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## Trend-identifying sociologist and cultural academic to receive honorary degree at Spring 2018 Convocation

The University of Lethbridge is excited to recognize Dr. Reginald Bibby with an honorary degree at the 2018 Spring Convocation ceremonies.

Bibby, a faculty member in the University's Department of Sociology for more than four decades, has made substantial contributions to social research and public debate in Canada, garnering a reputation as one of the country's most influential voices on culture, religion and youth.

"Dr. Bibby has been a leader in his field and a leader on campus for more than 40 years



and we are thrilled to award him with an honorary doctor of letters," says U of L Chancellor Janice Varzari. "He has consistently been able to capture the thoughts of everyday Canadians and present them in a way where we all gain a better understanding of our country. He has been a huge asset to our University and our country as a whole."

The U of L will present Bibby with a doctor of letters, honoris causa, at the 2018 Spring Convocation Ceremony I at 9:30 a.m. on May 31, 2018 in the 1st Choice Savings Centre gymnasium.

## Dr. Reginald Bibby

As one of the country's most productive and accessible academics, Reginald Bibby has brought sociology into the living rooms of ordinary Canadians by asking the questions they want answered and delivering answers in a relevant and understandable manner.

A faculty member of the University of Lethbridge's Department of Sociology for more than four decades, Bibby has written 16 books documenting and analyzing social trends.

He received the University's Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research and Scholarship in 1998 and has held the Board of Governors Chair in Sociology since 2001. In 2006, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the nation, the Governor General appointed him an Office of the Order of Canada. He also received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

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