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## Indigenous researchers to discuss innovative projects at Laurier research symposium

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University is hosting a symposium on how Indigenous researchers are employing Indigenous ways of gathering knowledge in their research projects. The public event takes place Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Senate and Board Chamber at Laurier’s Waterloo campus.

The “Indigenist Research Symposium: a Gathering of Knowledge Seekers,” will feature presentations from four leading academics:

- Brent Debassige, director of Aboriginal Education and assistant professor at the University of Western Ontario
- Michael Hart, associate professor and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledges and Social Work at the University of Manitoba
- Kathy Absolon, associate professor and associate dean, Aboriginal Field of Study, Faculty of Social Work at Wilfrid Laurier University
- Darren Thomas, PhD candidate in community psychology and lecturer at Wilfrid Laurier University

“This gathering is important to me as an Indigenous researcher,” said Absolon. “We have few spaces to gather and focus on our work. On this day we will have an opportunity to learn from one another and to inspire, generate and foster restoring of Indigenous worldview in how we come to know.”

The symposium is organized by Laurier’s Office of Aboriginal Initiatives, which provides a range of culturally relevant, wholistic support services and programs.

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