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## LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: Back to school

WATERLOO – As the Labour Day weekend arrives to mark the unofficial end of summer, students and parents across Canada are preparing for back to school. Laurier has several experts available to comment on a wide-variety of issues relating to education and student life.

### Transition to university

- **S. Mark Pancer**, professor of Psychology. **Areas of Expertise:** Transition to university; volunteering and civic participation of young people. **Contact information:** (519) 884-0710 ext. 3149 or [mpancer@wlu.ca](mailto:mpancer@wlu.ca).

### Math education

- **Donna Kotsopoulos**, associate professor and graduate coordinator, Faculty of Education. **Areas of Expertise:** Mathematics education; mathematics teacher education; mathematical cognition; early childhood education; early mathematical learning; post-secondary mathematics success. **Contact information:** (519) 884- 0710 ext. 3953 or [dkotsopo@wlu.ca](mailto:dkotsopo@wlu.ca).
- **Joanne Lee**, associate professor of Psychology. **Areas of Expertise:** Early word learning; early mathematics learning; numeracy and mathematics acquisition; mathematics education; longitudinal study of language & mathematics development; gender differences in cognitive development; LittleCounters. **Contact information:** 519-884-0710 ext. 3875 or [jlee@wlu.ca](mailto:jlee@wlu.ca).

### School testing

- **David Johnson**, professor of Economics. **Areas of Expertise:** Economics of education; school testing and quality; access to post-secondary education; federal and international fiscal policy; monetary policy and inflation. **Contact information:** 519.884.0710 ext. 2540 or [djohnson@wlu.ca](mailto:djohnson@wlu.ca).

### Early childhood education/children's memory and learning

- **Colleen Loomis**, associate professor of Psychology, Community Psychology Area Coordinator. **Areas of Expertise:** education, early childhood education and care; immigration, multiculturalism; psychological sense of community, belonging, and attachment, alienation; research design and methods. **Contact information:** 519-884-0710 ext.2425 (Dean's Office) or ext. 2858 or [ScienceAssocDean@wlu.ca](mailto:ScienceAssocDean@wlu.ca).
- **Kim P. Roberts**, professor of Psychology. **Areas of Expertise:** Children's memory and learning; children's eyewitness testimony. **Contact information:** (519) 884-0710 ext. 3225 or [kroberts@wlu.ca](mailto:kroberts@wlu.ca).

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### Children's physical activity in school

- **Mark Eys**, associate professor of Kinesiology and Physical Education, Canada Research Chair in Group Dynamics and Physical Activity. **Areas of Expertise:** Sport and exercise psychology; group dynamics; team building; youth sport; cohesion; individual role understanding and acceptance. **Contact information:** 519-884-0710 ext. 4157 or [meys@wlu.ca](mailto:meys@wlu.ca).
- **Jennifer Robertson-Wilson**, associate professor of Kinesiology & Physical Education. **Areas of Expertise:** Exercise psychology; sport psychology; behaviour change and physical activity; children's physical activity in school; health promotion. **Contact information:** (519) 884-0710 ext. 3928 or [jrobertsonwilson@wlu.ca](mailto:jrobertsonwilson@wlu.ca).

### Technology in the classroom

- **Julie Mueller**, associate professor of psychology. **Areas of Expertise:** Developmental psychology; education; elementary education; technology in the classroom; teacher education; mobile technology in education. **Contact information:** 519-884-1970 ext.2115 or [jmueller@wlu.ca](mailto:jmueller@wlu.ca).
- **Eileen Wood**, professor of Psychology. **Areas of Expertise:** Developmental psychology; cognitive development; technology in the classroom. **Contact information:** (519) 884-0710 ext. 3738 or [ewood@wlu.ca](mailto:ewood@wlu.ca).