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Laurier social sciences and humanities researchers receive over \$1.6 million in SSHRC support

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University researchers have received more than \$1.6 million in funding through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council's (SSHRC) 2015 Insight Development and Insight Grant competitions.

Fourteen Laurier researchers, spanning a range of disciplines, were awarded grants. Included is a project that brings together Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to create novel education strategies through community art and cultural exchange. Other projects that received funding will study the challenges and opportunities African male immigrants face in accessing post-secondary education; document the lives of Syrian children living in refugee camps; and apply new digital humanities methods to investigate the awareness of space in late-Victorian England.

Insight Development Grants fund innovative new approaches to research in its early stages, provide high-quality research experiences for students and mobilize research knowledge for economic and social impact. Insight Grants support research excellence in the social sciences and humanities and support longer-term research programs.

"This support furthers our faculty members' diverse and excellent research programs," said **Deborah MacLatchy**, vice-president: academic and provost and acting vice-president: research at Laurier. "It also supports hands-on research experiences for students."

Funded projects include:

- **Bree Akesson**: Socio-spatial experiences of Syrian children and families living in refugee camps: A mixed-methods study of mobility and well-being (\$72,322).
- **Jonathan Finn**: A critical cultural history of the photo finish in sport (\$74,026).
- **Donna Kotsopoulos**: An analysis of Canadian universities undertaking prioritization (\$52,932).
- **Jennifer Lavoie**: Exploring police responses to citizens in mental crisis (\$56,253).
- **Rianne Mahon**: Gendering development assistance: the OECD's contribution (\$138,134).
- **Amy Milne-Smith**: Ripper's Whitechapel: The digital humanities and perceptions of space in late-Victorian England (\$67,442).

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- **Terry Mitchell:** Resource governance and indigenous rights: understanding intercultural frameworks for negotiating free prior and informed consent (\$423,583).
- **David Monod:** Vaudeville modernism: popular entertainment and cultural transformation (\$143,917).
- **Alison Mountz:** Canada as safe haven? The migration of war resisters from the United States (\$167,618).
- **Vanessa Oliver:** Indigenous Exchange: Indigenous education through community arts and cultural exchange (\$73,609).
- **Ellen Russell:** What do workers deserve?: Framing wage Entitlements in Canadian French- and English-language editorials and op-eds (\$72,536).
- **Kim Rygiel:** Living with others: fostering cultural pluralism through citizenship politics (\$172,553).
- **Edward Shizha:** Enhancing access to postsecondary education for male African immigrant youth in Southern Ontario (\$56,395).
- **Catherine Stewart:** Seeking justice for child abuse victims with developmental disabilities: Perceptions of parents and crown attorneys (\$64,761).

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) is the federal agency that promotes and supports postsecondary-based research and training in the humanities and social sciences. Through its programs, SSHRC works to develop talented leaders for all sectors of society; helps generate insights about people, ideas and behaviour; and builds connections within and beyond academia that will build a better future for Canada and the world. For more information, visit www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca.