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Laurier to host national conference on integrated and engaged learning

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will host the second annual Integrated and Engaged Learning Conference (IELC) from **May 6-7** on the university's Waterloo campus.

The conference, titled "**Integrated and Engaged Learning 2015: Exploring Community Impact on Higher Education**," is open to representatives from postsecondary institutions and external communities. The conference will explore how collaboration across community divides can enhance and transform teaching and learning through meaningful conversations and by building awareness of the power of community engagement.

"The conference will explore the impact of multiple communities on higher education – the communities created within institutions, the communities within which institutions are embedded, and the global realities of today's more connected world," said **Pat Rogers**, associate vice-president: Teaching and Learning. "Participants will engage with these themes through the lens of the integrated and engaged approach to learning."

Keynote sessions include:

- "Building the Engaged University," opening and closing addresses from **Geoff Scott**, professor emeritus of Higher Education and Sustainability, University of Western Sydney, Australia.
- "Embodying the Missing Link: From Classroom Content to Community," by **Deena Mandell**, associate professor in Laurier's Faculty of Social Work, and **Nadine LeGros**, educational developer in the Centres for Student Success and Teaching Innovation & Excellence at Laurier.

Laurier faculty, staff, students and alumni will be working alongside colleagues from other universities, colleges and community partners, to participate in more than 40 concurrent sessions focused on community engagement, experiential education, mentorship, diversity and creating campus communities through classroom teaching and co-curricular activities.

In 2014, the IELC conference exploring partnerships in teaching and learning attracted over 200 delegates. To view the video of last year's conference [click here](#).

The IELC conference is sponsored by Laurier's Offices of the President, Vice-President: Academic and Provost, Vice-President: Student Affairs, Associate Vice-President: Teaching and Learning.

Registration is \$100 for external registrants, \$50 for Laurier faculty and staff, and \$10 for students. In gratitude to Laurier's community partners, 10 per cent of all registration fees collected will be donated to the United Way. Bursaries are available for students who register in the conference. The registration deadline is **April 30**. For the full [schedule and program](#) details and to register online, please visit wlu.ca/teachingandlearning/ielc. For inquiries after April 30, please email ielc@wlu.ca.