

## Media Release

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### **St. Thomas University's Vice-President (Academic and Research) Dr. Barry Craig Named Principal of Huron University College**

Barry Craig, vice-president (academic and research) at St. Thomas University, has been appointed principal of Huron University College effective July 1, 2016.

"On behalf of our community, I am very pleased to offer our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Craig. I know that his belief in the value of a liberal arts education and his student-centered focus will serve Huron very well," said Dawn Russell, St. Thomas University president and vice-chancellor.

Huron University College is a liberal arts university affiliated with Western University and has an enrolment of 1,300 students.

"Members of our community are well aware of the distinctive and important contributions that Dr. Craig has made to St. Thomas, first as a professor and then as dean of faculty and vice-president (academic and research). A member of the Department of Philosophy since 2000, he also taught in the Aquinas Program and Great Ideas Program, and he was active in curriculum, program and policy development," said Russell.

Craig has been recognized for excellence both in teaching and in research at St. Thomas.

He received a special merit award for research in 2008, the excellence in teaching award in 2002 and twice received the excellence in teaching award from the Students' Union. He is the author of a study of Bishop John Medley and he contributed articles on Francis Bacon, John Donne, and G.W.F. Hegel to the *Oxford Guide to the Historical Reception of Augustine*. His recent books, *Reclaiming Modernity: Leo Strauss and the Pursuit of the Past* and *Recollecting Dante's Divine Comedy in the Novels of Mark Helprin*, were co-authored with Dr. Sara MacDonald.

Russell said that St. Thomas will establish a consultation process early in the new year for the appointment of a vice-president (academic and research).

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