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First two full-time professors appointed to Laurier Brantford

Peter Farrugia and Gary Warrick to instruct students in contemporary studies program

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WATERLOO —Laurier Brantford has received two full-time professors as the campus prepares for its first students in September. Rowland Smith, vice-president: academic at Wilfrid Laurier University, has announced the appointments of Peter Farrugia and Gary Warrick as assistant professors.

Farrugia and Warrick are the first new faculty members to be appointed to Laurier Brantford and will co-ordinate first-year core courses in the contemporary studies program, offered exclusively at Laurier Brantford.

"The Bachelor of Arts in contemporary studies will be built upon two core courses per year, which all Brantford students must take. These courses will be multi-disciplinary and involve a variety of lectures and regular tutorials conducted by the course co-ordinator," said Smith. "Peter Farrugia and Gary Warrick bring very different backgrounds to Laurier Brantford and we are confident they will provide a solid start for the new program."

Farrugia holds a BA in history from Trent University and a Doctor of Philosophy in modern history from Oxford. Currently an assistant professor with Laurier's history department, Farrugia will co-ordinate a course titled *The World in the 20th Century*. The course covers a wide variety of perspectives, including 20th century development, culture and history.

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Warrick holds a BA from McMaster University, a Master of Arts from Simon Fraser University and a PhD in anthropology from McGill University. He will be responsible for a regional development course looking at the Grand River Valley Basin. As a practising archaeologist with 10 years experience working for the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Warrick brings practical expertise and a wide background to his role at Laurier Brantford.