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## Author and environmentalist Chris Turner to speak at Laurier's Brantford campus

BRANTFORD – **Chris Turner**, one of Canada's leading voices on climate change solutions, will deliver a lecture at Wilfrid Laurier University's **Brantford campus** on Monday, **Oct. 2** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Titled, "**Taking the Leap: Embracing the Sustainable Economy**," Turner's talk will explore the ideas and recent breakthroughs in state-of-the-art renewable energy and urban design that he posits can be the foundation for a new, sustainable world order that allows individuals and businesses to thrive in a 21<sup>st</sup>-century economy.

Turner is a two-time National Business Book Award finalist. He is the author of bestsellers *The Leap: How to Survive and Thrive in the Sustainable Economy*, *The Geography of Hope: A Tour of the World We Need*, and an upcoming book, *The Patch: The People, Pipelines and Politics of the Oil Sands*. His reporting on energy, climate and sustainability issues has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Guardian*, *The Globe and Mail*, *Canadian Geographic* and many other publications.

"At a time when there is a lot of doomsday talk around climate change, Chris Turner focuses on ways in which we can collaborate to meet environmental challenges," said [Peter Farrugia](#), associate professor in the departments of [History](#) and [Social and Environment Justice](#) at Laurier's Brantford campus. "He does not minimize the gravity of the situation but he offers hope that sustainable alternatives, bringing together businesses and individuals in partnership, can be found."

The event takes place in Room RCE 004 of the **Research and Academic Centre East** (150 Dalhousie St.). Admission is free and all are welcome to attend. It is presented with sponsorship from the Wilfrid Laurier University Sustainability Office, the Senior Executive Officer, and the Dean of Liberal Arts.

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