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University of Lethbridge highlights for the week of March 5 to 11

The University of Lethbridge has several events lined up this week that may be of interest to your readers, viewers and listeners. Members of the media who are interested in covering these events are encouraged to contact the individual event organizer directly.

Indigenous Awareness Days presents three events:

Culture & Community Resource Fair

Monday, March 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Student Union ballrooms

Cultural dance demonstrations, arts and crafts booths, community organizations and services, special presentations and traditional foods are just some of the fair's highlights.

Medicine Unbundled: A Journey through the Minefields of Indigenous Health Care

Monday, March 5, 6:30 p.m. Markin Hall Atrium

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Stories from the "Indian Hospitals"

Tuesday, March 6, 10 to 11 a.m., Andy's Place

Canadian author and poet, Gary Geddes, will talk about his new book that examines Indian hospitals based on recollections by Indigenous elders. The minefields he encountered included sterilization, starvation, botched operations, sexual abuse, medical experiments, absence of family and neglect. Geddes makes the case that the Indian hospitals were part of an integrated system of institutions, along with residential schools, designed to suppress Indigenous peoples. Of the 22 Indian hospitals in Canada, most were in Western Canada, including the Blood Indian Hospital in Cardston. Geddes will be joined by Elder Carolla Calf Robe for his Tuesday talk.

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Department of Political Science public lecture — The Crisis in Citizenship

Monday, March 5, 7 to 9 p.m., TH201, Turcotte Hall

Dr. Leah Bradshaw, a political theorist from Brock University, will talk about the troubled times facing liberal democracy. Electorates are polarized, populism is on the rise, voting rates are down, stateless migrants are looking for a home, gender identity is

in question and people are relying more and more on digital communication for information and social contact. How should ordinary citizens respond?

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2018 Student Speaker Challenge

Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m., Student Union Ballrooms

This year's topic is Sexual Violence in the Past, Present and Future. The U of L Students' Union, Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group and SACPA have joined forces to present this year's Student Speaker Challenge. The topic of the first debate on Wednesday is sexual violence in the past.

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Indigenous Awareness Days — KAIROS Blanket Exercise

Thursday, March 8, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Markin Hall Atrium

The KAIROS Blanket Exercise is an experiential teaching tool to raise awareness and increase understanding of the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada.

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ARRTI Speaker Series — Dr. Carla Coffin

Thursday, March 8, 3 to 4:30 p.m., C756, University Hall

Dr. Carla Coffin, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Calgary, will talk about Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) persistence. HBV is a global human pathogen that causes chronic hepatitis B in about 240 million people in the world. These people face an increased risk of end-stage liver diseases. Her work with the Canadian HBV Network is aimed at understanding HBV persistence and guiding clinical management of HBV-infected patients.

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Intermediate Community Oral History Workshop

Friday, March 9, 9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Andy's Place, Anderson Hall

The U of L's Centre for Oral History and Tradition (COHT), in partnership with the Galt Museum & Archives, present a workshop that will focus on analyzing oral history interviews, ethical conduct in human subject research, First Nations oral history and funding community projects.

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International Women's Day

Friday, March 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., PB210, Dr. Foster James Penny Building, 324 5 St. S.

Sponsored by the Department of Women and Gender Studies, this event is an interactive celebration to press forward and achieve gender parity. The #PressforProgress hashtag allows anyone interested to engage and be counted. The event includes a launch of Dr. Glenda Bonifacio's new book titled *Global Currents in Gender and Feminism*.

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Southern Alberta Employment Opportunities and Outlook

Friday, March 9, 3 p.m., B650, UHall

Agricultural Studies and the Department of Economics at the U of L are sponsoring this public presentation featuring Jeremy Carter, field department manager at McCain Foods. Carter will talk about opportunities for U of L graduates in rural and agricultural labour markets.

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Department of Philosophy 2018 Student Conference

Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., AH116 & AH117, Anderson Hall

A variety of thought-provoking papers will be presented during the conference, delving into topics such as biases in scientific research, the philosophy of time, evolutionary ethics, the philosophy of mind and copyright reform. The keynote address by Dr. Peter Alward, a philosophy professor at the University of Saskatchewan, is titled “The Unspoken Work: Common Currency Reconsidered.”

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