



CONVOCATION 2008

Friday, October 31, 2008

10 a.m.

Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex

HONORARY DEGREE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2008

Citation

Michael Lee-Chin



Today, we honour Michael Lee-Chin's significant achievements in business and philanthropy. Mr. Lee-Chin's accomplishments mirror, in many ways, the thrust of Wilfrid Laurier University's development in the 21st century as a post-secondary institution rooted in southern Ontario, committed to community while reaching outward through various national and international research and educational initiatives.

Over the last two decades, Michael Lee-Chin has established himself as a visionary entrepreneur and an exemplary leader in business. His straightforward yet powerful business philosophy of "prosperitas cum caritate," meaning "do well but also do good," has resulted in phenomenal success and inspiring philanthropic initiatives. He has contributed significantly to education, arts and culture in Canada and in the Caribbean region. A Jamaican-Canadian, Mr. Lee-Chin's life in Canada, his adopted country, has centred in the southern Ontario region; however his scope is international.

Michael Lee-Chin has demonstrated excellence in business leadership and philanthropy in Canada and the Caribbean region. He has played a major and valuable role in shaping areas such as communications infrastructure, real estate and education. Among other positions, he is executive chairman of AIC Limited (a Canadian mutual fund company) and Portland Holdings Inc. Under his stewardship, Portland Holdings Inc. owns a collection of diversified businesses, operating in sectors that include financial services, telecommunications, tourism, media and health care. In addition to his impressive contributions to the business landscape, his philanthropic work in the arts and culture sector distinguish him as an excellent citizen.

Michael Lee-Chin's rise to success as a world leader in business is testament of his remarkable drive and determination. Born in 1951 in Port Antonio, Jamaica, he completed his elementary and secondary education there before leaving for Canada where he trained as a civil engineer at McMaster University. Graduating in 1974, he subsequently returned to Jamaica for a short while where he worked as an engineer before relocating, once again, to Canada.

Twenty-one years ago, in 1987, Michael Lee-Chin acquired Advantage Investment Council, a Kitchener-based company. Renamed AIC Limited, the company has grown exponentially from its modest roots to an internationally renowned organization. This company provided the foundation for Mr. Lee-Chin's business success and fueled his philanthropy and further investment in the country of his birth and his adopted country. His activities serve as a model of a successful relationship between the business sector and the wider community.

Mr. Lee-Chin's philanthropic contributions to arts, culture and education are legion. They include, most recently, his \$30-million gift to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto which resulted in significant renovations and the construction of a new wing. The Michael Lee-Chin Crystal, as the new structure has been dubbed, is an architectural symbol of Toronto's downtown. It includes the Hyacinth Gloria Chen Crystal Court, so-named in honour of Mr. Lee-Chin's beloved mother. In addition to his gift to the ROM, Mr. Lee-Chin has supported other organizations in southern Ontario, including the Burlington Art Centre and the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital. He is also a significant investor in his home country, Jamaica. The 1990s were a time of heightened economic crisis in Jamaica. Mr. Lee-Chin used AIC to purchase the National Commercial Bank of Jamaica and to also set up the AIC Caribbean Fund for investment in the Caribbean region. In doing so, he has truly modeled civic and economic leadership.

Morning Ceremony

The Procession

The Marshal

Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas in Course

Alumni

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

The Bedel

Faculty

The Chancellor

Members of Senate

The President and Vice-Chancellor

Members of the Board of Governors

Participants in the Ceremony

Presentation of the Mace

Dr. Mark Baetz, Professor of Business

The placing of the mace by the bedel before the chancellor, John A. Pollock, signifies the opening of the Convocation.

The assembly will be seated.

Conferring of Honorary Degrees

The President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Max Blouw, will present to the chancellor for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa,

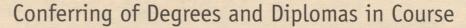
Michael Lee-Chin

Associate Professor of Religion and Culture, Dr. Carol Duncan, will read the citation. The recipient will be invested with the academic hood by Professor of Business, Dr. Phelim Boyle.

Address

Dr. Michael Lee-Chin will address Convocation.

Morning Ceremony



Acting Vice-President: Academic & Provost Dr. Leo Groarke, will present to the chancellor candidates for degrees and diplomas in course.

President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Max Blouw,

will assist the chancellor in admitting candidates to degrees in course.

Announcing candidates for degrees will be Dr. William Banks, Associate Dean of Business; Dr. Terry Levesque, Professor of Economics; Dr. Kim Morouney, Associate Dean of Business; Mr. John Young, Lecturer in Accounting.

Greeting candidates for degrees and diplomas will be Professor Ginny Dybenko, Dean of the School of Business & Economics.

Degrees in Absentia

The Chancellor

Alumni Welcome

Tom Berczi '88, '93, President WLU Alumni Association

Announcements

The President

O Canada

Alexandra Beley, student, Faculty of Music

The Recession

The assembly will remain standing during the recession.

Marshal

Dr. Peter Sinclair

Vice-Marshal

Professor David Rose

Hooder

Mr. Ray Darling, Registrar

Music

Students, faculty and alumni of the Faculty of Music

For information on receptions being held following the Convocation, please see page 31.

Morning Ceremony

Degrees in Course

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER'S DEGREES

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS

Master of Arts

BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Abid Ali Aslam Nicole Christina Cardinal Anita Di Nardo Konrad Pasikowski Diana Petramala Nadia Rawshan Alexei Siatchinov John-Paul Tadman

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Gary Garabed Abadjian Robert Richard Adams Olakunle Akingbola Omar Alli

Roozbeh Amirazodi Kwabena Ntim Andoh

Mohab Hussein Anis

Isaac Antwi

Sunilpal Singh Arora Peter Haig Bahoudian

Manvir Singh Bains

Rebecca Balaz

Jean Paul William Beaupre Michael Patrick Joseph Bedard

Mary Anne Camello

Wendi Catherine Campbell Neil Oliver Carey

Derrick A Carrington

Fatima Nargis Champsi Kevin Michael Chan

I-Chun Chen Denise Cheung

Steven Choi

Thomas Charles G. Corbett Jonathan Benjamin Corfield

Benjamin William Crane Naaila Reshma Dar

Shikha Dhawan

Gregory Vincent Di Giacomo

Sean Graham Donovan

Nicole Katherine Dunn-Bergles

Kira Egorova Zhiyi Fanq

Anthony David Firmani

Recipient of the Graduate Gold Medal for the Master's Level (School of Business & Economics)

Christopher Douglas Fralick

Anna Germenis

Pasquale Mario Giarrizzo Stephanie Brooke Greenbeck

Darren Griffith
Erica Olivia Griffith
David Hargreaves
Helen Pui Yee Ho

Javad Hosseini

Irina Alexandra Hossu Patrick Housden

John James Hufnagel Nyembo Ilunga

Christopher Michael Jones

Talyn D Kazazian Shairoz Kherani

Heather Blake Kovensky

Kiran Kumar

Wilson Wai Shun Kwan Giftie Bosompemah Kwarko

Andrew Chun Tung Lai

Carla Lam

Bobby Tsun-Hung Lee

Wenhui Li

Helen K Lock
David Ludvik John Luis

Rick Scott MacLeod

Urszula Magolon

Uma Aruna Maharaj

David A.E. Main

Simrat Mand

Robert Detwiler Marck Nancy Heather Mary Marconi

Zeljko Franjo Maticevic

Jason Charles McArthur

Dwayne Mark McConney

Piyush Mehrotra

Arne Michalski

Zivota Miljanic

Robert Bradley Miller

Waqas Munawar Mir

Riley Moher

Mary Joanna Mueller

Robert Stephen Mueller

Janny Ng Ken David Ng

Michael Demetrakis Nicola

Melissa Ostrovski

Navin Pal Paintal

Punit Sureschandra Patel

Nolan Wayne Piper

Jeniffer Odette Pottinger

Robert Donald James Price

Morning Ceremony

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION - continued

Adam Christopher Carmichael Promoli

Sergio Pulla Saif Rahman Pranesh Ram

Saoud Ibn Sheik Yacoob Ramjaun

Stephen William Reynolds Sarah Ann Riesberry

Christine Helen Robson H.M. Rokibuzzaman

Joseph Christopher Rubin

John Albert Rudnick David Mario Sampy

Viatcheslav Savkine

Matthew Fries Sattan

Richard Thomas Scott

Lakme Segaram Iris Shamash

Jia Shao Pardeep Singh Sidhu

Alexis Leith Sinker

Leanne Heather Skinner

John Induk So

Suresh Sriskandarajah

Wayne Douglas Joseph Steffler

Nicoletta Stefou Jameel Nizarali Sumar

Joseph Patrick Sweeney

Edward Tan

Merih Tekeste

Angela Dawn Thomas

Vinothini Vijayaratnam Sean Christopher Wagner

Tao Wang

Matthew Wiesenfeld

Cybill Wong Chujoy

Feng Xiao

Aleksey Zanegin

Mohsen Zarkesh

Elias Zeekeh

Harry Bobby Zeritis

Yanhui Zhang

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

School of Business & Economics/Faculty of Science

Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

HONOURS PROGRAM

Matthew Beckstead Erik Renato Bettencourt Ian James Brubacher

Christopher John DePaul Daniel Greene Cole Robert Norman Mason ** Stewart McKendry

Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the School of Business & Economics, and the Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Faculty of Science

Jody Miller

** Gregory Overholt

Chelsea Ruygrok Andrew Jonathan Peter Skelton

Krzysztof Stozek

Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Computing and Computer Electronics

HONOURS PROGRAM

Aman Bhalla

Lukasz Koczorowski

** Michael Morrice

Morning Ceremony

School of Business & Economics

Bachelor of Business Administration HONOURS PROGRAM

Charmaine Abalajon

- * Samuel Robert Acton Anna Alkhova
- * Carolyn Allen Hugh Allen Soraiya Allidina Hisham Alwafai Leslie Armstrong Akash Arya Lauren Ball Samir Baram Aleksandra Baran James Barker Kirsten Beattie Scott Becks
- ** Jacob Richard Bell Karen Marie Berends

Adam Beirnes

- ** Amy Bernstein Shehmeen Bhatia Sneha Bhatnagar Patrick Bossey Gregory Boughton Dean Bouroukis
- * Amanda Jane Breen Jayce Bremner Kevin Bull
- * Madeline Robin Burch Ryan Burella Andrew Burns
- * Matthew Cain Kevin Cao Jonathan Frederick Catania

** Shane Cernele

Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the School of Business & **Economics**

Chun Yue Andrew Chan Kenrick Yau Chuen Chan Victoria Chan Hyun-Jung Chi David Krishnan Chirakal

Carl Chan Woong Choi Edward Choi Irum Chughtai

- Kimberly Marie Colasanti Andrew Scott Conrod Michelle Cook Gary Costa
- * Gail Elizabeth Coughtrey Nicole Cutler Tina D'Agostino David Da Costa Promita Datta Maya Dattani Sarah Davie Mark Anthony De Cesare Maria Pearl de Jourdan
- Marla DeBruyn **Gregory Dean** Thusenth Dhavaloganathan Sharnpreet Dhillon Alicia Susannah Dick Ryan Dierick
- Steven Divitkos Justin Do Briar Lauren Doble
- Jennifer Kristin Dowdell Kyle Luke Charles Drewitt Jeffrey Drost Caitlyn Ducasse
- ** Anna Dyck Robert Joshua Eddie Stephanie Anne Enns Tyler Murray Felber Nicola Fernandes Ziad Ferzli Penny Doreen Forbes

Monica Dulgheru

Kendra Forrest Ryan Roberts Franke Andrew Franklin

Tamara Forbes

Komal Gandhi Christopher Gibson Amina Gilani Pritpaul Gill Jonathan Edward Goertz Crawford Gordon Jr Neetu Gosain

- ** David Gourlay Briana Graydon Meghan Green Sukhdeep Grewal * Inessa Gribanovskaia
- Victoria Grigg * Andrew James Howard Groenewegen Drew William Groff Adam Gula Jessica Haley
- Brendan Donald Hall Laura Hanmer Charnkamal Hansra Sarah Harris
- Amanda Catherine Heimpel Mary Beth Henhoeffer Jaclyn Carrie Hill Phillip William James House Robyn Wan Yen Huang
- * Alexis Huber Matthew Hudson Ryan David Benjamin Hughes Dickson Ip Michael Ivan
- Matthew Andrew Jaksic Sved Zohaib Jalal Sanka Dilshan Jayasundera Steven Matthew Johnson Jaspreet Singh Jolly Neha Julka Peter Juryn Matthew Charles Kaplan Salil Kapoor Tom Athanase Kapsimalis

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* With Distinction ** With High Distinction

Morning Ceremony

Bachelor of Business Administration

HONOURS PROGRAM - continued

- Saman Kashani Blaise Kennedy Myung Hoon Kim Sylwester Pawel Koczynasz Ashwin Sastry Kotamarti
- * David Tyler Krant
- Kyle Daniel Kroeker Artem Krylov Steven Kuan Thanusga Kugathasan Prashant Kumar Elaine Yeeman Kwong Matthew Lackie Brian Lam
- Christopher Mark Lambie
 * Peter Wray Lampert

Danny Lam

* Kara Nicole Langford Andy Le Amy Lee

> Jason Thomas Lee Shane Lee

- ** Amanda Kwai-Zung Leung
- * Warren Lewandowski **Joshua Shuo Li
- Tera Ming Lai Li
- * Chi Meng Qi Liao
- Michael Lien Mee Fung Lin Tejinder Litt Maria Litvintseva Jonathan Chi-Wun Liu

Ashley Lo

Kathleen Alana Rinn Lockhart

Eugene E Loo Blair Michael Mabee Corey MacKenzie

Peter William Sharp MacKenzie

Jason Maehara

Lesley Rolande Majoros

Sanaa Malik

Laura Elizabeth Malone

Sasha Mangar

Cindy Jebaranjini Manohararaj

Margaret Mansour

Michael Anthony Marchetti

- * Claire Elaine Markham Stephen William Marshall
- * Mario Maruzzo
- * Jeffrey Adam Masse Brittany Elizabeth Masters Bradley Matsugu
- * Tyler Maynard
- ** Carson McCuaig Lesli McGill

Shannon McLaughlin

John McLeod

Carrie-Anne McNabb

Martin Francis Naylor Melady Neil Leonard Ronald Mendes

Malaika Mendonsa Julia Fidelis Miao

Bradley Joseph Micak

Anthony Milito

Melissa Beverly Millar

Deepesh Mistry Jessica Mittler

Melissa Mok

Nicole Neely Morino

Kathleen Denise Nap Morrin

Natalia Mravyan Tara Murcott

Alison Myra

* James Kohei Frederick Nakai
Impreet Natt

Jason Newsom

* William Nghiem
Thi Bich Ngoc Nguyen

Thi Hong Nguyen

** Christopher Nosal

Trevor Offord

Ryosuke Okutsu

Jordan Kenneth Oliveira

Sofia Oliveira

Steven Michael Olsthoorn Tiffany Kristel Ong

* Teri Osmond

Andrew Parks

Kristina Maria Patterson Amélie Pelletier

Megan Anne Pollock Alexis Anne Price Mandana Rafat

* Daniel Jared Joseph Ram

Nakul Randey

Michael Francis Rende Daniel Joel Richmond

Michelle Riley

Asher James Roffel

Magdalena Rostkowska

Graham Rumble

David Rusk

* Victoria Ann Rutherford

Jessica Ryan

* Shannon Sadler Jaskiran Sahota

Warren Alec Francis Saldanha

Vivek Sarma

Sara Sarvghad Razavi

- * Sean Raymond Sasso
- ** Joshua Derek Schel Andrea Schneider Karen Scholl

Michael Schuurmans

* Meghan Katherine Scott

Jonathon Craig James Frank Selezek

Neha Sethi

Mohammad Wakki Shadab

Nimisha Shah

Christopher Albert Shalhoub

Angela Clara Shantz

Joshua Share

* Emma Catherine Sheard

Sonalee Sheth

Anslie Pui Suen Shum

Kimberly Shum

Lauren Pui-Mun Shum

Oksana Simakina

Katie Sin

* Stephanie Sinclair Cameron Smith

- * Matthew Stirling
- Sarah Suk

 * Ji Ye Sung
- Geoffrey Loren Sutton
 Michael Szczepaniak
- * Gillian Marie Tafler Brian Tanner

Morning Ceremony

Ulana Tarapacky

** Linda Ruth Taves

Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the School of Business & Economics

** Patrick Taylor
Elizabeth Telford-Pittman
Christine Marie Thomson
Jaymie Marc Townes
Kimberly Anne Tracey
Yen Sung Tran
Matthew John Tripp
Michael Tsada

* Efraim Tsarfati Ka Ho Kelvin Tse Vicki Tseng Kristina Valaitis Adrian Van Galen Kara Lynn Van Slyke

* Nicole Van Wiechen Vladimir Vassilovski Vincy Vuong Catie Walker Matthew White Kurt Whittaker Peter Willis

 Melanie Susanne Wirz Daniel Wong
 Dennis Yick Ho Wong Jonathan Wong Mallory Jane Wood Melissa Christine Wood Lucan Woods

* Sheng-Jun Xu Travis Robert Young

* Ho Ming Yung Maciej Zemelko

* Katrina Madeline Zeran Anne Wei Zhang Peace Zigah

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

Raymond Angad Economics & Accounting

Daniel Ryan Armali Economics & Financial Management

Derek Andrew Blonski Applied Economics

Jessica Diane Brown Economics & Accounting

Queenie Chui Ying Cheng Applied Economics

Ricky Won-Hyuk Choi Applied Economics

Terence Tin-Chee Chow Economics & Financial Management

Marc de Abaitua Economics & Financial Management

Michael Dwyer Economics & Financial Management

** Kathleen Marie Fischer Economics & Accounting

Benjamin Forjoe Economics & Financial Management

Economics & Financial Management
Matthew James Grennier

Steven Haas Applied Economics

Economics

** Lauren Jamieson Economics & Accounting

Natasha Kassam Economics & Administration

Joseph Labenski Applied Economics

Yvonne Ho Yin Lam Economics & Accounting

Karl Lippert
Applied Economics

Kenneth Liu Economics & Accounting

Joshua Lourenco Economics & Financial Management

* Jesse Lowry Economics & Financial Management

Michael McCallum Economics & Financial Management

Alain Fleury Ntahondereye Economics & Accounting

Valerie Orchard Applied Economics

Jyoti Palakollu Economics & Financial Management

Jeff Patterson Economics & Accounting

Suzi Mariana Perko Economics & Accounting Trevor James Rempel Economics & Accounting

Erik Andreas Schmitz-Hertzberg Applied Economics

William Tyler Shilton
Economics & Accounting

* Joanne Marissa Singh Economics & Accounting

John Duncan Snyder Economics & Financial Management

Eiraj Sohail
Economics & Financial Management

Alexandra Steckley
Applied Economics

* Elena Stepanchuk Economics & Financial Management

Michael Thompson Economics & Accounting

Matthew Vezza Economics & Financial Management

Jessica Vincent Applied Economics

Scott Walker
Economics & Financial Management

* Natasha Ningyin Xu Economics & Accounting

Morning Ceremony

Bachelor of Arts

GENERAL PROGRAM

Steven Banda Economics

Matthew Brito **Economics**

Neelam Chhabra **Economics**

Sean William Cline Economics

Coady Curry Economics

Jennifer Dubeau **Economics**

Sachin Duggal Economics

Wesley Hauck Economics

Christy Holland Economics

Jeremy Howroyd Economics

Sukhpreet Jagpal Economics

Evan Albert Jarvis Economics

Jennifer Kim **Economics**

Wieslawa Agata Kubicka Economics

Ryan Patrick Murphy Economics

Lynn Paiva **Economics** Ksenia Papicheva Economics

Sanak Saha Economics

Farhang Shahrokhi Economics

Suneet Sharma

Economics Christopher Trepte

Economics

Qi Zhu **Economics**

DIPLOMAS

School of Business & Economics

Diploma in Accounting

Michael James Anderson Matthew Downey Shane Robert John Durham Yaqin Hu Adeyemi Adetokunbo Okunade Lingxiao Pang

Andrew Partridge Jilda Marie Perez

Diploma in Business Administration

Shuhong Wang ° Joshua Weinstein

Diploma in Financial Planning

Damandeep Dhillon

Ioan Remus Cimpan

Ruth Ellen Poetker



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Sheila Watt-Cloutier



Visionary. Passionate. Inspirational. Such are the words required to capture the spirit of Sheila Watt-Cloutier and her many contributions. In honouring Sheila Watt-Cloutier today, the Wilfrid Laurier University community recognizes one of Canada's most profound voices on the environmental challenges facing society, and the human and ecological costs of inaction in response to global climate change. That voice is being heard by the international community. Among the many prestigious honours and awards she has received are: Officer, Order of Canada; the National Aboriginal Achievement Award; a Global Environmental Award; a United Nations Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Human Development; and 2007 nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Sheila Watt-Cloutier was born in 1953 in Kuujjuaq, Quebec, at a time when Canada's Arctic and northern regions were far removed from the currency of Canadian society. Until the age of 10, she was raised in a traditional Inuit family. Living off the land involved traveling by dogsled, berry-picking (she has a preference for blackberries), and developing a close relationship with the natural world. She was sent away from her community at the age of 10 to attend schools in Manitoba, Nova Scotia and Ontario. Her connection with the land and its spirit remained, however, and became the foundation of her campaign for the rights of Indigenous peoples and protection of their environments.

A commitment to address the challenges confronting Inuit communities led to her role first as a community health-care and education advocate. She served for several years as an Inuktitut interpreter for the Ungava Hospital, and from 1991-1995, as an advisor in a groundbreaking review of the education system in the Nunavik Region of Quebec. Drawing on this experience she then played an instrumental role in the ongoing implementation of the comprehensive land claim agreement between the federal government and the Inuit and Cree of James Bay and Northern Quebec.

Yet, it is a unique capacity to transcend boundaries and bridge communities — from the local to the global — that is the hallmark of Sheila Watt-Cloutier. As president of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference Canada (in 1995 and again in 1998) her tireless advocacy brought international attention to the dire human health consequences of trans-boundary contaminants. She played a catalytic role in the negotiations that led to the Stockholm Convention banning the manufacture and use of persistent organic pollutants. She humanized the abstract world of international environmental accords and treaties.

Representing the interests of 155,000 Inuit across Russia, Alaska, Greenland and Canada as international chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference, from 2002-2006, she again reminded us of the human dimensions of global environmental change. Advocating the Inuit "right to be cold," she led a provocative petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and drew attention to the humanitarian cost and injustice of a profoundly altered Arctic ecosystem. According to the Globe and Mail, she has become our country's "face of climate change," and an internationally recognized voice for justice.

In the decades that have passed, she has helped us understand Canada's North as a culturally and ecologically special place — a place where our profound relationship with the natural world and each other remains intact. In this era of rapid social and ecological change, she reminds us that, "…it's time for people to connect." Few understand the importance of those words more clearly than Sheila Watt-Cloutier.

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University Research Professor Award

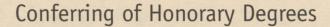
Dr. Paul Maxim, Associate Vice-President: Research, will present the recipient of the 2008-09 University Research Professor Award.

Dr. Eileen Wood

Professor of Psychology



Afternoon Ceremony



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Sheila Watt-Cloutier

Associate Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies, Dr. Derek Armitage will read the citation. The recipient will be invested with the academic hood by Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies, Dr. Scott Slocombe.



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Announcing candidates for degrees will be Dr. Joan Norris, Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Joyce Lorimer, Professor of History, Dr. Eleanor Ty, Professor of English, Dr. David Vaughan, Associate Dean of Science, and Dr. Charles Morrison, Dean of the Faculty of Music.

Greeting candidates for degrees and diplomas will be Dr. Lesley Cooper, Dean of the Faculty of Social Work, Dr. David Pfrimmer, Principal-Dean of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Dr. David Docherty, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Dr. Kathryn Carter, Acting Dean of the Brantford Campus, and Dr. Deborah MacLatchy, Dean of the Faculty of Science.

Alumni Welcome Ms. Megan Harris '00, Vice-President, WLU Alumni Association

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Degrees in Course

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

DOCTORAL DEGREES

Doctor of Philosophy in Literary Studies/Theatre Studies in English

Lisa-Marie Lynn Butler

"Mis-Education and the Crisis in Male Subjectivity: William Godwin's Middle Novels, 1799-1817" Advisor: Dr. Eleanor Ty

Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy

Darryl James Murphy

"Origin of Intentionality"

Advisor: Dr. Rebekah Johnston

Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology

Chi-Hang Kent Lam

"Trips Down Memory Lane: Recall Direction Affects the Subjective Distance of Past Events" Advisor: Dr. Roger Buehler

Recipient of the Graduate Gold Medal for the Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Science) and the Recipient of the Governor General's Academic Gold Medal

Jennifer Catherine Major

"List Composition Effects for Masked Semantic Primes: Evidence Inconsistent with Activation Accounts" Advisor: Dr. William Hockley

Thanh-Thanh Tieu

"The Effects of a Transition to University Intervention Program on Adjustment and Identity Development" Advisor: Dr. Mark Pancer

Afternoon Ceremony

DOCTORAL DEGREES - continued

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work

Heather Jane Hair

"Perspectives on the Post-Degree Supervision Needs of Ontario Social Workers" Advisor: Dr. Marshall Fine

Recipient of the Graduate Gold Medal for the Doctor of Philosophy (Faculty of Social Work)

Shehenaz Manji

"Aging with Dementia and an Intellectual Disability: A Case Study of Supported Empowerment in a Community Living Home"

Advisor: Dr. Peter Dunn

Jeanette Elizabeth Schmid

"The Story of South African Child Welfare: A History of the Present" Advisor: Dr. Deena Mandell

Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Counselling and Marriage and Family Studies

Janice Elaine Dinsmore Czechowsky

"The Impact of Diagnostic Labels" Advisor: Dr. Kristine Lund

Jurgen D. Czechowsky

"The Impact of the BlackBerry on Couple Relationships" Advisor: Dr. Kristine Lund

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Degrees in Course

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

MASTER'S DEGREES

FACULTY OF ARTS

Master of Arts

COMMUNICATION STUDIES

Bibiana Alcala Valencia

Caitlin Alexandra Badger

Joseph Turcotte

CULTURAL ANALYSIS & SOCIAL THEORY

Jason William Cormier Christina Dahl Joseph Ramez Farag Diana Figueroa Jason Brian Anthony Green Gregory Michael Hagar Jessica Rose Pacheco Lisa Umholtz

ENGLISH

Jennifer Erin Doyle

GEOGRAPHY

Andrew Frederick Clark

Erin Pauline Joakim

HISTORY

Daniel Alexander Brown Theodore Alfonso Chang David Allan Downey Aaron Rex Thomas Hague Andrew Munroe Kenneth Michael Smith Joseph Robert Stiles Tom Themeles Emily Thomas

PHILOSOPHY

Christopher Booth Douglas Clarke Jennifer Rose Howse Amy Catherine King Ashley Sarah Knowland Robert Whitfield

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Julia Bahcheli Adrian Blogg Angela Bernadette Campbell Jovana Carapic Sarah Elizabeth Estabrooks Rena Patel

SOCIOLOGY

Jennifer Lindsey Christian Jacqueline DaSilva Christopher Alan Herapath Neetin Kalsi Tanya Ploen Amrutha Miriam Simon Anna Miroslawa Wilk

Afternoon Ceremony

Master of Arts - continued

RELIGION AND CULTURE

Asma Bala Ryan David Cecchetto Kathryn Jones Emily Christine Leach Aldea Mulhern Jessica Payton Pamela Jean Showler

Master of Environmental Studies

GEOGRAPHY

Daniel Melbourne Patterson Kellar

Qaseem Ludin

Master of International Public Policy

Jason Allingham Frederick Scott Caldwell Robert Calvin Webster Chapman Giovanni Congi Nicole Desmarais Tiffany Kizito Heather Irene Ray Sarah Leslie Roberts Brodie Ross Stephanie Ryan Lindsay Walden Christy Lynn Isabell White

Master of Science GEOGRAPHY

Suzanne Jarvis

Recipient of the Graduate Gold Medal for the Master's Level (Faculty of Arts)

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Master of Arts

PSYCHOLOGY

Shannon Whitehead Cushing Tyla Fullerton Aleisha Dawn Harrington Carolyn Hoessler Suzanne Marie Killing Wood Meagan Beth MacKenzie Christopher John Lawrence McEvoy Sune Tian-Xie Brian Sandbeck

Recipient of the Graduate Gold

Medal for the Master's Level

(Faculty of Science)

Kendall Soucie

Master of Science KINESIOLOGY

Anthony Aqui Elizabeth Anne Cunningham Sobia Iqbal Matthew Mayer

Afternoon Ceremony

FACULTY OF MUSIC

Master of Music Therapy

Linda Sue Gambell Monique McGrath Kimberly Anne Moffit Michelle Quan

LYLE S. HALLMAN FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK

Master of Social Work

Scholastica Achankeng Asahchop Lydia Val Almorales-Ray Michele Lee Brooks Magdylyna Barbara Ann Brown Michael William H Brown Erica Cocco Deborah Ann Cooper Randall Defant Sharon Elizabeth Dillon-Martin Brenda Jane Doherty Lisa Marie Doxtator Sherry Lee Faubert Juan Carlos Gomez Rivas Santiago Grande Cheryl Miranda Grant Darlene Hajovic

Stephanie Ann Hatchard Catherine Claire Hatfield William Allen Hill Kimberley Marion Anne Holmes Leanne Joan Irwin Shari Nicole Janzen Katharine Lamie Zoe Justine Le Fevre Stewart George Leatherdale Dion Christina MacArthur Jill Dawn Mackay Nancy Maracle Ronald Phillip Matabar Katharine Monahan Bernardine Diana Norgaard J Meghan Pearl Onlock

Jill Elizabeth Pariser
Charlene Zoi Richard
Rebecca Ira Roy
Katherin Maria Sacco
Debra Ann Sedlmeir
Donna Marie Smith-Sutherland
Sherrie Anne Steinberg
Jill Kirsten Stoddart
Marilyn Susan Sutherland
Kevin Tegosh
Christopher Lake Trevelyan
Recipient of the Graduate Gold
Medal for the Master's Level
(Faculty of Social Work)

Kristina Jo-Anne Zito

WATERLOO LUTHERAN SEMINARY

Master of Divinity

Catharine Rowan House

Carey Rebecca Meadows

Master of Theological Studies

Julie Lynn Henhoeffer

Recipient of the Graduate

Recipient of the Graduate Gold Medal for the Master's Level (Waterloo Lutheran Seminary) Richard Michael Olson

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Education

* Emily Schacht

Afternoon Ceremony

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Faculty of Arts

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

Lindsay Andrews Communication Studies & History

Emily Anson Anthropology

Catharine Ann Balsdon English

Jesse Barber

Geography & Political Science

April Bartlett Anthropology

Adriana Bell Religion & Culture

Kelsey Edith Bennett Global Studies & Political Science

Emily Meghan Ada Berry Global Studies & Sociology

Jared Matthew Black Communication Studies

Elaine Leslie Wolfe Booth History

Meredith Brydon English

Carling Buchanan Communication Studies

Alyssa Catherine Buckley English

Catherina Butler English

Lauren Ching Communication Studies

Sarah Elizabeth Clare History

Katherine Elizabeth Comer Communication Studies

Katelyn Crawford Communication Studies

Vicki Dahmer English Devon Davis

Communication Studies

Lisa Doerr

Communication Studies

Laura Dowding Global Studies

Luke Edwards

Communication Studies

Nathan Ellis History

Ashley Ferris Sociology

Alison Myles Fleming Sociology

Matthew David Flowers English

Rachel Ann Ford History

Allison Funk Sociology

Caroline Irene Gilchrist Political Science

Danielle Marie Girard History

Jade Goulet History

Kathleen Granton History

Amanda Grasse English

Kiersten Green Anthropology & History

Benjamin Hagen Geography

Steven Robert Austin Heinbuch Communication Studies

Joanna Evan Hester Geography Michael Hibrant Political Science

Veronica Hughes History & Political Science

Emily Alicia Huskinson Communication Studies

Hilary Jackson Sociology

Shannon Emily Jackson Global Studies & Sociology

* Mark Jacoby History

> Amie Evelyn Jeffery History

* Andrew Paul Kannegiesser English & Film Studies

Hser Ta Kay Global Studies

Eric Kleine Communication Studies

Jaclyn Klukach History & Spanish

Sarah Margriet Koenig Communication Studies

Megan Lacoursiere Communication Studies & English

Kate Alison Lally Geography

Daniele Lamb
Communication Studies & Sociology

Lisa Suzanne Lamm Geography

Tatjana Leigh Communication Studies

Stacey Nicole Leimonis
 Political Science & Psychology

Brent Kenneth Madill Leonard Canadian Studies & Political Science

Afternoon Ceremony

Rachel Anne MacKay Sociology

Godwin Malabanan English

Matthew Martin History

Jacqueline Martinz English

Eric McCall

Communication Studies & Film Studies

Duncan McDowell Global Studies & Political Science

Robert Douglas McIntosh Communication Studies

Lindsay McKay Communication Studies

Jacob McNamara Geography

Lauren McNiven Global Studies & History

Andrew James McRae Communication Studies

Jennifer Mikoleit Communication Studies

Ashley Millman Sociology Mark Mitchell

English Christina Morra

Christina Morra
Communication Studies

Ashley Morrison Geography

Mallory Elizabeth Nagy English Matthew Nytschyk Sociology

William O'Connell History

Alexandra Reynolds Pawson Political Science

Kaitlin Helene Pianosi Communication Studies & Global Studies

Mathew Provost Political Science

Erin Leslie Rachel Reader French

Megan Ritch Communication Studies & Political Science

Sam Roberts
Philosophy and Religion & Culture

Cailin Rodgers Political Science

Erin Rothenberg Sociology

Linda Ruffolo Sociology

Lacy Margaret Russell History

Andrea Rybak Environmental Studies

Natalie Sawdyk Political Science

Eric Thomas Seyler History

Ayiko Mawa Solomon Global Studies

Simone Stawicki Political Science Melissa Ann Steadman Sociology

Marie Theresa Josephine Stephenson History

Luke Jonathan Stewart Global Studies & History

Kyle Storton History

**Carolyn Elizabeth Thompson French & Mediterranean Studies

Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Faculty of Arts

David Tilt History

* Lisa Marie Timoshenko History

> Brennan Lee Tobin Communication Studies

> William Tobin Communication Studies

Allison Turner History

Shalon Wagner Communication Studies

Kai Yin Alice Wan Communication Studies

Joshua Willms History

Julie Woods History & Sociology

Janice Yoo Religion & Culture

Lori Marie Younes Sociology & Spanish

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Chandra Young-Boyle Archaeology

Bachelor of Science
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Joshua Harnack Geography

Afternoon Ceremony

Bachelor of Arts

GENERAL PROGRAM

Nika Abdolghafari Communication Studies

Marta Andradzka Political Science

Corina Lynn Becker English

Jahmeeks Beckford Communication Studies

Michael Bertrand Communication Studies

Teri L Blair Sociology

Erik Mark Alexander Bodden

Alyssa Braun Kathryn Brown

English
Stephen Brown
English & History

Sharla Brownlow Women's Studies

Abigail Burke Global Studies

Mary Anna Carter

Claude Dominique Cloutier

Jason Coady Geography

Laura Christine Combeer Anthropology

Matthew Paul Cook History and Religion & Culture

David Adam Cottrill

Helana Coulter History

Alexander Ross Cumming English

Cecille de la Cruz Communication Studies

Stephen Richard du Manoir Political Science

Amanda Lee Dunlop Sociology

Antonia Patrice Eccles Fine Arts Joseph El-Achhab

Geography

Emma Firth History

Vincent Flamia Geography

Amy Foster

Lauren Fox

Communication Studies & Film Studies

Paul Ralph Giangualano History

Kristopher Govis Geography

Sean Wayne Gow Communication Studies & Psychology

Michael Grabowski Political Science

Sean Ryan Green History

Stephanie Jean Gulledge Communication Studies

Nicole Hageman Communication Studies

Conor Healey Geography

Natasha R Heller Anthropology

Marc Joseph Heroux English

Sarah Hopkins Sociology

Sociology Natasha Ilic

Natasha Ilic Communication Studies

Sheila Jibbison Sociology Rory Johnston

Political Science Sonpreet Kang

Sociology Bradley LaBerge

Communication Studies

Taylor Douglas Michael Landry Gerald John Latondress

Christine Lennie Sociology

Taryn Lepp Philosophy Ashley Love Global Studies

Ashley Lovelace Anthropology

Jennifer Marsh History

Felisha Lyn Martin Communication Studies

Jennifer McKechnie Sociology

Brandon McLean Communication Studies

Ryan Patrick John McLellan Political Science

Natalia A Mironenko Sociology

Pavandeep Moondi

Matthew Moore

David Alexander Nixon Communication Studies

Mark Noble

Darby O'Brien

Communication Studies

Andrew Ostrowski Geography

Melissa Joy Page English

Robert Parry

Austin Paterson

Film Studies & History

Tyler Andrew Pearson Sandra Pereira Sociology & Women's Studies

Maria Gisela Peters English

Alissa Michelle Pinney Communication Studies

Matthew Premo Geography Agatha Przybylska

Agatila Pizybytska

Bettina Melanie Rampelt Sociology

Michael David Rigby Sociology

Jessie Rocha

Afternoon Ceremony

Tanya Sablic Communication Studies Bhapinderpal Sadhra Julian Saunders Communication Studies Michael John Scopazzi Umer Akram Sheikh Zainab Sheikh Shalane Spencer Global Studies & Women's Studies John-Paul Sylvester History Mark Joseph Talbot Todd Edward Joseph Thomas Communication Studies Wasmaa Turky Global Studies Alexander Basil Tzaferis Political Science Nicole Vancoillie Sociology Katherine Velez Sociology Danielle Volpini Communication Studies Courtney Walker Geography Melissa Williams Rena Teresa Maria Zimmer English & Spanish

Laurier Brantford

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

Jesee Albert
Contemporary Studies

Malgorzata Dziadosz
Criminology

James Robert George Gifford
Contemporary Studies & English

Jason Spiro Hazaras
Criminology

Margaret Anne Kinnear
Criminology

Heather Langley
Contemporary Studies
Brittany Jaqueline Lloyd
Contemporary Studies
Jeffery Schmidt
Contemporary Studies
Syntra Soonachan
Criminology
Anna Theuer
Criminology

Aaron Thomas Criminology Susan Elizabeth Waller Contemporary Studies Colin Anthony Walsh Contemporary Studies Eileen Dana Wilson Contemporary Studies

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GENERAL PROGRAM

Andrea Katherine Joan Adam
Contemporary Studies
Kimberly Benham
Contemporary Studies
Christine Blocki
Contemporary Studies
Kerry-Anne Brady
Contemporary Studies &
English
Melinda Cheevers
Contemporary Studies
Cynthia Fleurette Courchesne

Contemporary Studies

Contemporary Studies
Angeline Dhuman
Contemporary Studies
Nadine Hawkins
Contemporary Studies
Diane Henrique
Contemporary Studies
Jerica Martin
Contemporary Studies
Kerri Lee Robinson
Contemporary Studies &
Psychology

Wendy Diane Davis

David Russell Contemporary Studies Christopher David Spicer Contemporary Studies Robyn Weatherley Contemporary Studies Zhi Yang Contemporary Studies

Friday, October 31, 2008 Afternoon Ceremony

School of Business & Economics/Faculty of Science

Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

HONOURS PROGRAM

Matthew Beckstead Erik Renato Bettencourt Ian James Brubacher

* Christopher John DePaul Daniel Greene Cole Robert Norman Mason **Stewart McKendry

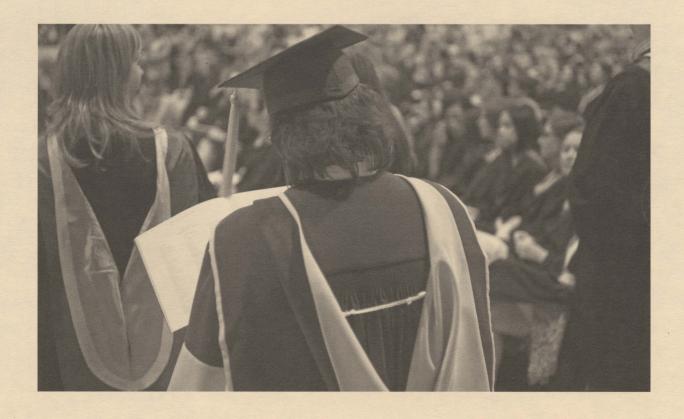
Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the School of Business & Economics, and the Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Faculty of Science Jody Miller ** Gregory Overholt
Chelsea Ruygrok
Andrew Jonathan Peter Skelton
Krzysztof Stozek

Bachelor of Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Computing and Computer Electronics HONOURS PROGRAM

Aman Bhalla

Lukasz Koczorowski

** Michael Morrice



Afternoon Ceremony

Faculty of Science

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

Soha Aboukeer Psychology Soraiya Bhagat

Psychology

Mitchell David Bonk Psychology

Marilyn Wen Ting Cai Psychology

Elisabeth Cain

Global Studies & Psychology Julie Kathryn Carter Psychology

Karen Cepuran Psychology

Craita Emilia Chirila Psychology

Sarah Diane Crocker Psychology

Jacqueline Elizabeth Cunningham Psychology

Sally Herod Psychology Miranda Hryciw

Kinesiology & Physical Education

Carol Johnson Psychology

Carrie Frances Laughlin Psychology

Liang Liang

Financial Mathematics

* Carolyn Elizabeth McEwen Kinesiology & Physical Education

* Erika Dawn Mohle Psychology

> Holly Morrow Psychology

Zuwaina Murad Psychology

Ellen Elizabeth Murray Psychology Sarah Ng Psychology

Kari Primak Kinesiology & Physical Education

Ying Tang

Financial Mathematics

Richard Thompson Mathematics

Suzanne Turney Psychology

Yi Qi Wang

Financial Mathematics

Jocelyn Carole Watkinson Psychology

Psychology Bradley Wolfe

Kinesiology & Physical Education

Jillian Yantzi Psychology

Bachelor of Arts

GENERAL PROGRAM

Debra Allen

Eva Braja

Kyla Paige Cooper Psychology

Chelsea Dorene Corrente Mathematics & Spanish

Rena Elisa Dell'Oso Psychology

Melissa Elliott

Communication Studies & Psychology

Jennifer Elizabeth Foster Psychology

Wang Chun Fung Psychology

Meagan Furnivall Psychology

Julie Gannon Kinesiology & Physical Education

Ashley Gazo Psychology Brent Hickey Tunde Maria Igli Psychology

Laura Kerr

Kinesiology & Physical Education

Sloden Lackovic Psychology

Saira Ladak

Psychology

Andrew Lash Psychology

Amanda Victoria Law Psychology

Woolim Rimmi Lee

Kate Marie Manktelow Psychology

Kimberly McCallum

Psychology

Caitlin Frances McQuaid Psychology

* Emilie Moreau Psychology Rachel Elizabeth Morrison Fine Arts & Psychology

Aneta Mozdzen Psychology

Nathanial Muscat Psychology

Sarah Anne Elizabeth Otten

Psychology Rukhsana Popat

Psychology Angela Revell

Francis Alastair Ross

Suman Sarker Mathematics

Ryan Alexander Sluyters

Psychology Laura Trigg

Psychology

Brigitte Truong Psychology

Samantha Westwater Psychology

Afternoon Ceremony

Bachelor of Science

HONOURS PROGRAM

Johny Bozdarov Biology

Rupal Chopra Biology

Christopher Vaughn Ferrante Gerard Computer Science

Matthew Henry Biology

Kelly Hogan Kinesiology & Physical Education Majid Ismail **Photonics**

Benjamin Leber Kinesiology & Physical Education

Jonathan McDougall Kinesiology & Physical Education

Breanne McNamee Psychology

Mengqi Ni

Financial Mathematics

Geoffrey Reiner Biology & Psychology

Philip David Scott Chemistry

Alfred Wong Computing & Computer Electronics

Bachelor of Science

GENERAL PROGRAM

Norman Dacanay Cayne Angelo Garcia Vicky Ho Psychology

** Brodie Tyler James Nolan Biology

Recipient of the Alumni Bronze Medal for the Faculty of Science Brendan Joseph Stuart-Hagge

Adam John Yanch Biology Amanda Yip Foh Soon Yong



Afternoon Ceremony

Faculty of Music

Bachelor of Music

HONOURS PROGRAM

** Wendell David Glick Composition

Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Faculty of Music **Stephanie Ellen MacAlpine Performance Corey Marvin Rempel Performance * Heather Lynn Robb Music Education

Bachelor of Music Therapy
HONOURS PROGRAM

Bernice H L Chu

DIPLOMAS

Faculty of Music

Diploma in Chamber Music

Scott Paul McKnight

Elizabeth Nadene Tremain

Diploma in Opera

Angela Vevey Burns

Erica Iris Huang

Stefanie Ann Marie Pisani

THE CEREMONY



The Heraldic Coat of Arms

Convocation Traditions

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. Students are asked to remain in their seats while other graduates receive their degrees.

The Academic Degrees

T he 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.

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

Honorary Degrees

Honorary degrees are conferred by Wilfrid Laurier University in recognition of outstanding scholarly, creative, or professional achievement or distinguished public and community service. The university may grant the following honorary degrees: Doctor of Laws (LLD), Doctor of Letters (DLitt), Doctor of Science (DSc) and Doctor of Divinity (DDiv).

Wilfrid Laurier University Mace

The mace of Wilfrid Laurier University was officially presented by the Euler family at the 1963 fall convocation in memory of The Honourable W.D. Euler, former senator of Canada and the first chancellor of the university. It weighs 16 pounds and was manufactured by the firm of Henry Birks Limited, Montreal.

The ferrule near the base of the shaft contains ivory from a walrus tusk obtained from Coral Harbour, Northwest Territories. The ten-sided shaft, representing the ten provinces, merges into the head of the mace which bears the ten provincial crests. The wood used at the point where the shaft meets the head of the mace is elm taken from the bannister post of Conrad Hall, the original seminary building. Above this are four crests relating to the history of the institution: a crest of Waterloo County, the Luther Coat of Arms, the crest of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and the coat of arms of the University of Western Ontario.

The head of the mace is made of maple and bears the Federal Coat of Arms, above which is the monogram of Queen Elizabeth II, during whose reign the university's charter was granted. On the reverse side is the crest of Wilfrid Laurier University and the monogram of King George V, during whose reign the original charter was granted. The top of the mace is a crown, mounted with jewels, symbolizing the authority of the State.

Processional Banners

On either side of the convocation stage, processional banners from the Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, School of Business & Economics, Faculty of Music, Faculty of Social Work, Faculty of Graduate Studies, and the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary are displayed. Each banner, through colour and design, symbolizes various aspects of each individual Faculty. A complete description of each banner may be viewed at www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=1365&p=5143



Detail of the Wilfrid Laurier University Mace



Detail of the convocation marshal's baton.

The Marshal's Baton

Dr. Fred Binding, a faculty member in the Department of Psychology for 32 years retired in July 2003. He had served as the university marshal for ten years. Sadly, Dr. Binding died in August 2003. In memory of his contribution to convocation ceremonies, artist Rex Lingwood was commissioned to create a marshal's baton.

In the baton, the artist incorporates a range of visual references that relate to the graduation ceremony, both directly and symbolically. In keeping with the nature of the ceremony, some of the forms are traditionally associated with ceremonial staffs, and the baton's design echoes the elaborate theatricality of the event and the flair brought to the occasion by Dr. Fred Binding. The ends may be read as abstracted figure forms wrapped in the academic gown and hood, with details in the university colours: purple and gold. These forms also read as plant buds, symbolizing the life stage of the graduates. The Greek alphabet is inset into an internal side surface in the shaft of the baton. This is a reference to the interests of Dr. Fred Binding. It also acknowledges that language is at the core of university education and that the Greek language has particular importance in western culture.

The commission of the baton was made possible with the generous support of the Department of Psychology and Wilfrid Laurier University Retirees' Association.

Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association

More than 67,000 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:

The Association seeks to foster alumni interaction with the University and Alumni communities to promote active alumni participation in the affairs of the University; to maintain and promote the reputation of the university and contribute to its ongoing development.

FALL CONVOCATION 2008

- Receptions -

You are invited to attend the Faculty receptions immediately following Convocation.

School of Business & Economics

KPMG Atrium & Frank C. Peters Building Atrium

Faculty of Music

Maureen Forrester Recital Hall

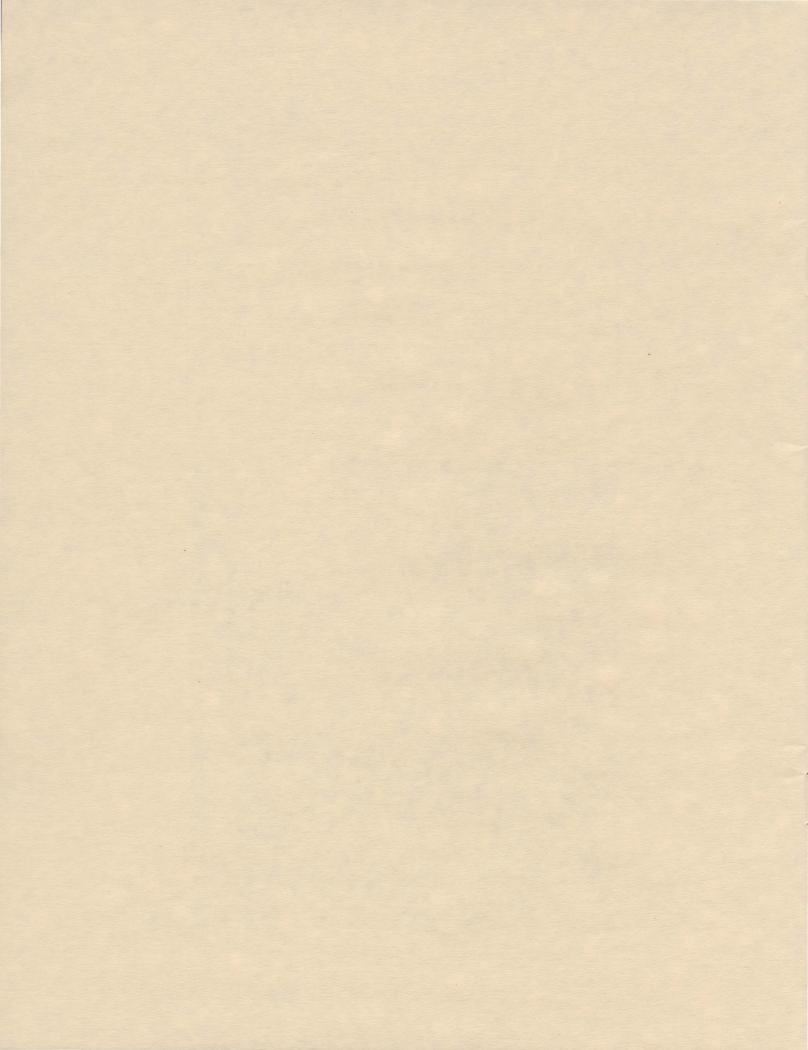
Faculty of Science

Science Building Courtyard

Faculty of Arts

Senate & Board Chamber





"As for you who stand today on the
threshold of life, with a long horizon open before
you for a long career of usefulness to your native land...
I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you:
problems of race division, of creed differences, of economic conflict,
of national duty and national aspiration. Let your aim and
purpose, in good report or ill, in victory or defeat, be so to live,
so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise even
higher the standard of life and of living...

— Sir Wilfrid Laurier

