



March 2018

President's Report to Senate



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Strengthen our Commitment to Social Justice

President's Advisory Council on Truth & Reconciliation

I am very pleased to announce the recent establishment of a President's Advisory Council on Truth & Reconciliation, following a proposal from Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux, our Chair on Truth & Reconciliation. This new body will advise me on the 94 Calls to Action set out in the Truth & Reconciliation Commission of Canada's report tabled in December 2016, and the University's role in responding with strategies and initiatives to advance the Canadian process and understanding of reconciliation.

I look forward to updating Senate on the further developments of this Council.

Achieving Excellence in Teaching, Learning, and Research

Accounting students win national competition

Lakehead University accounting students Dylan Paxton, Matthew Etrene, Ryan Ferguson, and Sabeera Azhar earned first place in the case competition at this year's ACHIEVE Conference, February 1-2.

ACHIEVE is Canada's premier undergraduate accounting conference, hosted by one of the most distinguished and largest business schools, the Ted Rogers School of Management. This year's case competition dealt with persevering in the face of pressure from superiors to bend the rules. Sixteen teams from across Canada participated in the two-day conference at the Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel in Toronto, which included an accounting-based case competition, guest speakers, and networking events.

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New Environmental Sustainability certificate program launched

On February 15, Lakehead University introduced a new certificate program that will prepare students to address the complex and interconnected environmental challenges facing society today. The new *Certificate in Environmental Sustainability* is a five-course, online program for professionals and practitioners alike who want to enhance their skills, knowledge base and expertise in the field of environmental sustainability. The program, offered through Lakehead Orillia's Department of Sustainability Sciences, can be completed within one year.

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Mitacs will help Lakehead University and Health Research Institute scientists improve outcomes for patients



From left to right, Dr. Batia Stolar, Lakehead's Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies; Dr. Chander Shahi, Dean of Graduate Studies; Dr. Roxanne Deslauriers, Scientific Director at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute; Dr. Alla Reznik, professor of Physics at Lakehead University and scientist with the Regional Health Research Institute; and Christine Macdonald, business development director with Mitacs.

Researchers at Lakehead University and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute will lead graduate students to develop and commercialize the next generation of medical imaging detectors that will improve patient outcomes, thanks to a new partnership with Mitacs.

Mitacs, a national, not-for-profit research and training organization, is providing \$400,000 grant to fund the two-year project, which includes internships at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Research Institute for seven Lakehead University PhD students in Chemistry and Materials Science, and Biotechnology, and one intern from Ryerson University's Biomedical Physics PhD program.

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Extend Community Engagement and Outreach

Research & Innovation Week 2018 — Thunder Bay

The theme of this year's Research & Innovation Week was *Connections*. Several public talks highlighted how we make our world a stronger place when we connect our knowledge, our curiosity, and our findings. With events at Lakehead University, the Intercity Shopping Centre and other Thunder Bay locations from March 2 to 9, R & I Week was our annual showcase of the exceptional research being undertaken at the University.

Please visit lakeheadu.ca/ri for information about R & I Week's events.

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Lakehead Vice-President (Research & Innovation), Dr. Andrew P. Dean, hosted the opening ceremonies, March 2.



Celebrating Exceptional Researchers at R & I Week's Awards of Excellence Reception

Lakehead University's Research and Innovation Awards of Excellence reception was held on Thursday, March 8 to celebrate the exceptional achievements of professors and students.

Dr. Pamela Wakewich was named the *2017 Distinguished Researcher* for her work in Sociology and Women's Studies, and as the Director of Lakehead's Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research.

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Dr. Pamela Wakewich, centre, was presented with the Distinguished Researcher Award by Dr. Moira McPherson, left, Lakehead's Interim President and Vice-Chancellor, and Senate Research Committee Chair Dr. Grazia Viola.



Faculty of Law hosts *Revitalizing Indigenous Law through Language* lecture

On March 1, Lakehead University's Bora Laskin Faculty of Law hosted a lecture by John Borrows, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law at the University of Victoria Law School in British Columbia, entitled *Revitalizing Indigenous Law through Language*.

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Bora Laskin Faculty of Law hosts Aboriginal Justice Systems Conference

On March 2, our Faculty of Law hosted an Aboriginal Justice Systems Conference, an informative and timely event on justice forums for Aboriginal Peoples. Presentations were provided by the Akwesasne Court, Provincial Court of British Columbia – First Nation Court, Penobscot Nation Judicial System, and Indigenous Peoples' Court of Thunder Bay, among others.

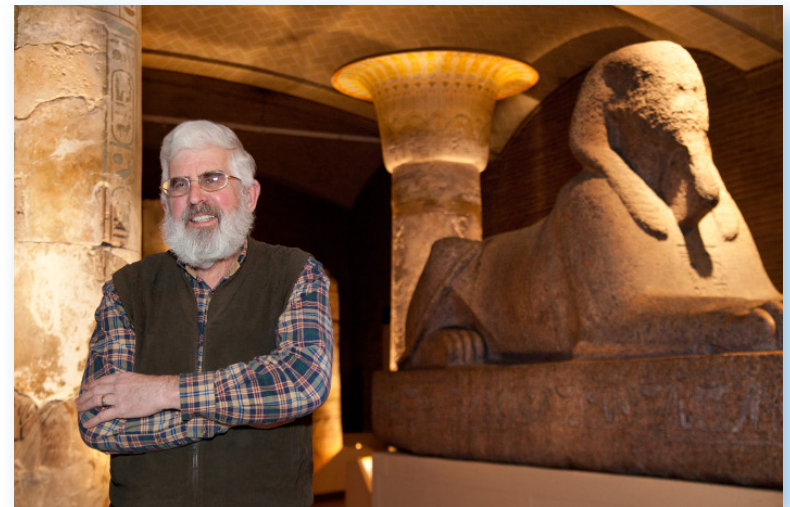
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Lakehead University hosts tasty talk on ancient beer

Lakehead University's Dr. Carney Matheson participated in a thirst-quenching Research & Innovation Week discussion about ancient beer at the Prince Arthur Waterfront Hotel on March 3.

The talk, called *Ancient Brews Rediscovered and Re-created*, was hosted by **Dr. Patrick McGovern**, a chemist with the University of Pennsylvania Museum who has travelled around the world to re-create ancient ale.

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Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Conference 2018

On March 5, as part of PDAC 2018, I had the pleasure of hosting Lakehead's annual PDAC Alumni & Friends Breakfast at the InterContinental in Toronto to 120 invited guests.

I used the occasion to welcome guests and provide them with updates on pertinent Lakehead University activities from the past year.



Other speakers included the Honorable Michael Gravelle, the Honorable Bill Mauro, and Lakehead GTA Alumni Chapter Vice-President Karen Boz. Our emcee, Lakehead Geology Chair and Director of the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration (CESME) Dr. Pete Hollings shared news about CESME, and keynote speaker Dr. Amanda Diochon (Associate Professor and Water Resource Science Program coordinator) spoke of the exciting new program she's launched called "Building Bridges Over Water".

The annual PDAC conference offers an exceptional opportunity for Lakehead University to attend mining and exploration industry events, reconnect with our Alumni, meet with industry partners and promote the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration to new audiences.

Research & Innovation Week 2018 — Orillia

Lakehead University Orillia celebrates its Research & Innovation (R&I) Week from March 19 to 21 with a variety of student and faculty presentations and special events.

Events happening at Lakehead's University Avenue campus will showcase the exceptional research being undertaken at the university, and will highlight how we make our world a stronger place when we connect our knowledge, curiosity, and our findings. There will be something of interest for all ages.

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