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## LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

WATERLOO – March 21 marks the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: this year’s theme “racial profiling and incitement to hatred, including in the context of migration,” brings attention to standing up for human rights, and refugees and migrants as targets of racial profiling and incitement to hatred.

On March 21, Wilfrid Laurier University’s Diversity and Equity Office and the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives will [issue a report](#) regarding race and racism on Canadian university campuses.

In addition, the following Laurier experts are available to comment on a variety of topics related to the elimination of racial discrimination:

**Jasmin Zine**, professor in the Department of Sociology, is an expert in Islamophobia; religious extremism; racism; race and education and securitization; Canadian Muslim studies; Muslim youth and identity post 9/11; and Muslim women’s studies. Her current research is on Muslim youth and Islamophobia in Canada. Contact information: [jzine@wlu.ca](mailto:jzine@wlu.ca).

**Kathy Absolon**, associate professor and associate dean: Aboriginal Field of Study in Laurier’s Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work, has a background in Indigenous studies and Aboriginal social work practice. She holds expertise in Indigenous history in Canada, and Indigenous knowledges and culture. Contact information: [kabsolon@wlu.ca](mailto:kabsolon@wlu.ca).

**Laura Mae Lindo**, director of Laurier’s Diversity and Equity Office and instructor in Laurier’s Faculty of Arts, is an expert on racial justice, racial rhetoric, rising tensions with state violence (e.g. police and security) and black communities. Contact information: [llindo@wlu.ca](mailto:llindo@wlu.ca).

**Ciann L. Wilson**, assistant professor in Laurier’s Department of Psychology, nests her work within critical race and anti-colonial theories. Wilson engages in community-based research with African, Caribbean and Aboriginal communities around topics such as HIV/AIDS, social determinants and community health and wellbeing. Contact information: [ciwilson@wlu.ca](mailto:ciwilson@wlu.ca).

**Dana E. Weiner**, associate professor in Laurier’s Department of History, is an expert on race and rights in 19th century United States. Weiner specializes in African American rights and activism in the Midwest and west, as well as the anti-slavery movement. Her current research is in African American citizenship activism in California during the 19th century, which encompasses efforts to remove racist laws through the United States Civil War. Contact information: 519-884-0710 ext. 2092 or [dweiner@wlu.ca](mailto:dweiner@wlu.ca).

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**Jenna Hennebry**, director of the International Migration Research Centre (IMRC) located at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and associate professor in Laurier's Department of Communication Studies and School of International Policy and Governance, is an expert in international migration policies and trends. Her research projects have focused on migrant rights, health and social protection, gender and migration, the role of non-state actors in migration governance, remittances and development, transnationalism, securitization and media representation. Contact information: [jhennebry@wlu.ca](mailto:jhennebry@wlu.ca).

**Margaret Walton-Roberts**, professor in Laurier's Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, associate dean of the School of International Policy and Governance, and associate director of the IMRC, is an expert in international immigration, gender and diaspora. Contact information: [mwaltonroberts@wlu.ca](mailto:mwaltonroberts@wlu.ca).

**Ginette Lafreniere**, associate professor in Laurier's Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work, director of Laurier's Social Innovation Research Group (SIRG) and director of the Manulife Centre for Community Health Research (MCCHR), is an expert on Aboriginal issues, women and community development as well as gendered violence. Contact information: (519) 884-1970 x5237 or [glafreniere@wlu.ca](mailto:glafreniere@wlu.ca).

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