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## Laurier's Global Engagement Week explores diversity and security

BRANTFORD - Laurier International will host events in Brantford and Waterloo during Global Engagement Week, held from **Feb. 2 to 6**. The theme of the week is security – from the global to the personal. Events include public lectures, living 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, manager, global engagement programming. "The week provides a platform where the faculty and students take ideas cultivated in the classroom out into the larger Laurier community for further exploration and involvement."

In Brantford, highlights of the week include:

- **Monday, Feb. 2 – Friday, Feb. 6:**

A photo gallery featuring recent world events and realities that engage with different facets of security. The gallery will engage viewers in a discussion about the various security challenges facing the world today. Organized by the Global Engagement Campus and Community Outreach.  
*Lobby, Research and Academic Centre East, 150 Dalhousie Street.*

- **Monday, Feb. 2, 7 p.m.:**

Celebrate the start of Black History Month with the Inaugural speech of the Nelson Mandela Lecture Series by Pablo Idahosa, professor and coordinator of African Studies at York University. Organized by the Tshepo institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa.  
*RCW 002, Research and Academic Centre West, 150 Dalhousie Street.*

- **Wednesday, Feb. 4, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.:**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year early with Laurier International (Laurier English and Academic Foundation (LEAF), International Student Support and Global Engagement). Activities include dumpling making, a lion dance, and a buffet to celebrate the Year of the Sheep.  
*RCW lobby, Research and Academic Centre West, 150 Dalhousie Street and St. Andrew's United Church, 95 Darling Street.*

- **Thursday, Feb. 5, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.:**

Global Engagement Campus and Community Outreach (GECCO) will partner with Aboriginal Student Services for Soup and Frybread lunch, featuring international flavours.  
*Aboriginal Student Centre, 111 Darling Street.*

In Waterloo, featured events include:

- **Monday, Feb. 2 – Friday, Feb. 6:**

The Fresh Food Company presents, "Comfort Food from Around the World."  
*Dining Hall.*

- **Monday, Feb. 2, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.:**

#AskBenYang. Laurier's director, global engagement will take your questions on Twitter (@laurierglobal) or in person.  
*Hall of Nations, Dining Hall.*

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- **Tuesday, Feb 3, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.:**  
The living library - in partnership with the Laurier Library, visitors will be able to "borrow" a human book for a 20-minute conversation. Books will have a "security" theme.  
*Laurier Library, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.*
- **Wednesday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m. to noon:**  
Global Engagement Student Ambassadors host "Mesoamerica Resiste, Beehive Design Collective Graphic Workshop." This workshop will explore both the impact of globalization in Mesoamerica & our local communities and the many ways that communities are resisting and responding.  
*Paul Martin Centre.*
- **Thursday, Feb. 5, 12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Living in the Midst of Conflict: Creative Responses to Suffering. Join Daughters for Life Laurier as they explore the realities of life in Israel-Palestine with a screening of "Here and Not There" by award-winning documentary producer, director and cinematographer Danae Elon. Also featuring musical expressions of peace by Dawud Wharansby, and "Growing up Gaza," a conversation with Dr. Isseldin Abuelaish, founder of Daughters for Life and author of *I Shall Not Hate. Senate and Board Chamber.*

For more information, including the full Global Engagement Week schedule, please visit [www.wlu.ca/gew](http://www.wlu.ca/gew) or contact **Phyllis Power**, global engagement programming manager at [ppower@wlu.ca](mailto:ppower@wlu.ca) or **519-802-0757**.

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