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## Laurier invites public to attend criminology lectures

BRANTFORD – Wilfrid Laurier University's Brantford campus and the department of criminology is once again inviting the public to be a part of a public lecture series. The Public Criminology course brings in guest speakers and experts in the field for an open lecture every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Research and Academic Centre, 150 Dalhousie Street, room RCW 002 beginning September 17.

The lectures will typically run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The aim of Public Criminology is to reach beyond the university in an effort to bring criminology and deviance into conversations with multiple publics.

"This is our second year running the public criminology course and we've been able to schedule another outstanding group of presenters," said Carrie Sanders, associate professor in the Department of Criminology and the co-coordinator of the course. "The interaction between the presenter, the students and the public creates a unique learning environment which truly benefits all involved."

The public criminology course was designed to showcase the work of internationally recognized scholars and to demonstrate how their varied, and diverse, research contributes to a better understanding of crime and its regulation. It provides an opportunity for academic research to inform and promote sound policy while averting moral panics precipitated by extreme rare cases. This is of vital importance as it will help broaden and deepen the public's understanding of academic research by showing its impact where they live, work and play.

The course runs for 11 weeks, with lectures including:

- September 17: Crime Matters: The Criminological Imagination and Public Criminology with Christopher McCormick
- October 1: Trying to Make Sense of Homegrown Terrorist Radicalization with Lorne Dawson
- October 22: Kids Gone Wild: Worry about Sex Bracelets, Rainbow Parties, and Sexting with Joel Best
- November 12: The Future of Policing in Canada: Challenges and Possibilities with Tullio Capputo
- November 19: Social Regulation of Drugs: The New "Normal"? with Patricia Erickson
- November 26: Children and Youth in Canada: A Human Rights Discussion with Bernard Schissel

For more details about the public criminology course, including a full schedule, presentation descriptions and speaker biographies, please visit: [https://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp\\_id=1726&p=22032](https://www.wlu.ca/page.php?grp_id=1726&p=22032).

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