



## 2015 Derry Lecture – Planet Biodiversity

**London, ON** - October 21, 2015: We share this planet with millions of species and of these millions, humans have become the dominant agent of biotic change. This finite nature of biodiversity is the subject of the 8th annual Derry Lecture taking place on Monday, October 26th in the Kingsmill Room, Huron University College.

For the last 8 years, Huron University College has presented an annual interdisciplinary lecture focusing on topics that touch our world. The lectures, which are free and open to the public, have been made possible due to the generous support of Margaret and Douglas Derry.

On Monday, October 26th at 5:00 pm, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Paul Hebert, Canada Research Chair in Molecular Biodiversity (University of Guelph). Dr. Hebert, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, holds a Ph.D. in genetics from Cambridge University and a Canada Research Chair in Molecular Biodiversity.

"We live in extraordinary times. It's been 650,000 centuries since a great meteorite impact decimated life on our planet," said Dr. Hebert. "And now the explosion of human populations threatens a recurrence - a new mass extinction within this century. How should we respond?"

"Planetary Biodiversity – Agents of Change" will explore this unprecedented human population explosion and what it means to our community. The lecture begins at 5:00 pm in the Kingsmill Room of Huron University College, 1349 Western Road. Free parking is available in the main Huron parking lot (south side of the College).