

CITATION

Award of the Degree of Doctor of the University *honoris causa* Reverend Canon Professor John Morgan

Chancellor,

Reverend Professor John Morgan has been Warden of St John's College within The University of Queensland since 1982.

Prior to this, he held appointments including Chaplain of Oriel College, Oxford, between 1969 until 1976; Assistant to the Governor of California, between 1977 and 1978; and Ecumenical Chaplain to The University of Melbourne, from 1979 until 1982.

He began his working life as a teacher at inner-city schools in the Victorian Education Department and served as Secretary and publications editor for what is now the Victorian History Teachers' Association.

An acknowledged expert in ethics, especially in the areas of Christian, medical and business ethics, he received a Centenary Medal in 2003 for his service to Australia in this area.

He has been a member of a range of ethics commissions and committees, including hospital ethics committees and the Queensland Government's Special Committee on Artificial Insemination and In Vitro Fertilisation.

He served on the National Health and Medical Research Council's Medical Research Ethics Committee in the 1980s and, from 2003 through 2006, on the Australian Health Ethics Committee. He was a member of the Executive of the latter Committee and was one of the working party which completely revised the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. He was inaugural Chair of the working party to draw up ethical guidelines for the care of those in Post Coma Unresponsive State – commonly referred to as persistent vegetative state.

He was a member of the Anglican Church's Social Responsibilities Commission and served as its secretary. He is a Canon of St John's Cathedral, Brisbane, and is involved in the completion of the Cathedral as well as serving in other areas within the life of the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane.

He was the President of the Australian Association of Professional and Applied Ethics between 2001 and 2003.

In 1987, he founded the Australian Institute for Ethics and Professions at St John's College and directed the first national conferences on Death and Dying and Genetic Futures, as well as other seminars and lectures on business and professional ethics held under its auspices.

Reverend Professor Morgan has been a member of the University's Ethics Committee since 1996 and its Deputy Chair since 2003.

Other roles to which the University has appointed him include: Academic Fellow in the Faculty of Medicine (1996); Honorary Reader in Applied Ethics and Professions in the Graduate School of Management (1994–2001); and, since 2000, Honorary Professor of Ethics in the Institute for Molecular Bioscience. He taught ethics at the medical school from 1982 to 1997, and has lectured in other departments in an honorary capacity. He chaired the Admissions Policy Committee for the School of Medicine for the four-year program and also served on the curriculum committee for this program.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts and Diploma in Education from The University of Melbourne and a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts, and a Doctor of Philosophy of Oxford University. He has been a Visiting Scholar at Harvard University, a Visiting Fellow of Magdalene College Cambridge and is a Fellow Commoner of Peterhouse, Cambridge.

He has been a strong supporter of the University, college life and a promoter of ethics in public and professional life.

Chancellor, in recognition of his distinguished career and contribution to the University and as Warden of St John's College, I present to you Reverend Canon Professor John Morgan, Bachelor of Arts and Diploma in Education from the University of Melbourne, and a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy of Oxford University, for the award of Doctor of the University *honoris causa* to which he has been admitted by the Senate of the University.