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University of Lethbridge highlights for the week of March 27 to April 1

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.

The Alberta Epigenetics Network annual summit

Monday, March 27 and Tuesday, March 28, Coast Lethbridge Hotel and Conference Centre

Alberta scientists and researchers will gather for two days of panel discussions and lectures. Summit participants will share their knowledge of epigenetics as it relates to biomedical research, agriculture and environment, and bioinformatics and technology commercialization.

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Putin and Russia's Place in the World

Monday, March 27, 1 to 3 p.m., AH118, Anderson Hall

The Association of Political Science Students presents a panel discussion featuring Dr. Christopher Burton, a history professor, and Drs. Alan Siaroff and Christopher Kukucha, political science professors.

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Gender and Labour Market Regimes in Post-Disaster Communities

Thursday, March 30, noon to 1:30 p.m., L1102, Prentice Institute

Dr. Glenda Bonifacio, a professor in the Department of Women and Gender Studies, will discuss the findings of her fieldwork in the Leyte-Samar islands in the Philippines. The islands were heavily damaged during super typhoon Haiyan. Labour market participation, as local, national and international intervenors work to rebuild devastated communities, is often affected by displacement and migration. Local economies and gender relations become disrupted as communities continue to struggle with the devastation and a flow of funds embroiled in politics.

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Would the economics profession be better off without international economics?

Friday, March 31, 3 to 4:30 p.m., C610, University Hall

The Department of Economics promises a lively debate between Dr. Alexander Darku and Dr. Danny LeRoy, moderated by Jeff Davidson. They'll be talking countries versus individuals in terms of trade, production, investing and spending. Their discourse is aimed at answering the question of whether international economics is needed as a sub-discipline.

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History Homecoming Weekend

Friday, March 31, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, various locations

Black Adders alumni, The History Undergraduate Society (THUGS) and the U of L Department of History have planned a [full weekend of activities](#), including a curling bonspiel, history research lightning rounds and the second annual Driedger Lecture. Titled *Humanitarian Imagery and the Irresistible Appeal of 'the Child,'* the lecture features guest speaker Dr. Heide Fehrenbach from Northern Illinois University. She will discuss the use of heart-rending images of needy or suffering children to stimulate empathy and political action or open wallets. While depictions of children in need may appear static and predictable, they have been deployed for an array of political agendas for more than a century. Fehrenbach's talk is scheduled for Saturday, April 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. in room L1060 in the Library.

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An Unraveling Braid: The Complex History of Religions in Nigeria

Friday, March 31, 6:30 p.m., AH116, Anderson Hall

The Department of Religious Studies Interfaith Fund presents a talk by Professor Oludamini Ogunnaiké of the College of William and Mary in Virginia. He'll discuss the trends in Muslim-Christian interactions within Nigeria, one of the most religiously diverse countries in the world. Along with traditional religions, Nigeria is home to about 80 million Christians and 76 million Muslims. The country has a fascinating history of co-optation, cooperation, compromise, competition and conflict.

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Global Drums

Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1, 7:30 to 10 p.m., University Theatre

Global Drums is celebrating the U of L's 50th anniversary with two performances filled with energy and rhythm. They'll be unveiling their new Chinese Drumming Ensemble and their debut features cymbals, gongs and stick tricks. The performances include a STOMP-style tribute to the building of the U of L.

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Digital Vertigo: A New Media Symposium

Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., W561, University Centre for the Arts

The Department of New Media is inviting the community to its first ever symposium, an event that will highlight the department's three concentrations in gaming and animation, web and graphic design, and cinema production. Faculty members and alumni will be hosting sessions devoted to topics like 'Smart Tech Makes Us Dumb' and 'Hellblazers, Swamp Things, Vampire Slayers and Other Problems.'

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Family Fun Fair

Saturday, April 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Students' Union Ballrooms and The Zoo

Students in the Integrated Management Experience class are hosting a Family Fun Fair as a fundraising event for Special Olympics Lethbridge. The fair features carnival activities for children aged four to 12 and is designed to help families spend quality time together.

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Digital Blitz: New Media Advanced Studio Exhibition

Saturday, April 1, 7 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 3:30 p.m., Dr. Foster James Penny Building, 324 5 St. S.

Digital Blitz features projects from advanced New Media students and includes web comics, books, 3D projects, films, remastered video games, mobile apps and a digital art exhibit dedicated to the U of L's 50th anniversary. An opening reception goes from 7 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday features a mini-animation fest, movies and internship presentations.

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