

## Media Release

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**McKenna Centre for Communications and Public Policy  
Distinguished Speaker Series  
“Rescuing Democracy from Politics” – An Evening with Elizabeth May  
Monday, March 23 at 7 pm**

St. Thomas University’s McKenna Centre for Communications and Public Policy is hosting national Green Party Leader Elizabeth May on Monday, March 23 at 7 pm in the Kinsella Auditorium, McCain Hall.

She will discuss women in politics, the role of the Green Party in Canadian society and the struggles of today’s federal politicians.

May has a long record as an advocate for social justice, the environment, human rights and pragmatic economic solutions. She is an environmentalist, writer and lawyer who has been active in the environmental movement since 1970.

She became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2005, was elected Leader of the Green Party in 2006, and was elected Member of Parliament for Saanich-Gulf Islands in May 2011, becoming the first Canadian Green Party candidate elected to office. In 2012, she was voted parliamentarian of the year, in 2013 she was voted hardest working MP, and in 2014 she was voted best orator by her colleagues in the House of Commons.

May is the author of eight books, including her most recent *Who We Are: Reflections on My Life and Canada*.

The McKenna Centre for Communications and Public Policy Distinguished Speaker annually brings a distinguished speaker to campus. Past speakers have been former prime minister Paul Martin and former senator Michael Kirby.

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