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Laurier professor to speak on problems of interdisciplinary research

Waterloo (March 5) — The trials and tribulations of interdisciplinary research will be the subject of a lecture at Wilfrid Laurier University on Tuesday, March 24.

The speaker will be Iwona Irwin-Zarecka, a professor of sociology and communication studies at Laurier and recipient of a special research award in 1991.

Irwin-Zarecka says crossing the boundaries that divide academic disciplines leads to distinct challenges — from dealing with the fear of incompetence to finding a common language in which to write. In her presentation, she will draw from her own work on collective memory and speak in particular about her experience in borrowing the tools of historians while, at the same time, critically assessing their work.

As holder of the Grace Anderson Research Fellowship for Women Scholars for the fall of 1991, Irwin-Zarecka was released from teaching so she could pursue her research. The fellowship is designed to recognize the achievements of women scholars and artists at the university and to encourage their research.

The event, which begins at noon in the Paul Martin Centre, is being sponsored by the university's interdisciplinary research committee and the department of sociology and anthropology.