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Laurier Brantford appoints associate dean to help manage growth

Bruce Arai comes to the Brantford campus after eight years on Waterloo campus

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BRANTFORD – The local campus of Wilfrid Laurier University has created a new position to help manage significant growth. Bruce Arai, who served in a number of positions at Laurier, has been named the first associate dean of Laurier Brantford.

“We are glad to welcome Bruce on board. His extensive experience at Laurier – both administratively and academically – will be a boon to Laurier Brantford,” says Leo Groarke, dean of Laurier Brantford. “His dedication to research and teaching makes him a perfect fit for our needs.”

Arai will be responsible for the development and mentoring of Brantford’s 18 full-time and 50 part-time faculty members. He’ll also help with curriculum development, support the academic side of student life and teach courses.

Arai holds a doctorate in sociology from the University of British Columbia, a master of arts from the University of New Brunswick and a bachelor of arts from the University of Calgary. He came to Wilfrid Laurier University in 1995 and, in addition to teaching, has served on the university senate, as chair of the research ethics board and as a member or chair of 14 other committees and boards.

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Laurier Brantford was launched, in part, to capitalize on an increasing demand for post-secondary education. It opened in a newly renovated Carnegie Library in 1999 with close to 100 full- and part-time students. It has since added two residence facilities that accommodate 260 students, acquired two buildings to increase teaching and office space, and now has 750 full- and part-time students.