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## Activist and professor to speak at Laurier Social Justice Forum

BRANTFORD – Laurier's Society, Culture, and Environment program will host its first annual Social Justice Forum on Feb. 3 and 4. The forum features a keynote public lecture by scholar-activist Aziz Choudry of McGill University, who will share insights from his research and activism dedicated to making social change.

Choudry's lecture will take place at 7 p.m. in room RCW 202 in the Research and Academic Centre (West), 150 Dalhousie Street, Brantford.

"We are delighted to welcome Dr. Choudry as the keynote for our first-ever forum," said James Cairns, associate professor in the Society, Culture, and Environment program. "Having Aziz here gives our students and everyone in the community the unique chance to learn from his powerful experiences as a scholar-activist focusing on social movement learning, popular education, and community building."

Choudry is the co-author of *Fight Back: Workplace Justice for Immigrants* (2009), as well as the co-editor of three scholarly books including *NGOization: Complicity, Contradictions and Prospects* (2013), and *ORGANIZE! Building from the Local for Global Justice* (2012). He currently serves on the board of the Immigrant Workers Centre, Montreal, and the Global Justice Ecology Project.

In addition to the keynote, Choudry will facilitate a grad student and faculty workshop, as well as meeting with student organizations that focus on social justice issues on campus.

The Society, Culture, and Environment Social Justice Forum is free and open to the public. It is co-sponsored the Social Justice and Community Engagement master's program, and the Faculty of Liberal Arts. For more information, please contact James Cairns at [jcairns@wlu.ca](mailto:jcairns@wlu.ca).

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