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The Chair of Christian Thought, University of Calgary in partnership with the Calgary Interfaith Council and the Calgary Public Library presents

An Afternoon with Sarah Arthurs and Howard Lawrence

Join us for the 2024 Chair of Christian Thought Lebel Lecture in Christian Ethics:
From Strangers to Neighbours

Sarah Arthurs and Howard Lawrence are neighbouring practitioners. They have discovered and created neighbourhoods in different contexts but with much in common. Sarah is a member of [Prairie Sky Cohousing Cooperative](#) in Calgary. Over the past twelve years Howard has initiated and nurtured [Abundant Communities Edmonton](#). As members of the Christian tradition, Sarah and Howard's work and innovative energy have grown up within questions posed by their religious tradition such as "who is my neighbour," or "what does it look like to love my neighbour in our urban 21st-century setting." They have independently been influenced by the work of Walter Brueggeman, John McKnight, and Peter Block. In this co-presentation, they share the struggles, joys, and learning that comes from being neighbours. They reflect upon experimenting with and crafting contexts where individuals who live in proximity to one another can truly be neighbours. They look forward to sharing their collaborative presentation with the audience as part of the UN World Interfaith Harmony Week (February 1-7) theme for 2024: *From Strangers to Neighbours*.

Sarah Arthurs BTh (University of London, UK), M.Ed (University of Calgary), Registered Psychologist (retired), is the Executive Director of the Calgary Interfaith Council, a member of Hillhurst United Church, and a former Credit Union Board Director. Sarah brings her skills and experience as a psychologist to work in community, co-op and cohousing development. She lives in Prairie Sky Cohousing Cooperative.



Howard Lawrence is co-founder of the Abundant Community Initiative with John McKnight of the ABCD Institute. Howard has consulted on neighbourhood health across North America. He has a passion for grassroots neighbourhood engagement and continues to work collaboratively with his neighbours, community development thought leaders, the City of Edmonton and others, to find ways to enable people to build neighbourly relationships and increase the collective capacity within their communities.

Friday, February 2, 2024 | 3:00 – 4:30pm

Patricia A. Whelan Performance Hall

Calgary Central Library

800 – 3rd Street SE Calgary AB

This event is free, but you must register to attend. To register for **in-person attendance** please click [here](#). To register for **online attendance** please click [here](#). If you require further information, please contact Dr Carolyn Muessig, Chair of Christian Thought, Department of Classics and Religion, University of Calgary (carolyn.muessig@ucalgary.ca).