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State of local journalism topic of Laurier panel discussion

BRANTFORD – How do local people find out about important issues? How can citizens be engaged in reading and supporting local news? How can local news be financially viable in the era of free news?

These questions will be explored during a public panel discussion, “Getting the News you Need: Pathways to Local News,” taking place Nov. 7 at Wilfrid Laurier University’s Brantford campus. Participants include 4Brant publisher John Bradford, Two Row Times editor Nahnda Garlow, Rogers TV Brantford producer Patti Berardi and BScene publisher Jason Freeze.

The panel, moderated by [Bruce Gillespie](#), associate professor and [Digital Media and Journalism](#) program coordinator at Laurier, will share insights about the unique challenges and opportunities for journalism in the Brantford, Brant and Six Nations area.

“This is the second lecture we’ve hosted about the state of journalism, which our advisory council has identified as an important issue of public concern,” said [Kathryn Carter](#), acting dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts. “We hope to generate conversation among the panelists and faculty experts that will explore and shed light on the pressing issues of delivering local news in today’s complicated media landscape.”

The Nov. 7 panel discussion takes place in the Research and Academic Centre West, room RCW 203, 150 Dalhousie St., in Brantford. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the panel discussion begins at 7 p.m. Admission is [free and all are welcome](#).

The panel discussion is the third 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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