

Board Director biography



David Sylvester

**Principal, King's College University,
Associate Professor, Department of History**

Director, Institutions

David Sylvester is the 8th Principal of King's University College, London, Ontario. Appointed in July 2009, David came to King's from Vancouver after a decade of service as President of Corpus Christi College, and as Principal of St. Mark's College at the University of British Columbia.

A social-economic historian, Sylvester's area of research focuses on the nature of community in the middle ages, with a particular interest in the culture of medieval port towns related to activities of shipping, trade, fishing, and piracy. He holds an M.A. and a Ph.D. in medieval history from Fordham University, New York City. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of History at King's and continues to publish on the medieval English urban confederacy known as the Cinque Ports.

While in British Columbia, Sylvester served for six years on the B.C. Council on *Admissions and Transfer and the provincial Degree Quality Assessment Board*. He is the past chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada (ACCUC) and since 2012 he has been the Canadian elected representative to the Board of the two-hundred-member *Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities* based in Washington, D.C. David serves on the Governance Committee of *Universities Canada*, the Senate of Western University, and the Boston College advisory Board to the *Institute for Administrators in Catholic Higher Education*. Sylvester is a member of the *Medieval Academy of America*, among other professional associations.