CONVOCATION GUIDE
2017 - 2018

ALL EVENTS IN THE BRADLEY THEATRE UNLESS NOTED

Krueger Fine Arts Series
Lakeland Lecture Series
Lakeland Productions
Lakeland Theatre Productions

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11 A.M. OPENING CONVOCATION: Just See It Through
With the Rev. Sara Rabe ’97
Join us as we begin the academic year with an inspiring message from an alumna who overcame several challenges. Sara, pastor of Zwingli United Church of Christ in Paoli, Wis., will share the challenges she faced when she started at Lakeland, and the dramatic, positive impact Lakeland made on her life. It’s the perfect way to get the year off to a great start!

4:30 P.M. BRADLEY GALLERY EXHIBIT: Tyler Holman
Tyler, a 2014 Lakeland graduate, returns to his alma mater to display his work and discuss his influences during this opening reception.

11 A.M. CONSTITUTION DAY
Lakeland History Professor Richard Wixon will introduce U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd’s speech explaining the importance of Constitution Day, which is an annual celebration of this important document.

7 P.M., MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY, SHEBOYGAN
WISCONSIN ACADEMY LECTURE: “What’s Going On In Our Great Lakes?”
J. Val Klump, senior director and dean of the School of Freshwater Sciences Great Lakes Water Institute at UW-Milwaukee, will discuss the current state of the Great Lakes and what the future holds. The Great Lakes alone contain one-fifth of the world’s supply of surface freshwater – the greatest single freshwater resource on the planet. Yet despite their size, these lakes are surprisingly fragile and are subject to a host of complex and interacting stresses, which Klump will discuss.

11 A.M. KRUEGER FINE ARTS SERIES: Mayhem Poets
“Let’s go see a poetry show.” That is a sentence rarely proclaimed and usually responded to with cringes and excuses. The Mayhem Poets are on a mission to change that. Having been dubbed “an amazing ride” by the New York Times, this mind-boggling performance has been described as “The Simpsons meets Malcolm X at a Notorious B.I.G. concert.” These theatre-trained, comedically gifted, lyrical virtuosos seamlessly blend raw elements of hip hop, theatre, improv and stand-up comedy to tell gut-wrenching truths that leave audiences forever changed.

See some clips of their amazing performances at mayhempoets.com.

7:30 P.M. FALL BAND CONCERT
The first in a series of musical performances by our own talented Muskies! Come on out and support your peers in the band.
### Sept 13

**4:30 P.M.**  
**BRADLEY GALLERY EXHIBITION: Peg Haubert**  
A longtime video producer, writer, director and editor, Haubert turned to making visual art and is very active on the Sheboygan art scene. She will discuss her work and influences during this opening reception.

### Oct 15

**3 P.M.**  
**FALL CHOIR CONCERT**  
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### Oct 24

**7 P.M., LAUN 209**  
**INTRODUCING THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS TRADITION**  
The evening will offer an overview on the Church of Latter Day Saints tradition, and provide time for audience questions. Presenters will include Lakeland staff member Paul White, an ordained LDS priest, and LDS Bishop Carlos Uceda. Both actively engage in teaching on the LDS tradition. This is the latest in a series of the LUforREAL initiative (Lakeland University for Religious Education, Awareness, and Literacy). These events provide educational programming for interfaith understanding and dialogue in the Lakeland and surrounding community.

### Nov 2

**11 A.M.**  
**GREAT LAKES WRITERS FESTIVAL KICKOFF**  
Featuring Kevin McFadden and Emily Ruskovich  
The Great Lakes Writers Festival is a two-day celebration of the written word that annually invites authors to campus to discuss their craft. This year’s authors will read excerpts from their work and discuss the art of writing.

### Nov 9-12

**7:30 P.M.**  
**FALL PLAY: One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**  
McMurphy is the new inmate and his ‘don’t-mess-with-me’ bravado cuts Nurse Ratched’s authority in half. She fights back. He fights back. The residents are the victims, as is humanity. Author Ken Kesey’s piercing novel becomes theatre you will never forget.

### Nov 13

**7:8:30 P.M.**  
**MISSION HOUSE LECTURE: The Honorable Reverend Everett Mitchell**  
In his 1963 “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” Martin Luther King Jr. sounds a warning to the good folk of mainline churches: those who align themselves with unjust forms of power disregard the vision and sacrifice that is required to stand on the side of justice. The Honorable Reverend Everett Mitchell will help community members and students see the relevance of King’s warning for good folk today. His lecture explores how student organizations and churches can become more than social clubs, and instead be living, sacrificing witnesses to the dignity and worth of all persons.
7:30 P.M.  
**KRUEGER FINE ARTS SERIES: Peter Marra**

This convo is for the birds! Pete Marra is the director of the Smithsonian Migratory Bird Center, and he’ll discuss his fascinating research about birds. This will be of particular interest to our science majors, but everyone will find his presentation informative and entertaining. Communicating his science and his excitement for the conservation of wildlife to as wide an audience as possible, including the general public, is a high priority of his overall program. His most recent book is entitled “Cat Wars: The Devastating Consequences of a Cuddly Killer.”

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11 A.M.  
**BUSINESS COLLOQUIUM**

For this annual event, Lakeland invites a number of successful business graduates to campus to share with current students their paths after graduating and provide tips for success. Always a valuable experience for current students!

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4:30 P.M.  
**BRADLEY GALLERY EXHIBIT: Senior Taryn Mills**

Lakeland senior Taryn Mills presents an exhibit of her work as part of her pathway to an art degree. Join her at this reception, where she will discuss her work.

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11 A.M.  
**FALL MUSIC DEPARTMENTAL RECITAL**

Another opportunity for Lakeland’s music students to display their talents, this time in recital mode instead of full ensemble.

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7:30 P.M.  
**JAZZ CONCERT**

From the classics to modern day sounds, the Lakeland Jazz Band always delivers a night of great music.

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11 A.M.  
**LESSONS FROM STUDENTS: Leading Meaningful Lives**

Students enrolled in the new Advanced Public Speaking class will work collectively and individually to create this convocation around the central theme “Leading Purposeful Lives.” An overall piece will present one narrative, but will be comprised of individual pieces designed by students to work cohesively to advance it. Join us for a very special performance showcasing our talented students.
4:30 P.M. **SENIOR ART EXHIBIT: Students TBA**
Lakeland seniors will discuss an exhibit of their work as part of their pathway to an art degree.

3 P.M. **COMBINED CHOIR/BAND CONCERT**
A performance by both of Lakeland’s primary music ensembles.

6 P.M. **KOHLER BUSINESS LECTURE: Alexander Onish**
Join us for a fascinating discussion about digital marketing. Onish is the head of marketing and digital communication with IWC Schaffhausen, a premium brand in the international luxury watch segment, and former assistant vice president of digital marketing at Maybelline.

4:30 P.M. **ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT AND AWARDS CEREMONY**
This annual event is a celebration of the work of students enrolled in Lakeland’s various art courses. Join us to support these students and their efforts.

4:30 P.M. **TRUE NORTH HUMANITIES FESTIVAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Jelani Cobb**
The inaugural True North Festival will offer several events and activities around the central theme of diversity. We are thrilled to welcome Jelani Cobb, an award-winning staff writer at The New Yorker and the Ira A. Lipman Professor of Journalism at Columbia Journalism School, for a discussion about race and diversity. We recommend that attendees read the award-winning book, “Between the World and Me” by Ta-Nehisi Coates prior to this event. Cobb’s keynotes inspire us to work, tirelessly, toward achieving an ongoing dream of equity—of genuine democracy. They show us that not only are the levers of justice in our hands, but we can move them in the direction we see fit. And they remind us that the only obstacle holding us back is the comforting illusion that we’ve already achieved our goals.

4:30 P.M. **SPRING MUSICAL: Avenue Q**
It's the musical with the puppets. Yes, that one. It's not afraid to hit you right between the eyes either. But it's very funny. On Quentin Ave. in Brooklyn, these characters discover, express, paint and live life out loud. Be prepared for a few "words."

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**SPRING BAND CONCERT**  
The band will help us get in the mood for spring. Support your Muskies!

**APRIL 17**

**APRIL 24**

**APRIL 25**

**APRIL 29**

**APRIL 30**

**TIME TBA**  
**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH DAY**  
A panel of faculty will discuss the breadth and depth of research and scholarship occurring at Lakeland as we inspire students to see opportunities for pursuing their own research and scholarship interests.

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Theatre productions require tickets that can be picked up in advance in the Student Success offices in the lower level of WA Krueger.

If any tickets remain, they can be obtained at the Bradley box office the day of the event.