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## LOYC 398K- Orientation to International Community Engagement

We are pleased to inform you that LCDS will be offering, for the first time ever, the interfaculty course LOYC 398K – Orientation to International Community Engagement during the Winter semester 2014-2015. This course will be a collaboration between the Faculties of Arts and Science, Fine Arts and the John Molson School of Business, having faculty members from all faculties teach specific components of the course.

LOYC 398K explores critical perspectives on intercultural engagement with local and international communities, addressing issues of ‘development’ theory, collaboration, volunteerism, collective action, sustainability and entrepreneurship.

The course is open to all students from the above-mentioned faculties and to students partaking in the Concordia Volunteer Abroad Program in the summer of 2015.

For more information on how to register for this course, please contact the Loyola College for Diversity and Sustainability at [loyolacollege.fas@concordia.ca](mailto:loyolacollege.fas@concordia.ca).

## Interdisciplinary Group on Sustainability and Human Rights

During the Fall semester of 2014, LCDS assembled a group of faculty members, researchers and students that is currently working together to find ways to incorporate issues of human rights and sustainability into Concordia University’s curriculum. This interdisciplinary group works under the purview of a recent grant approved by the Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies in Society and Culture, which endeavours to bring academics, researchers, artists and students together to exchange ideas and develop interdisciplinary projects.

For more information on the group, please contact the Loyola College for Diversity and Sustainability at [loyolacollege.fas@concordia.ca](mailto:loyolacollege.fas@concordia.ca).

## Art Exhibit at LCDS



Students from LCDS' course LOYC 340 – Culture and Communication recently organized an art exhibit at LCDS, featuring the work of local artist Sarah Galarneau. Galarneau's work has recently focused on the idea of creating fantastical environments or worlds that do not necessarily resemble our planet or its environments, but that use patterns found in nature. Whether resembling planets, marbles, plants, or microbes, these abstract works reference the “macro” and the “micro” simultaneously.

The art exhibit was organized by students Gabriel Cohen, Kristen Hirsch, Evelyne Pertuiset and Emily Murray (pictured above). For more information on Sarah Galarneau's work, you can visit her website at [www.sarahgalarneau.tumblr.com](http://www.sarahgalarneau.tumblr.com).

## New Provost Fellow for Community Engagement



LCDS Principal Rosemarie Schade was recently appointed Provost Fellow for Community Engagement. The announcement comes at a time when LCDS is working on developing new cutting-edge courses and programmes that continue to bring together students, faculty and the broader community. Professor Schade seeks to further connections between Concordia's academic sector and local and international communities that can enter into mutually-beneficial relationships with Concordia.

# Proud of our Student Leaders



For many years, LCDS has been characterized by its engaged student body, and the 2014-2015 academic year is no exception. Important projects and initiatives around Concordia have featured the guiding leadership of LCDS students, who continue to lead the way by example. This year, strong LCDS student presence can be found on a number of different associations on campus.

Loyola College Student Association (LCSA) President Edith Gaudreau-Lebel has effectively navigated through the realms of academic excellence and community engagement. Aside from her duties as LCSA President, Edith is also active with Amnesty International's Concordia chapter, and has worked with the Francophone section of Amnesty International Canada. Her work on child marriage has been featured in publications, and at conferences, including LCDS' Symposium on Sustainability and Human Rights.

Also a LCSA Vice President, Renee Obregon and her colleague Elitza Mitropolitska recently founded a group on campus that is attempting to create awareness over the use of cosmetics, and their origins. One of the main problems the group is trying to tackle is that some ingredients found in commercial cosmetics have been linked to endocrine disruption, cancer, neurotoxicity, allergies, infertility, and other health problems. The group creates a space where conversations about these issues can take place, and where everyone can learn how to find safe products.

Former LCSA Vice-President Jessica Cabana and LCDS student Gabriel Velasco are currently serving as Vice Presidents in the Concordia Student Union (CSU), where projects such as the cooperative-modeled The Hive Café have materialized under their leadership. Thanks to their work, sustainable food options are now available for Concordia students and staff on both Sir George Williams and Loyola campuses.

Similarly, LCDS students Rachel Tardif, Karolyn Martin and Hannah Materne recently started an important project entitled "Grab and Give" which aims to reduce waste from design and art projects by providing students the opportunity to post online any leftover materials they may have, and exchange them. For more information on this great initiative, visit their website [www.grabandgive.ca](http://www.grabandgive.ca).

We are most proud of our students and their stewardship! Your hard work is making a difference at Concordia and beyond, and we hope that future generations of LCDS students follow your leading example.

# 10<sup>th</sup> Concordia-Siena Conference on Globalization

LCDS and Siena College are pleased to present to you the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Concordia-Siena Conference on Globalization, which will take place on March 19-20, 2015 in Albany, New York. As part of celebrating 10 years of partnership with Siena College, LCDS will bring a group of 15 students, faculty and staff to Albany to take part in what we are sure will be a memorable event. This edition's topic will be "The City and Migration" and its intersections with sustainability, human rights, and immigration, among others.

The Concordia-Siena Conference on Globalization has been the venue for key conversations and exchange of ideas between American and Canadian students and faculty. At this event, renowned speakers such as Robert Freling (Solar Electric Light Fund), Thomas Mulcair (Canada's current federal Leader of the Opposition), Elizabeth May (Leader of Canada's Green Party) and Paul Shrivastava (Director of the David O'Brien Centre for Sustainable Enterprise) have delivered engaging presentations and speeches on the most pressing issues of our time.

This year, Concordia students will meet their Siena counterparts, and together they will visit several sustainability sites in the city of Albany. LCDS faculty and staff have also been invited to visit the Radix Ecological Sustainability Center and the Capital South Campus Center to explore areas of collaboration.

For more information about this event, please visit LCDS' website at [www.loyc.concordia.ca](http://www.loyc.concordia.ca).

## Warm Welcome to Rebecca Tittler

Since the fall of 2014-2015, LCDS has been honoured to have the energy, enthusiasm and professionalism of its newest faculty member: Rebecca Tittler, who will be teaching the course LOYC 320 – Biodiversity on Earth. Although a native of Montreal, Rebecca Tittler has a B.A. from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, a M.Sc. from the University of Alberta, and a Ph.D. from Carleton University, all in biology with a focus on landscape ecology.

As part of her liberal arts program in biology as an undergraduate student, she also spent time studying environmental policy at Stockholm University in Sweden. As a research associate at the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Rebecca studies issues in sustainable forest management, including the effects of different types of management and development on songbird communities and on the ecosystem services provided by forests in both peri-urban and forested landscapes. As part of this work, she has also participated in forest policy development working groups organized by the Ministère des Ressources Naturelles et de la Faune and the newly created Ministère des Forêts, Faune et Parcs du Québec.

Please join us in welcoming Rebecca to her new home at LCDS!

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