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LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: Human Rights Day

WATERLOO – Human Rights Day is celebrated every year on Dec. 10 around the world. On Dec. 10, 1948, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the first global enunciation of human rights and one of the first major achievements of the United Nations.

Wilfrid Laurier University’s Brantford campus has a new BA program in Human Rights and Human Diversity: www.wlu.ca/homepage.php?grp_id=2240.

The following Laurier researchers are available to speak on their areas of expertise:

- **Robert Ame**, associate professor, Human Rights and Criminology and director of the Tshepo Institute for the Study of Contemporary Africa.
 - o Ame’s research interests in human rights include the implementation of international human rights norms in non-western cultures, transitional justice, truth and reconciliation commissions and children’s rights.
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- **Rhoda Howard-Hassman**, Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights, and professor, Department of Global Studies and Balsillie School of International Affairs
 - o Howard-Hassman’s research interests include international human rights, comparative genocide studies, sociology and politics of human rights, women’s international human rights, gay and lesbian rights, human rights and retrospective justice, and human rights and globalization.
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- **Madeleine Hron**, associate professor, Department of English and Film Studies.
 - o Hron’s research interests include literature by immigrants, Rwanda, human rights in literature and film, African literature and Czech literature.
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- **Andrew Robinson**, associate professor and program coordinator for Laurier’s Human Rights and Human Diversity, and Law and Society programs.
 - o Robinson’s research interests include the moral and practical capacity of liberal-democratic states to accommodate deep cultural diversity. He is especially interested in the Canadian case as an example of how human rights law and values in the international community make their way inside the sovereign state where they can be enjoyed by individuals.
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