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Explore, connect during global engagement week at Laurier

BRANTFORD – Laurier International will host events in Brantford and Waterloo during global engagement week Feb. 23 to 28. The theme of the week is exploring food, connecting culture. Events include public lectures, human libraries, photo exhibits and film screenings.

“Global Engagement Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the diversity within the Laurier community and explore the impacts of globalization through the arts, food, games, training and presentations,” said Phyllis Power, global engagement programming manager. “The week’s events are organized by student groups, staff, and faculty and we encourage the campuses and the communities to come and learn about global engagement at Laurier.”

In Brantford, highlights of the week include:

- **Monday, Feb. 24 at noon:** opening ceremonies featuring a territorial welcome, presentations on the significance of the Six Nations flag, the Hall of Nations and Black History month. Research and Academic Centre East, 150 Dalhousie Street.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.:** Laurier English and Academic Foundation (LEAF) students share food from China. RCW lobby, 150 Dalhousie Street.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.:** LEAF students host a traditional Chinese tea ceremony. LEAF Office, Dalhousie Place, 274 Colborne Street.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m.:** “Rising Above Slavery: Remembering Nelson Mandela,” a public lecture presented by the Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa featuring David Pfrimmer, principal dean, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, and Ali Abdi, associate professor, University of Alberta. RCW 002, Research and Academic Centre West, 150 Dalhousie Street.

In Waterloo, featured events include:

- **Monday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.:** Global Fair – Laurier student clubs, including the Tamil Student Association, the Afghan Student Association and Chinese Student Association will showcase their art, culture, history, food and traditions. Concourse
- **Tuesday, Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:** The global lens international photo exhibit – Laurier students, staff and faculty have submitted photos taken around the world that represent a global food experience. These images will be on display where visitors can vote to select a people’s choice award winner. Concourse and the atrium in the Peters and Science Buildings.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2 to 5 p.m.:** The human library - in partnership with the Laurier Library, visitors will be able to borrow a human book for a 20-minute conversation. Titles include *Award-Winning Author*, *Activist*, *International Alumni*. Laurier Library.
- **Thursday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.:** “Courage, Faith and Hope in the Face of Adversity,” keynote address by Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, a Palestinian physician and three-time Nobel Prize nominee. Abuelaish is the founder of *Daughters for Life*, a charity that seeks to improve the quality of life through for women in the Middle East. Senate and Board Chamber.

For more information, including the full global engagement week schedule, please visit www.wlu.ca/international/geweek or contact Phyllis Power, global engagement programming manager at ppower@wlu.ca or 519.756.8228 ext. 5661.