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University of Lethbridge highlights for the week of February 9 to February 14

The University of Lethbridge has a number of 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.

Student Speaker Challenge — Final session

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 7 to 8:15 p.m., Markin Hall Atrium

The two finalists in this year's challenge will address the question of whether civil liberties are at risk in view of recent events in Canada and around the world. Each finalist will speak for about 20 minutes before a winner is declared. The challenge is a partnership between the Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs, Lethbridge Public Interest Research Group, the U of L Students' Union and the University.

Water Talks – Life history consequences of large-scale ecological change

Wednesday, Feb. 11, noon to 1 p.m., WE1001

Dr. Michael Rennie, Canada Research Chair in Freshwater Ecology at Lakehead University, researches the role of ecosystem change, such as climate change, commercial and recreation fishing and species invasions, on the structure and function of aquatic communities.

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Art Now — David Hoffos

Wednesday, Feb. 11, noon to 12:50 p.m., W570

David Hoffos (BFA '94) has maintained an active practice since 1992 with more than 50 group shows, hundreds of screenings, dozens of school and community collaborations, a few works for the stage and more than 40 solo exhibitions, including a recent survey at the National Gallery of Canada. In 2014, Hoffos completed permanent public sculpture projects in Lethbridge and Grande Prairie.

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Bill Nye and the Biblical Flintstones — Dr. James Linville

Thursday, Feb. 12, 7 to 9:30 p.m., AH-118

Dr. Linville, a professor in the Religious Studies Department, will provide some constructive B.S. (Biblical Studies) on debating creationists. Linville revisits the debate between Bill Nye, the famous science educator, and Ken Ham, founder of Kentucky's Creation Museum. They debated the question of whether creation is a viable model of origins in today's modern scientific era. Linville says scientists who engage creationists should be prepared to force the issue that creationism does not have a viable model of biblical origins, transmission and interpretation for a modern and scientific era. This presentation is being held on Darwin Day, which celebrates Charles Darwin's discovery of natural selection as the mechanism for evolution.

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