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## **University of Lethbridge highlights for the week of March 12 to 17**

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.

### **Conversations in the Arts**

#### **Monday, March 12, noon to 1:30 p.m., W870, Centre for the Arts**

For this session of Conversations in the Arts, Dr. Anne Dymond, Department of Art, and Dr. Blaine Hendsbee, Department of Music, will share their research and creative activities. Dymond will talk about her research on cultural and gender diversity in the Vancouver contemporary art scene. Hendsbee conducts research on the classical male singing voice, which undergoes radical changes in the teen years and continues to develop and transform throughout a singer's life.

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### **Symposium on Poverty: Responses to Poverty Reduction in the 21st Century**

#### **Monday, March 12, 3 to 4:15 p.m., AH100, Anderson Hall**

Students taking the Women & Gender Studies seminar on poverty and disaster will present their findings on community responses to poverty reduction in the 21st century.

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### **Women Scholars' Speaker Series — Animal Geographies**

#### **Tuesday, March 13, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m., TH241, Turcotte Hall**

Dr. Shelley Alexander, a geography professor at the University of Calgary, will discuss concepts of animal geography using her encounters with individual research animals, specifically coyotes, wolves and African painted dogs. Alexander, founder of the [Canid Conservation Science Lab](#), has focused on human-coyote interactions in urban and rural settings for the past decade.

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### **Brain Awareness Week — The Plastic Brain**

**Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m., Lethbridge Senior Citizens Organization, 500 11 St. S.**

Dr. Stephen Lomber, Canadian Research Chair in Brain Plasticity and Development at the University of Western Ontario, will talk about how the brain adapts to blindness, amputation, deafness, and stroke in this free public lecture.

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**Social Inequality and Sports Participation in the 'Pay for Play' Society**

**Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., PE250, 1st Choice Savings Centre**

Dr. Richard Gruneau, a professor in the School of Communication at Simon Fraser University, will talk about his work in analyzing changes in sport organization, participation, celebration and support, as reflected in opportunities and participation among Canada's youth and adults. Sponsored by the Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, Gruneau will deliver this year's Hart Cantelon Distinguished Lecture.

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**ART NOW — Brent Coulton**

**Wednesday, March 14, noon to 12:50 p.m., W570, Recital Hall**

Brent Coulton, who earned a BFA at Emily Carr University of Art + Design, has been a member of an illegal artist-run space, a touring punk and noise rock musician, a graffiti artist and a craftsman building boats and cars. With his varied artistic undertakings and enthusiastic storytelling abilities, Coulton will talk about finding creative opportunities that exist beyond the institutional art world.

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**Take Two Series: Taking Gender, Sex and Sexuality into Account**

**Thursday, March 15, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., AH100, Anderson Hall**

This session features two scholars who examine the ways that cultural, social and political forces shape sex, gender and sexuality. Dr. Paul Vasey will discuss his work on gender and sexual expression among the Samoan fa'afafine and the Zapotec muxes communities. Dr. Susanne Lenon will talk about her legal scholarship on marriage equality and polygamy in Canada.

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**25th Annual International Dinner — A Feast for the Senses**

**Thursday, March 15, 5 to 9 p.m., Students' Union Ballrooms**

The International Dinner began 25 years ago with a group of students who wanted to share their foods and culture with the community. The event has continued to grow over the years and continues today as a celebration of the diversity represented on campus. This year's event features an evening of cultural performances by U of L students and alumni, including stories, music and dance.

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**Experience U PD Day Camp**

**Friday, March 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 1st Choice Savings Centre**

Students from Grades 1 to 5 who get the day off from school can join this fun-filled camp to take part in hands-on STEM activities, swim in the University pool and take part in cooperative games and physical activities

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### **RBC Family & Small Business Summit**

**Friday, March 16, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Students' Union Ballrooms**

This annual one-day conference brings students and community members together to learn from innovators and entrepreneurs who are leading change within organizations. The keynote speaker at 9:30 a.m. is Derek Juno, vice-president of sales and business development at Mealshare, a rapidly growing non-profit that operates a buy-one, give-one hunger relief program with restaurants and social programs. Additional presenters include Obed Maurice, Maxim Management; Bryn Hewko, Output Media Ltd.; Patricia Luu, Umami Shop; Dr. HJ Wieden & Taylor Sheahan, iGEM/Synbridge; Jennifer McCarthy, Tiny Teacup Homes and Melrene Saloy-Eaglespeaker, Native Diva Creations. The final keynote speaker at 2:30 p.m. is Graham Sherman, co-owner of Tool Shed Brewing.

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### **Prentice Institute Brown Bag Lecture Series — Sexual Expression in Residential Care**

**Friday, March 16, noon to 1:30 p.m., L1102, Library**

Dr. Julia Brassolotto, an assistant professor in Public Health at the U of L, holds an Alberta Innovates New Investigator Research Chair in Healthy Futures and Well-being in Rural Settings. Her research looks at care for older adults, specifically those living in continuing care.

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### **Men are Naturally Better Leaders? Canadians and Political Sexism**

**Friday, March 16, 2 to 4 p.m., AH176, Anderson Hall**

Dr. Melanee Thomas (BA '03), assistant professor of political science at the University of Calgary, will talk about her research into the effects of gender, stereotype threat, and psychological orientations on politics and a project that examines the role electoral districts play in voter turnout, party competition and representational diversity.

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### **Grow the Future Gala — Robert Saik**

**Friday, March 16, 5:30 p.m., Students' Union Ballroom**

Saik, Canada's 2014 Agri-Marketer of the Year, movie producer and agricultural advocate, is the featured speaker at the Grow the Future Gala, an event put on by the U of L Agricultural Students' Society to highlight the agriculture work being done at the University.

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### **CCBN Open House & Brain Awareness Fair**

**Saturday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., CCBN**

This free event allows people of all ages to come and explore the CCBN and learn about the world-class research being conducted. Children's activities are provided and parking is free in Lot M.

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