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Waterloo and Laurier researchers at Congress 2012, May 31

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 list of two or three researchers from each institution who are presenting the following day.

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

Please note: locations and times are subject to change. Please confirm lecture times and locations by contacting the media room: media@fedcan.ca or 519-884-0710 ext. 4770.

FEATURED UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO RESEARCHERS PRESENTING THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2012

Jay Dolmage, English Language and Literature

Equity Panel - Rethinking creativity and innovation from a disability studies perspective

May 31, 1:30 Location: Room 1C16 Arts Building (Laurier)

The Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences Equity Issues Portfolio has invited a group of leaders from disability studies to reflect on their experience and theorize what the future will hold for disabled peoples.

Siamak Khorrami, Faculty of Environment

Customers and Technology: A definite mutual relationship required for the success of Smart Grid projects

May 31, 8:30 a.m. Location: Room 3E9 Arts Building (Laurier)

Smart grid is a sophisticated technology that can revolutionize the way we consume and produce energy and can provide a good response to current energy and climate change challenges. We will have a review of different approaches to study consumer engagement with this technology to set a basic framework for a pilot study.

Robert Danisch, Department of Drama and Speech Communication

Occupy Wall Street as Rhetorical Citizenship: The Ongoing Relevance of Pragmatism for Deliberative Democracy

May 31, 1:45 p.m. Location: Room 1101B DAWB (Laurier) (Session/Séance 3)

The two most unique, prominent features of the Occupy Wall Street movement are its organizational structure and the ambiguity of its political demands. Its organizational structure is an experiment in small group democracy governed by specific communicative practices and policies. This essay argues that the texture of the occupy movement has its roots in American pragmatism.

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Christopher Lemieux, Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Geography & Environmental Studies

Last Chance Tourism in Protected Areas: management implications and emerging ethical considerations (Part of a special session on environmental change and tourism)

May 31, 10:30 a.m. Location: Laurier - Arts 2C16

Last chance tourism (LCT) is a tourism trend whereby tourists travel to endangered sites to see them before they vanish or are irrevocably transformed. This presentation explores the management and

operational challenges of, and provides an overview of some of the emerging ethical dilemmas associated with, LCT.

Thomas Dyck, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies

First Nations and Water: Examining the Potential Emergence of Adaptive Water Governance

May 31, 1:30 p.m. Location: Laurier – Peters Building – Room P1019

Dyck's talk highlights my theoretical approach to examine water challenges confronting First Nations. The research speaks to the need for more attention to water governance and the importance of partnering with First Nations assuring the results are of value to everyone involved.

Charles Wells, Lecturer, Contemporary Studies

Towards an Architecture of Liberation

May 31, 9 a.m. Location: Laurier – Bricker Academic Building – Room BA210

Wells's paper examines a number of (in)famous buildings that facilitate social, political, and physical control, including the Panopticon Prison, The Paris Boulevards, and the West Bank Separation Barrier, as well as the resistant practices that they give rise to. The paper poses the question of whether the opposite is possible: an architecture of liberation.

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