

**Media advisory**

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## Saint Paul University celebrates the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Conflicts Studies Program and grants an Honorary Doctorate to Dr. John Paul Lederach

**Ottawa, March 14, 2014** – Saint Paul University (SPU) will proudly celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Conflict Studies program on **Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21, 2014**. The celebrations will begin with a Glasmacher Lecture and the granting of an Honorary Doctorate to world-renowned peacebuilder John Paul Lederach, Ph.D., Professor of International Peacebuilding and Director of Peace Accords Matrix, University of Notre Dame (Notre Dame, Indiana).

Widely known for his pioneering work in conflict transformation, Dr. Lederach is involved in conciliation work in Colombia, the Philippines, and Nepal, plus countries in East and West Africa. He has helped design and conduct training programs in 25 countries across five continents. In August 2013, Lederach was appointed director of the Peace Accords Matrix, the Kroc Institute's unique source of comparable data on all comprehensive peace agreements that have been signed since 1989.

Since 2004, the School of Conflict Studies has been offering students a unique perspective on social justice, conflict transformation, reconciliation, and peacebuilding. It offers students the opportunity to acquire practical, theoretical, and research skills within a multidisciplinary environment that includes elements of political science, social psychology, and ethics.

**What:** Conflict Studies Program 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations  
**When:** Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 starting at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Saint Paul University, 223, Main Street, Ottawa

To view the full event schedule and to register, please visit our [website](#).

*Saint Paul University (1848) is the founding college of the University of Ottawa, with which it has been federated since 1965. Bilingual, it offers programs in canon law, conflict studies, counselling and psychotherapy, human relations and spirituality, public ethics and philosophy, social communication and leadership, and theology.*

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