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University of Lethbridge highlights for the week of Sept. 12 to 18

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.

AGILITY Virtual Reality Demos

Tuesday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday, Sept. 14 from 11 to 12:30 p.m., AGILITY Idea Shop, M2039, Markin Hall

AGILITY is demonstrating virtual reality (VR) experiences produced by Félix and Paul Studios, Within and more. This month, the feature experience is titled Through the Ages: President Obama Celebrates America's National Parks. The VR experience will transport viewers to Yosemite National Park.

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2nd Annual UVolunteer Fair

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., First Choice Savings Centre

More than 20 non-profit organizations will host booths during the UVolunteer Fair to advertise unique volunteer opportunities for students. The opportunities can include a SCiP (Serving Communities Internship Program) bursary worth \$1,000 from the Alberta government, applied studies or volunteer work in a field related to a student's degree.

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Art NOW Speaker Series — Ernie Kroeger

Wednesday, Sept. 14, noon, Recital Hall, W570

Ernie Kroeger, a visual arts professor at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, B.C., uses photography and writing in his art and he's spent the last decade investigating the relationship between art and walking. Kroeger participated in the Midnight Sun Camera Obscura Project, the subject of the current exhibit in the Helen Christou Gallery.

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The Midnight Sun Camera Obscura Project — opening reception

Thursday, Sept. 15, 4 to 6 p.m., Main Gallery

A group of artists and scholars came together in Dawson City, Yukon on the summer solstice for the Midnight Sun Camera Obscura Festival. They used the long days and stunning landscape to produce a variety of artworks. Camera obscura, Latin for dark room, is typically a darkened box with a convex lens or aperture that allows for an external object to be projected onto a screen or wall indoors. Dr. Josephine Mills, Art Gallery director, has curated an exhibition from the works created during the project, on display in the Helen Christou Gallery until Oct. 20.

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**Equality, Equity and Educational Prosperity in Alberta's Schools — Dr. Doug Willms
Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., PE250**

Dr. Doug Willms, a professor at the University of New Brunswick and Canada Research Chair in Literacy and Human Development, has published extensively about children's health, youth literacy, the accountability of schooling systems and assessment of national reforms. Educational prosperity is a framework that can be used to assess the capacity of a school district, province or country to develop children's literacy skills and well-being. Willms will discuss the theory of educational prosperity and relate how equality and equity are relevant to Alberta's schools. He'll show how prosperity outcomes and foundations for success have been measured in Alberta schools and how those findings can inform policies about interventions.

Willms will also speak from noon to 1:30 Thursday at a session of The Prentice Institute Brown Bag Series in Room L1102 of the Library.

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**Art NOW Speaker Series — Lea Bucknell
Friday, Sept. 16, noon, University Recital Hall, W570**

Lea Bucknell, an artist from Kamloops, participated in the Midnight Sun Camera Obscura Project. Her practice explores the creation of projects specific to a site and ways of engaging with landscapes.

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**U of L Brass Day — Paul Merkelo
Sunday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Recital Hall, W570**

High school students, community musicians and university students are invited to attend a hands-on day of rehearsals, workshops and performances by U of L brass faculty and special guest Paul Merkelo, principal trumpet with the Montreal Symphony and a music professor at McGill University.

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