

Brock and Niagara College partner to facilitate student transfers

Brock University and Niagara College announced a new partnership initiative last week that will enable the seamless and smooth transfer of students between both institutions. The initiative, together with others, will have a positive strategic impact on the cultural, economic, and social development of the Niagara region.

The Ontario government provided \$125,000 in funding through the Ontario College University Consortium Council (CUCC) in fall 2007 to lay the foundation for full-credit transfers for specified programs between both schools.

The Ontario government funding is being used to develop a range of innovative projects that promote greater collaboration between colleges and universities and provide a wider range of pathways for students.

The funding has enabled the recruitment of a joint Advisor/Liaison Officer and Articulations Facilitator as well as the ongoing development of collaborative learning and research opportunities. The funding has also supported development of the Brock University-Niagara College Partners Program, which is already in place.

"This initiative recognizes the value of working together to provide education and training for students," said Dr. Terry Boak, Provost and Vice-President, Academic at Brock. "Brock University and Niagara College share many common objectives and this new agreement represents a win-win for students, both schools and the region."

"The CUCC's investment will support the important work that has already begun between our two institutions," said Dr. Joyce Engel, Vice-President Academic, Niagara College. "It will help us take our collaboration to new levels that will benefit students and all of Niagara."

"Now students can get the benefit of being instructed at the two fine post-secondary educational institutions in Niagara," said St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley. "Greater collaboration between our colleges and universities will have significant advantages for learners, institutions, employers and the government. Our government is committed to increasing student access and opportunities within the post-secondary sector — and this collaboration between Brock University and Niagara College will help us meet our goal."

Brock University and Niagara College already have a number of programs with transfers, including Physics to Advanced Lasers; Geography to Geographic Information Systems—Geospatial Management; and Communications Studies, Human Geography, Political Science, Psychology or Sociology to Accelerated Police Foundations. For all of these programs, students are required to complete Years 1, 2 and 4 at Brock University and Year 3 at Niagara College. In addition to these programs, several other collaborations are in development.

Niagara College and Brock University share a common commitment towards higher education in the Niagara region by improving lifelong learning and pathways for students, building on areas of specialization, developing niche joint programs, and enhancing the student experience by providing innovative, collaborative services.



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John Wilkinson, Minister of Research and Innovation for the Province of Ontario, speaks with graduate students Jonathan Roepke (left) and Dylan Levac (centre) in Vince De Luca's biotechnology lab recently. Minister Wilkinson was on campus on Jan. 14 to meet with Brock President Jack Lightstone.

New media incubator will position Niagara as an industry leader

A significant transformation is underway in Niagara.

With the recent \$245,000 funding announcement from the Ontario Ministry of Culture through the Ontario Media Development Corporation (OMDC) to support the creation of nGen (Niagara Interactive Media Generator), the region is positioning itself as an industry leader in interactive digital media development in Ontario and the world.

nGen will build upon an already existing vibrant interactive media sector in Niagara, which includes Silicon Knights, Ontario's largest video game developer.

The project will create a hub and foster synergies between creative and enabler enterprises, local arts and culture industries in the region, as well as the educational programs, research and development expertise, and infrastructure at Brock University and Niagara College.

Other partners advancing this initiative include Interactive Ontario, the Regional Municipality of Niagara, the City of St. Catharines, the Niagara Economic Development Agency and the Niagara Enterprise Agency.

"By encouraging collaboration across a variety of sectors that may not have worked together before, we can help develop new businesses and keep jobs in Ontario," says Karen Thorne-Stone, President and CEO of OMDC, adding that the entertainment and creative cluster will be a key driver of Ontario's economy over the next 10 to 20 years — outstripping growth in many traditional industries.

"The development of new interactive media technologies through nGen, in partnership with local success story Silicon Knights and our two post-secondary institutions, will help ensure the Niagara region continues to stay on the forefront of the digital media industry," says St. Catharines MPP Jim Bradley.

"Building on the success of the Interactive Arts and Science program in the Faculty of Humanities at Brock, we envisioned the development of an enterprise that would

support the future potential of our students as leaders, creators and designers in the growing area of interactive digital media, a new pillar of a sustainable diversified economy in Niagara and Ontario," says Jack N. Lightstone, President, Brock University. "This vision, combined with the enthusiastic support of our partners in government and the region, is now one step closer to realization as a result of the creation of nGen."

"As we look toward the future, I'm confident nGen will play an important role in building the interactive media sector so it can become a cornerstone in our new

local economy," says St. Catharines Mayor Brian McMullan. "As a catalyst for skilled creative jobs, nGen will encourage young university and college graduates to make St. Catharines their home, which is critical to the long-term prosperity

of our city."

nGen is the result of a feasibility study exploring mechanisms to support a new media cluster in Niagara. The study was carried out during the summer of 2007 by Millier, Dickinson, Blais Consultants and funded by the OMDC and all partners involved with the project.

The results of the study demonstrated the strong potential for an interactive media generator as a focal point and anchor for the digital media sector and cluster development efforts in the Niagara Region.

The study identified the following key components of the industry already present in Niagara:

- creators of new media content and tools;
- enabling services and businesses;
- creative institutions such as Brock University and Niagara College that offer programs in interactive media and arts;
- technical institutions such as Brock University and Niagara College that offer programs in computer programming and software development; and
- an existing cultural community related to arts, music, theatre and film.

A significant feature of nGen is the

New ITS executive director sought

Luddites need not apply.

Brock University is seeking an Executive Director, Information Technology Services (ITS), so if technological progress or change makes you break out in a cold sweat, you'd best skip to the next job ad.

The new Executive Director of ITS will be a key member of the senior administrative team and is responsible for designing, planning, co-ordinating, implementing and administering campus-wide information services, resources and technology.

Jim Kerr, who sits on the search committee for the ITS executive director, appreciates the enormity of keeping on top of rapidly evolving information technology and applying it to an expanding university community and campus. He's been Acting Director of Brock's ITS Department for about a year, coming out of his "retirement" that began in August 2006. Prior to that, he was the IT leader and a professor in the Faculty of Education.

Kerr said it is hoped that candidate interviews will begin in March and that a new executive director will be in place by July 1.

A self-professed lover of tech toys (he owns a BlackBerry, laptop, GPS, PDA and Wii), Kerr says the job is one "where the grass doesn't grow under your feet." Two weeks ago, he and his department were trying to put out a fire in the form of a slowdown in WebCT. There is a wide range of

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Change in leadership at CCOVI

Isabelle Lesschaeye recently stepped down from her position as Director of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) at Brock University in order to more fully pursue her roles in teaching and research at the University.

This change took effect Jan. 11. Lesschaeye will continue to teach in the Oenology and Viticulture (OEOVI) program, train students, and engage actively in CCOVI research and provide service to CCOVI. I thank Isabelle for the hard work and guidance she offered as Director of CCOVI over the past four years. A decision about CCOVI governance will be made following recommendations of an ad hoc committee headed by David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences. Until such recommendations are made, CCOVI will report directly to the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Mathematics and Science.

Joffre Mercier
Acting Dean of the Faculty of
Mathematics and Science

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New lecture series hosted by local gaming company

The Interactive Arts and Sciences (IASC) Program is pleased to announce the launch of a new lecture series hosted by local gaming company Silicon Knights for the Winter semester 2008. During the semester, IASC will be hosting a series of talks at Silicon Knights Inc., One St. Paul St., in downtown St. Catharines. All talks are free and open to the University community. Scott Henderson, Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film, made the initial presentation on Monday, Jan. 21.

On Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, Dale Bradley, Department of Communications, Pop Culture and Film will present "What Would Robocop Do?: Love, Hate, and the Happy Cyborg."

For further information contact: Christine Coughlin, Administrative Assistant, IASC, at ext. 5363 or Barry Grant, at ext. 3215.

"High School Musical" comes to Brock

Brock Musical Theatre is proud to present The Disney Channel's smash hit movie musical "High School Musical" on stage at the David S. Howes Theatre, Brock University on Feb. 1, 2 and 3.

The musical is a story of two high school juniors - Troy Bolton, the popular captain of the basketball team and Gabriella Montez, the brainy and beautiful member of the academic club. Together, they break all the rules of East High's student cliques when they secretly audition for the leads in the school's musical.

Brian Waters is directing the production. Proceeds from this event will go to the Mike Heron Holmes Scholarship Fund established by Brock Musical Theatre in memory of a student from the Department of Dramatic Arts, who passed away in 2005.

"High School Musical" will be on stage at the David S. Howes theatre on Friday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchase at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257. Ticket prices: adults \$15, students/seniors/children \$10.

Brock and TD Canada Trust partner on mentorship program

On Jan. 16, representatives from Brock University and TD Canada Trust, as well as four student participants, were on hand at the St. Catharines Club to launch the TD Canada Trust Corporate Mentorship Program.

With an aim to build upon their mutual corporate relationship, Brock University and TD Canada Trust developed this program to help Brock students explore career opportunities in the retail banking and financial services industries.

Student participants will acquire valuable business knowledge through their TD Canada Trust mentors and experience the services and culture of the company's local retail banking operations through part-time employment.

"Mentoring is such an important part of the career experience," says Amy Elder, Director, Career Services, Brock University. "Collaborative mentorship programs such as this provide real value-added educational opportunities for students by giving them a head start in their careers."

This experiential learning opportunity will be of interest to second- and third-year Brock students enrolled in business administration, accounting, economics and communications studies.

Proposal deadline nears for research event

The deadline to submit proposals for presentations and posters at a leading research event at Brock is fast approaching.

Brock graduate students and faculty wishing to participate in the third-annual Mapping the New Knowledges conference, which will be held Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5 at Pond Inlet and the Plaza Building, must submit their proposals by Friday, Feb. 1 at 12 noon.

Marilyn Rose, Dean, Graduate Studies, said the conference, which is open to the public, is a tremendous opportunity to showcase and celebrate Brock's research initiatives and to familiarize graduate students with a professional process by which knowledge is disseminated. It is extremely unusual, she said, for a university to organize a university-wide graduate research conference.

Proposals are invited from currently registered Brock graduate students (master's and doctoral) and faculty. Presentations and posters may reflect work in progress where "final" results have not yet been attained.

Kicking off the April 4 session will be a Scientifique Café at Pond Inlet. The panel of experts will focus on child health and obesity. Research posters by graduate students will also be displayed.

At last year's conference, 95 presentations — 53 oral and 42 poster — explored areas as diverse as active living and public leisure services, the social implications of Alfred Tennyson's Idylls of the King, children's illustrated Bibles, workplace bullies, female risk-taking behaviours, new approaches in mortuary archaeology in the Bronze Age, a transdisciplinary approach to understanding dominant autism discourses, and the impact of childhood obesity on bone strength.

The cross-disciplinary event features research from all six of the University's academic Faculties: Applied Health Sciences, Business, Education, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, and Social Sciences.

To submit a proposal online, please go to: www.brocku.ca/gradstudies/ and click on "graduate conference".

International Development Week comes to Brock

Held annually during the first full week of February, International Development Week (IDW) highlights and illustrates the work of Canada's development community. IDW provides a great opportunity for Canadians to increase their awareness of the role many Canadians play in international development, learn more about living in developing countries, and find out how they can become global citizens actively involved in international development.

The Office of International Services and Brock International will organize events and activities across campus during the week, including:

Monday, Feb. 4
Salud Escolar Integral: Teaching Non-violence in El Salvador
John Corlett (Dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences) and James Mandigo (Co-Director, Centre for Healthy Development)
12 noon to 1 p.m.
Location: *International Lounge*

(DeCew Residence, R208)

Tuesday, Feb. 5
Stories of South Africa: Embracing Diversity
Amy Fish, MEd candidate
12 noon to 1 p.m.

Location: *International Lounge*
(DeCew Residence, R208)

Wednesday, Feb. 6
Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Brock's WUSC Refugee Sponsorship Program
11 a.m. to 12 noon
Location: *Alphie's Trough*
Everyone Welcome

Thursday, Feb. 7
St. Petersburg and Moscow as the Capitals of the Russian Empire
Visiting Scholar, Dr. Alexander Shevryev
12 noon to 1 p.m.
Location: *International Lounge*
(DeCew Residence, R208)
For a full listing of events, please visit www.brocku.ca/international or refer to an IDW poster.

Teaching awards open for nominations

One of the mandates of the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies is to work closely with nominators and nominees in developing the documentation required for internal teaching awards.

To learn more about a Brock Teaching Award, or if you would like guidance in nominating a colleague, please contact CTLET at ext. 3933. Some of the upcoming awards include:

• **Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching**
One award in each of the six Faculties to be presented annually at Spring Convocation.
Deadline: Friday, Feb. 15, 2008 (or as communicated by each Faculty)
For information go to: www.brocku.ca/ctlet/facAwardRecip.php

• **TA Awards**
Three TA awards are available.

Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2008

For details go to: www.brocku.ca/ctl/TA_Awards.php

• **Brock Chancellor's Chair for Teaching Excellence**

Chair-holders are individuals who have demonstrated exceptional promise of outstanding contributions to post-secondary teaching, learning, and/or educational technology and/or have established an exemplary record of achievement.
Deadline: Monday, March 31, 2008

For information go to www.brocku.ca/ctlet/cc.php

• **Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching**

Deadline: April 30, 2008
For details go to: www.brocku.ca/ctl/pdf/Dist_Teaching_Award_Guideli1.pdf

New media incubator...

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development of a series of content-driven interactive media projects to bring public, private and not-for-profit players together in an environment of collaboration and creation.

"The nGen initiative demonstrates the power of partnership to bring about change and open up new economic opportunities for Niagara and Ontario," says Patrick Gedge, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Economic Development Corporation. "The growth of the future economy of Niagara will be accelerated as a result of new knowledge-based clusters being developed that will enhance our international competitiveness and reputation as an innovative, creative community."

nGen plans to provide a space in downtown St. Catharines in early 2008 where multiple players within the emerging Niagara interactive media cluster can work together on new initiatives. Once established, nGen will endeavor to:

- strengthen the linkages between key players in the cluster;
- deepen the relationships between established and emerging creators;
- open opportunities for new venture creation and cultural entrepreneurship; and
- Connect key area support structures and programs — both existing and envisioned — to specialized resources in a manner that improves success rates among interactive media startups.

nGen has also launched a search for a Director who will be responsible for implementing the current strategic plan and establishing it as a sustainable enterprise.

New IT executive...

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responsibilities with the job, including budget, updating software and computer labs, dealing with personnel issues, maintaining the telephone system and making sure that hardware and networking are in good working order. Not to mention constant committee meetings.

"This is an absolutely huge portfolio," said Kerr. "Everybody in this University is very dependent on technology. Not only do students, faculty and staff depend on it, but so do areas like the Centre for the Arts, recreation services, children's camps, parking, alumni, donor development, the Registrar, Finance, the Library and others."

"If something doesn't work, we're the first to hear about it," he added. "The people in ITS are skilled, creative and completely dedicated and they voluntarily give up their own time outside of office hours is there is a glitch or breakdown."

ITS personnel have an open-door policy and also work closely with faculty to attempt to accommodate information technology requests. These requests include researching and sourcing hardware and software, setting up and maintaining research labs, and working with individuals to solve the many challenges that arise with rapidly evolving technology.

From an ITS standpoint, he said, security is a key priority and a balancing act. "When we tighten security at one end, it may impact negatively on someone at the other end whose access is suddenly restricted. We have to be sensitive to that."

Disaster recovery planning and emergency response are also important aspects of the job. To keep the community abreast of current issues and developments, all options for communications must be considered — one method of communication does not fit all cases, said Kerr.

Joining Kerr on the search committee are chair Steven Pillar, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic and Provost; Professor Jon Radue, Computer Science; Nota Klentrou, Chair, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology; James Heap, Dean, Faculty of Education; Barb Davis, Registrar; Pauline McCormack, Executive Director, Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety; and Joanne McKee, Executive Director, Financial and Administrative Services.

The Toronto branch of Ray & Berndtson, an executive search firm, has been hired to assist in the process.

Events

Athletics:

Tickets available at the door for all games. Adults \$7, students and seniors \$4.

Women's Basketball: Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9 vs. Lakehead at 6 p.m. (both nights); Wednesday, Feb. 13 vs. Western at 6 p.m. Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Men's Basketball: Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9 vs. Lakehead at 8 p.m. (both nights); Wednesday, Feb. 13 vs. Western at 8 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 20 vs. McMaster at 7:30 p.m. Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Women's Hockey: Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Waterloo; Sunday, Feb. 3 vs. Laurier.
Both games at 3 p.m. at the Seymour-Hannah Centre.

Men's Hockey: Saturday, Feb. 2 vs. Guelph at 7:30 p.m. at the Seymour-Hannah Centre.

Men's Squash: Host of the OUA Championships – Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9, at 9 a.m.

Women Volleyball: Friday, Feb. 1 vs. Ottawa; Saturday, Feb. 9 vs. Guelph; and Sunday, Feb. 10 vs. McMaster. All games at 2 p.m. at the Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Department of Biological Sciences: Winter Seminar Series. All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in TH246.

- Friday, Feb. 1, Litsa Tsiani, Department of Community Health Sciences. "Resveratrol, a red wine polyphenol, prevents FFA-induced Insulin Resistance." Host: Jeff Stuart.
- Friday, Feb. 8, Bryan Neff, University of Western Ontario. "Alternative mating tactics and mating system evolution in bluegill." Host: Miriam Richards.
- Friday, Feb. 15, Harry Peery, Department of Biological Sciences. "Neuroprotective drugs in Alzheimer's Disease." Host: Gary Pickering.

Canadian Federation of University Women: Niagara Regional Police Chief, Wendy Southall, will be guest speaker at the joint meeting of CFUW-St. Catharines and CFUW-Niagara Falls. Chief Southall will speak about "Awareness of Problems in the Community." The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m., in the La Marsh Room of the Niagara Falls Public Library. For more information, call 905-935-5674.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: Dramatic Arts main-stage production of Caryl Churchill's *The Skriker* on stage on Feb. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Purchase tickets through the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257.

Department of Music: ENCORE! Professional Concert Series presents *Jane Bunnett & The Spirits of Havana*, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Winner of the 2006 JUNO award for Contemporary Jazz Album of the Year for Radio Guantánamo. Tickets available through the Box Office, ext. 3257. Co-sponsored with Centre for the Arts Box Office.

Music@Noon: The Department of Music presents a recital featuring performance students on Tuesday, Feb. 5; and a Viola d'amour, a faculty recital featuring George Cleland, violin; Andree Simard, viola; and Erika Reiman, piano. Concordia Seminary Chapel on Brock's campus, 12 noon, admission is free, all are welcome.

Visual Arts Exhibits: Alex Watts: The Optical Art of Anaglyph Images – 3D Drawings. Exhibit runs until Feb. 2 at The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre (Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

Rodman Hall Arts Centre: Thom Lepp Family Album. Exhibit runs until Mar. 16; Artist talk: Feb. 1 at 2 p.m. Rodman Hall Arts Centre, 109 St. Paul St., St. Catharines, Ont.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University's 2007/2008 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are on sale now at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at ext. 3257.

FEBRUARY 2008

The Spirit of Harriet Tubman starring Leslie McCurdy, Feb. 19; *Tommy Douglas: Arrows of Desire* starring John Nolan, Feb. 20; Connie Kaldor with Eve Goldberg, Feb. 21; Black Umfolosi, Feb. 28; The Czech Boys Choir (Boni Pueri), Feb. 29.

MARCH 2008

RyanDan (HOT TICKET ADDED EVENT), March 1; The Mayhem Poets, March 5; Lesley Gore – *It's Still Her Party!*, March 6; *Women of the World* with Kiran Ahluwalia, Ndidi Onukwulu and Tanya Tagaq (International Women's Day), March 8; John Sherwood – *Toronto's Jazz Scene* featuring Guido Basso and Carol McCartney, March 14; Corb Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans with Danny Michel, March 15; Al Stewart with special guest Dave Nachmanoff, March 20; *Beatles Baroque* by Les Boréades, March 28; *boygroove* – Boy band lovers and haters unite!, March 29.

Brock Briefs

Faculty of Education launches new website

The Faculty of Education is pleased to announce the recent launch of a new website representing the Live Life Learning branding process that the FOE has recently completed. All are welcome to view the new site at www.brocku.ca/fed

A special thank you

On behalf of the department of Community Services, thank you to everyone who donated mittens, toques and scarves on the Mitten Tree and for the non-perishable food items that all went to Community Care. With your assistance, Brock was able to donate

149 pounds of food and two large bags of mittens, hats and toques to warm the hearts of those in need.

Community Care helped more than 2,800 families (approx. 7,000 people) over Christmas and 1,500 families (approx. 3,750 people), during the month of December, providing them with emergency food, clothing and shelter in December.

Thank you for recognizing the importance and value we place on our community.

Marie Reimer
Conference & Event Services

New interactive tool available

BRIDGIT, a Web 2.0 application resulting from Brock collaboration with SmartTechnologies, is available

Mediatalk

People in the news

Dennis Soron, Assistant Professor, Sociology, wrote a cover story for the Jan. 3-9 issue of *Pulse Niagara*, entitled "Cycling Woes", about the City of St. Catharines' bicycle transportation strategy.

Elsbeth Cameron, Professor of Canadian Studies and English Language and Literature, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Jan. 8 feature article, "Other people's lives", about the recent publication of her joint-biography of pioneering Canadian sculptresses Frances Loring and Florence Wyle, entitled *And Beauty Answers*.

Louis Volante, Assistant Professor in the Pre-Service Department, Faculty of Education, was interviewed by CBC about common assessments in Prince Edward Island. Excerpts from the interview were broadcast by CBC radio on Jan. 8 and reprinted on its website on Jan. 9, "Schools vary widely in test results".

Natalie Alvarez, Assistant Professor, Dramatic Arts was interviewed by 91.7 Giant FM on Jan 8 about the Madness Manifest Symposium held at Brock University on Jan. 14.

Alvarez also served as story editor and writer for a four-part documentary series for Global television, which premiered Jan. 3 and ran every Thursday evening until Jan. 24. The documentary, entitled *The Limelighters*, followed senior residents of Toronto's Performing Arts Lodge, an apartment building exclusively for artists and members of the performing arts industry. Part of the first episode took place on Brock University's campus, and featured students from the Department of Dramatic Arts performing scenes with veteran stage actor Ken Wickes.

Alvarez was also interviewed on CBC radio's Metro Morning program at the end of September 2007 about Darren O' Donnell's "Slow Dance with Teacher" performance piece at Toronto's Nuit Blanche art event.

Kathryn Belicki, Professor and Chair, Psychology, was interviewed about the "post-holiday blues" on AM 610 CKTB's

"Niagara at Noon" program on Jan. 9.

Don Cyr, Associate Dean of Graduate Programs, Faculty of Business, was interviewed by the *Globe and Mail* for a Jan. 9 story – "Betting on the weather? How Canadian" – about a research paper published in the *Journal of Wine Economics*, "Canadian Ice Wine Production: A Case for the use of Weather Derivatives", which he co-authored with Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business.

Cyr was also interviewed about the study on CHTV's "Niagara Express" program, which aired over the weekend of Jan. 18 to 20.

Voula Marinis, Assistant Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Jan. 12 story on crime statistics, police work and crime. The article, entitled "Crime declines, but police work on the rise", was also reprinted in the Jan. 14 issues of the *Niagara Falls Review* and *Welland Tribune*.

Vincenzo DeLuca, Professor of Biological Sciences and Canada Research Chair in Plant Biotechnology, was interviewed by the *Simcoe Reformer* for a Jan. 11 story about research he is conducting on tobacco. In the article, "A tobacco crop that fights cancer?", DeLuca notes that in the future it will be possible to grow a genetically engineered version of the plant that produces chemicals used in a range of medicines, including cancer-fighting chemotherapy treatments. The article was also reprinted in the *Brantford Expositor*, "Professor pushes tobacco in fight against disease".

David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, was interviewed by the *Kingston Whig-Standard* for a Jan. 12 story about amalgamation in the City of Kingston, "A decade later, city still has no official plan".

Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Jan. 18 story about a proposed music festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake, "Proposed NOTL music festival could present educational opportunities".

New perspectives on managing safety

Supervisors (including faculty), Directors, Chairs and Deans are invited to attend "New Perspectives on Managing Safety" on Friday, Feb. 8, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This year's conference features guest speakers knowledgeable on the current safety issues faced by organizations across the province plus the opportunity to connect with peers. In today's climate of heightened awareness surrounding workplace violence, university and college campuses are frequently the focus. While preparation to

respond to violent incidents is crucial, it is equally important to consider strategies to prevent, recognize, evaluate and mitigate these incidents. A closing legal update that addresses the many other safety and compliance issues facing complex institutions such as ours will be of value to all.

For details on the discussion topics and to register, please visit: www.brocku.ca/oehs Hosted by Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety.

at Buffalo; Thesis Supervisor: Joe Engemann; Committee Members: Ann-Marie DiBiase and Erica van Roosmalen; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Master of Education student Sylvia Ieraci will present her thesis defence, entitled "Improving the Oral Health Status of Functionally Independent and Dependent Seniors Residing in Long-Term Care Facilities Through Dental Hygiene Education" on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 10 a.m. in WH 147. External Examiner: Sharon Kaasalainen, McMaster University, School of Nursing; Thesis Supervisor: Joe Engemann; Committee Members: Jeanne Kentel and Chunlei Lu; Chair of the Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Faculty and Staff

CLASSICS

Fanny Dolansky recently delivered a paper titled "Femineae Kalendae? Reconsidering the Matronalia and 'women's rites'" at the Annual Meeting of the American Philological Association in Chicago, Ill.

Elizabeth S. Greene and Justin Leidwanger (University of Pennsylvania) organized a workshop session, "Archaeology in Deep Water: Ethical and Legal Questions," at the Annual Meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Chicago, Ill. on Jan. 6.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Jeannette Sloniowski has been appointed to the 2007 Adjudication Committee for the Best First Canadian Detective Novel of the year by the Crime Writers of Canada.

ECONOMICS

Marilyn Cottrell presented "A Complementary Technique for Reinforcing Basic Microeconomic Principles by Using Animated Vignettes" in an American Economic Association poster session at the Allied Social Science Associations annual meetings, New Orleans, La., on Jan. 5.

At the same meetings, **Robert Dimand** presented "Louis Bachelier's 1938 Volume on the Calculus of Speculation: Efficient Markets and Mathematical Finance in Bachelier's Later Work" (joint with **Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh**) to a joint session of the American Finance Association and the History of Economics Society, and "Galbraith's Heterodox Teacher: Leo Rogin's Historical Approach to the Meaning and Validity of Economic Theory" (joint with **Robert Koehn**) to an Association for Evolutionary Economics session.

HISTORY

R. Andrew McDonald presented a public lecture on "Manx Kingship in its Irish Sea Setting" at the Manx Museum in Douglas, Isle of Man, on Dec. 14, at the Manx launch for his new book on the same topic.

MATHEMATICS

Stephen Anco presented at talk entitled "Symmetry analysis of nonlinear wave equations in $n > 1$ dimensions" in a session on Nonlinear Wave Equations and Applications held at the Winter Meeting of the Canadian Mathematical Society in London, Ont., in December 2007.

PHILOSOPHY

Christine Daigle presented the paper "Beauvoir philosophe: pour une phénoménologie de l'ambiguïté" at the International Colloquium of Paris, "Centenaire de la naissance de Simone de Beauvoir, 1908-2008", under the direction of Julia Kristeva, Université Paris Diderot - Paris VII, Paris (France), held Jan. 10.

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Louis Volante conducted multiple workshops entitled "Balancing assessment OF, FOR, and AS learning to improve student learning and achievement," at the Ministry of Education Provincial Assessment and Evaluation Symposium, held in Toronto, Ont. in January 2008.

Douglas Karrow and **Xavier Fazio** received a BUA grant for \$3,600 to advance a NatureWatch pilot project initiated last year. The second iteration examines implementation of NatureWatch within an elementary school as a way to engage children with nature and expand their scientific and ecological literacies. Teachers' perceptions of data validity is the focus of this stage of the research. The study involves: Environment Canada/Nature Canada, a southern Ontario elementary school, Brock University and an expert scientist from a post-secondary institution.

PSYCHOLOGY

John Mitterer delivered an invited presentation entitled "How Technology can Drive Inquiry: Web 2.0 and Its Applications" at the 30th Annual National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, Jan. 3 to 6.

Publications

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