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Laurier's Tshepo Institute presents Dr. James Orbinski

BRANTFORD – The Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa, a research centre at Wilfrid Laurier University's Brantford campus, will present a lecture by Dr. James Orbinski on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Research and Academic Centre West, 150 Dalhousie Street, room RCW 002.

Orbinski's lecture, entitled "Africa, Equity & Global Health," will address some of the historical and pressing current health concerns in Africa. He will explore the practical meaning of equity and global health with particular focus on the contemporary health implications of climate change in Africa.

Orbinski is a humanitarian practitioner and advocate, as well as a leading scholar in global health. He was the International president of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) from 1998 to 2001 and accepted the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to MSF (Doctors Without Borders). He is currently the Research Chair in Global Health at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Director of the Africa Initiative at the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), and a member of the Tshepo advisory board.

"Dr. Orbinski's role on the Tshepo advisory board and his feature address at the Brantford campus align with Wilfrid Laurier University's mission to challenge people to become engaged and aware citizens of an increasingly complex world," said Robert Ame, associate professor in Human Rights and Criminology and the director of the Tshepo Institute. "His experience benefits the Tshepo Institute in immeasurable ways and we're pleased to be able to have him speak in this public lecture."

The Tshepo Institute promotes global awareness and excellence in knowledge development on African issues with the aim of inspiring positive transformation. It focuses on contemporary development and social justice issues in Africa from an interdisciplinary perspective. The institute serves as a hub for knowledge mobilization and student/faculty enrichment that can inform transformative policies and emphasize causes for hope.

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