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LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: 88th Academy Awards Recap

WATERLOO – The **88th Academy Awards** ceremony hosted on **Feb. 28** explored many current topics including gendered and sexual violence and environmentalism.

The following Laurier experts are available to comment on these issues.

Hollywood Film

- **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.

Climate Change

- **Robert McLeman**, associate professor in Laurier’s Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, is an expert on climate-related migration and [environmental refugees](#). He is also a co-director of [RinkWatch.org](#), a citizen-science project that uses information from backyard skating rinks to track climate variability and change, and [NatureWatch.ca](#), a project that collects information from people via their smartphones about frogs, flowering plants, and frozen lakes and rivers. Contact information: 519-884-0710 x2653, (cell) 519-580-0384 or rmcleman@wlu.ca.
- **Jennifer Baltzer**, associate professor Laurier’s Department of Biology and Canada Research chair in Forests and Global Change, is an expert on the impact of warming temperatures to the boreal forest. Contact information: 519-504-5025 or jbaltzer@wlu.ca.

For more experts on climate change please visit: wlu.ca/media.

Sexual and Gendered Violence

- **Stacey Hannem**, associate professor in Laurier’s Department of Criminology, is an expert on the effects of crime on the lives of marginalized and vulnerable persons. Hannem is passionate about contributing to the improvement of the Canadian criminal justice system. Contact information: 519-756-8228 x5785, (cell) 519-755-2053 or shannem@wlu.ca.
- **Jennifer Root**, assistant professor in Laurier’s Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work, is an expert on gender-based violence including intimate partner violence, child exposure to woman abuse, and other forms of trauma perpetrated against women and girls. Contact information: 519-756-8228 x5458 or jroot@wlu.ca.

Journalism

- **Bruce Gillespie**, associate professor in Laurier’s Digital Media and Journalism program, is an expert on journalism and the state of Canadian media. Contact information: 519-756-8228 x5862 or bgillespie@wlu.ca.