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Stephen Lewis to speak at Laurier's Global Citizenship Conference

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WATERLOO – World-renowned humanitarian Stephen Lewis will share his perspective on global issues at Wilfrid Laurier University's Global Citizenship Conference, March 9-11.

The conference is designed for people seeking greater knowledge about the world and the practical implications of global citizenship. Discussions will focus on the environment, economics and trade, human rights, peace and conflict and human development.

"We are thrilled to have Stephen Lewis come to Laurier," said conference organizer Anthony Piscitelli. "He has first-hand knowledge of global issues through his roles as an international diplomat. His insight will be of great interest to those attending the conference."

Lewis is the chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which is dedicated to reducing the pain of HIV/AIDS in Africa. He is the award-winning author of the national bestseller *Race Against Time*. Among other high-profile humanitarian roles, he serves as a commissioner for the World Health Organization's Commission on the Social Determinants of Health. He is the former UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, and served as the deputy executive director for UNICEF. His United Nations career has spanned more than two decades. He served as the leader of Ontario's New Democratic Party for eight years.

Also featured as a keynote speaker is Prof. Rhoda Howard-Hassmann, Laurier's Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights, a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and senior research fellow at the Centre for International Governance Innovation.

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The three-day conference will not only explore the theoretical aspects of global citizenship through panel discussions, but it will also bring the issues to a practical level through workshops, where attendees will come away with the hands-on tools needed to generate positive change.

Beyond the discussions, the conference aims to create a global experience through art, music and food, including a Saturday night concert and fashion show. It will also encourage the open exchange of ideas through displays and interaction in the “global marketplace of ideas” gathering space.

The conference is open to the public. The Stephen Lewis keynote address takes place Friday March 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Wilfrid Laurier University Athletic Complex Gymnasium. To purchase tickets for the keynote address only, visit www.ticketweb.ca, call 1-888-222-6608 or visit the Laurier Bookstore. Tickets are \$15, or \$2 for Laurier students.

For conference details and to purchase tickets for the three-day conference, March 9-11, including the Stephen Lewis keynote address, visit www.gcclaurier.org. Tickets are \$30.