## Associate Dean's March 2015 Newsletter

# Greetings A&H students,

Hope you all had a wonderful Reading Week break. We are now getting close to the home stretch of this academic year and a bevy of assignments, essays and tests are due soon, so I'm not going to waste too much of your time with idle chatter and get right to my announcements for this month which are many and varied.

#### INTENT TO REGISTER

The Intent to Register period continues. If you haven't done it yet, then please do it soon; if you don't, then you'll be last to register for 2015-16 courses. It all ends March 31, 2015. For more information, please visit http://www.uwo.ca/arts/pages/Counselling/intent-to-register.html

#### **ESSAYS! ESSAYS! ESSAYS!**

Deadlines for major assignments are coming up fast. If you miss any of them you need to have a documented reason and you must bring that documentation to your academic counsellor first before talking to your professor, and please do so in a timely fashion. Your counsellor will take care of the rest. In the case of illness, please see a physician ASAP and get the proper medical documentation (download the Western University Student Medical Certificate on the Arts and Humanities website). Don't wait until you're feeling better to see a doctor for a note since most will not issue one if you are not displaying symptoms.

#### PLAGIARISM IS AN OFFENCE!

Please check out the Western Libraries webpage on plagiarism:

http://www.lib.uwo.ca/tutorials/plagiarism and make sure you understand what is and isn't plagiarism; there are instances that you might think you aren't plagiarizing but you are. You don't want to jeopardize your academic standing.

## APPLY TO GRADUATE

For all students who are eligible to graduate, please visit the Convocation information page (http://www.convocation.uwo.ca/), which outlines what you need to do to ensure that you receive your diploma and are eligible to walk across the Convocation stage. Most importantly, if you are unsure about the programs you think you are graduating with, please consult your academic counsellor sooner than later. The deadline to apply is April 30, 2015.

# ARTS & HUMANITIES STUDENTS' COUNCIL APPLICATION

Are you interested in joining a dynamic and passionate group of students? Apply to be on the Arts and Humanities Students' Council! Applications will be posted by Friday February 27th to the AHSC website at http://www.ahscwesternu.com/.

#### LAST LECTURE TICKETS ON SALE

This year's keynote speaker for Last Lecture is Western alumnus Chris O'Neill, BA'95, who works for Google X. Chris returns to Western to share and provide valuable insight for the graduating class. More information and tickets can be found at

http://www.westernconnect.ca/site/Calendar?view=Detail&id=129421.

WALRUS TALKS!

The Walrus Talks Creativity

Thursday, March 12, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Mustang Lounge, University Community Centre, Western University

Creativity matters. Come hear nine of Canada's most creative minds, including five Western alumni, share 80 minutes of lively, thought-provoking ideas exploring creativity in all its forms.

Our event will be followed by a spirited reception with attendees and participants.

Featuring:

Mustafa Ahmed, poet

Cameron Bailey, BA'87, Toronto International Film Festival

Emma Donoghue, LLD'13, author

Joel Faflak, BA'81, MA'91 PhD'99, director of the School for Advanced Studies in the Arts and

Humanities, Western University

Juggun Kazim, BA'02, actor, model, television host

Elaine Lui, BA'96, blogger and author of Listen to the Squawking Chicken

Brian Paschke, industrial design lead, BlackBerry

Saukrates, artist and musician

David Usher, singer-songwriter and author

Tickets: \$20.00 (\$15.00 for students)

Learn more & buy tickets here: westernconnect.ca/walrus

Hope you all have a productive and successful March! And please continue to check out the Arts Bulletin at http://www.uwo.ca/arts/current\_students/undergraduate/bulletin.html for up-to-date information.

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