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Tough guy Laraque joins MacEwan Book of the Year panel discussion on culture of sports

Edmonton –MacEwan University is pleased to be hosting the 15th MacEwan Book of the Year with a lively panel discussion featuring retired NHL star Georges Laraque, MacEwan University president, David Atkinson, and sociology faculty member Fiona Angus as they break down author Angie Abdou’s The Bone Cage in a discussion about sports culture in literature.

The event will take place Friday, January 27 at 2:00 pm in the CN Conference Theatre, 5-142 (Building 5, Room 142) at the City Centre Campus.

About the Panelists

Georges Laraque is a retired NHL player who has played for the Edmonton Oilers, Phoenix Coyotes, Pittsburgh Penguins and Montreal Canadians. Georges was born in Montreal and is the deputy leader of the Green Party of Canada. (Please note that Georges Laraque will be available after the panel discussion to sign copies of his book.)

David Atkinson became MacEwan University president in July 2011. David began his post-secondary education at Indiana University, where he was a cross-country runner.

Fiona Angus has been teaching sociology at MacEwan University for 10 years. Fiona describes herself as an, “ardent hockey fan and an equally passionate sports sociologist.”

About The Bone Cage

The Bone Cage, by Canadian novelist Angie Abdou, tells the story of wrestler Digger and swimmer Sadie, who stand on the verge of realizing every athlete’s dream – winning a gold medal at the Olympics. When their paths cross, the collision will test them, both physically and emotionally, beyond the pressures of any sporting event.

The MacEwan Book of the year is chosen by members of the university community and features the visit of each MacEwan Book of the Year author to the university to discuss the book. For more information, please visit: www.MacEwan.ca/MacEwanBook

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