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Laurier celebrates International Women's Day

WATERLOO – In recognition of International Women's Day on **March 8**, Wilfrid Laurier University faculty, staff and students will offer activities including workshops, speakers and an information fair.

BRANTFORD CAMPUS selected events:

Creative Activism Workshop led by Jane Doe, sexual assault survivor, activist, author and lecturer.

Hosted by Laurier's activist-in-residence, Alex Tigchelaar
March 8, 2:30 p.m. Odeon, Room 107

During the workshop, Doe will discuss supporting survivors of sexual assault and the Jian Ghomeshi case.

In 1998, Doe successfully sued the Toronto Police Service for its mishandling of the investigation into a serial rapist in her neighbourhood in 1986. Her case set legal precedent and is taught in law schools across Canada and abroad. Her book, *The Story of Jane Doe*, is on the curriculum of high schools, colleges and universities.

International Women's Day Resource and Activism Fair

March 8, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., RCW lobby

The fair will feature Laurier's Diversity and Equity Office, the Women's Centre, Foot Patrol, Women's Faculty Colleague and more. The fair is organized by the Collective for Feminist Action and Research.

Lecture on the history of International Women's Day and discussion of sexual violence

Catherine Stewart, associate professor, Human Rights & Human Diversity and Criminology
March 8, 11 a.m. – noon, SC Johnson, Room 127

Shine a Light, Laurier Brantford chapter of the World University Service of Canada (WUSC)

March 9, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., RCW lobby

Students will do schoolwork while sitting on the floor with lanterns to bring attention to the struggle that girls and young women around the world face in completing their schooling. The group will also be accepting donations to buy solar lanterns for girls and young women in refugee camps.

WATERLOO CAMPUS selected events:

Gender and the Workplace

March 8, 1:45 p.m. to 7 p.m., Senate and Board Chamber

Media are welcome to join the afternoon portion of a daylong workshop on gender in the workplace through the lens of social justice, teaching, learning, research, human resources policy and building male allies against sexual violence.

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Presentations include the work of Laurier's Gendered Violence Task Force, as well as a video connection to Laurier Brantford's creative activism workshop with sexual assault activist Jane Doe, who will discuss supporting survivors of sexual assault and the Jian Ghomeshi case.

Laurier's Centre for Women in Science and the International Migration Research Centre will also deliver presentations about women, work and equality, followed by a student-led discussion on addressing gendered violence through social justice and advocacy.

The event is sponsored by Laurier's Women and Gender Studies Program and Laurier's Special Initiative Fund. For more information, contact Margaret Walton-Roberts at mwaltonroberts@wlu.ca

For building locations on the Waterloo and Brantford campuses, please view our [campus maps](#).

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