



# DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SEMINAR



### Climate and human migration: past experience, future challenges

**Dr. Robert McLeman**  
Professor of Geography and  
Environmental Studies  
at Wilfrid Laurier University

**Friday, Nov 15**  
**3:00-4:30PM**  
**L1050**

**Everyone welcome!**

There is growing concern that climate change will cause large scale migration and population displacements in the coming decades. Professor McLeman reviews existing knowledge of climate-migration processes and identifies key uncertainties and challenges in planning for the population impacts of climate change.

The presentation draws upon examples from drought migration on the Great Plains, sea level rise in coastal areas, and scenarios of future migration responses. Also included is a brief summary of how migration, displacement and conflict is being assessed in the ongoing IPCC 6th Assessment Report process.

Dr. Robert McLeman is Professor of Geography and Environmental Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University and a Coordinating Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He has spent the last fifteen years researching the impacts of drought and other climatic hazards on migration and settlement patterns on the Great Plains.

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