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## **Critical Thinking and the Value of Liberal Education: Examples from the Historical Sciences**

Guest Speaker: Neil Mirau, President of Arrow Archaeology Ltd. Day/Date: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 Time: 12:00 - 12:50 p.m. Location: B-650 (University Hall)

Science, social sciences, humanities and the so-called historical sciences are generally differentiated on the basis of their respective areas of study, but all those categories have much in common in terms of their methods and theories. Some of the "historical sciences" such as palaeontology, geology and cosmology seem more oriented to science whereas archaeology is often thought of as part of the social sciences and humanities. All these categories draw on one another for their increasingly inspiration and approaches and all require critical thought. In our complex world, it is more important than ever to have a broad understanding of the University of society we live in, how people make decisions and judgements and the problems with Lethbridge some of those decisions and judgements. Using examples from archaeology and some of the other historical sciences, this talk will focus on how critical thinking is essential

in the modern world and how a liberal education can help you develop critical

thinking skills.

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