

Summers to deliver Beattie lecture

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Former U.S. Secretary of Treasury Lawrence Summers will speak on a range of current economic, legal and media issues during an hour-long conversation moderated by Chrystia Freeland, Reuters news global editor-at-large. The free public event is scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 22 at The University of Western Ontario's Faculty of Law, Room 38.

Summers, President Emeritus of Harvard University, will be the fourth annual Beattie Family Business Law speaker.

Summers has served on the economic team of three U.S. presidents – Ronald Reagan (1982-83), Bill Clinton (1999-2001) and Barack Obama (2009-2011). He was vice-president of development economics and chief economist of the World Bank and Undersecretary of the Treasury for International Affairs. Currently, he is the Charles W. Eliot University Professor at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Geoff Beattie, LLB '84, Thomson Reuters deputy chairman, CEO of The Woodbridge Company Limited and Western's fundraising campaign chair, established the Beattie Family Lecture Series in Business Law in 2008. Past speakers in this series include economist Robert Shiller, Nobel Prize-winning economist George Akerlof and Leo E. Strine Jr., Vice Chancellor of the Delaware Court of Chancery.