

Laurier Brantford



CONVOCATION 2004

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

3 p.m.

The Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts

Our History



Wilfrid Laurier University Campus, Waterloo Ontario

In 1910, the Lutheran Church entered into an agreement to establish a Lutheran Seminary. The majority of Lutherans in Ontario lived in the vicinity of Waterloo and Berlin (Kitchener), and Waterloo was selected when its citizens offered a tract of land on the boundary of the town. In 1911 the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada opened its doors. Facilities for pre-theological education were established in 1914 with courses leading to senior matriculation given in Waterloo College School.

In 1924 the Waterloo College of Arts, providing courses in postsecondary education in a four-year program, was established. In 1925 the Faculty of Arts, under the name of Waterloo College, affiliated with the University of Western Ontario. Waterloo College soon began to offer honours degree programs in the arts.

The affiliation with the University of Western Ontario ended in 1960 when the Seminary obtained a revised charter changing the name of the institution to Waterloo Lutheran University.

On November 1, 1973, Bill 178 was given Royal Assent by the Lieutenant Governor, William Ross Macdonald (a former Chancellor), and Waterloo Lutheran University became Wilfrid Laurier University, one of Ontario's provincially funded universities.

The History of Laurier Brantford

Laurier Brantford opened its doors to students and to higher education in September 1999. The opening was the result of a process that began in 1996, when the Brant Community Futures Development Corporation commissioned a business plan for the establishment of a university in Brantford. The plan became a catalyst for community discussions which culminated in the establishment of a Brant University Steering Committee in 1997. It was this committee which presented an official proposal to Wilfrid Laurier University in 1998.

Many members of the Brant community played an important role in bringing the university to Brantford. They include the Grand Valley Educational Society; His Worship, Mayor Ron Eddy; and previous Mayor, Chris Friel.

Since its inception, Laurier Brantford has been characterized by academic innovation and:

- a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences and their ability to provide students with the skills and knowledge relevant to contemporary issues and concerns;
- a problem-centred, interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research;
- a multitude of programs which combine the liberal arts with applied professional and occupational programs that further the vocations of our students;
- a close knit community of students, faculty and staff which promotes energy and enthusiasm and positive relations with the local community that supports us.

Thanks to the work of these and many others, Laurier Brantford now stands as a testament to the conviction — shared by the university, the City of Brantford and the County of Brant — that advanced education can play a vital role in establishing and sustaining a flourishing community.



Laurier Brantford Campus



Honorary Degrees

Honorary degrees are conferred by Wilfrid Laurier University in recognition of outstanding scholarly, creative, or professional achievement or distinguished public and community service. The university may grant the following honorary degrees: Doctor of Laws (LLD), Doctor of Letters (DLitt), Doctor of Science (DSc) and Doctor of Divinity (DDiv).



Detail of the Wilfrid Laurier University mace

Wilfrid Laurier University Mace

The mace of Wilfrid Laurier University was officially presented by the Euler family at the 1963 fall convocation in memory of the Honourable W.D. Euler, Senator and the first Chancellor of the university. It weighs 16 pounds and was manufactured by the firm of Henry Birks Limited, Montreal.

The ferrule near the base of the shaft contains ivory from a walrus tusk obtained from Coral Harbour, Northwest Territories. The 10-sided shaft, representing the 10 provinces, merges into the head of the mace which bears the 10 provincial crests. The wood used at the point where the shaft meets the head of the mace is elm taken from the bannister post of Conrad Hall, the original seminary building. Above this are four crests relating to the history of the institution: a crest of Waterloo County, the Luther Coat of Arms, the crest of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and the coat of arms of the University of Western Ontario.

The head of the mace is made of maple and bears the Federal Coat of Arms, above which is the monogram of Queen Elizabeth II, during whose reign the university's charter was granted. On the reverse side is the crest of Wilfrid Laurier University and the monogram of King George V, during whose reign the original charter was granted. The top of the mace is a crown, mounted with jewels, symbolizing the authority of the State.



Detail of the convocation marshal's baton, newly commissioned in memory of Dr. Fred Binding

The Marshal's Baton

Dr. Fred Binding was a faculty member in the Department of Psychology for 32 years and retired in July 2003. He served as the university marshal for 10 years. Dr. Binding died in August 2003. In memory of his contribution to convocation ceremonies, the artist Rex Lingwood was commissioned to make a marshal's baton.

In the baton, the artist incorporates a range of visual references that relate to the graduation ceremony, both directly and symbolically. In keeping with the nature of the ceremony some of the forms are traditionally associated with ceremonial staffs and the baton's design echoes the elaborate theatricality of the event and the flair Dr. Fred Binding brought to it. The ends may be read as abstracted figure forms wrapped in the academic gown and hood, with details in the university colours, purple and gold. These forms also read as plant buds, symbolizing the life stage of the graduates. The Greek alphabet is inset into an internal side surface in the shaft of the baton. This is a reference to the interests of Dr. Fred Binding. It also acknowledges that language is at the core of university education and that the Greek language has particular importance in western culture.

The commission of the baton was made possible with the generous support of the Department of Psychology and Wilfrid Laurier University Retirees' Association.

The Academic Degrees

The academic degree is a title conferred on an individual by a university as recognition of the completion of a course of study or for a certain attainment. In Canada the three stages in higher education are represented by the degrees of bachelor, master and doctor. Wilfrid Laurier University is given the authority to grant degrees by the Wilfrid Laurier University Act.

Historically, the master's degree was the only degree offered. In the Middle Ages it was awarded to those scholars who, after a series of examinations, were found intellectually and morally fit to teach. Although we are accustomed to thinking of the bachelor's degree as the original degree, it was initially used to designate master's students progressing toward their final degree. They were thus novices or 'bachelors,' who were given permission to teach beginning students. The bachelor's degree was subsequently established as a first degree, a position it had when Oxford University in England was founded in the 12th century. The degree of doctor, which comes from the Latin word for 'teacher,' was first awarded by the University of Bologna and the University of Paris in the 12th century.

The bachelor's degree is awarded at the honours and general level. An honours degree program emphasizes the acquisition of a broad and deep knowledge of the student's chosen honours subject, including both skill at applying the subject and appreciation of its relation to general knowledge and society. A general degree program emphasizes a balance between an in-depth understanding of the student's major subject and a knowledge and appreciation of other fields. Completion of an honours degree normally takes four years and a general degree, three years.

The master's degree is the second degree in higher education. Students complete concentrated and specialized work at a more advanced level in an academic discipline or professional area. Most course work is within the field of specialization and a research project or thesis is normally required. Some master's degrees provide professional qualifications. The master's degree usually requires one or two years of study after a bachelor's degree.

The doctoral degree is the highest academic degree granted by a university. Candidates for the degree spend several years in the advanced study of a specialized field of knowledge. The capstone of the degree is the doctoral dissertation, an extended work based upon independent research. The dissertation demonstrates the candidate's command of both the subject matter and the exacting methods of scholarship, and makes an original contribution to knowledge.





The Heraldic Coat of Arms

The Convocation Ceremony

Convocation is the most solemn ceremony within the university community. Since their beginnings in the Middle Ages, universities have performed this ceremony in order to grant degrees to their students and also to welcome those students into the community of scholars which has trained them.

The conferring of the degree takes place at the moment when the student is greeted by the Chancellor or the President, or other conferring officers of the university, and the officer says "I admit you."

As an outward sign of his or her new state, the student wears a hood. Each degree within a university has a hood of unique colours and trim in order that the student's status may be recognized—indeed every university guards its own set of hoods from use by any other university.

In order to recognize the nature of this event for the students involved, the university asks that parents and friends of the students participating in this ceremony withhold their applause until all members being admitted to each degree have left the dais. Students are asked to remain in their seats while other graduates receive their degrees.

"Veritas Omnia Vincit" -Truth Conquers All

Wilfrid Laurier University Motto

The Laurier Society

The Laurier Society is an umbrella organization that recognizes all individual donors to Wilfrid Laurier University. Within the society there is a range of annual recognition levels from less than \$100 to more than \$10,000 as well as recognition for lifetime giving and planned giving. Private donations help the university to enhance the learning experience for students by funding many needs, including classrooms and computer labs, library books, visiting lecturers, scholarships and bursaries, and athletic programs and facilities.

Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association

The more than 50,000 graduates of Wilfrid Laurier University and its predecessors are members of the Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association (WLUAA). The WLUAA, a volunteer driven, non-profit organization, is the official body representing WLU alumni. The elected Board of Directors is representative of all academic faculties and many different decades.

The WLUAA supports Wilfrid Laurier University with revenue from alumni services, such as group home, auto and life insurance, an affinity credit card and financial services. WLUAA revenues help to fund alumni programs, university projects, student groups, scholarships, homecoming and *Laurier Campus*, the alumni magazine.

The mission of the WLUAA is:

To foster alumni interaction with the students, the university, and the community; to promote active alumni participation in the affairs of the university; to assist in securing the university as an independent institution; and to enhance the university's profile as a small institution committed to academic excellence.



HONORARY DEGREE

Citation



Maude Victoria Barlow

Maude Barlow is an insightful and passionate political activist, organizer, policy critic and writer at the forefront of Canadian and international social justice movements. Her continuous commitment to women's rights, labor, health, education, environmental and national sovereignty issues distinguish her as an outstanding public intellectual of our time. Through her many books, as well as her leadership role as National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians, Maude Barlow challenges undemocratic corporate and state power structures, while also working to promote systems of participatory democracy.

Maude Victoria Barlow

Maude Barlow grew up in the Maritimes and Ottawa, where she developed a sharp social consciousness from a young age. She became actively involved in the Canadian women's movement during the 1970s, building grassroots women's organizations and facilitating workshops. She became a Senior Advisor on Women's Issues to former prime minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, worked on a landmark human rights challenge at the Kingston Prison for Women, and helped develop a Task Force on Wife Assault. In 1991, she was a member of an international women's peace mission to Iraq, working toward non-violent solutions to geopolitical conflicts. One of the remarkable features of Maude Barlow's political career is her ability to forge alliances across social differences and national boundaries, working co-operatively with others to achieve common goals. In her autobiography *The Fight of My Life*, she reveals how interconnected compassion, friendship and generosity are in the pursuit of political transformation.

Moving away from parliamentary politics in the mid-1980s to become the National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians, Maude Barlow has campaigned vigorously against the North American Free Trade Agreement, and more recently the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, on the grounds that they threaten human rights and social programs. She has written several books astutely exploring the problems of globalization, including *The Parcel of Rogues: How Free Trade is Failing Canada, The MAI and the Threat to Canadian Sovereignty,* and *Global Showdown:*How the New Activists are Fighting Global Corporate Rule. Her book Blue Gold examines the dangers globalization pose to national control over vital natural resources such as water when they become commodified and sold in the marketplace, warning readers of a situation in which she writes "everything is for sale, even those areas of life once considered sacred."

Maude Barlow is both a brilliant political analyst and an engaging public figure. She regularly appears in the popular media, working to inform and empower ordinary people to speak out and get involved. Her ability to make complex policy and social theories accessible to broad groups of people attests her commitment to grassroots citizen decision-making. She was on the front lines protesting on the streets during the Quebec Summit of the Americas as well as working on the Board of Directors of the International Forum on Globalization. Maude Barlow is someone who students and faculty at Laurier Brantford can admire as a truly interdisciplinary thinker and activist who works to connect social, economic, political and cultural issues as part of a holistic vision of an equal and just society.

Order of Proceedings

The Procession

The Marshal

Candidates for Degrees in Course

Alumni

The assembly will remain seated during the procession of graduates but will rise at the sound of the fanfare and remain standing until after the Invocation.

Convocation Fanfare

The Bedel

Faculty

The Chancellor

Members of Senate

The Vice-President: Academic

Members of the Board of Governors

Participants in the Ceremony

Presentation of the Mace

Dr. Brenda Murphy

Assistant Professor in the

Contemporary Studies Program

The placing of the mace by the Bedel before the Chancellor, Bob Rae, signifies the opening of the Convocation.

The Invocation

The Reverend Mark Gaskin

Central Presbyterian Church

The assembly will be seated.

Conferring of Honorary Degree

The Vice-President: Academic, Dr. Rowland Smith, will present to the Chancellor for the degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa,

Maude Victoria Barlow

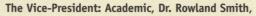
Dr. Susan Driver, Assistant Professor in the Contemporary Studies Program will read the citation. The recipient will be invested with academic hood by Dr. Robert Feagan, Assistant Professor in the Contemporary Studies Program.

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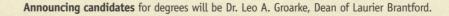
Dr. Maude Barlow will address Convocation.



Conferring of Degrees in Course



will assist the Chancellor in admitting candidates to degrees in course.



Announcements The Vice-President: Academic

Benediction The Reverend Mark Gaskin

Central Presbyterian Church

O Canada Rebecca Kruisselbrink, pianist

The Recession The assembly will remain standing during the Recession.

Marshal Dr. Bruce Arai, Associate Dean

Music Rebecca Kruisselbrink, pianist

Reception

There will be a reception immediately following Convocation, in the lobby of the Sanderson Centre.



Degrees in Course

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Faculty of Arts

Bachelor of Arts HONOURS PROGRAM

Heather Verginnia Barrie Contemporary Studies

* Geraldine Ella Lavery Contemporary Studies Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal in Contemporary Studies Destiny Acarya Shackleton Contemporary Studies

* Dana Snow
Contemporary Studies & Philosophy
Jessica Serryn Stephenson-Rypma
Contemporary Studies

Bachelor of Arts GENERAL PROGRAM

Sherry Lynn Anderson Sociology

**Stephanie Andrews Contemporary Studies

Amanda Berardi Contemporary Studies

* Ruthann Elizabeth Brown Contemporary Studies

Jamie Lyn Carnegie Contemporary Studies

Cheri Kimberly Caulton Contemporary Studies

David Paul Esbaugh Contemporary Studies

Jennifer Leigh Farrugie Contemporary Studies

**Jessica Marie Firman Contemporary Studies

Recipient of the Alumni Bronze Medal in Contemporary Studies

David Grabar Contemporary Studies

Erik Gerhard Hapke

Contemporary Studies Michelle Lena Marie Hofland

Anthropology & Contemporary Studies

Lindsay Michelle Jackson

Contemporary Studies & History Kimberly Margaret Jamont

Contemporary Studies Alyson Marie Kings

Contemporary Studies Melanie Anne Krause Contemporary Studies R Lynn Lickers Contemporary Studies

Lisa Michelle Lickers-VanEvery Contemporary Studies

Leanne Rose Loncke Communication Studies

Mackinley Susan Matthews

Contemporary Studies
Melanie Meredith

Contemporary Studies
Doris Gayle Myke

Contemporary Studies

* Lori Ann Potts Contemporary Studies

Kristopher George Ratusznyk Contemporary Studies & Psychology

Kristin Lindsay Redpath Contemporary Studies

Tara Schopf

Contemporary Studies

Joelene Beverly Spence Contemporary Studies

Emilou Irene Squire

Anthropology & Contemporary Studies

Laura Rachel Steiner

Contemporary Studies & History Tanya Michelle Thomas-Elliott

Contemporary Studies

Beth Eileen Wallace

Contemporary Studies

Steven John Zaranyik English

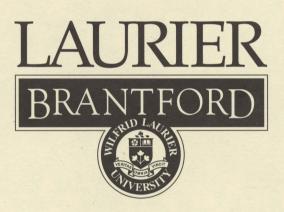
Faculty of Science
Bachelor of Arts
GENERAL PROGRAM

* Tricia Margaret Nelson Psychology Amanda Lea Squire Contemporary Studies & Psychology



^{**} With High Distinction





"As for you who stand today on the threshold of life, with a long horizon open before you for a long career of usefulness to your native land...

I shall remind you that already many problems rise before you: problems of race division, of creed differences, of economic conflict, of national duty and national aspiration. Let your aim and purpose, in good report or ill, in victory or defeat, be so to live, so to strive, so to serve as to do your part to raise even higher the standard of life and of living...

— Sir Wilfrid Laurier

