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Laurier and Waterloo researchers at Congress 2012, May 28

WATERLOO – In addition to hosting Congress 2012, Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo are showcasing researchers from their institutions who will present their work at Congress. To assist the media in sourcing stories from local experts at Congress, UW and Laurier will provide a feature list of two or three researchers from each institution who are presenting the following day.

All featured researchers have been contacted and are willing to speak with the media. To arrange interviews with these researchers, or to source other local experts, please contact the UW and Laurier representatives listed below, or visit www.congress2012.ca. To confirm lecture times and locations, please contact the Congress media room: media@fedcan.ca or 519-884-0710 ext. 4770.

Featured Wilfrid Laurier University researchers presenting Monday, May 28, 2012

Alexander Damm (session leader), Department of Religion and Culture
Ghandi in a Canadian Context

Time: 9 a.m. Location: Laurier Schlegel Building - Room SBE 1220

Description: Through a series of presentations, this session will examine such topics as Gandhi's awareness of Canada, his contribution to Canadian peace education in Canada, the state of Gandhian studies in Canadian universities, and other trajectories of Gandhi in Canada. The presenters hope, ultimately, to show the enduring importance of Gandhi as a source of ideas to address contemporary issues ranging from conflict to social-economic inequality.

Eileen Wood, Title: professor, Department of Psychology

Electronic Devices in Secondary School Classrooms: Policies, practices, and predicaments

Time: 8:38 a.m. Location: Laurier Science Building - Room N1042

Description: Wood discusses a qualitative examination of secondary school policies around personal electronic devices in the classroom. The study, carried out by Wood, Donna Kotsopoulos and Sandy Hughes, found that the devices have a strong presence and are a concern in the classroom.

Joanne Benham Rennick (chair), Assistant Professor, Contemporary Studies

Religion in Canada

Time: 10:45 a.m. Location: Laurier - Schlegel Building – Room SBE1210

Description: Rennick, an expert on religion in Canadian institutions, policy and law, chairs a wide-ranging group session on the role of religion in Canadian society.

Featured University of Waterloo researchers presenting Monday, May 28, 2012

Bryan Smale, Director, Canadian Index of Wellbeing, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies

Martin Cooke, School of Public Health and Health Systems, University of Waterloo

Measuring Wellbeing: A Symposium on the Use of Wellbeing Indicators

Time: 1 p.m. Location: Paul Martin Centre - Laurier

Description: Panelists in this symposium will present different approaches to measuring wellbeing, principally the Canadian Index of Wellbeing (CIW), and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC's) Community Wellbeing Index (CWB), along with other applied examples of initiatives being used in communities.

Heather Douglas, Department of Philosophy, and Waterloo Chair in Science and Society

Carla Fehr, Department of Philosophy, Wolfe Chair in Science and Technology Studies

Kathryn Plaisance, Department of Philosophy

Time: 1:20 p.m. Location: RCH room 309 - Laurier

Description: Science is an authoritative source of knowledge in contemporary society, and as such shapes many personal decisions and social policies. But which science should be thought reliable for any particular decision, and how should we structure the social institutions of science and science communication to ensure maximal reliability and to facilitate the production of knowledge?

Guy Poirier, Department of French Studies

L'imaginaire des missions dans la France de la Renaissance; parcours incertains face à un monde en péril

Time: Noon Location: Room 132, Environment 1 - UW

Cette conférence plénière traite des relations missionnaires publiées en France à la Renaissance. Elle permettra de mieux saisir les origines des grands projets de propagation de la foi qui vont se développer en France à partir du XVII^e siècle.

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