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University of Lethbridge highlights for the week of October 21 to 27

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.

Annual UVolunteer Fair

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Atrium, 1st Choice Savings Centre

Everyone is welcome to come and explore the diverse volunteer opportunities available on campus and in the community. Students will be looking for volunteer experiences that help them meet course requirements, gain experience and build their resumé.

Contact — Lauren Morris, 403-332-8094, uvolunteer@volunteerlethbridge.com

PUBLIC Professor Series — Dr. Matthew Tata, neuroscience

Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 to 9 p.m., Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge, 320 Scenic Dr. S.

Everyone is invited to join Tata as he explores how to talk to your robot. In the coming decade, Tata says we'll likely have smart and helpful machines in our homes. We should be able to talk to robots but most robots can't hear. Tata's Cognitive Robotics Lab has been developing auditory AI for the past five years and he'll discuss some of the ways to solve some of the problems that face all hearing systems.

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Department of History Colloquium — Lebensborn: Mysticism, Racism and Sexual Myths about the Nazis

Friday, Oct. 25, 3 to 4:30 p.m., C674, University Hall

Dr. Annette Timm from the University of Calgary will talk about her findings from a forthcoming book project about the history of Heinrich Himmler's Lebensborn (fountain of life) homes. Lebensborn was a network of maternity homes constructed across Germany and occupied Europe between 1938 and 1945 with the goal of preventing single mothers from aborting babies who met Nazi criteria for racial purity. While novelist, filmmakers, journalists and even some historians have depicted Lebensborn as a system of "breeding farms," the program was voluntary. Timm says the homes are

best understood as a proving ground for a religion Himmler was developing for implementation after German victory.

Contact — Bev Garnett, 403-380-1894, bev.garnett@uleth.ca

FireSmart Vegetation Management Research in Alberta

Friday, Oct. 25, 3 to 4:30 p.m., AH117, Anderson Hall

Everyone is welcome to attend the Department of Geography's Friday Afternoon Seminar with Dave Schroeder and Hilary Cameron. Schroeder and Cameron will talk about wildfire basics and how vegetation affects the way wildfires spread. Vegetation management, a long-established practice by many First Nations, through prescribed fire is still used but other tactics are needed. Alberta and partner agencies have established a research program to evaluate vegetation management effectiveness. Ongoing work and results to date will be part of the discussion.

Contact — Dr. Laura Chasmer, laura.chasmer@uleth.ca

F.E.L. Priestley Lecture Series presents Andrew Light

Friday, Oct. 25, 7:30 to 9 p.m., SA8002, BMO Auditorium

In this talk, titled *Valuing Climate Loss and Damage*, Andrew Light, a professor at George Mason University in Virginia and a distinguished senior fellow in the climate program at the World Resources Institute in Washington, D.C., will talk about the Loss and Damage designation in the 2015 UN Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Light will discuss the history of Loss and Damage and offer a more cooperative approach.

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Crossing Boundaries Symposium

Saturday, Oct. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., various locations

The fourth annual Crossing Boundaries Symposium, presented by the Faculty of Fine Arts, brings together members of the community, faculty, students and alumni from various disciplines for a day of presentations, discussions, displays and performances. A schedule of events can be found on the [Crossing Boundaries webpage](#).

Contact — Fine Arts, finearts@uleth.ca

Open House 2019

Saturday, Oct. 26, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., various locations

Everyone is welcome to explore the undergraduate and graduate programs and facilities available at the U of L. Visitors can speak directly with U of L faculty and staff and to student service providers to get answers to their questions. Campus tours, an application station and information sessions at various faculties and departments are available. The schedule of events is available online at [Open House 2019](#).

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