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PUBLIC Professor lecture series opens new season with a look at how communities respond to disasters

Communities respond to disasters, and perhaps disasters build communities. Disasters happen everywhere, and their meanings and perspectives vary. Could we then escape from disasters? What are the associative acts responsible for disasters? And, are these acts fully accounted for in our understanding of disasters?

On **Thursday, September 24**, University of Lethbridge women and gender studies professor, Dr. Glenda Bonifacio, will present *Communities and disasters: associative acts and total escape*. This is the first regular talk of the 2020/21 season for the Faculty of Arts & Science's PUBLIC Professor Series. The free event is open to the public and starts at 7 p.m.



Using critical insights from research on migration and post-disaster communities, Bonifacio opens a dialogue of what it means to be a community at this time of possible 'extinction' and amidst a global crisis of humanism.

COVID-19 has impacted the way we do everything, including the delivery of our events. The safety of our speakers and guests in attendance is of the utmost importance to us, and for that reason, this talk will be delivered LIVE ONLINE. Attendees are asked register for this event at <https://pps-bonifacio.eventbrite.ca>. Registration is required. All registrants will receive secure access information prior to the talk.

Bonifacio teaches varied subjects from introductory to upper-level courses, in particular the *Gender and Globalization* series, *Sex and Spiritualities* series, research methods, activism and advocacy, and seminar on gender and disaster.

She is the author of *Pinay on the prairies: Filipino Women and Transnational Identities* published by UBC Press; editor of 4 internationally-published works on global youth migration (University of Bristol Press 2019), global currents in gender and feminism (Emerald Press 2018), gender and rural migration (Routledge 2014), feminism and migration (Springer 2012); co-editor of four books on women and religion (Policy Press 2018), Canadian perspectives on immigration in small cities (Springer 2017), migrant domestic works and family life (Palgrave Macmillan 2015), and gender, religion and migration (Lexington Books 2010).

Bonifacio is also the co-founder of ReadWorld Foundation with a major international project to help poor and remote communities affected by disasters rebuild library resources. In 2017, she also co-founded the collective SNAC+ (Support Network for Academics of Colour) in Lethbridge and works to promote racial justice and equity. She was awarded as one of 100 Most Influential Filipino Women in the World in 2015.

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