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UBC LAW PROFESSOR TO PRESENT AT VST CHANCELLOR'S DINNER 2025

VANCOUVER, BC. June 24 2025. Benjamin Perrin, Professor of Law at the University of British Columbia, will be the keynote speaker at the annual VST Chancellor's Dinner on September 25, 2025.

Professor Perrin's research and teaching interests include criminal law, constitutional law, international law, and artificial intelligence. He served in the Prime Minister's Office as in-house legal counsel and lead criminal justice and public safety policy advisor. He was a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada, and advised judges at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and Special Court for Sierra Leone on international humanitarian law and international criminal law.



An Associate of the Law Commission of Canada, Ben is also a member of the advisory council of the Office of the Federal Ombudsperson for Victims of Crime, and the Law Commission of Ontario's advisory committee on AI and criminal justice. Ben leads the UBC AI & Criminal Justice Initiative and is a member of the UBC Centre for Artificial Intelligence Decision-Making and Action (CAIDA). He is a recipient of the King Charles III Coronation Medal for service to Canada. He holds law degrees from the University of Toronto and McGill University as well as an international business degree from the University of Calgary.

Ben is the author of policy papers, journal articles, and several books, including: *Indictment: The Criminal Justice System on Trial* (UTP, 2023) and *Overdose: Heartbreak and Hope in Canada's Opioid Crisis* (Penguin, 2020). He is a follower of Jesus Christ.

The title of Benjamin Perrin's keynote lecture is *Jesus, Justice & Mercy*. VST is thrilled for this opportunity to learn from him.

About The VST Chancellor's Dinner

The 2025 VST Chancellor's Dinner is a gathering of invested individuals who recognize the enduring need for theological education to be thoughtful, engaged, and generous, and who are courageously choosing to create that future. This year's dinner will be held on Thursday, September 25 at the University Golf Club. Funds raised will support the Chancellor's Award, Student Bursaries, and the Thoughtful, Engaged, & Generous Campaign for the Future. The 2025 Chancellor's Scholars, recipients of VST's most generous award, will be honoured and presented with certificates by Chancellor Catherine Evans. The evening will also feature music from the VST community.

To make your reservation online visit bit.ly/VSTCD2025 Tickets are \$200 per person or \$2,000 for tables of ten. A portion of the reservation fee is eligible for a charitable receipt.

Please contact Samuel Yun for more information or to make your reservation: (604) 822-6315 or syun@vst.edu.

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About VST

VST's core mandate is to educate and form thoughtful, engaged, and generous Christian leaders for the church in the 21st century. VST is a leading theological school, viewed as a change agent and innovator for the church.

VST is an affiliated college of the University of British Columbia ranked in the top 100 schools globally and in the top 10 of most improved theological schools. VST has been recognized by *In Trust Magazine* for its realizing transformational change as it renews theological education. A recipient of a prestigious Pathways for Tomorrow grant from the Lilly Endowment, VST is redefining the critical role of theological field education in preparing clergy.

VST is accredited by the Government of British Columbia, and in North America by ATS (Association of Theological Schools).

The Vancouver School of Theology celebrates its foundational relationships with the Anglican Church of Canada, United Church of Canada, and Presbyterian Church in Canada. VST also welcomes students from many Christian communions, other faith traditions, and Indigenous communities. The Indigenous Studies Program at VST is central to the school's identity and commitments.

The Vancouver School of Theology celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 2021. VST, through its predecessor schools, has been teaching theology in Vancouver since 1893.

The Vancouver School of Theology acknowledges that the land on which they are located is the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the xwməθkwəyəm (Musqueam) People.

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