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## **University of Lethbridge highlights for the week of October 15 to 20**

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.

### **F.E.L. Priestley Lecture Series presents: Gary Geddes**

**Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 to 9 p.m., PE264, 1st Choice Savings Centre**

Gary Geddes has long been considered one of Canada's most important men of letters. He has written and edited 50 books of poetry, fiction, drama, non-fiction, criticism, translation and anthologies. He's also won numerous national and international literary awards.

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### **The Geography of the Crown: Law and the Political Geography of Settler Colonialism**

**Thursday, Oct. 17, 3 to 4 p.m., Andy's Place, AH100, Anderson Hall**

Dr. Patricia Burke Wood, a professor of geography at York University, studies citizenship, activism and governance. In this talk, Wood will argue that "the Crown" is a land claim and should be treated as such. The Crown, its honour and its duties, are all inventions of British and Canadian law and are best understood in their specific historical-geographic context, particularly settler-colonialism. These concepts employed legal discourse to secure geography and to render the Crown's largely unpracticed and abstract claims more real.

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### **Discworld, the Power of Stories, and the Flat Earth**

**Thursday, Oct. 17, 3 to 4:30 p.m., TH201, Turcotte Hall**

Fantasy author Terry Pratchett has delighted audiences with his Discworld series in which a flat earth is carried through space on the backs of four giant elephants riding an even bigger turtle. In this presentation, Dr. James Linville will use the power of stories central in Discworld as a travellers' guide to some aspects of the world as imagined by those who think the earth really is flat.

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**2019 Wine & Dine: Arts & Science Scholarship Dinner Honouring Dr. Dennis Connolly  
Thursday, Oct. 17, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge, 320 Scenic Drive**

Dr. Dennis Connolly has taught more than 10,000 students over more than five decades and he's supported numerous causes, both on campus and off. He's been an employee of the U of L since 1967, a strong supporter of U of L sports teams, an arts enthusiast and a generous volunteer.

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**Canada Gairdner Laureate Lecture Series — Stem cells and gene editing  
Friday, Oct. 18, 1:30 p.m., SA6010, Science Commons**

Dr. Janet Rossant, a world-renowned expert in developmental biology, is widely known for her studies of the genes that control embryonic development in the mouse. She has pioneered techniques for following cell fate and altering genes in embryos. Her current research focuses on stem cell development and cell differentiation in the developing embryo, important areas for the study of birth defects as well as regenerative medicine. In her talk, Rossant will discuss the science, its applications and ethical concerns.

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**Walking the Talk**

**Friday, Oct. 18, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., SA6008, Science Commons**

Everyone is invited to join the U of L Alumni Association's Alumna of the Year, Dr. Catrine Tudor-Locke, for a presentation about step-based physical activity guidelines. Step counting and cadence (steps per minute) are popular approaches to monitoring one's physical activity, thanks to wearable technologies. Yet federal physical activity guidelines in Canada or the United States make no recommendations. Tudor-Locke will look at the scientific evidence on step-based metrics and their association with health and highlight the gaps yet to be addressed.

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**Let There Be Light Night**

**Friday, Oct. 18, 7 to 10 p.m., Science Commons Atrium, Level 7**

Each year the U of L and the U of L Alumni Association honour alumni from around the world at Let There Be Night Light. This year, Dr. Catrine Tudor-Locke will be honoured as Alumna of the Year, Aaron Tamayose as the Young Alumnus of the Year, and Justin Ferbey, Kerry Gellrich, Dr. Roy Golsteyn, Russel Orcutt, Jason Schilling, Mathew Stone and Penny Stone will be inducted into the Alumni Honour Society.

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**Borderline Human performance**

**Friday, Oct. 18, 7 to 9 p.m., Hess Gallery, Level 6, Centre for the Arts**

Icelandic artist Gunnhilder Hauksdóttir's Borderline Human exhibit combines elements of visual art, dance, theatre, music and new media and Friday's performance will include

drawings, video and sound. Hauksdóttir, along with students and dancer Gianna Varcirca, are part of this final performance. Admission is free.

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### **Fall 2019 Convocation**

**Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m., 1st Choice Savings Centre**

Everyone is welcome to attend Fall 2019 Convocation ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of our recent crop of graduates. Former prime minister, the Right Honourable Paul Martin, will receive an honorary degree. His contributions have impacted the well-being of Canadians, the prosperity of the country and the health and education of Indigenous youth.

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