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Nazanin Afshin-Jam to speak to MacEwan University students during Global Awareness Week

Edmonton—International human rights activist Nazanin Afshin-Jam will be one of three keynote speakers during this year’s Global Awareness Week (January 30 – February 3), held at MacEwan University. This annual event is presented to raise awareness of global issues ranging from human rights, gender equality and poverty eradication, to peace and international security. The goal of the event is to help MacEwan University’s students, faculty and staff become active, more informed, and better global citizens.

Amnesty International award winner, member of the Order of Canada and a human rights advocate, Sally Armstrong, will also be speaking. Armstrong has covered stories in zones of conflict around the world, including Bosnia, Somalia, Rwanda and Afghanistan.

James Maskalyk will also speak during Global Awareness Week. Maskalyk is a humanitarian physician and author of *Six Months in Sudan*. Equipped with his experience as an emergency room doctor, James set out to understand the hardest parts of the world. His days were spent treating malnourished children, fending off a measles epidemic, and staying out of the way of soldiers.

Apart from the keynote speakers, there are a variety of activities during Global Awareness Week, including cultural displays, international food menus, photo exhibits, and globally themed displays at all MacEwan University libraries.

For a list of events, locations and times for the keynote speakers, please go to [www.MacEwan.ca/GAW](http://www.MacEwan.ca/GAW)

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