



CONVOCATION 2009

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

10 a.m.

Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts

LAURIER

HONORARY DEGREE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009

Citation

Audrey Ronning Topping



It is a great privilege to introduce Audrey Ronning Topping as this year's Honorary Degree Recipient at the Brantford Campus convocation ceremonies.

In looking over her accomplishments as a photojournalist and writer, it seems that Ms. Topping and her husband Seymour Topping have covered most of the major international events of the latter half of the twentieth century. Moreover, for most journalists, having a story published in *National Geographic*, *Life*, *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *Harper's Bazaar*, or *Foreign Affairs* would be a highlight of their career. But Ms. Topping has regularly had her work published in all of them. Among some of her more significant works, she was the first western journalist to report on China's Cultural Revolution in 1966. Her photo essay of this experience, when U.S. journalists were prohibited from entering China, is entitled, "Journey into Darkest Red China" and it was the cover story for the *New York Times Magazine*. In 1975, Ms. Topping broke the story on one of the world's most important archaeological discoveries—the terra cotta warriors of China's first emperor, Qin Shi Huang. It is no exaggeration to say that the way the western world sees China is through the lens of Audrey Ronning Topping's camera.

Her photo exhibits of China, Bhutan, the Soviet Union, Mongolia and Vietnam, among other places, have appeared in dozens of galleries, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Royal Ontario Museum, and the Hallmark Gallery. Her most recent exhibit will be on display this year at the American embassy in Beijing. She and her husband have had such an enormous impact on China and its people that, in 2005, Beijing TV produced an hour-long documentary about the Toppings' return to China that year.

Ms. Topping has been involved in a series of influential television documentaries as well. She is the writer and commentator on five major TV documentaries including "The Forbidden City" and "The Kremlin" for NBC, "Mission" for the National Film Board, and "The Great Wall Across the Yangtze" for PBS. This latter piece is a definitive work on the enormous complexities and impact of the controversial Three Gorges Dam project across the famed Yangtze River.

Among their many honours, Audrey and Seymour Topping received the inaugural Greenway-Winship Award from the International Center for Journalists for their contributions to international journalism. Ms. Topping has also received honorary doctorates from Rider College and Adelphi University. We are very proud to say that we are the first university in Canada to grant an honorary doctorate to this remarkable citizen of Canada, and of the world.

—Dr. Bruce Arai, June 10, 2009

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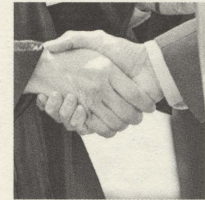
Morning Ceremony

Order of Proceedings

The Procession

The Marshal

Candidates for Degrees in Course



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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. Andrew Welsh,

Assistant Professor, Criminology

The placing of the mace by the Bedel before the Chancellor, Mr. John A. Pollock, signifies the opening of the Convocation.

The assembly will be seated.

Conferring of Honorary Degree

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

Audrey Ronning Topping

Acting Principal of the Brantford Campus, Dr. Bruce Arai will read the citation. The recipient will be invested with the academic hood by Dr. Timothy Gawley, Acting Associate Dean.

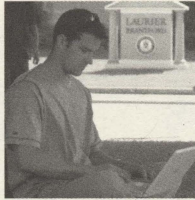
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Dr. Audrey Ronning Topping will address Convocation.

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Conferring of Degrees 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. Kathryn Carter, Acting Dean of the Brantford Campus.

Greeting candidates for degrees will be the Chancellor, Mr. John A. Pollock and the President.

Announcements The President

The Recession *The assembly will remain standing during the recession.*

Marshal Dr. Andrew Robinson, Associate Professor of Contemporary Studies and Human Rights & Human Diversity

Hooder Mr. Ray Darling, Registrar

Music Students and alumni of the Faculty of Music

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Morning Ceremony

Degrees in Course

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| Christene Agro
Contemporary Studies | Adam Crawford
Criminology | * Laura Michelle Halabecki
Contemporary Studies |
| Denise Noelle Allin
Contemporary Studies | * Andrea Jill Crummer
Journalism | Robin Ashley Haliburton
Contemporary Studies |
| Mairi Elizabeth Anderson
Contemporary Studies | Stephanie Kate Czernecki
Contemporary Studies | * Kristy Hammer
Contemporary Studies |
| ** Ryan Darrell Avey
Criminology | Christopher Davies
Criminology | Katie Hansen
Contemporary Studies |
| * Ryan Bagnell
Contemporary Studies & Criminology | Stephanie Davis
Contemporary Studies & Criminology | Teri-Jean Laurene Hargreaves
Contemporary Studies |
| Colin Bailey
Contemporary Studies | Amber Dawn de Jong
Contemporary Studies | Nicole Hart
Criminology |
| Melanie Mae Baldin
Contemporary Studies | Amelia Lynne DeRosse
Contemporary Studies | Pamela Kristeen Harting
Criminology |
| Devon Martin Bartlett
Criminology | Rushmi Deol
Criminology | Katharine Hashimoto
Contemporary Studies |
| Govind Basi
Leadership | Brian Devereaux
Criminology | * Samantha Marie Henderson
Criminology |
| Jennifer Lisa Beirnes
Contemporary Studies | Gurdeep Dhaliwal
Criminology | Kevin Hertwig
Journalism |
| Michael Kenneth Belfry
Criminology | Baldassare Diliberto
Contemporary Studies | Aimee Barbara Hess
Organizational Leadership |
| Renata Bledowski
Contemporary Studies | Kendra Dombroski
Contemporary Studies | Stephen Himmelman
Organizational Leadership |
| Brandon Bolger
Criminology | William Jay Douglas Fenton
Criminology | Michael Holmes
Criminology |
| Jade Borne
Criminology | Scott Fischer
Organizational Leadership | Andrea Hoyle
Contemporary Studies |
| Teja Brinovec
Contemporary Studies | Brody Fullarton
Criminology | Lauren Anne Hughes
Contemporary Studies |
| * Tyler Burton Brown
Criminology | Christopher Joseph Gannon
Criminology | Lindsay Marie Hutchison
Contemporary Studies |
| April Kimberley Cantin
Contemporary Studies | Barbara Jane Gellner
Contemporary Studies | Nathan Hwee
Criminology |
| Christine Elizabeth Caro
Criminology | Kanda George
Contemporary Studies | Dina Jackson
Contemporary Studies |
| Joanna Nicole Chaktsiris
Contemporary Studies | Lindsay P Green
Contemporary Studies & English | * Michelle Jager
Criminology |
| Kristen Marie Cole
Criminology | Casondra Greene
Criminology | Michael Janik
Contemporary Studies & Criminology |
| Ashley Nicole Colquhoun
Contemporary Studies | ** Amanda Nicole Griesser
Contemporary Studies | Edyta Janiszek
English & Journalism |
| Adam Cook
Criminology | Amanda Grime
Contemporary Studies | Caroline Jones
Criminology |
| Nicole Lynn Cooling
Contemporary Studies & History | Laura Margaret Gurney
Contemporary Studies | Bailey Jordan
Contemporary Studies |

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HONOURS PROGRAM - continued

Nicole Marie Kaufman Contemporary Studies	Adina Esther Mann Criminology	Brittany Ruth Nicholson Contemporary Studies & English
Paul Kaufman Criminology	* Nicole Martin Contemporary Studies	James Orrock Criminology
Nicole Eileen Kerr Criminology	Tanja Marx Criminology	* Markian Ostapiak Criminology
Paul Douglas Kirk Criminology	James Ryan Mason Criminology	* Jennifer Page Contemporary Studies
Carla Kowalyk Criminology	Kathleen Materiuk Contemporary Studies	Ashleigh Parker Criminology
* Aida Kursumlija Criminology	Jamie McCallum Contemporary Studies	Jennifer Ann Parrish Contemporary Studies
Denise Labelle Criminology	* Jeff McDonald Contemporary Studies	Melissa Peters Criminology
Patricia Lang Contemporary Studies	* Michael McDonald Contemporary Studies	Amanda Brianne Petker Criminology
Jaclyn Nicole Lange Criminology	Devin McElroy Organizational Leadership	Christina Petropoulos Contemporary Studies
Lindsay LeBlanc Criminology	Elizabeth Susan McIntosh Contemporary Studies	Gary Pickett Contemporary Studies
David Edward Liebrock Leadership	* Nolan McMahon Contemporary Studies	Deborah Ann Princz Criminology
Shannon Elizabeth Long Criminology	Sara McRae Criminology	Katie Pryde Contemporary Studies
Luke Ludgate Contemporary Studies	Marta Michalczyk Contemporary Studies & History	Danielle Purdy Contemporary Studies
Sarah Elizabeth MacDougall Contemporary Studies	Emily Mills Contemporary Studies	Meghan Purdy Contemporary Studies
* Ashleigh MacPherson Contemporary Studies	* Chelsea Elizabeth Mohler Contemporary Studies & Health Studies	Stephanie Quattrociocchi Journalism
Tara Madlensky Contemporary Studies & English	Geoffrey Morgan Criminology	* Bradley Remigis Criminology
Kaelan Male Criminology	Amanda Morris Contemporary Studies	* Krystal Lindsay Rice Criminology & Psychology
Matthew Mandula Contemporary Studies		Nicole Riddell Contemporary Studies

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HONOURS PROGRAM - continued

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| * Erin Ridley
Contemporary Studies | Lisa Sonnenberg
Criminology | Megan Visentin
Criminology |
| Heather Louise Ritchie
Criminology | Sarah Souter
Contemporary Studies | Matthew Vosburgh
Criminology |
| Kindra Robertson
Criminology | Brittany Stewart
Criminology | Penny Weir
Contemporary Studies |
| Laura Margery Jean Robinson
Criminology | Erin Jean Stewart
Criminology | Torrance Sellers Wentzell
Criminology |
| Lori Rodobolski
Criminology | * Sarah Mikel Strehler
Contemporary Studies | * Rachel Claire R Wesley
Contemporary Studies |
| Tyler Katerina Roppelt
Criminology & Psychology | Stephanie Taylor
Criminology | ** Janina Whiting
Contemporary Studies |
| ** Alana Lesley Rudrum
Contemporary Studies | Zachary David Taylor
Criminology | Michelle Whittaker
Contemporary Studies |
| * Rachel Brianne Runge
Criminology | Danielle Nicole Dedre Teasdall
Criminology | Shannon Whitteker
Criminology |
| Tanya Nicole Samson
Criminology | Kayla Thorne
Criminology | Erin Ashley Wigood
Contemporary Studies |
| Apryl Gina Sararas
Contemporary Studies | Hayley Elizabeth Thornton
Contemporary Studies | Kimberly Elizabeth Wilhelm
Contemporary Studies |
| Andreas Valentin Schmitz
Contemporary Studies | Deanna Tompkins
Criminology | * Sarah Jane Margaret Willey
Contemporary Studies & Leadership |
| Sarah Beth Schrader
Contemporary Studies | Kelsi Trott
Contemporary Studies | ** Carrie Wivell
Contemporary Studies
<i>Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal
for the Brantford Campus</i> |
| * Stephanie Sherrer
Criminology | Shawn Turner
Contemporary Studies | Hannah Wright
Contemporary Studies |
| Steven Bruce Shisler
Criminology | Jane Tynan-Byrd
Contemporary Studies | Jenelle Louise Yetman
Criminology |
| * Ashley Ann Singleton
Contemporary Studies | Lisa Marie VanEvery
Criminology & Journalism | Jela Zubrinic
Criminology |
| * Daniel Nathan Dale Smith
Criminology | Seleda van Niekerk
Criminology | |
| James Smith
Contemporary Studies | Uma Maheshwari Venkatesan
Leadership | |
| Nadine Smith
Criminology & Women's Studies | Nicole Catharine Viger
Contemporary Studies | |

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Krystina Agostino Contemporary Studies	David Grant Contemporary Studies	Terralee Mueller Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Bilal Ahmed Contemporary Studies & Criminology	Travis Harvey Communication Studies & Contemporary Studies	Ashley O'Donnell Contemporary Studies
Nicole Luciana Barich	Sarah Hastings Contemporary Studies	Travis Osborne Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Mary Elyse Fia Barsoum Contemporary Studies	Nhung Hoang Contemporary Studies	Pavlova Nichte Palacios Contemporary Studies
Tammy Lynn Bartolo Contemporary Studies	Sarah Holmes Contemporary Studies & Criminology	Minh Vu Quach Contemporary Studies
Sara Benincasa Contemporary Studies	* Michelle Leanne Horst Contemporary Studies	Raquel Rakovac English
Dwayne Dean Budgell Contemporary Studies	Marc Stevan Hull Contemporary Studies & Criminology	Cory Warren Blair Reed Contemporary Studies
Sean David Burwell Cairnie Contemporary Studies & Criminology	* Gemma Marie Jepma Contemporary Studies	Jessica Rivers Contemporary Studies & English
Corey David Carpenter Contemporary Studies & Criminology	Evan Cameron Johnston Contemporary Studies	Erica Robb Contemporary Studies
Sheila May Cartwright Contemporary Studies	Hardeep Singh Kang Contemporary Studies & Criminology	Eric Robison Contemporary Studies & History
Caitlin Marie Chappel Contemporary Studies	Kuljit Kang Contemporary Studies & Criminology	Catriona Aryn Rollo Contemporary Studies
Brandon Clark Contemporary Studies	Jenna Kaplar Contemporary Studies	Janine Sandford
Neshia Clayton Contemporary Studies	Erin King Contemporary Studies	Corey Santucci Contemporary Studies
Diane Elizabeth Cook Contemporary Studies	Damian Kmiecik Contemporary Studies & Criminology	Thomas Seguin-Cousineau Contemporary Studies
Stephanie Couperthwaite Contemporary Studies	Johanna Elizabeth Kolb Contemporary Studies	Victoria Leigh Serkus Contemporary Studies
Rebecca Courtnage Contemporary Studies	Alicia Marie Kozack Contemporary Studies	Brittany Shantz Contemporary Studies
Heather Diane Covert Women's Studies	Mark Kuhl Contemporary Studies	Tatum Patricia Shantz Contemporary Studies
Vanessa Crowhurst Contemporary Studies	Leslie Russel Charles Leck Contemporary Studies & History	Kaleigh-Anne Shaw Contemporary Studies
Vy Nha Dam Contemporary Studies	Jacqueline Litherland Contemporary Studies	* Terri Anne Sitarski Contemporary Studies
Milanna De Grandis Contemporary Studies	Chantel Martins Contemporary Studies	Ryan Smith Contemporary Studies
Jennifer Diniz Contemporary Studies	Nicole Marie May Contemporary Studies	Kathryn Marie Toth Contemporary Studies
Halisha Ezekiel Contemporary Studies	Jennifer Nicole McArthur Contemporary Studies	Adam Whitehead Contemporary Studies
Amanda Reta May Ferguson Contemporary Studies	Breanna McCartney Contemporary Studies	Adam Jeffrey Williamson Contemporary Studies
Jessica Ferrier Contemporary Studies	Andrea McKinnell Contemporary Studies	Christopher John Wilson Contemporary Studies & Criminology
Stephanie Fuliere Contemporary Studies		Lyndsay Wilson Contemporary Studies
Danielle Anne Gillam Contemporary Studies		Charli-Ann Frances Wiseman-Barker Contemporary Studies
Nicole Graham Contemporary Studies		



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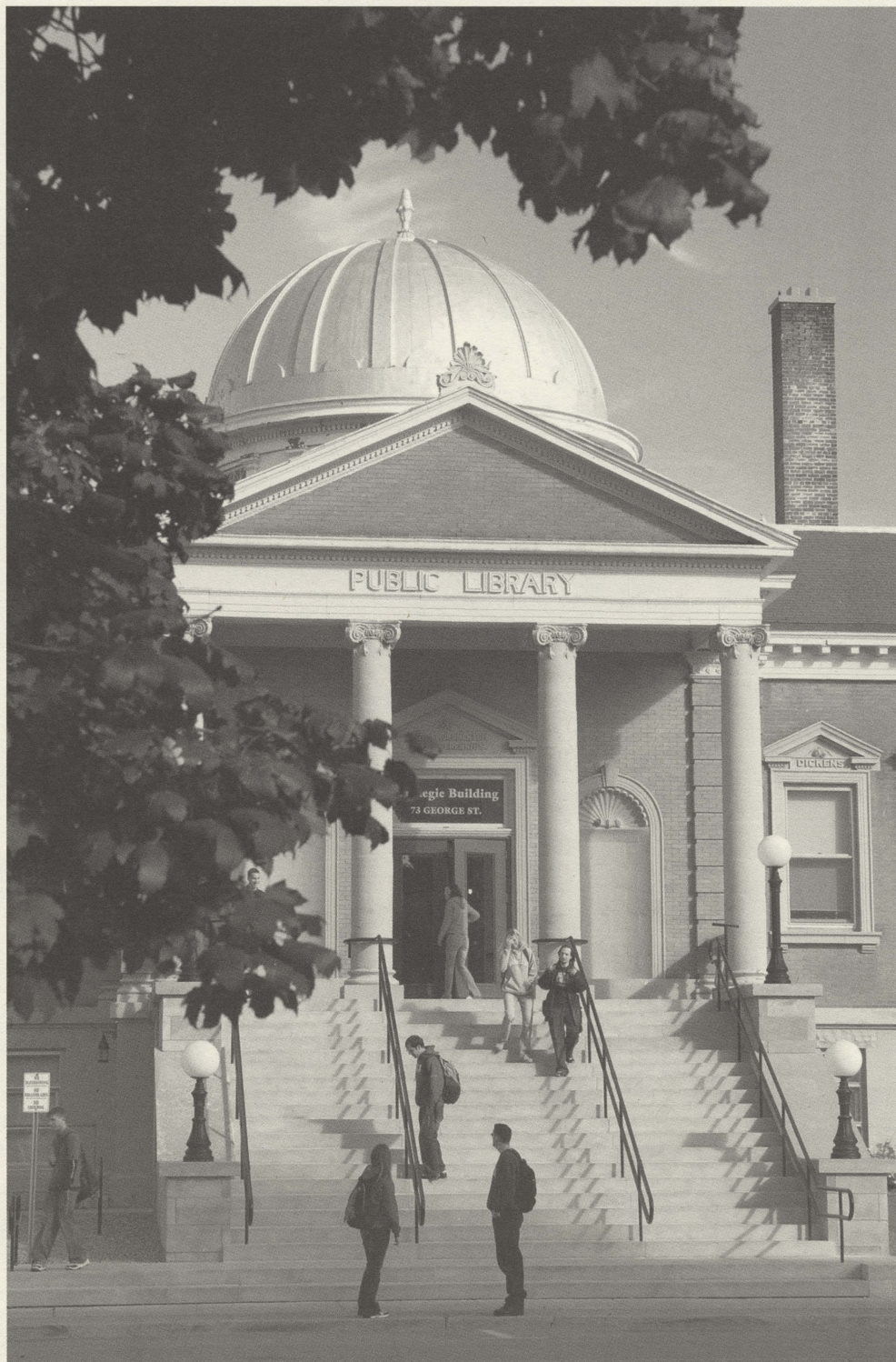
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Carnegie Building, Wilfrid Laurier University Campus, Brantford, Ontario

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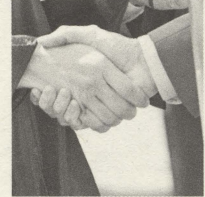
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Dr. Kris Gerhardt

Assistant Professor, Psychology and
Contemporary Studies

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Board of Governors Address

The President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Max Blouw, will ask Mayor Mike Hancock, Member of the Board of Governors, to address Convocation.

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Nipissing University
Convocation

The assembly will remain seated.

Invocation

Conferring of Honorary Degree by Roberta Jamieson

Conferring of Masters of Education Degrees

Conferring of Consecutive Bachelor of Education Degrees
Primary/Junior Junior/Intermediate

Conferring of Concurrent Bachelor of Education Degrees
Primary/Junior Junior/Intermediate

Presentation of Trusler's Award

O Canada

The Recession

The assembly will stand during the recession.

Marshal

Dr. Andrew Robinson, Associate Professor of Contemporary Studies
and Human Rights & Human Diversity

Hooder

Mr. Ray Darling, Registrar

Music

Students and alumni of the Faculty of Music

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HONOURS PROGRAM

Lisa Cryderman
Contemporary Studies

Nicole Hearn
Contemporary Studies

Michelle Hockin
Contemporary Studies

Rachel Marie Crystal Howard
Contemporary Studies & English

Taylor Iwaniuk
Contemporary Studies

* Nicola Sharisse Mair
Contemporary Studies

* Jessica Lynne Mann
Contemporary Studies

Rachel Magdalena McNamara
Contemporary Studies

Bartłomiej Miciula
Contemporary Studies

* Jessica Victoria Aline Pellowe
Contemporary Studies & History

Lisa Francine Mary Prosser
Contemporary Studies

Erin Rebecca Robinson
Contemporary Studies

Sarah Van Loon
Contemporary Studies

Bachelor of Arts

GENERAL PROGRAM

* Amy Angelini
Contemporary Studies

Lindsay Bairos
Contemporary Studies

* Melissa Baltus
Contemporary Studies &
English

Cameron Bankier
Contemporary Studies &
History

Allison Elizabeth Beekma
Contemporary Studies

Andrea Danielle Boni
Contemporary Studies

Kristen Bonn
Contemporary Studies

Eric Ryan Bortlis
Contemporary Studies

Kyla Buffett
Contemporary Studies

Krysten Calibaba
Contemporary Studies

Lisa Cole
Contemporary Studies

Amanda Lynn Colquhoun
Contemporary Studies

* Melissa Dale
Contemporary Studies

Heather Davidson
Contemporary Studies

Meghan Davidson
Contemporary Studies

Nikkilee Margaret Donato
Contemporary Studies

Katie Ruth Droppert
Contemporary Studies

Jessica Falk
Contemporary Studies

Jesse Falzetta
Contemporary Studies

** Katrina Farr
Contemporary Studies &
Psychology

Brittany Faugh
Contemporary Studies

** Stephanie Tojeira Governo
Contemporary Studies

***Recipient of the Alumni Bronze
Medal for the Brantford Campus***

Danielle Anne Hale-Sanders
Contemporary Studies

* Jason Hambleton
Contemporary Studies &
Geography

Megan Hamill
Contemporary Studies

* Tara Hanratty
Contemporary Studies

* Jessica Harris
Contemporary Studies

Deanna Heintz
Contemporary Studies

Pearl Chi Sun Ho
Contemporary Studies

Danielle Horton
Contemporary Studies &
English

Sara Kathleen Houston
Contemporary Studies

Brett Howard
Contemporary Studies &
History

Sarah Josephine Innes
Contemporary Studies &
English

* Danae Johnston
Contemporary Studies

Sharon Irene Johnston
Contemporary Studies

Heather Jonker
Contemporary Studies &
Geography

Christine Joanne Jonkman
Contemporary Studies

* Sarah Dawn Kalapos
Contemporary Studies &
English

** Emily Kamphuis
Contemporary Studies &
Geography

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Jeffrey Keith Keegan
Contemporary Studies

Katie Rhea Marie Lancaster
Contemporary Studies

Cindy Chiu In Lau
Contemporary Studies & History
& Psychology

Leah MacCharles
Contemporary Studies

Samantha MacRitchie
Contemporary Studies

Brittney Ann Madill
Contemporary Studies

Cheyenne Irene Majore
Contemporary Studies

Jennifer Mannen
Contemporary Studies

Nicole Elizabeth Marchildon
Contemporary Studies

Sarah Masson
Contemporary Studies

Daniel Mastroianni
Contemporary Studies &
Geography

Mason McCormick
Contemporary Studies

Lisa McKay
Contemporary Studies

* Alison Mary McLaren
Contemporary Studies &
English

Lon McMillan
Contemporary Studies

Courtney Neumann
Contemporary Studies

Kate Elizabeth Palser
Contemporary Studies

Heather Erin Piggott
Contemporary Studies

** Jessica Lynn Routenburg
Contemporary Studies &
Geography

Jennifer Lynn Rowley
Contemporary Studies

Stephanie Russo
Contemporary Studies &
Geography

* Erin Joy Sawatsky
Contemporary Studies

Cole Schaeffer
Contemporary Studies &
History

Lisa Jane Schuit
Contemporary Studies

* Stephanie Joan Shantz
Contemporary Studies

Nicole Skouros
Contemporary Studies

Alanna Smith
Contemporary Studies

Shaila Jean Stewart
Contemporary Studies

Lindsay Stockermans
Contemporary Studies

* Chloe Sturzenbecher
Contemporary Studies &
English

Lisa Thorne
Contemporary Studies

Lindsey Filomena Ullman-Policella
Contemporary Studies

Bethany Vanner
Contemporary Studies

Eryn Watson MacDonell
Contemporary Studies

Katherine Wellwood
Contemporary Studies

Courtney Ashton White
Contemporary Studies

* Taunya Rose Wideman-Johnston
Contemporary Studies

Kaitlin Wilson
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Rachel Wright
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Amy Zammit
Contemporary Studies

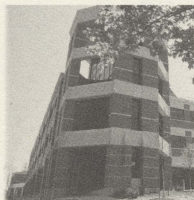
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Carnegie Building, dome detail, Wilfrid Laurier University Campus, Brantford, Ontario

Our History



*Wilfrid Laurier
University Campus,
Waterloo, Ontario*

In 1910, the Lutheran Church entered into an agreement to establish a Lutheran Seminary. The majority of Lutherans in Ontario lived in the vicinity of Waterloo and Berlin (Kitchener), and Waterloo was selected when its citizens offered a tract of land on the boundary of the town. In 1911, the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada opened its doors. Facilities for pre-theological education were established in 1914 with courses leading to senior matriculation given in Waterloo College School.

In 1924, the Waterloo College of Arts was established, providing courses in post-secondary education in a four-year program. In 1925, the Faculty of Arts, under the name of Waterloo College, affiliated with the University of Western Ontario. Waterloo College soon began to offer honours degree programs in the arts.

The affiliation with the University of Western Ontario ended in 1960 when the Seminary obtained a revised charter changing the name of the institution to Waterloo Lutheran University.

On November 1, 1973, Bill 178 was given Royal Assent by the Lieutenant Governor, William Ross Macdonald (former chancellor), and Waterloo Lutheran University became Wilfrid Laurier University, one of Ontario's provincially funded universities.

The History of Laurier Brantford

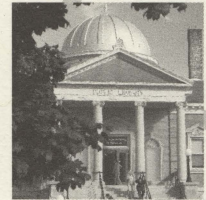
Laurier Brantford opened its doors to students and to higher education in September 1999. The opening was the result of a process that began in 1996, when the Brant Community Futures Development Corporation commissioned a business plan for the establishment of a university in Brantford. The plan became 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.



*Wilfrid Laurier
University,
Brantford, Ontario*

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).



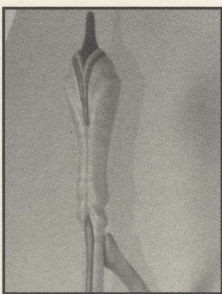
*Detail of the
Wilfrid Laurier
University Mace*

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.



*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.

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.

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THE CEREMONY

The Convocation Ceremony



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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 Laurier Society



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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 computerlabs, 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.

