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## LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: World Refugee Day

WATERLOO – World Refugee Day is on **June 20**.

There are several Laurier experts available to comment on a variety of issues surrounding refugees.

**Alison Mountz**, associate professor in Laurier's Geography and Environmental Studies program and Canada research chair in Global Migration at the Balsillie School of International Affairs, is an expert in migration and refugee studies, asylum and detention. Contact information: [amountz@wlu.ca](mailto:amountz@wlu.ca).

Areas of expertise:

- Migration and refugee studies, asylum and detention
- Border studies and border enforcement
- Political, feminist and urban geography

**Bree Akesson**, assistant professor in Laurier's Faculty of Social Work, is an expert in international child protection. Contact information: [bakesson@wlu.ca](mailto:bakesson@wlu.ca).

Areas of expertise:

- International child protection
- Psychological effects of war and disaster on young children and their families
- Global social work practice and social service workforce development
- Pregnant Syrian refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey