



**QUEEN'S
UNIVERSITY
BELFAST**

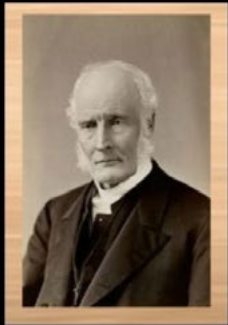


Image credit: James McCosh, ca. 1870s. Box AD013, Historical Photograph Collection, Individuals Series, Seeley G. Mudd Manuscript Library, Princeton University; published by Princeton University Archives.

The Religious Studies Research Forum presents

THE McCOSH LECTURE 2023

JAMES McCOSH AND THE IDEA OF A UNIVERSITY

**Presented by Professor David Livingstone FBA of
Queen's University Belfast**

When James McCosh left Queen's College Belfast in 1868, it was to take up the Presidency of the College of New Jersey in the United States. There he transformed the College into one of the world's leading institutions of higher learning – Princeton University. In an era of religious revival, Darwinian evolutionism and the professionalisation of science, McCosh navigated his own distinctive path through the challenges of a rapidly changing intellectual culture drawing on his earlier experience in Belfast. In this lecture, we revisit McCosh's educational philosophy and its religious underpinnings, and pause to consider what relevance, if any, it has to current debates about the nature and purpose of the modern university.



Date	17 May 2023
Time	2-4pm
Location	Queen's University Belfast – Lanyon Building, Canada Room & Council Chamber

[Register Here](#)

[More Info Here](#)