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## Laurier expert alert: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

WATERLOO – On Dec. 6, 1989, 14 women were murdered and 10 others were injured at École Polytechnique in Montreal. Canada now marks the anniversary as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

In recognition of this day and the <u>16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence</u>, several <u>events are taking place on Dec. 6</u> at Wilfrid Laurier University on both the Waterloo and Brantford campuses.

Wilfrid Laurier University has experts who are available this week to speak about the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women:

<u>Eliana Barrios Suarez</u> is an associate professor in Laurier's Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work who both researches and practices as a social worker in the area of violence against women. Much of her research focuses on gendered violence in the global South, particularly Peru. Contact: <u>esuarez@wlu.ca</u>.

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 university-community collaboration, women and community development as well as gendered violence. Contact: <a href="mailto:glafreniere@wlu.ca">glafreniere@wlu.ca</a> or 519.884.0710 x5237.