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Laurier celebrates Aboriginal culture during education week

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University invites the community to celebrate and learn about Aboriginal culture during Aboriginal Education Week, taking place from March 2 to March 7 on Laurier’s Waterloo and Brantford campuses.

A teepee raising in the Quad outside the Fred Nichols Centre on Laurier’s Waterloo campus will provide a strong visual start to the week of festivities taking place on both campuses, which range from a talk and exhibition by artist Kent Monkman and traditional Aboriginal dance lessons to a Metis blanket workshop.

“We are proud to share our Aboriginal culture with the wider community through Aboriginal Education Week,” said Jean Becker, Laurier’s senior advisor: Aboriginal Initiatives. “I encourage everyone to join us to learn about our heritage and about our programming – from academic courses to the community medicinal gardens and soup and frybread lunches we offer at our Aboriginal Student Centres.”

Monday, March 2

Waterloo campus:

- 10 a.m.: Teepee raising in the Quad, outside the Fred Nichols Centre
- 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.: Open House at the Aboriginal Student Centre, 187 Albert Street
- 7 p.m.: Indigenous Allyship Event, Senate and Board Chamber

Brantford campus:

- 1 p.m.: “Global Crisis and Resistance” with land defender Janie Jamieson, Turtle Clan, Mohawk Nation, DC101

Tuesday, March 3

Waterloo campus:

- noon- 2 p.m.: Soup and Frybread Lunch, Aboriginal Student Centre
- 3 p.m.: Drum Circle in the Quad

Brantford campus:

- 2 p.m.: Indigenous Peoples in the Popular Imagination, with professor Lianne Leddy and Bonnie Freeman, Algonquin/Mohawk, CT487B

Wednesday, March 4

Waterloo campus:

- 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.: Tune in to Moccasin Tales on Radio Laurier
- 4 p.m.: Kent Monkman lecture, “Urban Res Studies” Senate and Board Chamber

Brantford campus:

- 1 p.m.: Yellow Brick Wall featured Ojibway artist Rene Meshake discusses his artistic practice, RCE 319
- 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.: The Frugal Foodie Cooking Class with Farmer Joe Food, Aboriginal Student Centre, 111 Darling St.

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Thursday March 5

Waterloo campus:

- 10 a.m. – noon: Traditional Aboriginal Dance Lessons, Athletic Complex, Studio 2
- 2 p.m.: Aboriginal Movie “Elijah” at the Aboriginal Student Centre (space is limited, contact carnold@wlu.ca to register)
- 7 p.m.: Two-Spirited Event: The Resurgence of a Tradition with Cassandra Puckett, Mac House Lounge

Brantford campus:

- 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Soup and frybread luncheon, Aboriginal Student Centre, 111 Darling Street

Friday, March 6

Waterloo campus:

- 10 a.m. – noon: Aboriginal Creative Writing Workshop with Sonnet L’Abbe and Darren Thomas, Aboriginal Student Centre
- 2 p.m.: Metis Blanket Workshop, Aboriginal Student Centre

Brantford campus:

- 11:30 a.m.: “Aging, Realities and Myths” Bob Antone with Kari Brozowski, RCW 004
- 1 p.m.: “Haudenosaunee Masculinities” Bob Antone with Kim Anderson, RCE 319

Saturday, March 7

Waterloo campus:

- 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.: Bridging Communities Through Song, Knox Presbyterian Church (Tickets \$20.00 carnold@wlu.ca) Dinner at 6 p.m. – tickets \$10.00.