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Syrian Immigrant Solves 78 Year Enigma of Neutron Star!

August 24, 2017

An astronomic physics mystery of the Neutron Star limits, which has plagued scientists over the last 78 years has been solved by Syrian Immigrant and North Bay resident, Ibrahim M. Jabr. He will disclose his findings to scientists, community and government leaders, North Bay Astronomy Club, and other special invitees at a Media Conference.

Speaker Biography: Mr. Jabr, a Syrian-born newcomer to North Bay is the President and CEO of a new business Algebra Solutions which aims to solve some of the world's most pressing challenges (including Climate Change). Mr. Jabr's work has required him to develop an applied understanding of complex algebraic equations and theoretical physics in order to produce practical engineered solutions. See the Algebra Solutions website for further details.

Mr. Jabr's first publication in Canada, entitled the "General Theory of Physics" is due for Public Release in the Fall of 2017. Drawing upon 30 years of practical experience as a Mechanical Engineer, and a Solar Engineering specialist, Mr. Jabr hopes his works will inspire a new generation of physicists to pursue education and careers in the various fields of science and engineering.

INNOVATION AND ADAPTATION: Canada's Diplomats Tackle Globalization 1968-84

Wednesday October 4, 2017

Dr. Greg Donaghy will speak to his recent publication, Canada's Department of External Affairs, Volume 3: Innovation and Adaptation, 1968-1984 and the evolution of Canada's foreign policy over the latter part of the twentieth century.

Speaker Biography: Greg Donaghy is Head of the Historical Section and Deputy Director, Policy Research Division, Global Affairs Canada. He received his BA from the University of Toronto (1986), his MA from Carleton University (1989), and his PhD from the University of Waterloo (1998). He was Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies at Kwansai Gakuin University in Nishinomiya (Japan) during the Fall Term, 2015-16.

He is General Editor of Documents on Canadian External Relations, as well as editor of six volumes in this series covering 1950 to 1957. He has edited or co-edited another nine collections of scholarly essays on Canadian history and diplomacy. These include (with Stéphane Roussel), *Mission Paris : Les ambassadeurs du Canada en France et le triangle Ottawa – Québec – Paris* (Montréal : Hurtubise, 2012). His latest collection, *From Kinshasa to Kandahar: Canada and Fragile States in Historical Perspective* was published by the University of Calgary Press in May 2016.

Dr. Donaghy's publications include the monograph, *Tolerant Allies: Canada and the United States, 1963-1968* (McGill-Queens UP, 2002) and *Grit: The Life and Politics of Paul Martin Sr.* (UBC Press,

2015) as well as over fifty scholarly articles and reviews on the history of Canadian foreign policy. Grit was a finalist for the 2015 Shaughnessy Cohen Prize for Political Writing. Greg Donaghy was awarded the Medal of Freedom in 2006 by the Government of Hungary for work on Canada and the Hungarian Revolution, and he received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

The New Threat Set: Science, Diplomacy, and International Policy in the Age of Globalization

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Mr. Copeland will make the case that in this globalization age involving climate change, diminishing biodiversity, environmental collapse, pandemic disease and resource scarcity, exacerbate underdevelopment and heightens insecurity; a *new threat set* placing everyone at risk. Science diplomacy – a transformative tool of soft power which offers the prospect of engaging shared interests to overcome political constraints and enlarge international cooperation – represents a particularly promising way forward. This presentation will explore the implications for Canadian governance, policies and interests, and examine the revolution in culture, values and professional practice required to ensure that the proposed combination of science and diplomacy can deliver as advertised.

Speaker Biography: Former Canadian diplomat [Daryl Copeland](#) is an educator, analyst and consultant; a research fellow at the [Canadian Global Affairs Institute](#), a policy fellow at the University of Montreal's Centre for International Studies ([CERIUM](#)), and Visiting Professor at the [Diplomatic Academy of Vienna](#) and the [Academy of Diplomacy and International Governance](#) (UK). He is the author of *Guerrilla Diplomacy: Rethinking International Relations*, 12 scholarly book chapters, and some 175 articles in the popular and academic press. Further information on Daryl Copeland go to www.guerrilladiplomacy.com and follow him on Twitter @GuerrillaDiplo.

IMPERIAL WAVES: The BBC and 1930s Canadian Broadcasting

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

This presentation by Dr. Sean Graham, draws on his scholarly work and will reflect on the international evolution of radio broadcasting.

Speaker Biography: Dr. Sean Graham is a historian of North American media and broadcasting. His talk will reflect on his manuscript that examines the early years of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and its efforts to establish its place within the North American radio environment of the 1930s. In addition, he has recently published a manuscript with noted expert Jean-Marie Leduc on the history of skates. Dr. Graham is currently an Adjunct Research Professor at Carleton University and has taught at Harvard University, the University of Ottawa, and the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing. He is also an editor at Activehistory.ca and host/producer of the History Slam Podcast. Lastly, but significantly, Sean Graham is an alumni of the Nipissing University History and BEd Concurrent Education program (2007).

"The Holocaust to Syria, Stories of Real Lives in the 20th Century"

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Author and community engagement specialist at the National Energy Board, Ms. Mélanie Loisel, will discuss her recent book *"Holocaust to Syria, 62 Key Actors Tell their Story on How they Lived*

the 20th Century." She will share her audacious idea to travel the world in order to report on some of the major twentieth century actors that witnessed conflicts and historical upheavals. Mélanie's journey is rich of historical lessons in the aim to build a peaceful world.

Her talk will focus on her interviews with:

1939 - World War II - Chil Elberg, Holocaust Survivor

1945 - Hiroshima Bomb - Setsuko Thurlow, Japan-Canadian Survivor and Nobel Prize

1963 - African-American civil rights movement - Clarence Jones, Lawyer and speechwriter of Martin Luther King

1967- Israel-Palestinian Conflict - Bassam Abu Sharif, Adviser of Yasser Arafat and ex-terrorist

1972 - Vietnam War - Kim Phuc, Survivor and Napalm Girl

1973 - Military Dictatorship of Chile - Ricard Lagos, Former President of Chile and opponent of Pinochet

1979 - Abolhassan Bani Sadr, Iranian Revolution - Former President of Iran in exile

1991 - Dissolution of the Soviet Union - Andreï Gratchev, Adviser of Mikhail Gorbachev

2011- Arab Spring - Beji Caïd Essebsi, President of Tunisia

Speaker Biography: Ms. Mélanie Loisel was born in Fermont, Northern Québec, close to Labrador border. Over the past 12 years, Mélanie worked in the media industry. As a journalist, she traveled across Canada and around the world to produce reports on the human condition in various media, such as Radio-Canada, Le Devoir, and Les Affaires. Ms. Loisel holds an MA in international politics and a BA in journalism. Melanie maintains that behind every picture, every policy and every statistic, there are human beings with a story that should be known. In addition to her current book that the CIC talk focuses on, Mélanie also published, "Ma vie en partage" an interview with Martin Gray, a holocaust survivor in 2014. And in 2017, she released "Ma réserve dans ma chair, the story of Marly Fontaine", a young aboriginal woman.

"The Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) 'Journey': Modernizing Support for Military Members and their Families, from Enrolment to Retirement"

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Referencing Canada's 2017 Defence Policy – "Strong, Secure, Engaged," Colonel Brodie will share the vision of this new defence policy, one that puts people first, invests in the future force and modernizes the business of defence. Her talk will encompass the CAF's journey of military members and their families from enrolment to retirement. Q&A will follow her talk.

Speaker Biography: Colonel Krista Brodie, Director Strategic Communications, Chief of Staff Strategic Military Personnel Command, Canadian Armed Forces/Department of National Defence. Colonel Brodie is an Army Logistics officer with 30 years of leadership experience in diverse and challenging appointments in Canada and internationally. She holds degrees in Military Strategic Studies, Defence Studies, National Resource Strategy and a certificate in Global Supply Chain Management.

"The Fight Against Impunity for Mass Crimes: Lessons from the International Tribunals and Canada's War Crimes Program"

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Reflecting on his 22-year career in helping bring accountability for mass crimes in several countries, Robert Petit will share some of the lessons learned by the international community and the challenges in answering the call, "never again."

Speaker Biography: Mr. Robert Petit has been a career prosecutor in Montreal since 1989. In 1996 he joined the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and was a war crimes prosecutor regarding mass crimes in Kosovo, East Timor, Sierra Leone and Cambodia. He is currently a Senior Official on the Follow Up Mechanism for the Democratic Republic of Congo. Mr. Petit is a co-publisher of "The Founders" with other International Prosecutors who have told the behind-the-scenes stories, providing first-hand accounts of the challenges they faced, the obstacles they overcame, and the successes they achieved in obtaining justice for millions of victims.

"Unleashing the Potential of Conflict Resolution at Home & Abroad"

Friday, May 11, 2018

Dr. Hoffman says, "We seem to be living in a very troubled world filled with violence, conflict and strife." In this talk Dr. Evan Hoffman will explore the role of conflict resolution in preventing violence and creating peace in a variety of domestic and international contexts. He will argue that conflict resolution has the potential to transform destructive conflicts but that we need to find better ways to unleash that potential.

Speaker Biography: Evan Hoffman, PhD is a Senior Associate at the Canadian International Institute of Applied Negotiation (CIAN) and the Program Leader of the newly-created Institute of Applied Conflict Management (IACM) at Nipissing University.

Dr. Hoffman has published numerous articles on the themes of conflict prevention and resolution, peace building and mediation. He has provided consulting services to Global Affairs Canada (GAC), the Carter Center, the UN, the EU, the Ottawa Police Service, St. Lawrence College (Cornwall), the Vietnamese Ministry of Justice and others on these topics. Over the last ten years, he's conducted workshops and trainings with hundreds of community leaders, university students, police officers, and government officials from around the world.

OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY: Dr. Hoffman will be presenting a FREE workshop "Intro to Conflict Management Training" on Saturday, May 12th, from 9:00am-12:30pm at Nipissing University, in the Fedeli Room F210.

If you are interested in attending this training on Saturday, you MUST EMAIL Dr. Hoffman directly at evanh@nipissingu.ca to register ASAP, as places are limited on a first-come-first-serve basis.