

LSSU Political Science Guest Speaker

John-Paul Gravelines

**Democracy and Disinformation in the Digital Age:
One Laker's Journey into the World of Modern Psychological Warfare**

Democracy is reinventing itself for the information age. Global adversaries of freedom, justice, and equality are using these modern communication technologies to further their autocratic goals. Russia, China, Iran, and countless others seek to change how you think and behave to undermine the institutions and norms that govern the free world. Mr. Gravelines will discuss how democracies fight back.



**Tuesday, November 19, 2024 @ 7pm
in the LSSU Library Learning Commons**

John-Paul (JP) Gravelines graduated from LSSU in 2007 with a B.S. in Mathematics and a minor in Political Science. He went on to obtain an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Missouri and an M.B.A. from Virginia Technological University. He served in Kandahar, Afghanistan as a member of the Canadian Army's Psychological Operations planning cell. He then held progressively more advanced roles with NATO's International Security Force in Kabul, and then the United Nations Department of Political Affairs in New York. Since 2018, JP has played a leadership role in the UK government's efforts to blunt Russia's malign influence globally within technical implementation teams. These efforts have spanned Kyiv to Khartoum and Tunis to Tbilisi. JP lives with his partner in Warsaw, Poland, but was raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.



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