## MEDIA ALERT



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## EXPERT ALERT: Vimy Ridge Day

WATERLOO – Monday, April 9 is Vimy Ridge Day, when Canadians honour and remember the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Wilfrid Laurier University has experts who can speak about the battle, the First World War, its aftermath and related topics.

Mark Humphries, associate professor of history, Dunkley Chair in War and the Canadian Experience and director of the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies, is an expert on the First World War and its aftermath, particularly the medical and social effects of war on people's lives. He is available for comment on what happened during the battle, how it fit into the larger picture of military operations in 1917, and why Canadians have come to see it as the beginning of our national identity. Contact: <a href="mailto:mhumphries@wlu.ca">mhumphries@wlu.ca</a> or 519.884.0710 x3309.

Roger Sarty, professor 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 on Vimy Place in Ottawa. Contact: rsarty@wlu.ca or 519.884.0710 x2287.