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Green Party leader speaks to Brantford students and community

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BRANTFORD – Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party of Canada, will visit Laurier Brantford April 3 as the latest speaker in the Contemporary Studies external speaker series.

May will speak at 7 p.m. at Grace Anglican Church on Albion Street. Her talk is open to Laurier Brantford students and the Brantford community.

“Many of the courses at Laurier Brantford deal with human interaction with the environment, so students should find this a wonderful opportunity to engage with issues they have been studying and thinking about themselves,” said event organizer Ken Paradis, assistant professor, English and Contemporary Studies.

May was elected leader of the Green Party in August 2006, after stepping down as the executive director of the Sierra Club of Canada. An advocate for the environment since 1970 when she led a grassroots movement against aerial insecticide spraying on Cape Breton Island, she has been active in promoting green alternatives. May has also served as a senior policy advisor to the federal environment minister from 1986 to 1988. May is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School, and was admitted to the bar in both Nova Scotia and Ontario.

This event marks the second in the Contemporary Studies external speaker series, which began in March with a visit from Stéphane Dion, leader of the Liberal Party of Canada. The speaker series will continue with NDP leader Jack Layton later in April.