
FALL 2020 VIDEO PRESENTATIONS

Sep 11, 18, 25, Oct 2, 16, 23, 30, NOV 6, 13, 20

Attached bios represent lecturer's status on date lecture was originally presented

Sept 11: **THE POPE, THE POOR AND THE PLANET**

Original presentation on 12 Jan 2018

In July 2015, Pope Francis I created an international stir with his encyclical on the ecological crisis, *Laudato si*. He connects the exploitation of the earth's resources and ecological degradation to the global dominance of what he calls "the tyranny of money", a culture that promotes violence against the poor and the planet. Is the pope a Marxist, a tree-hugger?

David Seljak is Professor (and former Chair) of Religious Studies at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo. He is the editor of a theological journal, *The Ecumenist: A Journal of Theology, Culture and Society*, published by Novalis. Back by popular demand in Winter 2018, this was Prof. Seljak's fourth series of thought-provoking lectures for GTLLI.

Sept 18: **THE GLOBALIZATION OF ADDICTION AS SPIRITUAL CRISIS**

Original presentation on 2 Feb 2018

Canadian psychologist Bruce Alexander defined the globalization of addiction as a result of widespread 'poverty of the spirit'. Meanwhile, Pope Francis defines the despair and unhappiness of modern society as a spiritual crisis. This lecture will outline how each sees the suffering created by conditions in the modern world as a spiritual crisis.

David Seljak.

Sept 25: **THE ART OF THEATRE AT THE STRATFORD FESTIVAL**

Original presentation on 12 Oct 2018

Looking through the lens of history, this 2018 talk provides an overview of the challenges and achievements in the Stratford Festival's remarkable 65 year existence.

Pat Quigley is the retired Director of Education at Stratford Festival. She holds a BA and a BEd from the University of Toronto and taught secondary school English, Drama and Guidance, and later on taught Drama and Guidance Specialist Courses at the Universities of Western Ontario and Toronto. She began a second career in Education at the Stratford Festival, initiating and developing education programs, and in 2004 was named Director of Education. She became Education Consultant with the Festival when she retired in 2010.

Oct 2: **CREATING THE PHYSICAL 'WORLD' OF A PLAY.**

Original presentation on 2 Nov 2018

Using costumes and other artifacts from the Archives, this talk provides an insight into the role of an archivist and an introduction to the aims, the art and the practicalities of design as it relates to the Stratford theatres.

Liza Giffen has been the Director of Archives at the Stratford Festival since 2014. She holds a PhD from Edinburgh University and has been an archivist at The Women's Library (London, UK), the Business Archives Council of Scotland, Head of (Special) Collections at the University of Leeds, Strategic Engagement Manager at The National Archives (UK) and Head of Archives at DC Thomson.

Oct 16: **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

Original presentation on 27 April 2018

Courts are expensive (very few people can afford the cost of a lawsuit) and seldom render decisions that solve the problem. Indeed, there is much truth to the saying that a lawsuit is a machine you go into as a pig and come out of as a sausage. Is there a better way? This lecture will examine the sources of conflict and how these can turn into legal disputes. Also, the often cheaper, better and faster alternatives to court such as better negotiation, mediation, arbitration and circles are discussed.

Paul Emond, B.A., LL.B., LL.M. joined Osgoode Hall Law School in 1976 and became Professor Emeritus in 2015. Since 1994 he has been Director (currently Co-Director) of Osgoode's Professional LL.M. in Dispute Resolution, the first program of its kind in North America. He speaks and trains in conflict management, dispute resolution and negotiations for clients ranging from law firms, to corporations and government.

Oct. 23: **SLEEP AND THE RHYTHM OF LIFE**

Original presentation on 8 Nov 2019

The human brain is the most complex known machine in the universe, yet it shuts itself off from the outside world each and every day, for hours on end. Why? This lecture identifies why rest and sleep evolved in humans and other living things, and how sleep rewires our brains daily to make us who we are.

Richard Horner, PhD, FCAHS is Canada Research Chair in sleep science, Professor of Medicine and Physiology at the University of Toronto, and elected Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. He has authored over a hundred research papers on sleep science and the book *The Universal Pastime: Sleep and Rest Explained*.

Oct 30: **THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF CANNABIS IN CANADA**

Original presentation on 15 Nov 2019

Dramatic changes in the regulation of cannabis have taken place recently most notably its legalization for non-medical purposes on October 17th, 2018. This lecture will review this changing landscape, the risks and harms associated with cannabis, and its potential applications as a medical treatment.

James MacKillop, PhD, is an active researcher and a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences, McMaster University & St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton. He is the inaugural holder of the Peter Boris Chair in Addictions Research, and Co-Director of the Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research

Nov 6: MY PAIN – IT’S PERSONAL!

Original presentation on 22 Nov 2019

We all feel pain but our individual experiences are our own. The same stimulus (like a needle) can be experienced differently. People with chronic pain cope and endure at different levels. This lecture discusses new findings emerging from brain imaging studies that reveal the reasons for these differences, and the ways we can use this information to develop a personalized approach to pain management.

Karen Davis, PhD is a neuroscientist studying the mechanisms underlying pain. She is a professor and senior scientist at the University of Toronto and the Krembil Brain Institute. Her work over the last 30 years has shaped thinking about pain, the brain, and neuroethics. She has been inducted into the Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars and the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, and is President-elect of the Canadian Pain Society.

Nov 13: ONTARIO’S HYDROLOGY

Original presentation on 10 Jan 2020

This lecture provides an overview of the why, what, when, where and how of global water issues. Special focus is on the science of hydrological cycle, cryosphere - snow and ice, impacts of climate change and a case-study of Southern Ontario.

Dr. Ellsworth LeDrew, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of Waterloo.

Nov 20: GROUNDWATER AND AQUIFERS - ARE THEY AT RISK?

Original presentation on 24 Jan 2020

Groundwater is an essential source of freshwater for Ontario residents especially in rural areas. To understand the complexity of groundwater, this lecture examines the hydrogeological systems, policies, governance and management with the case-study of Nestle water takings.

Dr. Romila Verma is an innovative teacher, researcher, speaker and author. She is one of the leading voices on global water issues. She lectures on water and environmental issues in the School of the Environment and Department of Geography at the University of Toronto. She is the Founder of the non-profit organization, Water Speaks. She is also the Co-Founder of Trans Africa Pipeline, an infrastructure project that will build and connect desalination plants on the East and West coasts of Africa to the Sahel desert region of central Africa.

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