

PREFACE

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Among the first duties of universities is the obligation to facilitate and to encourage debate on issues of public importance. To this end, the College presented its latest major conference in the fall of 1993, focused on Aboriginal justice questions. The inspiration and initiative for this conference came from Dr. Richard Gosse, Law Foundation Professor in the College. Dr. Gosse and his associates put together a memorable program of the highest quality, and the result is an important collection of perspectives in a vitally important area of public policy. In the pages of this book, we are pleased to present the permanent record of our conference.

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