

SPRING CONVOCATION 2010 June 23rd

The Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts Brantford, Ontario, Canada





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Wednesday, June 23

10:30 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010 Morning Ceremony



Carnegie Building, dome detail, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, Ontario

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Order of Proceedings

The Procession

The Marshal Candidates for Degrees in Course

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 Chancellor announces that Convocation is in session.

Faculty

Members of Senate



Convocation Fanfare

The Bedel The Chancellor The President and Vice-Chancellor Participants in the Ceremony

Presentation of the Mace

Dr. Rebecca Godderis, Assistant Professor, Health Studies and Contemporary Studies

Members of the Board of Governors

The placing of the mace by the Bedel before the Chancellor, Mr. John A. Pollock, signifies the opening of the Convocation.

The assembly will be seated.

Board of Governors Address

The President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Max Blouw, will ask Mayor Mike Hancock, Member of the Board of Governors, to address Convocation.

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Conferring of Degrees in Course



President and Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Max Blouw, will assist the Chancellor in admitting candidates to degrees in course.

Announcing candidates for degrees will be Dr. Bruce Arai, Dean of the Brantford Campus.

Greeting candidates for degrees will be the Chancellor, Mr. John A. Pollock and the President.

Announcements

The Recession

The President

The assembly will remain standing during the recession.

Marshal	Dr. Sybil Geldart, Assistant Dean, Program Development
Hooder	Mr. Ray Darling, Registrar
Music	Students and alumni of the Faculty of Music



The Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts, Brantford, Ontario

Morning Ceremony

Degrees in Course

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts

HONOURS PROGRAM

Sophie Adair Criminology Martin Ludwik Adamiec Criminology Dawood Ahmad Criminology Judith-Regina Anton-Luke Contemporary Studies and Human Rights & Human Diversity **Glenn** Ayres Contemporary Studies & History Laura Bailey Journalism Jessica Bartlett Criminology & Health Studies Soriyya Bawa Journalism Lauren Beard Criminology Jason Beck **Contemporary Studies** John Bosnell Leadership & Psychology ** Sarah Jane Brennan Criminology & Psychology Stephanie Taylor Brown **Contemporary Studies** Christine Browning **Contemporary Studies** Anna Brzezinska Criminology Leslie Jaye Burrows **Contemporary Studies** Kelly Bushey Criminology Gregory Byrne Criminology Megan Caldwell **Contemporary Studies** Jesse Michael Carter Criminology David Catarino Contemporary Studies & History Jason Causton Criminology Jordon Chiarelli Journalism Annalise Nicole Clarkson **Contemporary Studies** & Health Studies

John Coleman Contemporary Studies & English Natasha Crompton-Dunn **Contemporary Studies** Kerry Anne Crosby Leadership Annique Daniel Contemporary Studies & Journalism Adam Davies **Contemporary Studies** Belinda Degrow **Contemporary Studies** Alexander Denonville Journalism Sarah Detheridge Health Studies Alyssa Chantel Di Domenico Criminology Patricia Dorsman **Contemporary Studies** Hailey Driedger Organizational Leadership Christine Ducharme Criminology Jillian Earl Journalism ** Luke Edwards Journalism Lauren Esposto **Contemporary Studies** Emma Gabriella Evans Contemporary Studies & Journalism Catherine Faas Journalism Jordan Fair Leadership Ryan Flanagan Contemporary Studies & Journalism Liam Clayton Fletcher Criminology Scott Fowlie Journalism Joanne Melinda Fox Criminology Natalie Gallo Journalism Kerrie Bailey Garbutt **Contemporary Studies** Jillian Marie Geldart **Contemporary Studies**

Holly Anne Mary Gibson Journalism Baltej Gill **Contemporary Studies** Katherine Gorman Criminology Mike Gose Criminology James Graham Criminology Sarah Elizabeth Joan Grill **Contemporary Studies** Casey-Lee Grubb Criminology Kristina Hachey **Contemporary Studies** Piotr Halasa Criminology Lindsay Catherine Hanright Criminology Caitland Harding **Contemporary Studies** Kristen Harper Leadership Holly Anne Held **Contemporary Studies** Jacob Aaron Hill Criminology Amy Homewood Criminology Jordan Honsinger Criminology ** Sarah Kate Hopkins Criminology & Organizational Leadership Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Brantford Campus Kristina Eleanor Huff **Contemporary Studies & History Brittany Hughes Contemporary Studies** James Innes **Contemporary Studies & History** Jordon Iorio **Contemporary Studies** Laden Ali Jama Criminology Michael Johnson Organizational Leadership **Emily Joucas** Contemporary Studies & English

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HONOURS PROGRAM - continued

Anna Doris Murillo **Contemporary Studies** * Megan Elizabeth Murphy Leadership Jillian Murray Contemporary Studies and Law & Society ** Rhiannon Christine Myers Journalism Annette Nagorski **Contemporary Studies** Leah Michelle Noble Health Studies Jessica Nolan **Contemporary Studies & History** Urey Karen Onuoha Contemporary Studies & Journalism Jennevie Grace Orio **Contemporary Studies** Jenna Hope Ozimor **Contemporary Studies** Brittney Pawlick Criminology **Kyle Peeres** Criminology Christina Perry Criminology Melissa Playford Criminology Michael Plona Organizational Leadership Breanne Poulin Criminology Natalia Przednowek **Contemporary Studies** Richard Przyborowski Criminology Vivek Ravichandran Criminology Jacklyn Redgers **Contemporary Studies** Caitlin Reilly Criminology Catherine Renaud Contemporary Studies & History Christopher Edwin Richardson Criminology Lauren Roberts Contemporary Studies & English Sarah Rohson **Contemporary Studies** Darlene Rodrigues Journalism Crystalyn Rogers Criminology & Health Studies

Dustin Rose **Contemporary Studies** Nathan Rowen Criminology Nicolas Adam Rowen **Contemporary Studies** Amy Ruxton Contemporary Studies & English David Saint-Onge Leadership Marie Anne Santaguida **Contemporary Studies** Laura Kathlene Scarfone Criminology Alexis Seguin-Cousineau Organizational Leadership Ashley Elizabeth Shaler Criminology Reena Sharma **Contemporary Studies Gregory Sinasac** Contemporary Studies & Criminology Carlee Sinclair Criminology Raman Singh Criminology Martin William Sitko Criminology Christine Emma Smith Contemporary Studies & Psychology Kayla Smith Criminology Lisa Smith **Contemporary Studies** Matthew Smith Criminology Elyse Snell **Contemporary Studies** Amy Speck-Miles **Contemporary Studies** ** Brandon Stewart Criminology Recipient of the Alumni Gold Medal for the Brantford Campus Andrea Stirling **Contemporary Studies Kristopher Stone Contemporary Studies** Courtney Dawn Stortini **Contemporary Studies** Jody Stumpf Criminology Joel Tansey Journalism Tessa Tsampiras Criminology & Psychology

Matthew Kane Criminology Ashley Kernaghan Criminology Anita Kreutzwiser **Contemporary Studies** Tijana Lakovic Criminology Anna Lambrinos **Health Studies** Jennifer Ai Yin Lee **Contemporary Studies** Aidan Francis Lefebvre Leadership **Lindsay** Levely Criminology & Health Studies Paige Lewis Criminology * Nicole Li Criminology Savka Ljubinkovic Criminology & Psychology Deanna Irene Lummack **Contemporary Studies** Sasha Lee Maracle Organizational Leadership Cristina Marcos **Contemporary Studies** Ding Kuol Marial Criminology and Human Rights & Human Diversity * Amy Marie Martino Contemporary Studies & Leadership Anthony Massi **Contemporary Studies** Jessica Matson Leadership Andrew James McArthur Criminology Ian McConachie Contemporary Studies & History Catriona Mairead McCrimmon **Contemporary Studies** Zachary Mealia Organizational Leadership Tanya Stacey Mesojedec **Contemporary Studies** Lacadia Anna Patricia Meyler Criminology Justin Miller **Contemporary Studies** Megan Minovski Criminology

Melvin Monteblanca Criminology

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Gregory Tyszczynski Criminology Anthony Van Wyngaarden Criminology Stephane Verreault Criminology Michelle Vucic Organizational Leadership Heather Ward Contemporary Studies

Vanessa Araujo **Contemporary Studies** Lyndsey Arnott **Contemporary Studies** Kimberley Patricia Barry Contemporary Studies & Criminology Margaret Berta **Contemporary Studies** James Boughner **Contemporary Studies** Mandeep Brar **Contemporary Studies & Criminology** Erin Breddy **Contemporary Studies** Jocelyn Brown **Contemporary Studies** Stephanie Bruce **Contemporary Studies** Matthew Cordero **Contemporary Studies** Shannon Davis **Contemporary Studies** Rochelle Ann Debassige **Contemporary Studies** Nina Del Signore **Contemporary Studies** Kristin Devos Contemporary Studies & Criminology Khusvinder Dhillon Contemporary Studies & Criminology Jacqueline Dime **Contemporary Studies** Tara Eagles Contemporary Studies & Criminology Amr El-Ansary **Contemporary Studies** Brittany Rider Farrell **Contemporary Studies** Laura Fell **Contemporary Studies** Scott Douglas Forrest Contemporary Studies & Criminology Lauren Ward Journalism Casey Allan Watson Organizational Leadership Julie Watson Criminology Kristen Wells Contemporary Studies Kathryn Westoby Contemporary Studies

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GENERAL PROGRAM

Adelheidi Fuchs-Trapp Contemporary Studies & Geography Morgan Gaboury-Poirier Contemporary Studies & History Robert Oliver John Gildemeester **Contemporary Studies** Kayla Emily Hammond **Contemporary Studies** Claire Hermer **Contemporary Studies** Marcos-Eduardo Hernandez-Carranza **Contemporary Studies** Kristy Hill **Contemporary Studies** Lisa-Marie Hiseler Contemporary Studies & Criminology Carolyn Eileen Horning **Contemporary Studies** Luma Hsan **Contemporary Studies** Nick Kanaan **Contemporary Studies** Ryan Edward Kavanagh **Contemporary Studies** Ashton Keith **Contemporary Studies** Naila Khayrulova Contemporary Studies & Criminology Tiffanie King **Contemporary Studies** Anthony Lam **Contemporary Studies** Justin Landreville **Contemporary Studies** Shelby Ann LeClair **Contemporary Studies** Danielle Frances Legros **Contemporary Studies & History** Nicole Liadis **Contemporary Studies** Stephanie Little **Contemporary Studies**

Kachina Wicks Criminology Paulina Wiejak Criminology * Kristina Wilson Contemporary Studies Lee Wiseman Criminology Rita Wong Journalism

Kevin Bowen Lockhart Victoria MacAndrew Contemporary Studies and History Nina Marks English Christine Marshall **Contemporary Studies** Michael Martisius Contemporary Studies & Leadership Kasey McGregor **Contemporary Studies** Holly Neil **Contemporary Studies** Alexandra Pauline Petras **Contemporary Studies** Daniel Phillips **Contemporary Studies** Danielle Christine Reeves **Contemporary Studies** Ian Reid **Contemporary Studies** Laura Schlett **Contemporary Studies** Lyndsay Renee Scott Contemporary Studies & Criminology Tanusha Singh Contemporary Studies & English Jennifer Tipler **Contemporary Studies** Krista Turnbull Contemporary Studies & Journalism Megan Van Ostaeyen **Contemporary Studies** Zuber Virani **Contemporary Studies** Alexandra Aimee Waller **Contemporary Studies** Bryan Willsie Contemporary Studies & Psychology Shannon Wink

Contemporary Studies

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Students Centre building entrance, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, Ontario



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Honorary Degree Wednesday, June 23, 2010

Citation

Buffy (Beverly) Sainte-Marie

B uffy Sainte-Marie stands as North America's most successful contemporary Indigenous musician and her recording and songwriting credits span five decades. She has recorded more than 20 albums and her music has been featured in film and television across the globe, including the United States, Canada, France, Russia and Japan. In addition to recording her own music, scores of her songs have been recorded by other artists including Elvis Presley, Janis Joplin, Chet Atkins, Barbara Streisand, Neil Diamond and the Indigo Girls. She also penned "Universal Soldier," one of the anthems of the 1960s peace movement. She is most well-known musically as the Academy Award-winning composer of "Up Where We Belong", the theme song for the 1982 film *An Officer and a Gentleman*, but her work transcends far beyond popular music and ranges from Native rights activism to educational visioning and leadership.

In her early music career Ms. Sainte-Marie was publicly known as a singer and writer of love songs and protest music, but privately she was strongly influenced by many different Native American people, including her uncles who were traditional powwow drummers in their Cree community in Saskatchewan. This influence is readily seen in many of her songs including "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee" and "Starwalker". Today she can still be found singing at the powwow drum with her nieces and nephews and she continues to create contemporary music in honour of the music traditions of Native peoples. These efforts garnered her CD *Running for the Drum* the 2009 Juno Award for Aboriginal Recording of the Year. She states that she "still makes consistent and joyful efforts to bring the power of Native artistry... traditional, pop, country and classical... to the attention of the world."

Trained as a teacher, Ms. Sainte-Marie has always taken advantage of opportunities to educate both formally and informally. She has earned degrees in education and Oriental philosophy and a PhD in Fine Art (University of Massachusetts). In 1976 she "moved to Sesame Street", becoming a regular on the popular children's show along with her son Dakota Starblanket Wolfchild. Together they taught many children (and their parents) about sibling rivalry, breast-feeding, and, most importantly, "that Indians still exist". With a commitment to enhancing Native American education, she founded two non-profit organizations: the Nehewin Foundation for Native American Education and the Cradleboard Teaching Project, which sponsors innovative projects across Native Country. Through Cradleboard, she produced a multimedia curriculum CD, *Science: Through Native American Eyes*.

In addition to her social leadership and activism, Ms. Sainte-Marie has been described as a "Macintosh pioneer in digital art and music". Her large photographic prints have been exhibited widely, including the Glenbow Museum (Calgary), Emily Carr Gallery (Vancouver), Institute of American Indian Arts (Santa Fe), Isaacs Gallery (Toronto), Ramscale Gallery (New York) and the Tucson Museum of Art. Her paintings have appeared on the magazine covers of *Art Focus* and *Talking Stick* and have been featured in *Ms. Magazine, Yahoo* and *USA Today*. In addition to her own accomplishments in the digital arts, Ms. Sainte-Marie has made it a priority to teach and inspire other digital artists.

Because of the efforts and accomplishments of Buffy Sainte-Marie millions of people around the world today know that Indigenous people not only still exist but also flourish with talent and potential.

-Presented by Dr. Susan Hill, June 2010



Detail of a photo by Annie Liebovitz for Vanity Fair, 2008

Afternoon Ceremony

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Convocation Fanfare

The Bedel The Chancellor The President and Vice-Chancellor Participants in the Ceremony Faculty Members of Senate Members of the Board of Governors

Presentation of the Mace

Dr. Kofi Campbell, Associate Professor, English

The placing of the mace by the Bedel before the Chancellor, Mr. John A. Pollock, signifies the opening of the Convocation.

The assembly will be seated.

Conferring of Honorary Degree

President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Max Blouw will present to the Chancellor for the degree of Doctor of Letters, honoris causa,

Buffy Sainte-Marie

Assistant Professor, Indigenous and Contemporary Studies, Dr. Susan Hill will read the citation. The recipient will be invested with the academic hood by Dr. Robert Ame, Assistant Professor, Human Rights and Human Diversity.

Address

Dr. Buffy Sainte-Marie will address Convocation.

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Announcements

The President

Nipissing University Convocation

The assembly will remain seated.

Invocation

Conferring of Masters of Education Degrees

Conferring of Concurrent Bachelor of Education Degrees Primary/Junior Junior/Intermediate

Presentation of Trusler's Award

Presentation of Governor General's Academic Medal

Presentation of President's Gold Medal

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Presentation of Excellence in Part Time Teaching Award

The Recession

The assembly will stand during the recession.

Marshal

Hooder

Music

Dr. Sybil Geldart, Assistant Dean, Program Development

Mr. Ray Darling, Registrar

Students and alumni of the Faculty of Music



Afternoon Ceremony

Degrees in Course

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

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HONOURS PROGRAM

* Rachel Babula **Contemporary Studies** Sarah Beer **Contemporary Studies** Stephanie Bonnar **Contemporary Studies** Sarah Marie Borges **Contemporary Studies** Courtney Anne Brewer **Contemporary Studies** Annelise Simone Brook **Contemporary Studies** Andrew Callum Dugald Cameron **Contemporary Studies** Shawna Carroll **Contemporary Studies** Mark Coleman **Contemporary Studies** * Heather Cousins **Contemporary Studies** Kristen Cox **Contemporary Studies** Kari Davidson **Contemporary Studies** Robyn Dawson **Contemporary Studies** Danielle Dechert **Contemporary Studies** Marja Joy den Bak **Contemporary Studies** Jacqueline Susan Ehrhardt **Contemporary Studies**

Chantel Aarssen Contemporary Studies Jaclyn Ashton Contemporary Studies

- * Alicia Rose Anne Astle Contemporary Studies
- * Heather Dawn Bebbington Contemporary Studies

Brittany Heather England **Contemporary Studies** Erin Elizabeth Filice **Contemporary Studies** Megan Marie Fraser **Contemporary Studies** Kyle Geerlings **Contemporary Studies** Laura Hargraves **Contemporary Studies** Kelly Kristen Jelicic **Contemporary Studies** Melissa Anne Lameiro **Contemporary Studies** Lisa Langlois **Contemporary Studies** Melissa Ann Lee **Contemporary Studies** Michael Loney **Contemporary Studies Rebecca** Lopes **Contemporary Studies** Cayla Jayne Margaret Maltby **Contemporary Studies** Maria Martino **Contemporary Studies** Alexandra McClafferty **Contemporary Studies** Chelsey Lynn Miller **Contemporary Studies** Katharine Miller **Contemporary Studies**

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GENERAL PROGRAM

 Brittany Behling Contemporary Studies
Jennifer Bernard Contemporary Studies
Carissa Catherine Bishop Contemporary Studies & English
Thea Elizabeth Elaine Breutigam Contemporary Studies Stephanie Nicole Milley Contemporary Studies Joanne Patenaude Contemporary Studies Chelsea Patterson Contemporary Studies

- * Robyn Justine Petty Contemporary Studies
- Cristina Nicole Oliveira Pinheiro Contemporary Studies Zainab Sachoo

Contemporary Studies

- Brett Elizabeth Strouth Contemporary Studies Mary Tadrous
- Contemporary Studies Jessica Taylor
- Contemporary Studies Jessalyn Laurin Tollar
- Contemporary Studies
- Scott Philip Waters Contemporary Studies
- Maxfield Wiedermann Edminson Contemporary Studies
- Robyn Willard Contemporary Studies
- * Ashleigh Woodward Contemporary Studies

Amy Burditt Contemporary Studies Karla Burnley

- Contemporary Studies Jennifer Canning
- Contemporary Studies * Alanna Clancy
- Contemporary Studies

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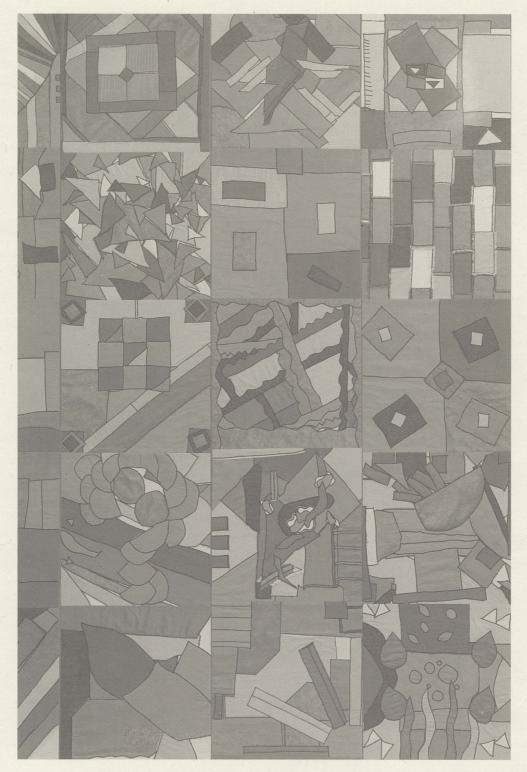
GENERAL PROGRAM

Courtney Anne-Louise Clark **Contemporary Studies** Katherine Clark **Contemporary Studies** Meaghan Claussen **Contemporary Studies** Robert Glenn Cook **Contemporary Studies** Amanpreet Dhaul **Contemporary Studies** Kailey Anne Dzikowski **Contemporary Studies** Erika Cornelia Esseltine **Contemporary Studies** Jennifer Fletcher **Contemporary Studies** Tyler Ford **Contemporary Studies** Stacy Furtney **Contemporary Studies** Hilary Gaffney **Contemporary Studies** Jennifer Galbraith Contemporary Studies & History Jacqueline Genco **Contemporary Studies** Shauna Laurie Gleason **Contemporary Studies** Cassandra Greco Contemporary Studies & English Kathleen Heighington **Contemporary Studies** Christopher William Gordon Hill Contemporary Studies & History Jessica Hislop **Contemporary Studies** Alexandra Hnatiuk **Contemporary Studies** Amy Hoo **Contemporary Studies** Sarah Elizabeth Keegan **Contemporary Studies**

Jacqueline Kennedy Contemporary Studies & History Hyunhwa Kim **Contemporary Studies** Katherine Elizabeth Kuczera **Contemporary Studies** Rachael Kumar **Contemporary Studies** Danielle Labadie **Contemporary Studies** Natalie Land **Contemporary Studies** Erica Larmer Contemporary Studies & History Erin Little **Contemporary Studies** Sarah Jane Ruth Markus **Contemporary Studies** Robin McKee **Contemporary Studies** Gregory Miller **Contemporary Studies** Olivia Sara Mischuk **Contemporary Studies** Theresa Morgan **Contemporary Studies** Danielle Picanco **Contemporary Studies** Cassandra Pol **Contemporary Studies** Andrea Kristen Randell **Contemporary Studies** Sarah Reger **Contemporary Studies** Carissa Roberts **Contemporary Studies** Stefanie Rutherford **Contemporary Studies** Katelyn Saint **Contemporary Studies** Gregory Leonard Santarelli Contemporary Studies & Geography

Kristin Sassmann **Contemporary Studies** Megan Saulnier Contemporary Studies & English Kristina Simons **Contemporary Studies** Ashlee Smith **Contemporary Studies** Cara Lindsay Smith **Contemporary Studies** Kimberley Ann Elizabeth Stanbury **Contemporary Studies** Deborah Marie Stead **Contemporary Studies** Amanda Stewardson **Contemporary Studies** Laura Switenky **Contemporary Studies** Adriana Tallevi-Keller **Contemporary Studies** Kaitlin Tannahill **Contemporary Studies** Janine Taylor-Baptiste **Contemporary Studies** ** Nelinda Magdalena Van Pagee **Contemporary Studies** Recipient of the Alumni Bronze Medal for the Brantford Campus Jacklyn Brooks VanBerlo **Contemporary Studies** Jennifer Joanna Vandekrol **Contemporary Studies** Christina Wagler **Contemporary Studies** Katey Walker **Contemporary Studies** Stephanie Webb **Contemporary Studies** Jennifer Holly Ann Wilson **Contemporary Studies** Katelyn Wood **Contemporary Studies**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010 Afternoon Ceremony



Detail of the artwork displayed in the foyer of the Carnegie Building, Wilfrid Laurier University, Brantford, Ontario

LAURIER WELCOMES YOU



Wilfrid Laurier University Campus, Waterloo, Ontario

Our History

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 was established, providing courses in post-secondary education in a four-year program. 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 (former chancellor), and Waterloo Lutheran University became Wilfrid Laurier University, one of Ontario's provincially funded universities.

LAURIER BRANTFORD

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, Brant County Mayor Ron Eddy; and previous Brantford 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.



Wilfrid Laurier University Campus, Brantford, Ontario



THE CEREMONY



Detail of the Wilfrid Laurier University Mace



Detail of the Convocation Marshal's Baton.

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).

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, former senator of Canada 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 ten-sided shaft, representing the ten provinces, merges into the head of the mace which bears the ten 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.

The Marshal's Baton

Dr. Fred Binding, a faculty member in the Department of Psychology for 32 years retired in July 2003. He had served as the university marshal for ten years. Sadly, Dr. Binding died in August 2003. In memory of his contribution to convocation ceremonies, artist Rex Lingwood was commissioned to create 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 brought to the occasion by Dr. Fred Binding. 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 CEREMONY

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 original 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 CEREMONY



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 is symbolized either by an acknowledgement or handshake from the Chancellor or the President or other conferring officers of the university.

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.

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 computerlabs, library books, visiting lecturers, scholarships and bursaries, and athletic programs and facilities.

Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association

More than 70,000 graduates of Wilfrid Laurier University and its predecessors are the members of the Wilfrid Laurier University Alumni Association (WLUAA). The WLUAA, a volunteer driven, non-profit organization, is the official body representing Laurier 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.

