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## Laurier Expert Alert: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

WATERLOO – On Dec. 6, 1989, student Marc Lepine murdered 14 women and injured 10 others at École Polytechnique in Montreal. Canada now marks the sombre anniversary as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, informally known as White Ribbon Day. Wilfrid Laurier University has experts who can speak to the topic.

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