

**Students United in Representation of Latin America,
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Association, Arab Students Association, Social Justice Club, Outdoors Club,
UWO Anthropology Society, and Environment Kings Organization Present:**

Wade Davis

“Humanity’s Greatest Legacy: The Ethnosphere”

Friday, March 11th – 6PM (Doors open at 5:30)

Natural Science Building 145, The University of Western Ontario

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Dr. Wade Davis has become one of the most active advocates for cultural diversity and the protection of what he coined as the ‘ethnosphere’, namely, the unifying spiritual and cultural life from myriad cultures around the world. The Ethnosphere, as presented by Davis, is the sum of all imaginative contributions of humanity - ideas, beliefs, thoughts, dreams, inspirations, scientific theory, and stories, brought into being by human imagination since the dawn of consciousness. The Ethnosphere, humanity’s greatest legacy, is a symbol of all that we are and all that we can be. We do not think of the Ethnosphere in the same way we think of other global resources such as air, water, and plant life, yet the Ethnosphere is equally as fragile and threatened by modernization and globalization.

Wade Davis believes that as individuals we have "an obligation to bear witness to the world," to keep our eyes, ears, and hearts open to other people's realities. By bearing witness, we cultivate a climate -- in our minds, communities, and societies -- that supports the social change process. Each time we become receptive to other worldviews we are actually *changing our minds*.

Wade Davis is an Explorer-in-Residence at the National Geographic Society. Named by the NGS as one of the Explorers for the Millennium, he has been described as "a rare combination of scientist, scholar, poet and passionate defender of all of life's diversity." In recent years his work has taken him to East Africa, Borneo, Nepal, Peru, Polynesia, Tibet, Mali, Benin, Togo, New Guinea, Australia, Colombia, Vanuatu, Mongolia and the high Arctic of Nunavut and Greenland. He has written thirteen books, has received numerous awards and has been a professional speaker for over twenty years.

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Tickets for this event will be on sale on Friday, March 4th and the week of Monday, March 7th-11th at the University Community Center (UCC). For more information go to:

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