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## Laurier to host award-winning photographer Camille Seaman for public lecture

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University, along with Flash Waterloo Region, will host a public lecture January 28, "Connection and Purpose: How to Audaciously Stand up for the Planet."

The lecture features award-winning photographer Camille Seaman, whose work has appeared in National Geographic, TIME magazine and the New York Times. Seaman has traveled to over 30 countries worldwide, documenting communities even in the farthest reaches of the globe like Mongolia, New Zealand and the Polar Regions. She categorizes her photographs of icebergs as portraiture versus landscape photography since she considers them to be sentient beings.

"Ms. Seaman is an extraordinary artist who has captured the attention of audiences worldwide," said Tim Donais, chair and associate professor, Global Studies. "We are pleased she is coming to Laurier to share her vast expertise and stories with our community. Additionally, we are delighted to connect with the greater KW community through shared co-sponsorship with [Flash Waterloo Region](#) whose annual event Seaman will headline on January 29."

Seaman will share her personal drive to capture photographs that articulate how humans are not separate from nature. She will examine what it means to be an 'earthling,' and our individual and collective responsibilities towards this, our global home.

Of both Native American (Shinnecock Nation) and African American heritage, Seaman is a TED Fellow and a Stanford University Knight Fellow in Journalism. In 2008, she was granted the honour of a solo exhibit at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC. Most recently in 2014, her book *Melting Away* made American Photo magazine's list for best photo books of the year and she was named Artist-in-Residence at Denali National Park in Alaska.

The lecture takes place in the Senate & Board Chamber at Laurier's Waterloo campus from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

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Please contact us to request high-resolution versions of Camille's photos. Photo Credit: Camille Seaman.

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