

**March
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President's Report to Senate



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Academic Excellence

Bora Laskin Faculty of Law students win Arnup Cup competition

In February, **Law Coaches Joanna Goldenberg and Kimberley Gagan** traveled to Toronto with third-year Bora Laskin Faculty of Law students **Phaedra Olinyk, Nathan Wainwright, Amanda Gallo, and Austin Nix** to compete in the Arnup Cup, an annual trial advocacy competition for Ontario law schools organized by The Advocates' Society.

For the first time, our Bora Laskin team placed first in the challenge against students from Queen's, University of Ottawa, York, University of Toronto, Western, and Windsor.

The team will head to the national moot competition, called the Sopinka Cup, in Ottawa on March 15 and 16.

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SSHRC awards \$140K in Indigenous Capacity and Reconciliation – Connection Grants

Lakehead University researchers from both our campuses are receiving more than \$140,000 in SSHRC Indigenous Research Capacity and Reconciliation – Connection Grants for important studies that will have a profound impact on the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

These projects will:

- engage Indigenous youth to use video to present research stories about Lac Seul First Nation
- explore the development of a consultative research process in the resource-based economy using tourism outfitters in Northern Ontario as a case study
- bring together community members and educators at an Indigenous Mathematics Education Conference at Lakehead Orillia

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Local and Global Partnerships

Big names headline Third Age Learning Lakehead lecture series

The *Toronto Star*'s **Kevin Donovan**, the CBC's Litsa Sourtzis, and former executive producer **Dan Dunskey** are just a few of the speakers set to present during Third Age Learning Lakehead's (TALL) second five-part lecture series, *Uncovering the Truth: Investigative Journalism in the Age of 'Fake News'*. Over 200 people have subscribed to this series, which involves lectures followed by a coffee break and interactive question period.

Lakehead Orillia's Dr. Linda Rodenburg, through our Office of Community Engagement and Lifelong Learning, worked with a group of TALL Learners to organize the event. TALL offers non-degree educational opportunities for senior learners in Orillia and surrounding areas.



Gift to Matawa Education & Care Centre

Last week, on behalf of Lakehead University, I presented a gift to the Matawa Education and Care Centre: the Christian Morriseau painting, *Turtle Island*, from our University's Roy Michano collection.

The Matawa Education and Care Centre provides access to quality, student-centred education to Indigenous youth from Northern rural and remote Communities. The Centre also offers cultural programming and after-hours recreational activities.





Lakehead University, Confederation College and NRCan sign MOU

On February 26, Lakehead University signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding with Natural Resources Canada's Canadian Forest Service (CFS) and Confederation College for forest science research and education. The MOU is aimed at increasing opportunities for all organizations to share expertise and resources in invasive species and related research, collaboration and education initiatives. It recognizes the potential for this relationship to assist each organization in strengthening forest science research, education, and commercial development in Canada.

David Nanang, Director General of CFS' Great Lakes Forestry Centre, and Kathleen Lynch, President of Confederation College, joined Dr. Andrew P. Dean, Vice-President, Research and Innovation to sign the tri-lateral MOU. Following the ceremony, Lakehead researchers met with representatives from CFS and Confederation College to identify possible areas of collaboration.

Mitacs funding agreement supports international research experiences

On March 1, Lakehead University signed an agreement with Mitacs to establish a collaborative student mobility research program for Canadian and international students. The program is designed to promote research collaborations between members of the Canada and Latin America Research & Exchange Opportunities (CALAREO) consortium, of which Lakehead University is the Secretariat and founding member, and universities located in Mitacs partner/eligible countries.

Through its Globalink Research Awards program, Mitacs will provide research funding for up to 45 participating interns, including 20 inbound and 25 outbound, per year for three years.



Partnering Towards Discovery at Lakehead's 2019's PDAC Breakfast

Our 8th Annual Lakehead University PDAC Breakfast in support of the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration (CESME) was held in Toronto on March 4 at the Intercontinental Toronto Centre. Hosted as part of the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Conference (PDAC), this annual event brings together Lakehead University community partners, alumni, friends, donors and students during the world's premier exploration and mining convention.

Our keynote speaker was John Mullally, *Goldcorp's* Vice-President, Government Affairs and Energy Regulation, who spoke about connecting the mining history in the north to Goldcorp's present partnerships with both Indigenous communities and Lakehead University.

This annual event continues to enhance key networking and relationship-building opportunities with our mining and exploration industry partners. The event also allows us to showcase the impact of our generous partners and donors through an annual update on Lakehead's Geology Department and the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Mining and Exploration.





Entrepreneurship and Innovation

2019 Research & Innovation Weeks: *Rise of the Machines*



Lakehead University's 2019 Research and Innovation Weeks (Feb 22-28 in TBay, Mar 4-6 in Orillia) offered members of our Thunder Bay and Orillia communities various activities for people of all ages.

Many of the events and public talks discussed how technology can change the world and highlight the exceptional research being conducted at Lakehead University.

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From left, Kate Hartman, artist, technologist, and keynote speaker; Dr. Moira McPherson, Lakehead's President and Vice-Chancellor; the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour; Dr. Andrew Dean, Lakehead's Vice-President, Research and Innovation; Rebecca Johnson, Acting Mayor; MPP Judith Monteith-Farrell, Member of Parliament for Thunder Bay - Atikokan; Elder Isabelle Mercier; and Dr. PhebeAnn Wolframe, Lakehead's SSHRC/CIHR Research & Knowledge Mobilization Facilitator, helped launch Lakehead's 14th Research and Innovation Week on Friday, Feb. 22.

Lakehead Orillia showcases student and faculty research

Lakehead University Orillia showcased the best of student and faculty research during the 2019 Research and Innovation Week, *Rise of the Machines*, March 4 to 6. Dr. Alana Saulnier, assistant professor and criminology program coordinator, spoke on the topic of body-worn cameras in Canada, highlighting her current research project on body-worn cameras with Durham Regional Police Service. Dr. Natalya Timoshkina, associate professor in the School of Social Work, spoke about using human technology to fight human trafficking. And, Dan Dunskey was R&I Week 2019 keynote speaker. One highlight of the week were the student and faculty research poster presentations, showcasing the university's current research projects and partnerships.



Discussing a brighter future with FinTech

As part of Lakehead University's Research & Innovation Week activities, technology and entrepreneurship expert **Thomas Coke** argued that one way out of the decline is through innovative industry clusters to take advantage of emerging technologies. Coke's public talk offered insights into how technology spurred the rebirth of communities in his Great Lakes state by providing employment and rejuvenating a city economically and culturally.

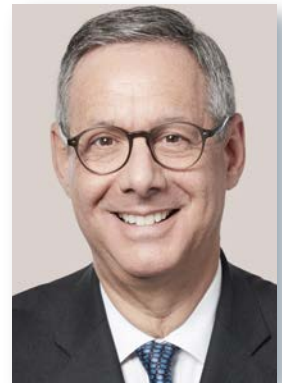
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Office of Economic Development & Innovation Hosts Workshop with Jay Lefton

Lakehead's Economic Development and Innovation office welcomed **Jay Lefton**, a partner in the Toronto office of Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, by hosting an on-campus workshop on February 21 entitled, *Setting Up a Start-Up Company: Tips for the Entrepreneur*.

The luncheon workshop took place in the *Ingenuity* Connections Theatre, and at maximum capacity, saw a diverse crowd of students, faculty, entrepreneurs, alumni, lawyers, board members, accountants, staff, and representatives from CEDC, TBRHRI, BDO, BRI, and NOSM participate.

Jay practises in the areas of corporate and securities law, including public and private financings, mergers & acquisitions and technology transfer, and spoke about the common mistakes that start-ups make, and how to avoid them.





LUNSA's 31st annual Powwow

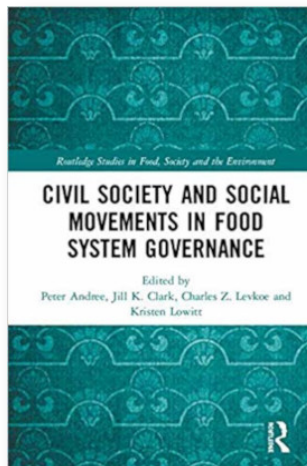


On Saturday, March 9, I had the pleasure of speaking at the Lakehead University Native Student Association's (LUNSA) 31st annual Powwow at the CJ Sanders Fieldhouse.

The annual Powwow is LUNSA's signature event that highlights tremendous talent and entertainment, free of charge, while reinforcing traditional aspects of Aboriginal culture such as drumming, dancing, singing, and giving thanks. LUNSA is a volunteer Lakehead University Student Union club.

Its goals are to promote the spirit of unity among Aboriginal students at Lakehead University through social, cultural, and recreational events, in addition to promoting cultural awareness between club members and the greater Lakehead University student population.

Social Responsibility



Dr. Levkoe co-editor of new book on Food System Governance

As global food systems face multiple threats and challenges there is an opportunity for social movements and civil society to play an active role in building fair and ecological sustainability.

Drawing on case studies from Canada, the United States, Europe, and New Zealand, and edited by Peter Andree, Carleton University, Jill K. Clark, The Ohio State University, **Charles Z. Levkoe, Lakehead University**, Kristen Lowitt, Brandon University, and published by Routledge, *Civil Society and Social Movements in Food System Governance* is an open-access publication that examines and compares a variety of governance innovations, at a range of scales.



LUSU celebrates International Women's Day

On International Women's Day (Friday, March 8), the Lakehead University Student Union's Gender Equity Centre, as well as its Sustainability Centre, organized an all-women panel, and speakers, to discuss their experiences. The panel of five Thunder Bay-area women entrepreneurs talked about their stories of building and managing their own businesses, while LUSU Sustainability Centre's Shadiya Aidid spoke about Gendered Islamophobia.



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Office of Sustainability's Land Acknowledgement Walk

Lakehead University Office of Sustainability's Coordinator, Ledah McKellar, will hire an Indigenous student to develop land acknowledgement walk to explore the history of the land our Thunder Bay campus is on and encourage dialogue about decolonization. The Walk grew from talking circles with Indigenous elders and advisers while preparing the school's Sustainability Plan. The goal for the new employee will be to engage in conversations with area elders, traditional knowledge keepers, and other Indigenous people to discuss and determine the details of the project.



‘Shelter access for women’ first recipient of *Community-Engaged Research Award*

The research team behind the project, “Shelter access for all women: Creating a harm reduction framework” was presented Lakehead University’s inaugural Community-Engaged Research Award during Research & Innovation Week in Thunder Bay and Orillia. The award was created by the Office of Research Services in 2018 to recognize our community’s social innovators –those researchers, students and partners in the social sector who are working together to positively impact the wellbeing of the people they serve in our region and beyond.

The winning project, “Shelter access for all women” examines the implementation of harm reduction approaches in domestic violence shelters across Ontario. The purpose is to develop a flexible framework that supports the varied needs of shelters, and ensures access for all women regardless of substance use status. The research team implemented a survey, completed case studies, and hosted a conference with the support of the provincial domestic violence shelter association. The project includes significant involvement from students with opportunities for related projects in the Masters of Social Work program.

The recipients of this award include faculty members, community partners, and students:



- Angela Hovey, School of Social Work
- Susan Scott, School of Social Work
- Lori Chambers, Department of Women’s Studies
- Marlene Ham, Executive Director of the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses
- Silvia Samsa, Executive Director, Women’s Habitat
- Liz Westcott, Executive Director, Green Haven Shelter for Women
- Charlotte Scott, Carly Roberts, Sarah Tilley, Shelby Thompson, Kaitlin Wilmshurst, Students



Office of the President

Ellen MacKay recognized for Outstanding Volunteer Service

Ellen MacKay, Director, Innovation Development, and Registered Technology Transfer Professional, recently accepted an award in recognition of Outstanding Volunteer Service from the Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM) at the Annual General Meeting in Austin, Texas.

Ellen has served the Professional Development Portfolio for three years by Chairing the Conference for Small Technology Transfer Offices.



Lakehead Thunderwolves' Highlights

Our Thunderwolves women's basketball team earned a spot in the OUA final four, this past weekend, by winning a second-round playoff game at home. The women earned a first-round bye with their 20-4 record, including two 8-game win streaks. Lakehead entered the national top ten rankings in late November and never left. The Thunderwolves currently sit 7th.

Women's basketball season highlights: the Thunderwolves scoring 110 against Algoma in October, the highest point total for any women's team in the OUA regular season, and one of only three 100+ efforts in the province this year; senior guard and home-grown talent Karissa Kajorinne hitting a Thunderwolves-record 9 three-point shots on senior's night to finish with 32 points, 5 rebounds, and 5 assists; and senior forward Leashja Grant once again leading the province in points and rebounds per game. Grant, who will be publicly announced OUA Player of the Year this Wednesday, finishes 5th in the country in points per game, and 4th in the country in rebounds per game.

Other highlights include our wrestling team picking up medals at last weekend's USPORTS national championships, including a gold for Marco Palermo; our men's Nordic skiing team winning the OUA championship in North Bay; and Rebekkah Pyle of our track & field team qualifying for the USPORTS national championships on her birthday.

Our athletes have accomplished a lot this year while also being stand-up members of our community, working on a diversity of degrees including medical school, a Masters of statistics, and a whole other range of valuable academic pursuits. Thunderwolves athletes are not only demonstrative of the great people they are and are becoming, but they also reflect well upon our institution as a place that nurtures and supports its own.