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**Saint Paul University Hosts The Symposium**  
*Beyond Control: A Mutual Respect Approach  
to Protest Crowd-Police Relations*

OTTAWA, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – In this era of protests and social unrest around the globe, Saint Paul University (SPU) is pleased to host the symposium *Beyond Control: A Mutual Respect Approach to Protest Crowd-Police Relations*, which will feature speakers from the political, academic and professional sphere who will discuss the phenomenon of violence between protestors and police, here in Canada and elsewhere.

From October 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, the media and the public are cordially invited to participate in workshops, discussion groups and lectures. Professor Vern Neufeld Redekop – well known in the field of conflict resolution, a renowned speaker and author of the book *Beyond Control: A Mutual Respect Paradigm Between Protestors and Police* – will open the conference on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. at SPU.

Organized by Professor Redekop, former Deputy Police Chief of Ottawa, Larry Hill, and SPU masters' students Krista Schneider, Jay Heisler, Chelsea Stuffcliff and Chris Blackmore, who all have experience with protest movements, the conference will bring together activists, policy makers, police leaders and academics in a neutral setting in which alternative methods will be developed.

Featured speakers include P.A.J. Waddington, a prominent expert on public order policy and professor at the United Kingdom Social Policy Research Institute; Tony Clark, director of the Polaris Institute; and Nathalie Des Rosiers, executive director of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

The full program for the symposium is available on the SPU website at [ustpaul.ca](http://ustpaul.ca).

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