



**Matariki Humanities Colloquium**  
***Religion Across the Humanities***

Co-Hosted by the Office of the Vice-Principal (Research) and the Queen's University Library

[Queen's University](http://www.queensu.ca)

Kingston, Ontario, Canada

October 1-3, 2015

The third Matariki Humanities Colloquium, Religion Across the Humanities, will bring together researchers and librarians from the seven Matariki partner institutions to foster dialogue about the current state of research and teaching in the study of religion, as well as examine the resources and best practices at other MNU institutions.

**How to register**

Prior to **Tuesday, September 1st, 2015**, interested participants must email Ms. Tejay Gardiner (Tejay.gardiner@queensu.ca) with their contact details, paper topic proposal (title and 150 word description), and stream preference (Faculty or Library).

A detailed itinerary is in development. There will be a full program of events that will showcase the rich heritage of Queen's University and Kingston, situated on traditional Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Territory.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.



## Travel and Accommodations

The Colloquium will take place at the University's [Donald Gordon Conference Centre](#) in beautiful and historic Kingston, Ontario. While all meals and receptions will be covered by Queen's, participants are expected to pay their own transportation and accommodation costs.

### *Accommodations:*

Participants will receive special rates of \$115/per night (Thursday and Friday nights) and \$135 (Saturday night) and can book their accommodations directly by calling the Donald Gordon Conference Centre at 01 613 533 2221.

### *Travel:*

Located midway between Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal, Kingston is easily accessible by train (<http://www.viarail.ca/>), bus (<http://www.coachcanada.com/coachcanada/language.asp>) and plane (from Toronto only) (<http://www.aircanada.com/en/home.html>).

## About Queen's University

Queen's is one of Canada's oldest degree-granting institutions, and has influenced Canadian higher education since 1841 when it was established by Royal Charter of Queen Victoria. Located in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, it is a mid-sized university with several [faculties and professional schools](#), as well as the [Bader International Study Centre](#) located in Herstmonceux, East Sussex, United Kingdom. Queen's balances excellence in undergraduate studies with well-established and innovative graduate programs, all within a dynamic learning environment.

Queen's is also one of the leading research-intensive institutions in Canada with a strong reputation internationally. Its core and emerging [research strengths](#) can be summarized into four main themes: "*Exploring Human Dimensions*" addresses urgent questions in health, psychology and culture and history, and the creative and dramatic arts; "*Understanding and Sustaining the Environment and Energy Systems*" focuses on the creation of healthy natural environments, developing sustainable energy systems, and supporting the development of environmental policy for Canadians; "*Creating, Discovering, and Innovating*" includes researchers who are dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge driven by curiosity and creativity expressed across the multiple disciplines; "*Securing Safe and Successful Societies*" includes research groups who are examining economically viable systems of governance, security of communications tools, with particular focus on networks and telecommunications, and the security of water and large resource extraction processes.

Queen's [Library](#) is known for its dedicated staff, strong research collections and superb facilities, and consistently receives top rankings in its class. It has approximately 110 staff across several divisions that together are responsible for the digital library and six physical libraries across campus. Its research collections, developed since the University's founding, are a central university priority and include more than 3 million physical volumes and extensive electronic holdings. Library facilities are heavily used



campus hubs with a mix of inviting, accessible learning spaces, services, technology and collections. Queen's University Library is an active member of the [Association of Research Libraries](#), the [Canadian Association of Research Libraries](#) and the [Ontario Council of University Libraries](#).

The campus is also home to several outstanding museums and galleries, including the [Agnes Etherington Art Centre](#) and the [Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts](#).

To learn more about Queen's visit: <http://www.queensu.ca/discover/quickfacts>

### **About Kingston**

Located midway between Toronto and Montreal where the St. Lawrence River meets Lake Ontario and the Rideau Canal – Kingston is a stunning, historic city that consistently ranks as one of the best places to live in Canada. In 2014, Kingston was named one of the top seven most intelligent communities in the world by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF).

Founded in 1673 on a First Nation site called *Katarokwi*, the settlement was eventually referred to as "*the King's Town*" in honour of King George III, with the name shortening to "*Kingston*" by 1788.

Kingston has a storied military and political history. The City was chosen as the first capital of Canada on February 15, 1841, and served in that role until 1844. Kingston was also the home of Canada's first Prime Minister, [Sir John A. Macdonald](#). Kingston is nicknamed the "*Limestone City*" because of the many historic buildings built with local limestone.

There are 21 [National Historic Sites of Canada](#) located in Kingston, and in 2007, the Rideau Canal, along with the fortifications at Kingston, was designated a [World Heritage Site](#).

Kingston has a population of over 123,000, but it also acts as home-away-from-home for students from Queen's and those attending the Royal Military College and St. Lawrence College – nearly 30,000 in all!

For more information on Kingston visit: <http://tourism.kingstoncanada.com/en/index.asp>

### **About the Conference**

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The Colloquium will not be limited to specialists in religious studies, but rather aims to bring together academics from a broad spectrum of disciplinary backgrounds, including philosophy, history, English, religious studies, art, and cultural studies.



In addition to a keynote presentation and many networking opportunities, the Colloquium will run two concurrent streams: Faculty and Library.

In the Faculty stream, three academics will represent each Matariki partner institution and will present a paper on one of the three key topics. The Faculty stream will discuss three key topics:

1. The evolving discipline: innovation and advancements in the study of religion
2. International trends in research
3. The pedagogy of religion in contemporary society

Library presentations will focus on the practical sharing of resources, expertise and experiences related to library support across the humanities. In particular, suggested topics are:

1. Library's role in students' experiential learning (practicums, internships, employment, conferences)
2. Data management in digital humanities
3. Collaborative projects with partners within and outside the library and institutions

#### **Preliminary Schedule (subject to change)**

<b>Thursday, October 1</b>	
Afternoon	Participants arrive at the Donald Gordon Centre
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Reception
6:30 – 8:30 pm	Welcome and Dinner Service (onsite)
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Keynote Presentation
<b>Friday, October 2</b>	
8:00 – 9:00 am	Breakfast (onsite)
9:00 – 5:00 pm	Program (including lunch)
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Dinner at a Kingston venue
<b>Saturday, October 3</b>	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast (onsite)
9:00 – 3:00 pm	Program (including lunch)
3:00 – 6:30	Free time with optional visits to local sites
6:30 – 10:30	Dinner and Reception (onsite)

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