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Federal adviser on child sexual abuse to address Laurier class

Rix Rogers, a special adviser to the federal minister for national health and welfare on child sexual abuse, will discuss the results of his Canada-wide study on the issue with a graduate-level class in social work at Wilfrid Laurier University on May 3.

From 1987 through 1990, Rogers travelled across Canada meeting with survivors of childhood incest, and with professionals working in the field. He spoke with 1,600 people before producing his report "Reaching for Solutions".

The report contains recommendations for long-range federal initiatives regarding child sexual abuse, as well as implementation and co-ordination strategies.

Rogers will address a Masters of Social Work class in the assessment and treatment of survivors of incest and sexual abuse. He will discuss his study and its implications for social work practise.

Professor Susan Neeb, who teaches the class and invited Rogers to speak, says that he was "amazed by the pain and anguish" he discovered in talking with incest survivors across the country.

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Note: Members of the media are welcome to attend the lecture, at 10:30 a.m. in room P1019 of the Frank Peters Building.