: Education, economy and urban expansion, 1891-1930”, Huron Research Day, May 23, 2019 Invited (SSHRC-funded).

“Trust, Authority and Competing for Power: The Mohawk Institute”, special presentation at seminar, Woodland Cultural Centre, 7 July 2018 (SSHRC-funded), Invited keynote.

“Teaching the TRC and the burden of history”, Special Lecture, Huron University College, February 12, 2016

Citation for Peter Mercer, Alumni Award of Distinction, FASS Convocation, 2015

“Forming the archive of an Indian Residential School”, Huron University College, January 26, 2015

Citation for the Most Rev. and Most Honorable John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, Honorary Doctorate in Divinity, October 23, 2013, Huron University College

“*Live and Become*”, Introduction and facilitated discussion, CINEJUDAICA, Western University, March 14, 2013, Labatt Centre, 7pm

“Religion and Community: Some Contemporary Situations in Rights, Law and Personhood in Canada,” Continuing Education half-course, Huron University College, Faculty of Theology, March 2, 2013

“Monarchy as a living symbol: Multifaith, Multicultural, Multinational” Diamond Jubilee Presentation, London Public Library, June 4, 2012 Monarchist League, English Speaking Union

“Religion, Rights and Work”, Presentation to Joint Equity Representatives, CAW and GM, Woodstock Ontario, 19 April, 2012

“Am I religious?” Special presentation at The Retreat, November 5, 2011, Ottawa Valley, with radio interviews at local stations.

Invited participant at scholarly roundtable: “Catholicity and Catholic Schools in Ontario”, Chair: Dr. Derek J Allison, Althouse College, UWO, July 21, 2011

Two classes, Catholic Central Secondary School, June 17, 2011, ‘What Is religion and how is it studied in the Universities?’

The Meaning of 'Religion', Listowel Rotarians, February 24, 2011, invited

"Am I religious?" Continuing Education half-course, Faculty of Theology, Huron University College, February 12, 2011.

"Scriptural Reasoning Presentation", Abraham's Café, London Public Library, November 26, 2010, with Faculty of Theology, Huron University College, Facilitator.

"Is the Spiritual Buffet on the Table?" Continuing Education half-course, Faculty of Theology, Huron University College, January 16, 2010.

Eid Gala Keynote. "Muslim identity and recognition in the University: recent publications and their importance." UWO Muslim Students' Association, Brescia University College, October 2, 2008.

"Ever Again." Discussion leader and author of critique of *Ever Again*, an investigation into uncritical use of anti-Semitism in understanding Islam. Huron University College, February 21, 2008.

Acres, W. D and Michael Bauer, "The Historical Database and a military population: defining terms and parameters." Huron University College, Faculty Colloquium, February 14, 2008.

"Religion and the University: historical perspectives for the future." Association for International Relations, USC, University of Western Ontario, speaker series (invited), January 14, 2008.

Keynote Speaker, *Historica* regional schools fair, Thames Valley District, Fanshawe Pioneer Village, May 4, 2006.

"The theatricality of court and battle." Invited presenter, seminar, Colgate College, Williams, New York. For Susan Cerasano, Senior English seminar. November 4, 2004.

"Mapping the Sacred and Secular in the English Renaissance." Faculty of Theology, Huron University College, Invited Holy Cross Annual Lecture, September 15, 2004.

"*Monsieur Batignole*: French Anti-Semitism and Gerard Jugnot's reading of *complicite* in Occupied France." London Jewish Film Festival, November 2003.

"*Promises*: Some further reflections on Israeli-Palestinian children." Children in the War Zone. Public Lecture, Huron University College, March 15, 2003.

"History in the Knowledge-Based Economy." Invited Public Lecture, The University of Windsor, November 22, 2001.

**Ask and Imagine: Huron University College, Judy Steers, Jenny Salisbury (funded by the Lilly Foundation):**

"The Mohawk Institute and the road of Truth and Reconciliation", August, 2017

"Theologies and Policies: three case studies", Ask and Imagine, May, 2016

"Who owns History?", Ask and Imagine, August 14, 2013

“Where is Religion? Where is History?; Where is Christianity?”, May 6 and 10, 2013, Ask and Imagine Leaders’ Course, Huron University College

“What is Church and what is history? Investigations and interpretations”, August 17, 2011

Series of discussions on History and the role of the Church for Ask & Imagine, Huron University College, August 2001. (Courses given annually on this theme until 2007)

### **Service to Scholarly Community and Public Service, 2018-:**

President, Canadian Church Historical Society, Nov. 2024-

Co-Editor: *Journal of Church Historical Studies*, Toronto, 2019-2024

Chair and Bishop’s Delegate, V. P. Cronyn Archives, Huron University College, 2018-present, member 2002-

Board Member: Canadian Society for Church Historical Studies, Anglican Church of Canada, 2019-

Reviewer: *Journal of Anglican Theology*; *Toronto Journal of Theology*; *University of Toronto Quarterly*; Oxford University Press; *Renaissance and Reformation*; Parks Canada, “Samuel Hume Blake”, for inclusion as person of National Historic Interest, 2023.

Evaluation, University of Toronto Department of History, promotion, 2021.

Assisting with criminal investigation into missing children at the Mohawk Institute, Six Nations OPP detachment.

Member: Committee on the Chapel Royal of the Mohawks, Rosalyn Elm, Barry Hill, Bishop Todd Townshend

Member, Mohawk Institute Research Group, 2020-

Royal Historical Society, Fellow, 2018-

Society for the History of Reading, Authorship and Publication

European Society for the History of Periodicals

Global Nineteenth-Century Studies

Sixteenth Century Society

Canadian Society for Church History

Canadian Law and Society Association

Canadian Historical Association

Law and Society Association

Institute for Historical Research, London, UK

Richard Hooker Society

### **Administrative Roles/Committees, Selected, continuing and occasional, 2010-present**

Faculty of Theology Committee (Graduate Committee, Teaching Faculty, Post-Baccalaureate Committee): 2010-

Open Days, Registration Open House, Special Events (Founders' Day, Convocations, Alumni Receptions, Homecoming, year representative for Foundation and University Advancement), 2001-9, 2010-

Faculty of Theology, Member of MA in Theology Steering Committee, 2005-8 (formation of program), 2013-present

Curriculum Revision Committee, MDiv/MTS degrees, Faculty of Theology, Huron University College, 2009-10, 2012-14, 2019-24

Curriculum Proposal Committee, BA in Religion, Honours Specialization, Faculty of Theology, Huron University College, 2009-2012 (Approved by SUPR-U, April 25, 2012) for September 2012- , including membership on IQAP External Review process; 2016-18

Graduate Review Committee, MA in Theology, 2010-12 OCGS Reporting, Faculty of Theology, Huron University College, 2009-12, 2018-24

Huron University College, Universities Fair, Ontario, 2011, 2017

Teaching Faculty Committee, 2001-09, 2010-

Undergraduate Program Committee BTh, 2011-13 for revisions to the program

Graduate Program Committee (including admissions), MA in Theology, 2011-

Program Review Committee, MDiv, MTS, 2011-

Performance Evaluation Committee: History at Western, 2023-4

Strategic Planning Committee 2022-

Graduate Chair, Theology, 2025-

#### **Search Committees:**

Search Committee, Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Languages, 2011

Search Committee, Contextual Theology and Field Education, 2011

Search Committee, London and Windsor Community Chair in Islamic Studies, 2011

Search Committee, Executive Director, Student Engagement 2012

Director of Libraries Search Committee, 2013

Chaplain Search Committee, Collegiate Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, 2016 (January-April)

Search Committee, Systematic Theology, 2020-1

Search Committee, New Testament and Greek, 2020-1

Search Committee, Accreditation and Evaluation Specialist, 2021

Search Committee, Huron-Lawson Chair in Contextual Theology, 2022-3

Search Committee, Diocesan Archivist, VP Cronyn Archives, Diocese of Huron, 2022

Renewal for Director of Library Services Committee 2023

#### **Governance:**

Executive Board, 2011-2012 (FT representative)

Board of Governors, 2025-29 (FT representative)

Huron University College Corporation, 2011-12 (FT representative)

Campus and Community Affairs, 2011-12 (FT representative)

### **Conferences:**

*Sacred and Secular in a Global Canada* Steering Committee Chair, 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Diocese of Huron, 2006-8

*150<sup>th</sup> Conference Committee*, Huron College, 2010-2013: conference planning, budget, oversight, execution. 2011-13

Committee for Special 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Speakers' series, Huron University College (Helen Maybergh, Mark Kingwell, Thomas Homer-Dixon) 2011-13

*The Future of the Liberal Arts* Steering Committee, 2012-13

*Mutual Responsibility at 60: International Congress 1963-2023* on mission in the Anglican Communion, International Steering Committee, April 12-13, 2024, Canadian Church Historical Society (CCHS)

*Missions, Missionaries, and Companies, 1700-1922*, Steering Committee Chair, Huron University College, May 28-30, 2026, CCHS

### **Committees Chaired:**

Chair, Faculty of Theology Research Committee, 2012-13, member 2021-

Faculty of Theology Representative and Chair, Equity and Diversity Committee, Huron University College, July 1, 2010-June 30, 2013, July 1 2013-June 30 2016, January 2018-May 2019

HUC Research Ethics Committee, 2012-2015

Honorary Fellows Committee, 2013-17

Association of Theological Schools Re-accreditation Steering Committee 2014-16, co-chair

Chair, Subcommittee for ATS Standards: Institutional Integrity, Governance, Resources 2014-16

Advisory Committee for revisions to Student Code of Conduct, HUC, January-May, 2015

Promotion and Tenure, Theology, 2012-3, 2020-1; FASS. Promotion and Tenure, 2010-12 (FT representative), 2022-3.

Library Services Committee, 2020-3, 2023-6 Theology Representative

Technology and Classroom Infrastructure Committee, 2021-

Graduate Chair, 1 March 2021-1 November 2022, MA in Theology

### **Service to Graduate Studies**

Master's and Doctoral examiner, School of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Western University, Philosophy, English, Theology, History; Acting Chair of MA in Theology, 2022-3.

