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## 'Fake news' and a changing media landscape: Laurier panel discussion to examine the state of journalism

BRANTFORD – In an era defined by “fake news” and unprecedented political spin, what is the purpose of journalism? How are traditional news outlets adapting to a changing media environment? What can we learn from start-up news outlets about how to produce journalism that audiences find meaningful?

These important questions will be explored during a public panel discussion taking place **March 6** at Wilfrid Laurier University’s Brantford campus. Participants include **Kathy English**, public editor of the *Toronto Star*, **San Grewal**, founder of *The Pointer*, and **Erin Millar**, founder and CEO of *The Discourse*. Dan Banko of Banko Media will moderate the discussion.

“Panelists will dive into different business models for journalism in the post-print era and share their views on an important subject: the purpose of reporting news and truth-telling,” said **Heidi Northwood**, interim senior executive officer at Laurier’s Brantford campus and dean of the [Faculty of Liberal Arts](#). “It’s a timely and important topic and we’re pleased to invite the community to join us.”

The March 6 panel discussion will take place at the Research and Academic Centre East, Room RCE004, 150 Dalhousie St. in Brantford. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the discussion will take place from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Admission is free and all are welcome. Please RSVP to Tania Iezzi at [tiezzi@wlu.ca](mailto:tiezzi@wlu.ca) by March 1.

The panel discussion is the second event in a Community Speaker Series hosted by Laurier’s Faculty of Liberal Arts Dean’s Community and Alumni Advisory Council. The series aims to engage and connect Laurier with the wider community.

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