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**“In the Footsteps of Evangeline”
BBC Chief International Correspondent Lyse Doucet to Deliver the
Dalton Camp Lecture in Journalism
Tuesday, November 24 at 8 pm**

BBC chief international correspondent Lyse Doucet will deliver the Dalton Camp Lecture in Journalism on Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 8 pm in the Kinsella Auditorium, McCain Hall at St. Thomas University.

Doucet was once told by the head of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees that Acadians were the modern world’s first refugees. This stuck with Ms. Doucet—not only is she the BBC’s chief international correspondent, but she is also of Acadian descent, born and raised in New Brunswick.

In her lecture, “In the Footsteps of Evangeline,” Doucet will show the modern parallel between Longfellow’s poem “Evangeline”—about two lovers lost in the expulsion—and today’s refugee crisis. It’s about how human stories give voice and meaning to complex and consequential issues, past and present. And how, in essence, all news comes down to these stories.

The lecture will be taped for national broadcast on CBC Radio One’s *Ideas* program.

Doucet—whose career has taken her across the globe—works for BBC World Service radio and BBC World News television, as well as BBC Radio 4, BBC News in the UK and Newsnight.

In the early 2000s, she played a key role in BBC’s coverage of the war between Israel and Hezbollah, the war in Iraq and the war in Afghanistan. Her work has also taken her to Pakistan for the South Asia earthquake in 2005 and to India and Indonesia in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami.

Doucet was the 2015 recipient of the Sanford St. Marin Trustee’s Award for her work in raising the profile of religion in the media. She holds a master’s degree in international relations from the University of Toronto and a bachelor of arts (honours) from Queen’s University.

The Dalton Camp Lecture in Journalism is a partnership between St. Thomas University, CBC Radio and the Dalton Camp Endowment in Journalism. Past speakers have included Naomi Klein, Roy MacGregor, Chantal Hébert, Ken Whyte, Stephanie Nolen, Neil Reynolds, Nahlah Ayed, David Carr, and Nelofer Pazira.

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