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Researcher and educator, Dr. Bryan Kolb, to be awarded Honorary Degree by University of Lethbridge

The University of Lethbridge Senate is pleased to announce the second of its 2015 Honorary Degree recipients – internationally renowned behavioural neuroscience expert and academic, Dr. Bryan Kolb.



“Dr. Kolb is one of our longest serving and most respected faculty members, as well as a world renowned leader in neuroscience research and true pioneer in his field,” says University of Lethbridge Chancellor Janice Varzari. “In addition to his work in the lab, he is an inspiring educator who has helped ignite a passion for science and discovery amongst countless students. It is our pleasure to present him with an honorary degree.”

The U of L will present Dr. Bryan Kolb with the degree of Doctor of Science, *honouris causa*, at the Spring 2015 Convocation Ceremony II on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 2:30 p.m. in the 1st Choice Savings Centre for Sport and Wellness.

Dr. Bryan Kolb

Bryan E. Kolb is among the world’s leading researchers in an area that is critical to advancing the health of Canadians: better understanding the interrelationship between the brain and behaviour. A University of Lethbridge faculty member since 1976, and today its Board of Governor’s Research Chair in Neuroscience, Bryan Kolb was instrumental in establishing the University’s Canadian Centre for Behavioural Neuroscience as a world leader in neuroscience research.

His explorations have resulted in many innovative breakthroughs that have revolutionized how we think of human brain science. He was among the first to discover the brain’s full capacity to recover from injury thanks to plasticity – its ability to change

throughout life. Because of his pioneering research, brain plasticity has become a foundational platform for today's neuroscience research. The University awarded him the Ingrid Speaker Medal for Distinguished Research in 1999.

As an academic, Bryan Kolb has made a profound impact on advancing the study of neuroscience and cultivating the next generation of researchers in the field. In the classroom, his talent, scientific curiosity and passion translate into an engaging and nurturing teaching style that inspires students to succeed. In 1991, the University honoured him with a Distinguished Teaching Award.

To further help advance the discipline of behavioural neuroscience, Bryan Kolb has shared his extensive knowledge by publishing 304 refereed articles, five books and 58 book chapters. He has also delivered numerous presentations and workshops about brain development for a wide spectrum of audiences, and his significant achievements in behavioural neuroscience have led to many honours and awards.

For his extensive and important contributions as a researcher and academic to the field of behavioural neuroscience, the University of Lethbridge is proud to confer upon Bryan E. Kolb the degree of Doctor of Science, honouris causa.

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