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## LAURIER EXPERT ALERT: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge

WATERLOO – This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War and the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The sacrifices of Canadian troops are remembered and honoured on Vimy Ridge Day, celebrated annually on April 9.

The following Laurier experts are available to speak about the First World War and the Battle of Vimy Ridge:

**Mary Chaktsiris**, assistant professor in Laurier’s Department of History and the Cleghorn Fellow in War and Society, is an expert on the relationships between war and society with a focus on the First World War, gender and memory. Her current research explores experiences of Canadian veterans in the decades after the First World War. Contact information: [mchaktsiris@wlu.ca](mailto:mchaktsiris@wlu.ca) or 519.884.0710 ext. 3914.

**Peter Farrugia**, associate professor in Laurier’s History and Society, Culture and Environment programs, is an expert on history and memory as it relates to the First World War. Contact information: [pfarrugia@wlu.ca](mailto:pfarrugia@wlu.ca) or 519.756.8228 ext. 5707.

**Roger Sarty**, associate professor in the Department of History, is an expert on Canadian military history, Canadian foreign and defence policy, and the history of the First and Second World Wars. He has served as senior historian at the Department of National Defence and deputy director of the Canadian War Museum. Contact information: [rsarty@wlu.ca](mailto:rsarty@wlu.ca).

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