



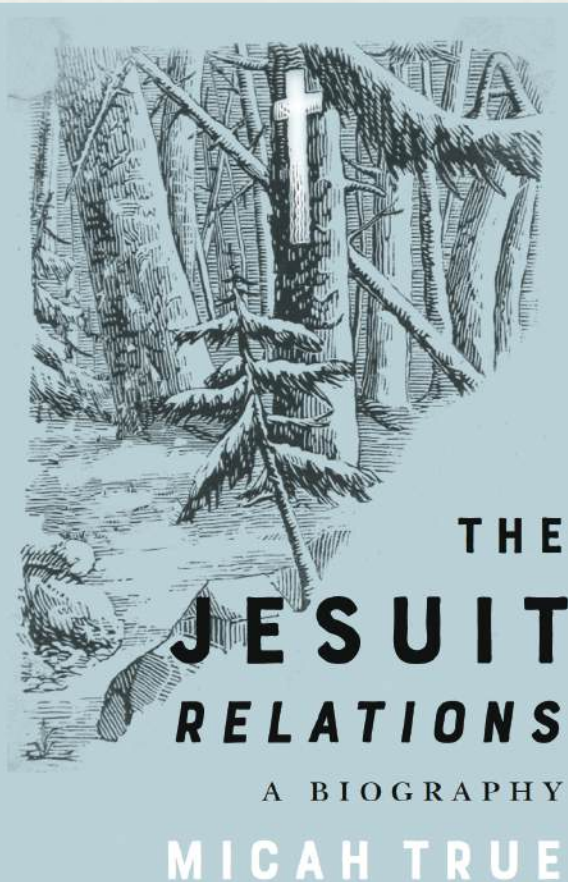
The Toronto Jesuit History Research Group Presents:

Hiding in Plain Sight: Open Secrets About the Jesuit Relations from New France

Presenter:

Micah True

**Friday, November 14th, 2025
1:00-3:00pm ET, Virtual (on Zoom)**



In this presentation of his new book, *The Jesuit Relations: A Biography* (MQUP, 2025), Micah True revisits the four steps scholars usually mention when describing the creation of the famous *Jesuit Relations*: the missionaries' composition of raw material in the field, its transport to Quebec, the compilation of the manuscript *Relation* there, and the publication in Paris of this annual report from the New France mission.

Drawing on aspects of the texts that have largely been overlooked, he offers a more complex account of how the *Relations* came into being than the version typically repeated in scholarship. By tracing the publication history of these seventeenth-century reports and their legacy in our own time, he also reflects on why features of the texts that are plainly visible have so often been left out of the scholarly narrative.

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