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LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: Summer Blockbuster Films

WATERLOO – Reboots from the 1990s, superhero flicks and female-driven comedies and action films are popular Hollywood summer blockbuster trends this year.

Philippa Gates, a professor in Laurier’s Film Studies program, is an expert in Hollywood film and is available to comment on the current trends in Hollywood. Contact information: pgates@wlu.ca.

“Older action reboots have done well in the theatres and have also been critically praised,” said Gates. “The resurrection of the 1990s dinosaur franchise Jurassic World is the biggest film of the summer so far. Women have also proven their star power in female-driven comedies and teen-flick adaptations. There are still more superheroes to come this summer waiting to prove their box-office power.”

Areas of expertise:

- Classical Hollywood
- New Hollywood
- Gender studies
- Genre studies
- Cultural studies
- Film history