

Biography for Dr. Charles Jago

Dr. Jago held his first academic position at Georgian College of Applied Arts and Technology in 1969, joined the Department of History at McMaster University in 1970 where he remained until 1987, having by then attained the rank of Professor. In 1987, he was appointed Principal of Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario, where he served for eight years. From 1995 to 2006 Dr Jago served as President of the University of Northern British Columbia, joining UNBC in the institution's second full year of operations. He returned to serve again as the UNBC President from July 2008 to June 2009. At both Huron College and UNBC, Dr. Jago led major campus expansions in terms of academic programs, enrolments, endowments, and buildings.

Dr. Jago obtained his BA in Honours English and History from the University of Western Ontario and graduated as the Honours gold medalist from Huron College with a Commonwealth Scholarship for graduate studies in Britain. In 1969, he graduated with a PhD in History from Cambridge University. He has remained an active scholar of early-modern Spanish history throughout his career and has numerous publications in prestigious journals to his credit, including the *Economic History Review, Past & Present* (2) and the *American Historical Review* (2). His work on sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Castillian parliamentary history was revisionist and has shaped much of the subsequent historical writing on the Spanish Habsburg period.

Dr. Jago has served on the boards of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Association of Commonwealth Universities, and as Chair of both the University President's Council of BC and the Council of Western University Presidents. He has also served on the Boards of Initiatives Prince George, the Two Rivers Art Gallery and Theatre Northwest, both in Prince George, the Advanced Systems Institute of British Columbia, BC Net, 2010 Legacies Now, and was a founding Board member of Partnerships BC. In 2004, he chaired the Northern BC United Way Campaign, increasing donations by more than fifty percent.

He currently serves as Chair of the Boards of the Fraser Basin Council, the Northern Health Authority of British Columbia, Canfor Pulp Products Inc., and the Sinclar Group - Forest Products Ltd. He also serves again on the Board of Initiatives Prince George, the Northern BC Bioenergy Partnership, and the Canada West Foundation. He has been involved in major public issues including serving as one of three commissioners on the Nechako Environmental Enhancement Fund (1997-2000), as co-chair of the Public Consultation on Northern British Columbia Cancer Care (2005-06), and has published a report on the British Columbia public education system, entitled *Working Together to Improve Performance: preparing BC's Public Education System for the Future* for the BC Progress Board in December, 2006. In 2006-07, he chaired the panel reviewing the membership of First Nations University of Canada in the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada; in 2008, he was commissioned to advise the Government of Canada on sustainable funding for The University of the Arctic (Canada); and, in 2008, he also authored a report on Research Capacity Development in the Yukon.

Dr. Jago is the recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal and the Order of Canada, the latter primarily in recognition of his role as a founder of the Northern Medical Program at UNBC.