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## **Top criminologist will launch new program for September 2004**

*Tom Fleming to craft unique interdisciplinary program in criminology for Laurier Brantford*

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BRANTFORD – An expert in multiple murders has been appointed the first faculty member of Laurier Brantford’s newest program. Tom Fleming, noted criminologist and co-founder of the Canadian Society of Criminology, will head a new criminology program set to start in September 2004.

The honours bachelor of arts in criminology will offer students a broad and comprehensive education in an expanding area of research and study. Unlike most of its counterparts, Brantford’s program will be taught from an interdisciplinary perspective and will include courses from the campus’s core program in contemporary studies.

Graduates will be qualified for careers in community service, probation, parole, policing, corrections, customs and the gaming industry. They will also be prepared for undergraduate programs in law and education, or graduate work in anthropology, criminology and sociology.

“We’re very pleased that Dr. Tom Fleming will be joining Laurier Brantford to head this exciting new program,” says Leo Groarke, dean of the Brantford campus. “He has a wealth of experience and has played a pivotal role in the development of criminology programs at both the university and college level. Under his leadership, we expect criminology to flourish at Laurier Brantford.”

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Fleming has taught criminology at a number of universities, including Windsor, Alberta, Toronto, York and Ryerson. Maclean's magazine named him one of the most popular professors at the University of Windsor in its 1999 rankings of Canadian universities.

Fleming organized the first international conference on serial murder, which attracted scholars and law enforcement officials, including the FBI, from across North America. A strong proponent of university researchers developing partnerships within their local communities, he has published a number of books and articles on such topics as murder, homelessness, prisons, environmental issues, the law and human rights. He is currently writing a new book on multiple murder dealing with the latest developments in theory and research.

Laurier Brantford offers 13 other liberal arts programs, including a concurrent education program offered jointly with Nipissing University, and 11 joint programs with Mohawk College. In the fall of 2004, it will also launch an honours program in organizational leadership.

The campus 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.