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## **Laurier lecture to address impact of legislative changes on social workers**

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WATERLOO — The future of social work in Ontario, with emphasis on new legislative changes and their impact on practitioners, is the focus of the annual Easton McCarney lecture presented by Laurier's Faculty of Social Work.

The lecture, *Turning Point: The Future of Social Work in Ontario*, will take place on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work at 120 Duke St. W., in Kitchener. It is a free event. A reception with light refreshments will follow.

Dr. Dan Andreae, president of the Ontario Association of Social Workers, will present the lecture. A Laurier alumnus, Andreae teaches at the University of Toronto and the University of Waterloo's Renison College. He recently received Laurier's Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work Graduate Honour Award and an Honorary Doctor of Letters from the University of Windsor. Andreae, who is consulting with provincial government representatives, will share his perspectives on the challenges ahead for social workers.

"Social work is at a crossroads right now," says Andreae. "People in the profession should be aware of the changing landscape and the emerging issues in health care. We have a new

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government in power and we have to think about how we can best position ourselves to have an influence. Otherwise, decisions could be made that affect our practice without any input.”

The event revives the Easton McCarney annual lecture, which focuses on issues concerning social work. It is sponsored by a legacy fund from the families of two former Laurier MSW students who died in a car accident more than 20 years ago.

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