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EXPERT ALERT: Back-to-school

WATERLOO –Ontario students head back to school on Sept. 6.

The following Laurier experts are available to comment on a variety of topics related to back-to-school:

Linda Quirke, associate professor in Laurier's Department of Sociology, is an expert on childrearing, social class inequality, schooling and summer. She is available to comment on "summer setback," when children from low-income families fall behind academically over the summer months, compared with children from higher-income families. These gaps predict later high-school grades, drop-out/graduation rates and post-secondary attendance. Contact information: lquirke@wlu.ca. Away Aug. 19-23.

Julie Mueller, associate professor in Laurier's Faculty of Education, is an expert on developmental psychology, elementary education, technology in the classroom, teacher education and mobile technology in education. Contact information: jmueller@wlu.ca. Away Aug. 16-20.

Eileen Wood, professor in Laurier's Department of Psychology, is an expert on developmental psychology, cognitive development and technology in the classroom. Contact information: ewood@wlu.ca.

David Johnson, professor in Laurier's Department of Economics, is an expert on the economics of education, school testing and quality and access to post-secondary education. Contact information: djohnson@wlu.ca.

Kristiina Montero, associate professor in Laurier's Faculty of Education, is available for comment on the literacy development of refugee newcomers to Ontario schools. Contact information: 519-884-0710 x3571 or kmontero@wlu.ca.

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