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**President's Report
to Board of Governors**



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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.



Highlights from our Lakehead Thunderwolves

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.



Local and Global Partnerships

East Asia and South East Asia outreach

Lakehead continues to work to broaden its internationalization efforts.

In January, Dr. Betsy Birmingham, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, and Dr. Lori Chambers, Chair/Professor, Women's Studies visited REVA University in Bangalore, India as the first collaborative project between REVA University and Lakehead. The purpose of the visit was to deliver a 1-week workshop titled "Gender studies: Gender Roles & Identity - the Canadian context/global perspective", and to explore further opportunities for collaboration in Social Sciences and Humanities programming and research.

Also in January, I was accompanied by James Aldridge, Vice-Provost International, on a 1-week trip to Hong Kong, Vietnam and Malaysia. In Hong Kong, we hosted a gathering of some of our Hong Kong alumni chapter members who expressed strong support for our new international student support initiatives.

In Vietnam, we had meetings at Ton Duc Thang University's Ho Chi Minh City campus as a follow-up to the MOU signing that took place during a senior delegation visit to Lakehead Thunder Bay in 2018. We are working on student exchange, faculty mobility and transfer credit initiatives. We are thrilled that one of our faculty members will be presenting at Ton Duc Thang later this year.

In Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, we met with Malaysian alumni and our partner, Sunway University. Sunway and Lakehead are close to completing the program mapping for articulation agreements in Business Administration that will allow Sunway to add Lakehead to its list of overseas institutions that accept Sunway students for completion of their undergraduate programs.





LUSU wins World University Service of Canada award

In 2018, **Masoud Manzouri**, Coordinator for the Lakehead University Student Union's Multicultural Centre, and Co-Chair of WUSC's Local Committee at Lakehead University, promised to win one of the awards at WUSC's 2019 Campus Awards.

In January, Manzouri attended the 2019 International Forum in Ottawa to accept the WUSC Campus Award for *Event of the Year* on behalf of Lakehead's Student Refugee Program. He credits winning the award to his team's outstanding planning and teamwork.

Note: Following recent campus elections, Manzouri was named LUSU's next President.

Professors host *In Conversation* talks at Thunder Bay Public Libraries

Lakehead University and the Thunder Bay Public Library have informative *In Conversation* talks planned for February and March. *In Conversation* talks are free of charge and everyone is welcome to attend. On February 2, Lakehead history professor Dr. Michel Beaulieu explored how historical amnesia has contributed to the rise of fake news, at the Mary JL Black Library. On March 2, Lakehead English professors Dr. Judith Leggatt and Dr. Monica Flegel were at the Brodie Library's Fireside Reading Room for a discussion called: *Is Superman an Immigrant?: Race, Ethnicity and the Superhero*.

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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.



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.



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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Social Responsibility

Celebration of the United Nations' International Year of Indigenous Languages

On January 15, Lakehead University hosted the opening ceremony of our year-long celebration of the United Nations' International Year of Indigenous Languages. The event was held in the Agora and featured an opening prayer by Elder Gene Nowegejick, and keynote speaker, Fort William Frist Nation Chief Peter Collins.

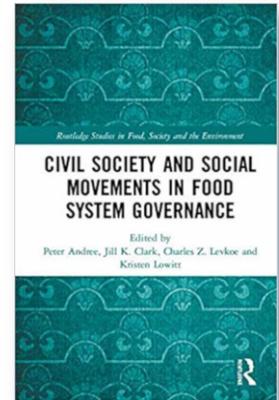
The next year will provide opportunities for members of the University and external communities to understand the importance of languages through various activities, including a large language-through-arts project, and a July celebration of Lakehead's Native Language Instructor's Program's 30 years on our campus.



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 Andrée, 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.



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.



Discussing a brighter future with FinTech during Research & Innovation Week



The decline in blue-collar jobs over the last generation has left many cities struggling, neighbourhoods have become rundown and young people have been forced to move elsewhere in search of better opportunities.

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.

