



SPRING CONVOCATION 2012

LAURIER 
Inspiring Lives.

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Vincit

—TRUTH CONQUERS ALL

What's in a leaf?

At the heart of it this national symbol honours our namesake, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, seventh Prime Minister of Canada. That alone is a unique claim among Canadian universities. But look closely. Laurier's maple leaf is a microcosm of connectivity and support – every vein contributing to the health of the whole. The beauty and simplicity of the maple leaf can only be realized through this common purpose of nature. And so it is at Laurier – faculty, staff, students and alumni committed to a common vision: To Inspire Lives of Leadership and Purpose.



Wilfrid Laurier University
SPRING CONVOCATION 2012

Tuesday, June 19
2:30 p.m.

LAURIER-NIPISSING CONCURRENT EDUCATION PROGRAM

Sanderson Centre *for the* Performing Arts

Order of Proceedings



THE PROCESSION

The Marshal; Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas in Course

The assembly will remain seated during the procession of graduates but will rise at the sound of the fanfare and remain standing until after the Chancellor announces that Convocation is in session.

CONVOCATION FANFARE

Chancellors

Members of Senate

The President and Vice-Chancellors Members of the Board of Governors

Participants in the Ceremony

PRESENTATION OF THE MACE

Dr. Tarah Brookfield, Wilfrid Laurier University, Assistant Professor, Contemporary Studies, History, and Youth & Children's Studies and Dr. Blaine Hatt, Assistant Professor, Nipissing University, Schulich School of Education.

The opening of Convocation is signified by the Wilfrid Laurier University bedel and the Nipissing University marshal placing the maces before the Chancellors.

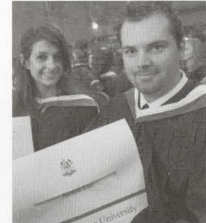
The assembly will be seated.

Aboriginal Thanksgiving Address

Nipissing University Invocation

Conferring of Degrees and Diplomas in Course

The Wilfrid Laurier University Chancellor, Dr. Michael Lee-Chin and Nipissing University Chancellor Dr. Jon Dellandrea will admit candidates to degrees in course.



Announcing candidates for degrees will be Dr. Dan Jarvis, Schulich School of Education, Chair, Graduate Studies in Education; Dr. Kathryn Carter, Wilfrid Laurier University, Associate Dean, Brantford Campus; and Dr. Maria Cantalini-Williams, Schulich School of Education, Associate Dean (Interim), Assistant Professor

Greeting candidates for degrees will be Wilfrid Laurier University Chancellor, Dr. Michael Lee-Chin and Nipissing University Chancellor, Dr. Jon Dellandrea.

Announcements Wilfrid Laurier University President and
Vice Chancellor Dr. Max Blouw

Nipissing University Interim President and
Vice-Chancellor Ms. Vicky Paine-Mantha

O Canada

The Recession **The assembly will stand during the recession.**

Marshal Dr. Kenneth Werbin, Assistant Professor,
Contemporary Studies and Journalism

Hooder Mr. Ray Darling, Registrar and Commissioner of Oaths,
Wilfrid Laurier University and Dr. Carole Richardson, Dean,
Schulich School of Education (Acting)

Music Faculty of Music

Degrees in Course

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

Jessica Robyn Abram Contemporary Studies & History	Mirel Danyal Contemporary Studies	Sarah Elizabeth Hohnstein Contemporary Studies
Sarah Diane Baker Contemporary Studies	* Ryan Patrick Day Contemporary Studies	Emilie Kathleen Holmes Contemporary Studies
Shannon M Baker Contemporary Studies	Jessica Elizabeth DeJong Contemporary Studies	Patricia Anne Hurley Contemporary Studies
Sheryl Kimberly Ball Contemporary Studies	Joseph Kyle Mills Degabriele Contemporary Studies & History	Teri-Lynn Jordan Contemporary Studies
* Cara Madeline Barwell Contemporary Studies	Carrie Lee Dekker Contemporary Studies	Suman Joshi Contemporary Studies
Lisa Jane Battler Contemporary Studies	Amanda Christine Edworthy Contemporary Studies	* Katrina Stephanie Kirou-Mauro Contemporary Studies & History
Carley Christine Bender Contemporary Studies	* Kathleen Danielle Ewald Contemporary Studies	Kailee Alice Kondo Contemporary Studies
Kaila Berardi Contemporary Studies	Jaclyn Norine Felder Contemporary Studies	Heidi Lynn Kreuter Contemporary Studies
Erin Lorraine Bodyk Contemporary Studies	* Jennifer Morgan Ferguson Contemporary Studies	Tara Kroes Contemporary Studies
Andrea Christine Boesveld Contemporary Studies	* Aaron Michael Fewkes Contemporary Studies	Jessy Labib Contemporary Studies
* Selena Boutilier Contemporary Studies	** Mary Frances Forcier Contemporary Studies <i>Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Brantford Campus</i>	Julie Lavender Contemporary Studies
Amanda Mae Brandow Contemporary Studies	Alicia Jordan Fry Contemporary Studies	* Jessica Lynn Levere Contemporary Studies
Chelsea Ann Brown Contemporary Studies & English	Marc Fuciarelli Contemporary Studies	Jennifer April Liska Contemporary Studies
Breanna Richelle J Carnes Contemporary Studies	** Karl-Lee Diane Gagne Contemporary Studies	** Carolyn Ruth Lobbezoo Contemporary Studies
Megan Kayla Catalfamo Contemporary Studies	Sara Godin Contemporary Studies	Ashley Anna MacDonald Contemporary Studies
Aimee Kassandra Chard Contemporary Studies	Katrina Gomes Contemporary Studies	Helen McGibbon Contemporary Studies
Rikesh Chohan Contemporary Studies	Jessica Anne Grimes Contemporary Studies & Health Studies	Cameron Stephen McGregor Contemporary Studies
Benjamin James Christiaans Contemporary Studies	Lindsay Nicole Hach Contemporary Studies	* Alana Brittni McKillop Contemporary Studies
Rachel Lynn Cooper Contemporary Studies	Kimberley Harper Contemporary Studies	Michelle Miriam Mecca Contemporary Studies
Jenny Elizabeth Cornish Contemporary Studies	Jessica Hannah Harwood Contemporary Studies	Laura Nicole Mehnert Contemporary Studies
Jonathan Cory Craig Contemporary Studies	Jodi-Lynn Helkie Contemporary Studies	* Kristen Santos Monteiro Contemporary Studies
Kaitlyn Brienne Cross Contemporary Studies	Nicole Christa Hingston Contemporary Studies	Jordanna Mae Morrison Contemporary Studies
Jessica Lynn Crow Contemporary Studies	Deborah Susanne Hlinka Contemporary Studies	Andrea Diane Murray Contemporary Studies
Danielle Rose D'Aurelio Contemporary Studies		Rachel Pearl Nasser Contemporary Studies

Lindsey Michelle Newton
Contemporary Studies

* Alison Michelle Nigra
Contemporary Studies

Caitlin Mary Place
Contemporary Studies

Heidi Plant
Contemporary Studies

Jessica Aryn Poustie
Contemporary Studies

Alexandra Bernadette Power
Contemporary Studies

Jamie Nicole Prong
Contemporary Studies

Laura Marlene Prusha
Contemporary Studies

Christina Alessandra Racco
Contemporary Studies

Stacy Ramdyal
Contemporary Studies

Caitlin Jo Nicole Reusser
Contemporary Studies

Kevin John Reynaert
Contemporary Studies

Jennifer Russett
Contemporary Studies

Amanda Angela Scaramozzino
Contemporary Studies & History

Katelyn Skinner
Contemporary Studies

Julia Smith
Contemporary Studies

Melissa Ann Smith
Contemporary Studies

Alexander Snook
Contemporary Studies

Johanna Geanne Sol
Contemporary Studies

Kylene Leanne Spoelstra
Contemporary Studies

Stefanie Alyse St. Pierre
Contemporary Studies

Sarah Eileen Stevenson
Contemporary Studies

** Leanne Stinson
Contemporary Studies

Emily Faith Strickland
Contemporary Studies

Christopher Ho Yeen Tang
Contemporary Studies

Lauren Amanda Taylor
Contemporary Studies

Brendon Ulysse
Contemporary Studies

Rebecca Susanna Marie Vandekemp
Contemporary Studies

* Natalie Anthonia Adriana van Dyk
Contemporary Studies & English

* Dorothy Vu
Contemporary Studies & English

Brittany Joyce Waller
Contemporary Studies

Claire Elise Renshaw Watkins
Contemporary Studies

** Claire Naomi Watton
Contemporary Studies

Mckenzie Ann Marie Werger
Contemporary Studies

Alexandra Ellen Whiting
Contemporary Studies

Owen Wilkinson
Contemporary Studies

Jennifer Lauren Carol Wills
Contemporary Studies

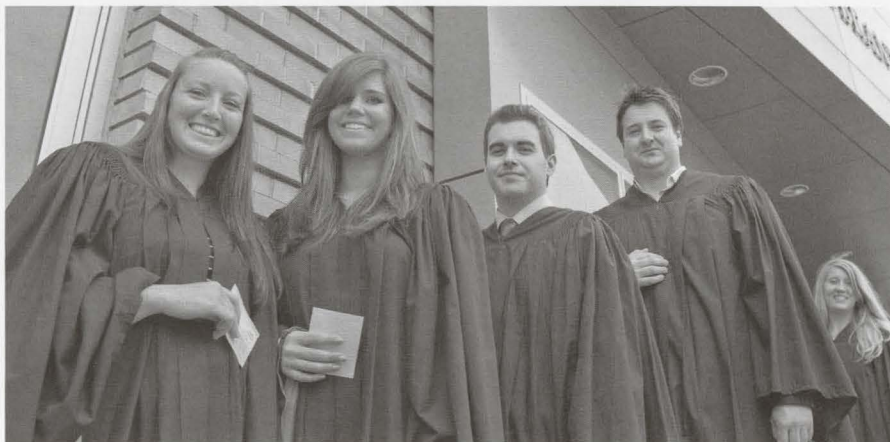
Stephanie Jennifer Witzel
Contemporary Studies

Yupin Arianna Wong
Contemporary Studies

Danielle Dawn Wright
Contemporary Studies

Jessica Beth Young
Contemporary Studies

Erin Elizabeth Zehr
Contemporary Studies





Stedman Community Bookstore, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, Ontario



Wilfrid Laurier University
SPRING CONVOCATION 2012

Wednesday, June 20
10:30 a.m.

Sanderson Centre *for the* Performing Arts

Joseph Boyden



A remarkable storyteller, Joseph Boyden is one of Canada's foremost authors. His first publication, a 2001 collection of short stories, *Born With a Tooth*, was followed in 2005 with his debut novel, *Three Day Road*. Short-listed for the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, it won numerous awards and was translated into 15 languages, earning international acclaim for Mr. Boyden. His second novel, *Through Black Spruce*, another Canadian bestseller, won the prestigious ScotiaBank Giller Prize in 2008. Mr. Boyden has written two works of non-fiction, *From Mushkegowuk to New Orleans: A Mixed Blood Highway* in 2008 and *Extraordinary Canadians: Louis Riel and Gabriel Dumont* in 2010.

Born in Willowdale, Ontario, Joseph Boyden attended the Jesuit-run Brebreuf College School. He received a BA (Honours) from York University in 1991 and an MFA (with Distinction) from the University of New Orleans in 1995. Since receiving his MFA degree, Mr. Boyden has pursued a career of writing and teaching. He has taught at the University of New Orleans for the past 12 years and has won a number of teaching awards. He also teaches at the University of British Columbia in the MFA program and lectures at universities across Canada and the United States, as well as overseas. This past year he served as Writer-In-Residence at Wilfrid Laurier University. Mr. Boyden is a contributing writer for McLean's and Zoomer magazine and has published in many others, including Walrus, Spirit Magazine and Warrior Review.

Mr. Boyden portrays the history and contemporary reality of life for Aboriginal people in Canada with sometimes raw but always moving honesty. The influence of his doctor father, the most decorated medical officer of the British Empire in the Second World War, and his trapper uncle, who lived a traditional life in the bush near Algonquin Park, are evident in

Mr. Boyden's writing. Also evident is his love for and understanding of Aboriginal people and the northern environment.

In addition to his busy academic, lecturing and writing schedule, Mr. Boyden makes several trips each year to northern Ontario, the Cree territory where two of his award-winning works of fiction had their genesis. One of those return trips in the winter of 2012 became a national media event when Mr. Boyden returned to isolated Fort Albany to speak at the annual Great Moon Gathering and brought with him the legendary Canadian band, The Tragically Hip. The Hip performed a concert co-emceed by CBC's Shelagh Rogers in the local high school gym to the delight of the 450 people who crowded in to hear them. The event became a counterpoint to the tragic story emerging from another James Bay Cree community, Attawapiskat, and a demonstration of Mr. Boyden's commitment to contribute to forging a new relationship between Canadian society and its original peoples.

Because of Joseph Boyden's work many Canadians have heard and will continue to hear of the trials and triumphs that is the legacy and living world of Canada's Aboriginal nations.

Presented by Ms. Jean Becker
June 20, 2012

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Announcements The President

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Hooder Mr. Ray Darling, Registrar and Commissioner of Oaths

Music Faculty of Music



The Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts, Brantford, Ontario

Degrees in Course

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

* Elizabeth Olabisi Akinyemi Contemporary Studies	Kaitlyn Heard Contemporary Studies	Courtney Ellyse Mundy Health Administration
Michelle Martins Almeida Contemporary Studies	Michael Anthony Hemsworth Contemporary Studies	Ashley Anne Murray Contemporary Studies
Tirzah Balzer Contemporary Studies	Amy Elizabeth Hluchyj Contemporary Studies	Emma Myers Leadership
JohnUgo Benedetti Contemporary Studies	Catherine Hofman Contemporary Studies	Emily Susan Nelson Contemporary Studies
Kimberly Ann Bergen Contemporary Studies	* Jennifer Ann Holloway Contemporary Studies	* Amy Lynn Newitt Contemporary Studies
Adam James Bloomfield Contemporary Studies	Julie Christina Horinga Contemporary Studies	Shannon Marie Peirce Health Studies
Nikkita Bozickovic-McNamara Leadership	Stephanie Anne Howard Health Studies	Elizabeth Pelchat Health Studies
Rodrick Joel Brown Leadership	Kirstie Grace Jones Contemporary Studies	Alysa Peters Health Administration
Huyen Thanh Bui Health Studies	Adriana Kagianis Health Studies	Jason Purdy Contemporary Studies
Alicia Bujok Health Studies	Holly Victoria Kaiser Contemporary Studies	Kaila Raposeiro Contemporary Studies
Allyson Marie Burns Leadership	Kayla Christina Kempkes Contemporary Studies	Lynsey Christine Rawecki Contemporary Studies
Trevor Reid Campbell Leadership	Mercy Koshwal Health Studies	Franca Reda Contemporary Studies
Amanda Christison Contemporary Studies	Erin Kothe Contemporary Studies	Brittney Lynn Reilly Contemporary Studies
Sadie Michelle Cook Contemporary Studies	Alicia Ann Krawczyk Contemporary Studies	Denise Revell Contemporary Studies
** Jodi Cooper Contemporary Studies	Anne-Marie K Lachance Contemporary Studies	Jaclyn Roach Contemporary Studies
* Chelsey Crevar Contemporary Studies	Melissa Anne Lange Leadership	Jennifer Rock Contemporary Studies
Chelsea Dallaway Contemporary Studies	Brittany Nicole Larmer Contemporary Studies	Brittany Lynn Roegiest Health Administration
* Randy Day Contemporary Studies	* Jo-Anne Lawless Contemporary Studies	Alyssa Russo Contemporary Studies
Leah DeFaria Contemporary Studies	** Sarah Liscio Contemporary Studies	Amy Elizabeth Rutherford Contemporary Studies
Sarah Catherine Detzler Leadership	* John E Lortie Leadership	Talia Quinn Saltarelli Leadership
Zahra Farah Health Studies	Erin Michelle Lowe Contemporary Studies	Laurie Lee Sault Contemporary Studies
Megan Flannigan Contemporary Studies	Heidi Lumax Contemporary Studies	Nicholas Savage Leadership
* Davis Freund Contemporary Studies	Cale McCormick Health Administration	Megan Katherine Schmidt Contemporary Studies
Kristina Jaclyn Graham Contemporary Studies	Alysha Nicole McKenney Contemporary Studies	Jessica Lena Schumacher Contemporary Studies
Steven James Greathead Contemporary Studies	Faiza Minhas Health Studies & Psychology	Kari Smith Health Administration
Kristen Isabel Groom Leadership	Jonathon Harry Monks Contemporary Studies	Zoe Sorbara Contemporary Studies

HONOURS PROGRAM – continued

Christopher Szakacs
Contemporary Studies
Samantha Szilagyi
Health Studies & Psychology
* Robyn Willa Taylor
Leadership
Nikole Templeman
Contemporary Studies

Christine Ann Toito
Health Studies
Laura Helen Ann Town
Contemporary Studies
Aleesha Williams
Contemporary Studies
Amber M Willson
Contemporary Studies

Kelsi Winthrow
Contemporary Studies
Christine Zaugg
Leadership

Bachelor of Arts

GENERAL PROGRAM

Rachel Aharan
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Anam Ahmed
Contemporary Studies
Christopher Thomas Alward
Contemporary Studies
Leah Taylor Anderson
Contemporary Studies
Jessica Annable
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Monareet Bal
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Erica Barone
Contemporary Studies
Andrew William Bell
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Ryan Michael Blore
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Melissa Marie Bock
Contemporary Studies
Iain Campbell
Contemporary Studies
Linda Jane Carr
Contemporary Studies
Tina Chaudhary
Contemporary Studies
Ryan Clark
Contemporary Studies
Brian Collins
Contemporary Studies
* Greg Cowan
Contemporary Studies
Jillian Monica Currie
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Stefanie Danahy
Contemporary Studies
Amilia Marie Doyle
Contemporary Studies
Tyler Doyle-Davies
Contemporary Studies
Ellen Duncan
Contemporary Studies
Trevor Jeffrey Faessler
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Shelby Fraser
Contemporary Studies
Suzanne Freisinger
Contemporary Studies
Chantalle Renee Gallant
Contemporary Studies
Sharmaine Gibson
Contemporary Studies & Criminology

Aaron Griese
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Andrew Groom
Contemporary Studies & History
Andrew Hildebrandt
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Lisa Ann Hill
Contemporary Studies
Misty Hill
Contemporary Studies
Syed Hussain
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Lindsey Josling
Contemporary Studies
Sukhdeep Kaur Kaloe
Contemporary Studies
Matthew Airth Kearns
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Krista King
Contemporary Studies
Nolan James Kreis
Contemporary Studies
Dale Loretta LaForme
Contemporary Studies
Katie Law
Contemporary Studies
Robert Lawther
Contemporary Studies
Alyssa Nicole Lippold
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Tania Luisetto
Contemporary Studies
Ryan Anthony Luke
Contemporary Studies
Amanda Laura Mair
Contemporary Studies
Amanda Majkut
Contemporary Studies
Michelle Patricia Maloney
Contemporary Studies
Tracey Kelly Mark
Contemporary Studies
Lauren Elizabeth Millward
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
* Cheryl Moffat
Contemporary Studies
**Recipient of the Alumni Bronze
Medal for the Brantford Campus**
Charles Khader Nassar
Contemporary Studies & Leadership
Cassandra Nauth
Contemporary Studies

Sean O'Connor
Contemporary Studies
Heather Ann Oliver
Danielle Maria Olmstead
Contemporary Studies
* Kimberley Ann Owen
Contemporary Studies
Jonathan Parker
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Andrew Pawluk
Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Kayla Megan Peltier
Contemporary Studies
Nevenka M Peric
Contemporary Studies
Shelby Postma
Contemporary Studies
Erika Magdalena Prajza
Andrew Rowland Priestap
Contemporary Studies
Ayla Rauch
Contemporary Studies & Journalism
Courtney Reid
Contemporary Studies
Carolyn Richards
Contemporary Studies
Ashley Rutz
Contemporary Studies
Spero Skoufis
Contemporary Studies
Alicia Marie Smith
Contemporary Studies
Stephanie Amanda Smithson
Contemporary Studies
Jacqueline Marie Stone
Contemporary Studies
Ashley Alexis Straiton
Contemporary Studies
Jessica Irene Symmes
Contemporary Studies
Alexei Varakin
Contemporary Studies
Thomas Ventura
Contemporary Studies &
Criminology
Cameron Scott Winters
Contemporary Studies
Nicole Alysse Travers Zareski
Contemporary Studies



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Sky-Dancer Louise Bernice Halfe



Louise Bernice Halfe, also known as Sky Dancer, is a Cree writer and laureate poet originally from Two Hills, Alberta. She was torn from her family as a small girl and spent many years in a residential school. At sixteen, she left the reserve. She finished her high school years in Calgary and St. Paul, Alberta. Later, she continued studying at the University of Regina where she obtained a Bachelor of Social Work degree.

Her love for the word and her constant curiosity to explore the roots of her ancestors are at the core of who she is as a Native woman. Her passion for life craved expression, and she found those resonances in her poetry. Her lyrics are powerful and transformative, never resorting to cliché images or language. Louise Halfe's voice is utterly unique. Her verses intertwine with her life, her experiences, and her heritage in a balanced and provocative form. As a reader, you are forced to contemplate your own reality and wonder, how come, in a free and incredible country such as ours, we don't stop more often to listen to those who were here first, before any of us even dreamt of a place called Canada?

Change is needed in our country so that the pain lived by Louise Halfe's elders, and by her, does not happen again. We need to follow the example of this poet laureate and look back while looking forward, so the past informs us to be wiser, to think deeper, and to try to mitigate the pain that many have inflicted on our own people. Ms. Halfe dwells on all these issues through her poetry. Her first book, *Bear Bones & Feathers* (1994), won the Milton Acorn People's Poet Award and was a finalist for the Spirit of Saskatchewan Award, the Pat Lowther Award, and the Gerald Lampert Award. Her second publication, *Blue Marrow* (2004), was nominated for the Governor's General's Award. In 2005-2006 she was named Poet Laureate of Saskatchewan. Her next publication, *The Crooked Good* (2008), won the Saskatoon Book Award and the First Peoples

Publishing Award. In the past few years, Louise has been further honoured as a writer, a reader, and a teacher in Australia, Asia, Italy, Germany and Belgium.

Her accolades are rewarding but, most of all, they reflect the powerful impact of words written with conviction and passion — and a wicked sense of humour — by a Native writer who inspires lives of leadership and purpose. Louise Halfe is a superlative example of what Wilfrid Laurier University is trying to convey to its community. Life should be lived to the fullest, always maintaining a clear vision of who we are as human beings, never forgetting where we are coming from, and keeping in mind where we are going. Others are watching us, and our example, like Ms. Halfe's, will resonate, sooner or later, in the life of others. As she says:

I hear my grandmother,
"Oh, my daughter I see you go. Your father
Walked many miles behind the whipping storm
While I pushed to give you sun. I placed you
against My breast. Know my child, the mountains
Make Your dreams. Keep decent and proper.
Serve your guests tea, scones. Never forget
You're Cree."
(*The Crooked Good*, 62)

By threading her voice in poetry, Louise Halfe offers us the possibility to reflect on the past, to reconsider the present, and to plan for the future so our country can stand proud and free embracing all its sons and daughters equally. Not an easy task, but dreams are made of unfeasible images sometimes, and they can come true when we have leaders, artists, elders, friends, colleagues, and young people guiding us in our journey. Louise Bernice Halfe's voice will resonate forever in the hearts and minds of the Laurier community.

Presented by Dr. Gary Warrick
June 20, 2012

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Detail of the community art project displayed in the foyer of the Carnegie Building, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, Ontario

Degrees in Course

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

Nur Shazlin Abdul Rahman Journalism	Kyle Watson Brown Journalism	Michael Timothy Fickel Criminology
Rafal Adamiec Criminology	Aaron Brown-Kert Criminology	Rashida Kendra Forbes Criminology
Jessica Gayle Admans Contemporary Studies & English	** Peter Buckles Criminology	Katelyn Jane Freiter Contemporary Studies and Human Rights & Human Diversity
Arej Al-Sayyah Criminology	* Heather Bunda Criminology	Michael Gesualdo Criminology
Jordan Michael Ammendolia Human Rights & Human Diversity and Law & Society	Caitlyn Burke Criminology	Justin Roland Gibbons Law & Society
Kaitlyn Rose Ammerman Law & Society	* Brooke Camp Criminology	Alessia Giustini Criminology
Matthew James Anderson Journalism	Megan Sarah Louise Catney Contemporary Studies & English	** Melissa O Gomes Criminology
Karen Marie Andres Journalism	Alexandra Chappel Contemporary Studies & Psychology	Kayla Elizabeth Goodwin Contemporary Studies & English
* Ben Arora Criminology	Haley Brooke Chiappino Journalism	Blaze William Greene Contemporary Studies & English
** Katherine Elizabeth Ann Baisley Human Rights & Human Diversity Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Brantford Campus Recipient of the Governor-General's Silver Academic Medal	Jillian Louise Mae Courtney Journalism	Sukhmanjot Grewal Criminology and Human Rights & Human Diversity
Alexandra Diane Bassett Contemporary Studies & English	Ashlee Crocker Criminology	Lindsay Grummett English & Journalism
Jonathan Becke Journalism	Reuben Anthony DeBoer Contemporary Studies & Leadership	Stephanie Marie Harriman Criminology
Kiley Elizabeth Bell English & Journalism	Candace Dearsley Criminology & Psychology	Caitlyn Myrth Marie Heggie Contemporary Studies & Psychology
Patrick Simon Basil Benton-Roy Criminology	Kyle A Denton Journalism	Melissa Stephanie Heimpel Contemporary Studies & Psychology
Rachel Wynne Bessette Criminology and Human Rights & Human Diversity	Rachael Elizabeth deVries Criminology	Jacob Robert Michael Hempey Criminology
Nicholas Alexander Bialachowski Criminology	** Sean Terrence Doherty Criminology	Brandi Hill Criminology
* Kyle Billiard Criminology	Stephanie Drewery Contemporary Studies & Criminology	Donella Maria Iannone Criminology
Julie Birchall Criminology	Brent Duguid Criminology	Kelsey Ann Ioannoni Criminology & Psychology
Venetia Elizabeth Bodanis Contemporary Studies & Journalism	Sasha Dumas Criminology & Psychology	Katherine Mary Ioannou Law & Society
Erin Bojeski Criminology	Paul Graeme English Criminology	Johanna Marie Jackson Criminology & Psychology
Adriana Bouwmeester Contemporary Studies & Psychology	Jennifer Anne Louise Evans Contemporary Studies & English	Navjot Kaur Kaila Criminology
	Kendra Nicole Falconer Psychology	Mandeer Singh Kang Criminology
	Victoria Maria Ruth Featherston Criminology	

HONOURS PROGRAM –continued

Alecia-Marie Kasper Criminology	Leeanna Brittany McLean Journalism	Claudia Santos Journalism
Stephen Francis Keane Criminology	Jolene Miklavcic Criminology	** Nicole Danielle Schott Criminology & Psychology Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Brantford Campus
Diane Elizabeth Kelly Criminology	Cassandra Maria Monaco Criminology	Christopher Schuurman Criminology
Brandon Norman Diemert Kennedy Criminology	Cameron Myers Criminology	Jennifer Schwenker Contemporary Studies & English
Adam Samuel Anthony Kitson Criminology	Mary-Ann Elizabeth Neal Criminology	Anthony Michael Senia Criminology
Kaitlan Kozak Law & Society	Erica Joan Nelson Journalism	Amanda Lee Simpson Criminology
Stephany Merissa Kroeker Journalism	Lisa Ngo Criminology	Rajinder Singh Journalism
Kazeem Abimbola Kuteyi Criminology	Amanda Laurenne Nicolucci Criminology	Asia Vilija Skilandziunas Journalism
Amelia Laparan Criminology	LaToya Andrea Nugent Criminology	Rachel Spekking Criminology & Psychology
Jenna Lapetina Criminology	Krista Darlene Osmond Criminology	Ryan Spiteri Journalism
Samantha Alexander Lash Journalism	Jeremy Ostapuk Law & Society	Cheryl Stornelli Contemporary Studies and Human Rights & Human Diversity
Cheryl Chiu Ying Lau Criminology & Psychology	Michelle Perry Law & Society	Angela Swimm Criminology
Sarah Brittany Lewis Criminology	Brent Douglas Peters Criminology	Damian Sycz Criminology
Eathan Corey Lindsay Criminology	Nikyta Sharron Polyak Journalism	* Justin Keith Szeto Criminology
* Jasmin Longland Criminology	Evan David Pound Law & Society	Stephanie Talbot Criminology
Carla Renee Lopez Law & Society	Evan Robertson Journalism	Allyse Marie Verboort Contemporary Studies & English
Kyle Joseph Lowry Journalism	Rhyan Thavindra Rohan Criminology	Crystal Lee Weston Criminology
Ryan Jozef Lynds Contemporary Studies & History	Paige Lisa Romeo Contemporary Studies & English	Heather Jean Rose Wilken Criminology & Sociology
Rachael Nicole MacDonald Contemporary Studies & Health Studies	Victoria Michelle Roth Journalism	Katelyn Michelle Wong Journalism
Michael Phillip Mackey Criminology	Annamaria Ruggiero Criminology	Brenden Michael Woodrow Journalism
Ashley Francis Maher Contemporary Studies & English	* Erin Rumsby Contemporary Studies & English	* Alexander Worsfold Criminology
* Tu Anh Mai Criminology	Sean Ryan Criminology	Meghan Yzerman Criminology
Alexander Raymond Maich Law & Society	Bartek Rzeszotko Criminology	Ryan Zorn Criminology
Derek Maurice Criminology	Olga Saage Criminology & Psychology	
Rebecca Alicia McBride Criminology	Sandeep Sajjan Criminology	
Dawn Marie McKnight Criminology	Jillian Salmen Criminology	

The History of Laurier Brantford

Laurier Brantford opened its doors to students and to higher education in September 1999. The opening was the result of a process that began in 1996, when the Brant Community Futures Development Corporation commissioned a business plan for the establishment of a university in Brantford. The plan became a catalyst for community discussions which culminated in the establishment of a Brant University Steering Committee in 1997. It was this committee which presented an official proposal to Wilfrid Laurier University in 1998.

Many members of the Brant community played an important role in bringing the university to Brantford. They include the Grand Valley Educational Society; His Worship, Brant County Mayor Ron Eddy; and previous Brantford Mayor, Chris Friel.

Since its inception, Laurier Brantford has been characterized by academic innovation and:

- a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences and their ability to provide students with the skills and knowledge relevant to contemporary issues and concerns;
- a problem-centred, interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research;
- a multitude of programs which combine the liberal arts with applied professional and occupational programs that further the vocations of our students;
- a close knit community of students, faculty and staff which promotes energy and enthusiasm and positive relations with the local community that supports us.

Thanks to the work of these and many others, Laurier Brantford now stands as a testament to the conviction — shared by the university, the City of Brantford and the County of Brant — that advanced education can play a vital role in establishing and sustaining a flourishing community.

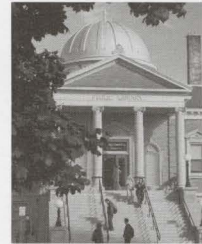
The Indigenous Stole

Indigenous Studies Program and Aboriginal student graduates will receive a unique stole which has a symbolic meaning.

On one side of the stole is represented the Treaty belt, the Sewatokwa'tshera't: Dish with One Spoon which symbolizes the principle of the collective responsibility of the people to share equally. The spoon represents a symbolic lesson to avoid sharp instruments which can cause the spilling of blood. For the Iroquois and the Ojibwa, the "dish with one spoon" marked the end of violent conflict in the hunting grounds north of Lake Ontario. The symbolism that we all eat from one dish with one spoon demonstrates the collective responsibility of the people to share equally.

On the other side of the stole, the Kaswehnta: Two Row Wampum Treaty Belt is a reminder of the importance of the historic relationship of mutual respect between Canada's Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Peoples.

In the Two Row Wampum, two parallel rows of purple beads symbolize two paths for two vessels: one the Haudenosaunee canoe and one the Dutch ship. The two vessels are forever parallel, never meeting, intended to pursue parallel paths, not interfering with each other. Between the two paths of purple are three rows of white beads to symbolize the River of Life and peace, respect and friendship.



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The Academic Degrees



The academic degree is a title conferred on an individual by a university as recognition of the completion of a course of study or for a certain attainment. In Canada, the three stages in higher education are represented by the degrees of bachelor, master and doctor. Wilfrid Laurier University is given the authority to grant degrees by the Wilfrid Laurier University Act.

Historically, the master's degree was the original degree offered. In the Middle Ages it was awarded to those scholars who, after a series of examinations, were found intellectually and morally fit to teach. Although we are accustomed to thinking of the bachelor's degree as the original degree, it was initially used to designate master's students progressing toward their final degree. They were thus novices or 'bachelors,' who were given permission to teach beginning students. The bachelor's degree was subsequently established as a first degree, a position it had when Oxford University in England was founded in the 12th century. The degree of doctor, which comes from the Latin word for 'teacher,' was first awarded by the University of Bologna and the University of Paris in the 12th century.

The bachelor's degree is awarded at the honours and general level. An honours degree program emphasizes the acquisition of a broad and deep knowledge of the student's chosen honours subject, including both skill at applying the subject and appreciation of its relation to general knowledge and society. A general degree program emphasizes a balance between an in-depth understanding of the student's major subject and a knowledge and appreciation of other fields. Completion of an honours degree normally takes four years and a general degree, three years.

The master's degree is the second degree in higher education. Students complete concentrated and specialized work at a more advanced level in an academic discipline or professional area. Most course work is within the field of specialization and a research project or thesis is normally required. Some master's degrees provide professional qualifications. The master's degree usually requires one or two years of study after a bachelor's degree.

The doctoral degree is the highest academic degree granted by a university. Candidates for the degree spend several years in the advanced study of a specialized field of knowledge. The capstone of the degree is the doctoral dissertation, an extended work based upon independent research. The dissertation demonstrates the candidate's command of both the subject matter and the exacting methods of scholarship, and makes an original contribution to knowledge.

THE CEREMONY

Aboriginal Thanksgiving

Ganohonyohk
The giving of Thanks

Deyoihwadogehdo
Short Version

Ganohonyohk was given to us by the Creator. We say it at the beginning of each new day. It is also spoken at the beginning and closing of a gathering of our people. The speaker begins by saying it brings great joy that we are gathered together and in good health (body and mind). He also says we are to put our minds together and give thanks, because when the people gather and think in unity it is a very powerful thing and the Creator will hear us. Then he thanks the Earth, then the things on the Earth, then the things in the sky. The Creator is always thanked last. Ganohonyohk helps the people use Ganikwiyo good mind.

This gathered crowd all will listen to what has become a responsibility that we pull these words our Creator gave us the giving of thanks it is with great joy that we are thinking of peace and wellness therefore we will as one lay down our minds and greet each other

let it be this way in our mind

Now then we will tell about the existing Earth our mother we call her and also what she holds therefore we will in thought give her thanks

let it be this way in our mind

Now then we will tell about his assigned help they care for all of his creation our grandfathers the thunders, day time sun the great warrior our Elder brother we call him, night time moon, our grandmother we call her therefore we will in thought give them thanks

let it be this way in our mind

Now then we will tell about our great teacher Handsome Lake it is he who seeded the news how we should conduct ourself in the future days ahead therefore we will in thought give him thanks our great teacher Handsome Lake

let it be this way in our mind

Now then we will tell about the four sky people it is they who protect us peace and wellness we are thinking therefore we will in thought give them thanks

let it be this way in our mind

Now then we will tell about of him in heaven he lives our Creator he just sends down that well being we will be feeling in our minds therefore we will in thought give him thanks in heaven he lives our Creator

let it be this way in our mind

This is the best I can do from me it came out the giving of thanks that is all.

By Ron Porter



THE CEREMONY

The Convocation Ceremony



The Heraldic
Coat of Arms

Convocation is the most solemn ceremony within the university community. Since their beginnings in the Middle Ages, universities have performed this ceremony in order to grant degrees to their students and also to welcome those students into the community of scholars which has trained them.

The conferring of the degree is symbolized either by an acknowledgement or handshake from the Chancellor or the President or other conferring officers of the university.

As an outward sign of his or her new state, the student wears a hood. Each degree within a university has a hood of unique colours and trim in order that the student's status may be recognized—indeed every university guards its own set of hoods from use by any other university.

In order to recognize the nature of this event for the students involved, the university asks that parents and friends of the students participating in this ceremony withhold their applause until all members being admitted to each degree have left the dais.

The Laurier Society

The Laurier Society is an umbrella organization that recognizes all individual donors to Wilfrid Laurier University. Within the society there is a range of annual recognition levels from less than \$100 to more than \$10,000 as well as recognition for lifetime giving and planned giving. Private donations help the university to enhance the learning experience for students by funding many needs, including classrooms and computer labs, library books, visiting lecturers, scholarships and bursaries, and athletic programs and facilities.

Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association

More than 70,000 graduates of Wilfrid Laurier University and its predecessors are the members of the Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association (WLUAA). The WLUAA, a volunteer driven, non-profit organization, is the official body representing Laurier alumni. The elected Board of Directors is representative of all academic faculties and many different decades.

The WLUAA supports Wilfrid Laurier University with revenue from alumni services, such as group home, auto and life insurance, an affinity credit card and financial services. WLUAA revenues help to fund alumni programs, university projects, student groups, scholarships, homecoming and Laurier Campus, the alumni magazine.

The mission of the WLUAA is:

To foster alumni interaction with the students, the university, and the community; to promote active alumni participation in the affairs of the university; to assist in securing the university as an independent institution; and to enhance the university's profile as a small institution committed to academic excellence.

