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## Laurier celebrates Indigenous contributions to education during ninth annual Indigenous Education Week

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University will host its ninth annual Indigenous Education Week, a series of public events that highlight the contributions of Indigenous knowledge to education. Events will take place from **March 2 to 6** on Laurier’s Waterloo and Brantford campuses.

“Indigenous Education Week is an ideal opportunity to expand perspectives while celebrating the diversity of Indigeneity at Laurier,” **said Melissa Ireland**, Laurier’s director: Indigenous Initiatives. “The Office of Indigenous Initiatives, alongside staff at the Indigenous Student Centres and students, have developed unique programming opportunities to inclusively reach the mind, body, heart and spirits of all participants. All are welcome to participate, learn and reflect together.”

The following are highlights of the week’s activities. A [complete schedule of events](#) is available online. For additional information, contact Melissa Ireland at [mireland@wlu.ca](mailto:mireland@wlu.ca).

### Wednesday, March 4

#### Brantford Campus: Film and Public Lecture with Director Tasha Hubbard

The film *nîpawistamâsowin: We Will Stand Up* documents the 2016 death of Colten Boushie and the subsequent acquittal of Gerald Stanley. Following the film, director **Tasha Hubbard** will present a public lecture about the film and the history of colonialism in the Canadian Prairies.

- 6 to 9 p.m., Research and Academic Centre West, Room 202.
- Contact [Bonnie Whitlow](#) or more information.

#### Waterloo Campus: Public Lecture with Alicia Elliott

**Alicia Elliott**, an award-winning Haudenosaunee writer, will present a lecture titled “It’s Called ‘Genocide:’ On the Power of Words and the Responsibility of the Media Regarding Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People.”

- 7 to 9 p.m., Robert Langen Art Gallery, Laurier Library.
- [Register](#) through EventBrite.
- Contact [Corri Daniels](#) for more information.

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## Thursday, March 5

### Online: Webinar with Laurier Alumna Jennifer Mt. Pleasant

"Missing and Murdered Indigenous People in Canada" is a webinar led by **Laurier alumna Jennifer Mt. Pleasant** (MA '17) that explores Indigenous people and societies in the pre-colonial, early-colonial and post-colonial contact eras.

- Noon to 1 p.m.
- [Register](#) for the webinar.
- Contact [Danielle Braun](#) for more information.

### Waterloo Campus, Martin Luther University College: Exhibition and Lecture with Artist Shelley Niro

*Something Cold and Hard like Winter* features images, triptychs and a short film by **Shelley Niro**, a multi-media artist from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Bay of Quinte Mohawk, Turtle Clan.

- Artist lecture: 7 to 8 p.m., Keffer Memorial Chapel, Martin Luther University College.
- Post-lecture reception: Robert Langen Art Gallery, Laurier Library.
- Exhibition dates: Feb. 23 to April 3.
- Contact [Suzanne Luke](#) for more information.

## Friday, March 6

### Brantford Campus: Public Lecture with Colleen Davis

**Colleen Davis**, an entrepreneur from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, Mohawk Nation, Bear Clan, will present a lecture titled "Land Reclamation, Six Nations, Support of Wet'suwe'ten: A Woman's Duty: Protecting the Land for Future Generations." The lecture is presented in collaboration with Laurier's Centre for Student Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in recognition of International Women's Day.

- 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Research and Academic Centre West lobby.
- Contact [Bonnie Whitlow](#) for more information.

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