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**SPRING LECTURES 2021  
Mar 26, Apr 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7**

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**Mar 26: *Hotter, Wetter, Wilder: How Canadian Society and the Capital Markets Must Prepare for Irreversible Climate Change and Extreme Weather Risk***

Extreme weather risk, driven by a changing climate, is contributing to costly floods, fires, hail and wind storms across Canada. Is Canada prepared? Recognizing that climate change is irreversible, this talk will emphasize Canada's current state of preparedness for this, and the need to adapt quickly in anticipation of a more challenging future, along with the need – and practical means – to limit Canada's most costly extreme weather risk: community and residential flooding.

**Lecturer: Dr. Blair Feltmate**, Ph.D. in Theoretical and Applied Ecology (University of Toronto), is Professor and Head of the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation, University of Waterloo, a member of the Sustainable Finance Advisory Council, Global Risk Institute, and Chair, Adaptation Committee, Canadian Institute for Climate Choices (Environment and Climate Change Canada). Blair has written textbooks on Sustainable Banking (University of Toronto Press), and Aquatic Ecology (CAB International). He is on the Advisory Board, Climate Change, Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (Ontario).

**Apr 9: *Mozart Matters....***

The precocious genius who can still define humanity for us 230 years after his death. His life story, comprehensively documented is mired in myth. The peerless perfection of his creativity evokes both reverence in listeners and trepidation in performers. "Music that is too easy for amateurs and too difficult for professionals" is the all too simplistic misquotation.

**Lecturer: Brian Carlile**, is a multifaceted professional musician whose career as an orchestral and chamber music player has involved performance and studio recordings world- wide. His media work includes the award-winning ITV production "The Forsyte Saga", music arranger credits for film, TV and radio and for his work as "music fixer" on the 1999 Oscar nominated film "Hilary and Jackie".

**Apr 16: *Importance of Political Trust in Society***

This lecture will examine the role trust plays in democracy. For a society to function it is necessary for the public to trust politics, our institutions and each other. Across Western democracies there has been a steady decline in trust. This talk will trace why this has occurred, what effect it has had and how we can fix it.

**Apr 23: *Populism in 21st Century Politics***

While not a new phenomenon, populism has become a mainstream political movement in the 21st Century. Populist leaders in Greece, Brazil, the UK, and elsewhere have won elections and have governed. This talk will examine the concept of populism, discuss what it is, and what it is not, and finally examine the long-term viability of populism as a political force.

**Lecturer: Dr. Michael Johns** is an Associate Professor of Political Science at Laurentian University. He has also held the positions of Vice Dean of Arts and Chair of both the Dept. of Political

Science and the Dept. of Marketing and Management. Dr. Johns writes and teaches courses on International Relations, Comparative Politics, European and American Politics as well as Federalism and Electoral Systems.

**Apr 30: *Forensics in Crime Solving***

This lecture will define the evolving field of police forensics with an overview of the protocols governing crime scenes, warrants, security, and the processing of physical evidence.

**May 7: *Trophies and Talismans: The Traffic of Human Remains.***

The use and movement of human remains are the result of large, intricate networks that span the globe, crossing boundaries within and between private, public and religious institutions. This lecture looks at the deeply embedded tradition of collecting and displaying/venerating human remains in contemporary Western society.

**Lecturer: Dr. Myriam Nafte**, a forensic anthropologist, is an active advisor and consultant for criminal casework across North America. She received a Specialized Honors B.A. in Medical Anthropology from York University, a B.Ed. degree in Science from Brock University, and completed an M.A. and Ph.D. in Physical Anthropology [Skeletal Biology] at McMaster University. Dr. Nafte is an instructor at McMaster University teaching various courses and is the author of numerous articles and books, including *Flesh and Bone: An Introduction to Forensic Anthropology*, and the forthcoming anthology *Trophies and Talismans: The Traffic of Human Remains*.