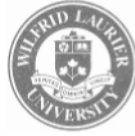


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WLU to establish centre for military, disarmament studies

A centre for military and disarmament studies is being established at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario.

Known as the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies, it will foster research, teaching, and public discussion of military and strategic issues of national and international significance.

The centre is being funded by the Department of National Defence with a \$70,000 grant in each of the next three years.

Terry Copp, one of the centre's co-directors, said its work will contribute to public debate about the country's defence policy. "It's a crucial time in the development of Canada's future defence policy. The centre hopes to provide Canadians with the information they'll need to make the decisions they'll face."

The centre's research emphases will be in the fields of game theory as applied to strategic and security questions, and military history.

Projects already under way include:

- * formal (mathematical) modelling of the strategic issues underlying decisions to initiate wars;

- * studies of arms control verification with applications to the design of treaties;
- * formal modelling of political negotiations;
- * a study of the development and use of operational research by Canadian and Allied forces;
- * and studies in the history of military psychiatry and veteran re-establishment.

Copp, a professor of history, and Marc Kilgour, a professor of mathematics, will head the centre.

Chair of the history department for the last eight years, Copp has been appointed University Research Professor for 1991-92 and awarded a year-long leave from all teaching and service responsibilities to pursue research.

In 1990, he co-authored Battle Exhaustion: Soldiers and Psychiatrists in the Canadian Army, 1939 - 1945 with Bill McAndrew, and through the 1980s wrote a series of five books with Robert Vogel about the Canadian army in the Second World War. He is completing another book, Scientists and the Art of War.

Kilgour's research interests include the use of game theory to analyse decisions leading to war, and enforcement and inspection related to such things as arms control and environmental regulations; and the use of computer systems to analyse strategic behavior in political negotiations.

In 1989-90, Kilgour was the University Research Professor. In 1988, he co-authored a book called Game Theory and National Security.