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A NEWSLETTER FOR FACULTY AND STAFF AT BROCK UNIVERSITY, ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

Conley, Mitterer among TVO's Best Lecturer finalists

Conviction, clarity, energy and authority. These are the lecture traits that have earned two Brock professors a spot in the race for TVO's Big Ideas 2008 Best Lecturer.

Announced Feb. 4 by TVO, the 10 finalists include Tim Conley, from the Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitterer, from the Department of Psychology. From English and psychology to architecture and the culinary arts, the professors represent a range of disciplines, but have all distinguished themselves for their ability to present their topics in a commanding, enthusiastic way.

The finalists were chosen by a panel of independent judges – former teacher, school principal and politician Zanana Akande; author, poet and award-winning journalist Barry Callaghan; and actor/writer/producer



John Mitterer

Tony Nardi – who reviewed video submissions of lectures. "Some are flamboyant; others are solid. All embody intellectual passion in action," says Big Ideas

producer Wodek Szemberg. "The 10 finalists have been endorsed by their students and passed muster with an unusually demanding jury."

"The broadcast of their lectures will allow viewers to experience the best that higher education in Ontario has to offer, and then to cast their vote for their favourite professor. It's a month-long course in humanities and social sciences without any registration or exam – just for the sheer love of knowledge."

The 10 finalists will deliver complete lectures on Big Ideas Saturdays and Sundays during five weeks beginning March 1, between 4 and 6 p.m.

The viewers then have a chance to grade the professors online at tvo.org or by phone at 1-866-281-3536, and ultimately decide who will be Ontario's next Best Lecturer.

Conley's lecture on "Co-ordinating the Self in Contemporary Poetry" airs March 1, and will be repeated March 2, while Mitterer's lecture on "Truth and Humility in Professional Practice" airs March 8, and will be repeated March 9.

The winner's institution will receive a \$10,000 TD Meloche Monnex scholarship, while one viewer will win a 55" plasma television and home theatre system.

TVO's Big Ideas televised lecture series is in its third year.

For the full broadcast schedule of the lectures, or for more information such as contestant bios, video clips of lectures, student quotes and full contest details, visit tvo.org.



The Brock University Heart Institute has been busy raising the profile of its facility and programs as part of Heart and Stroke awareness for the month of February. The facility, located at 130 Lockhart Dr. at the base of the Niagara Escarpment, offers improved cardiovascular health and/or cardiac rehabilitation for individuals who have been diagnosed with or who are at risk for heart disease. Clients must have a physician's referral to enrol in the program. For more information or to tour the facility, contact Carma Lynn Wylie, manager, at ext. 5585, or by e-mail at cwylie@brocku.ca. Pictured are, from left, Chelsea Pretty, Brock student volunteer; Bruce Wormald, Brock University Heart Institute member, and member of the Board of Trustees; and Carma Lynn Wylie, Heart Institute manager.

Brock works to close the Aboriginal education gap

John Hodson believes Brock University could play a significant role in "reducing the number of body bags" containing young Aboriginal people in Canada.

Hodson, Research Officer, Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education in the Faculty of Education, said appropriate and culturally sensitive teaching of young Aboriginal students by Aboriginal teachers could allow for learning and healing in a community whose population is exploding, according to recently released Statistics Canada census figures.

Results from the 2006 census indicate that the population of Aboriginals — defined as North American Indian, Métis or Inuit — increased 45 per cent over a decade and cracked the one-million mark for the first time since records have been kept. This compares to an eight per cent growth in the non-Aboriginal population in the same 10-year period.

Brock, Hodson says, is a cutting-edge leader in developing programs to attract and train Aboriginal teachers. In the University's Master of Education program, he said, 10 of the 110 candidates who enrolled in September 2006 identified as Aboriginal, double the national average. Only six per cent of Aboriginal people have university degrees, compared to 18 per cent of the non-Aboriginal population.

Despite the growth in population, Hodson said an ever-increasing number of students ages 15 to 24 are dropping out of school. There is a significant gap between the educational attainment of Aboriginal

and non-Aboriginal students, he said, and there are also more Aboriginal students discontinuing their academic studies in elementary school.

"With under-schooled students come associated problems like welfare dependence and substance abuse," said Hodson. "So the question becomes, do we invest now in appropriate education for Aboriginal students, or do we pay later with full jails and body bags in our morgues? This is a social justice issue in Ontario, the richest province in one of the richest countries of the world."

Michael Manley-Casimir, Director of the Tecumseh Centre, said that "until we get serious about Aboriginal education in this country, students will continue to drop out of high school and fail to meet the academic requirements to enter university. The gap in educational attainment will continue to grow."

Hodson said studies indicate that a "self-continuity connection" to the Aboriginal cultural community improves self-image. Aboriginal students, he said, need to see their lives represented in their curriculum and by their teachers.

The Brock Faculty of Education has recognized this need, and in November 2007, the University partnered with the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council (NNEC) in Sioux Lookout to create a Bachelor of Education Program. Emphasizing a "two-worlds" approach, 23 registered Aboriginal teacher candidates from 24 communities in the Sioux Lookout District will

Infrastructure projects get boost with campus renewal funds

Several infrastructure projects involving safety, campus security and maintenance at Brock have received a \$4.5-million boost thanks to an investment by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

The funding announcement was made Jan. 29 as part of the 2007-08 Campus Renewal Program, a provincewide initiative that will invest \$200 million in campus renewal projects at all of Ontario's publicly funded colleges and universities.

"As Niagara, along with the rest of the province, works to diversify its economy in a competitive global environment, post-secondary institutions will be increasingly seen as key elements of Ontario's economic infrastructure," said Jack Lightstone, President, Brock University. "This funding will support quality infrastructure improvements at the University, which will, in turn, improve the quality of education we provide to our students."

Lightstone also said the investment illustrates the leadership by Minister John Milloy and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty in positioning Ontario as a leader in post-secondary education.

Under the same announcement, made from George Brown College in Toronto, Niagara College received \$2.3 million.

The funding will be used by Brock for infrastructure renewal, campus security and safety initiatives and deferred maintenance projects at the University. A recent report from Ontario's auditor general noted universities are in need of \$1.6 billion to repair aging facilities across the province.

Newsletter editor joins staff

Carolyn Mullin has joined the staff of the Office of University Communications as the new editor for Brock News. Mullin, who has an Honours BA in English from Brock and a journalism diploma from Niagara College, is an award-winning journalist with more than 15 years' experience as a newspaper reporter and editor, a magazine editor and a freelance writer. Most recently, the Niagara resident has been working as an editor for the St. Catharines Standard and for CanWest Editorial Services in Hamilton, where she has assisted in producing electronic publications for markets across the country.

Mullin will be assuming/assisting some of the duties of Communications Officer Kevin Grout as he now moves into a role concentrating on marketing and communications planning with various departments and faculties across the University.

Submissions for Brock News should still be sent to campusnews@brocku.ca; Carolyn Mullin can be reached directly at cmullin2@brocku.ca

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Faculty of Business receives \$25,000 donation from BDO Dunwoody LLP

A strong community partnership between the Brock University Faculty of Business and a local accounting firm has resulted in a substantial gift to the department.

BDO Dunwoody LLP recently donated \$25,000 to the Business department as part of the company's ongoing commitment to giving back to the community, and reflects the long-standing relationship Brock and BDO have had through the Faculty's Co-op Accounting program.

"Many of our students have spent their co-op work terms with BDO and have gone on to become valuable full-time members of the BDO team after graduation, said Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business. "In view of this long-standing relationship, we are pleased to receive this donation."

"Many of our professionals are Brock alumni, and we hold the school in very high regard," said BDO Dunwoody CEO Gilles Chaput. "As such, we welcome this opportunity to help foster the development of Brock accounting students and maintain our relationship with such a valuable institution."

The donation will be used to assist the Faculty as it elevates its programs and will result in the naming of a meeting room within the Business building.

Collaborative programs flourish in the Faculty of Social Sciences

The Faculty of Social Sciences recently celebrated the development of several collaborative programs between its department and various colleges across Ontario. Under most of the programs, students study at Brock for their first two years, attend an accelerated program at a college in their third year, and then complete their studies back at Brock for the fourth year. Successful students graduate with a four-year degree as well as a college diploma or certificate.

Programs have been developed for Child and Youth Studies, Communications Studies, Distinct and Diverse Communities, Economics, Labour Studies, Political Science, Popular Culture, Psychology, and Women's Studies.

The programs were developed as a response to student needs, in that they provide both a strong theoretical base in the university setting, along with the applied, practical knowledge developed in the college setting.

For more information of the programs, go to www.brocku.ca/fss/collaborative.php

Health and safety training offered

Human Resources offers the following health and safety training opportunities. Full details and registration information are available on the web at www.brocku.ca/hr/training/

• Standard First Aid/CPR Training, facilitated by Lifesaving Society Trainer

Wednesday, Feb. 20 and Thursday, Feb. 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., MC G310

This CPR program is designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. The Standard First Aid/CPR course covers a variety of topics from basic (such as cardiovascular and breathing emergencies, CPR, prevention of disease transmission) to in-depth topics, such as sudden medical conditions and injuries to the head and spine.

• Smart Work Design Workshop, facilitated by Norm Westbury, Worker's Health and Safety Centre Trainer

Thursday, Feb. 28, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Alumni Lounge

You will learn how to identify typical work design hazards and examine their effects on health, as well as implement work practice strategies to enhance comfort and reduce the risk of injury.

• Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training, facilitated by Lifesaving Society Trainer

Friday, Feb. 29, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ian Beddis Gym

This training will familiarize individuals with the AED units (several of which are located throughout the campus) and assist in

responding to emergencies.

Individuals must have taken the Standard First Aid/CPR course prior to attending this training.

• Mental Health Works – Managers/Supervisors Session, facilitated by the Canadian Mental Health Association

Tuesday, Feb. 26 (location tbd) or Tuesday, March 11 (Pond Inlet), 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A full-day workshop designed specifically for managers. Learn to effectively discuss mental health issues with employees, resolve conflicts, separate performance issues from health issues and create accommodation strategies.

• Mental Health Works – Employee Session, facilitated by The Canadian Mental Health Association

Tuesday, April 15 or Tuesday, April 22, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, The Pond Inlet

Mental health issues affect everyone within the organization, making it important to increase awareness throughout the workplace. Open to all employees. Learn how to understand and identify mental health issues in the workplace.

If you are interested in becoming a Fire Safety Warden, send an e-mail to oehs@brocku.ca. Training opportunities are being planned and details will follow.

Dramatic Arts ready to stage *The Skriker*



The Skriker, being staged by the Department of Dramatic Arts Feb. 14 to 16 at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, features Denise Christoff as the Skriker (on ground); Shannon Howes as Lily (left), and Gillian Fournier as Josie.

Billed as a visionary exploration of contemporary life, *The Skriker* takes the stage this week as the main production of the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts.

The play, combining English folk tales with modern urban life, will be staged at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre Feb. 14 to 16. Skriker, a shapeshifter and death portent, ancient and damaged, can travel through time and space. Infuriated by environmental degradation, she uses her abilities to bring two women on a terrifying whirlwind journey backwards and forwards in time, and to different places on the increasingly polluted earth.

British playwright Caryl Churchill frames the story of the play in a plot reminiscent of a fairy tale, with insightful political perspective and experimentation with

theatrical forms. In *The Skriker*, the earth's elemental energies and spirits take quasi-human shape in order to show the human characters the effect that all their toxic activities have on the planet, as well as to provide them with a terrifying glimpse of the future.

The Skriker is directed by Professor David Fancy, with set and costume design by Kelly Wolf. The production runs Feb. 14 and 15 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 students and seniors, and are available at the Centre for the Arts box office, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

High school students may attend live performing arts through an innovative \$5 ticket program, eyeGo. Visit www.arts.brocku.ca/eyego.php for information. This play contains mature content.

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graduate from the NNEC location with a Brock Bachelor of Education degree in five years. The newly minted teachers will then be qualified to teach on reserve or move to urban areas, where the majority of Aboriginals now live.

Locally, the Tecumseh Centre hires a co-op Aboriginal student from Niagara who earns credits toward a high school diploma, and is also encouraging the University to hire Aboriginal faculty members (the goal is six professors over the next three years). School boards have also been asked to offer specialty courses in Aboriginal studies.

Spoken word, play and lectures put focus on Black History Month

The Brock/Niagara African Canadian Renaissance Group (B/NACRG), comprised of members of the African Canadian community and Brock faculty, staff, and students, has organized a series of events in conjunction with Black History Month.

The group will host its first symposium Thursday, Feb. 28. "Telling Our Stories: Blackness, Identities and Institutions" features panels on Narratives of Blackness, Black Student Community Organizing, Anti-Oppression Action, and Constructing Cohesive Communities. A mid-afternoon panel will include spoken word performances by Klyde Broox, D'lishus, and Crown A'Thornz. Alvin Curling, former speaker of Ontario's Legislative Assembly and current co-chair of the Roots of Youth Violence Committee; and Grace-Edward Galabuzi, faculty member in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University, will provide opening and closing addresses.

The morning panels are scheduled in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and afternoon panels will take place in Pond Inlet, from 2 to 5 p.m. Participants are also encouraged to attend a "Lunch-time Rhyme Off" competition at Isaac's from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

There will also be two lectures Feb. 29: Charles Simon-Aaron of King's University College, University of Western Ontario, will speak on "English Colonization in Ireland and Transatlantic Slavery: The Roots of Anti-African Racism in Enlightenment Political Philosophy" in AS 427, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., and Erica Lawson will speak on "Single Mothers, Absentee Fathers and Gun Violence in Toronto: A Feminist Analysis" at the same location from 2 to 4 p.m.

The award-winning OMO Dance Company will round out the events with a March 1 performance of *Diary of an Exile* in the David S. Howes Theatre at 7 p.m. The performance is free, and tickets are available from the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

All these events are free to the public through the generous support of the Humanities Research Institute, the Faculty of Social Sciences, the MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies, the Human Rights and Equity Office, and the Department of Sociology.

For more go to <http://brockniagaraafricangroup.weebly.com/>

Chancellor's Chair lecture focuses on marketing



Bulent Menguc

Bulent Menguc, Department of Marketing, International Business and Strategy, presents a lecture entitled "Conflict, Leadership, and Market Orientation" Monday, Feb. 25 as part of the Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence. The lecture runs from 3:30 to 5 p.m., with a reception to follow, at Alphi's Café.

Created in 2001, the Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence recognizes high-quality research, scholarly and creative achievement by providing a three-year grant to support an individual's research program.

Building on the Canada Research Chair Program, the Chancellor's Chair Program is a key element in the transition from a primarily undergraduate to a comprehensive, research-intensive institution.

In compliance with the terms of the award, each Chancellor's Chair agrees to present a lecture to the university community. This is one of those lectures.

Student Refugee Sponsorship Program reaches milestone

Brock University celebrated 25 years of involvement in the Student Refugee Sponsorship Program (SRP) Feb. 6 with a special event at Alphi's.

During the reception, the University and its various institutional departments, along with the Brock University Students' Union, reaffirmed and renewed the commitment to SRP for the next 25 years in a formal signing ceremony led by Jack Lightstone, President.

The event was one of many highlighting Brock's recognition of International Development Week, which celebrates the contributions Canadians are making around the world.

Since 1983, Brock's SRP program, which is offered through World University Service of Canada (WUSC), has provided the necessary financial, academic and social support to successfully integrate 25 newcomers to the University community. Brock's local WUSC committee co-hosted the event.

Atrium area reopens for public use

Facilities Management is pleased to announce that the atrium area of the Plaza Building has been reopened for public use. The area had been temporarily closed to allow for remedial construction work to be undertaken on the glass guard and handrail system as a result of the spontaneous breakage of one of the glass guards on the east stair last October.

The remedial work was completed on each component of the system, including all glass panels and the handrails. Each glass panel was individually inspected by specialists, who verified that all remedial operations performed by the contractor were completed in accordance with the design engineer's requirements. We are confident that the area is safe for use and encourage the Brock community to once again make full use of this area.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Scott Walker, OAA, MRAIC
Manager, Campus Planning Design and Construction
Facilities Management

Brock Briefs

Simon Fraser professor offers physics lecture

The Department of Physics will host the Canadian Association of Physicists Undergraduate Lecture Feb. 26, featuring Eldon Emberly from Simon Fraser University on the topic of "How Cells Measure Space and Time."

The lecture takes place in TH 256 at 4 p.m.

MA thesis defence

Master of Arts student Alanna Harman, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence Friday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. in WH 147. The title of her thesis is "The Financial Status of High Performance Athletes: A Case Study of a Charitable Fund for Athletes." Supervisor: Lucie Thibault; External Examiner: Katherine Babiak, University of Michigan; Committee Members: Lisa Kikulis; Cheri Bradish; Chair: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Nominate an educator for CMHC award

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Excellence in Education Award honours secondary and post-secondary educators who have encouraged students in the development of sustainable communities by integrating sustainable concepts in housing and community development into their curriculum.

To nominate an outstanding educator, go to www.cmhc.ca (keywords: Excellence in Education). The nomination deadline is May 31. CMHC will send a small gift to those who submit a nomination.

Ambassadors earn award for publication

Brock Student Ambassadors (BSA) weren't able to attend the recent CASE/ASAP conference due to bad weather, but they left their mark just the same.

The BSA earned the Outstanding Internal Award Program for the BSA Bugle, a twice-annual publication highlighting the events and achievements of the ambassadors. The award was part of a ceremony Feb. 2 at the conference, held at Nipissing University in North Bay.

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People in the news

David Siegel, Dean, Social Sciences, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Feb. 4 article about the creation of the Niagara Observatory, a Brock facility with 600 faculty poised to answer research issues for the Niagara region. In the article, entitled "Priming Brock's research engine," Siegel noted the first research report, set to be released this spring, will look at how many young people leave the area, and why. Siegel was also interviewed by the Kingston Whig-Standard for a Jan. 19 article on the 10-year anniversary of municipal amalgamation in the Kingston area. The article, entitled "Amalgamation had a human cost," makes mention of the book Siegel co-wrote with research partner Thomas Hollick: *Evolution, Revolution, Amalgamation: Restructuring in Three Ontario Municipalities*.

Craig Hyatt, Professor, Department of Sport Management, was interviewed by the *Toronto Star* for a Feb. 2 article entitled "Underdogs vs. overlords," examining the psychological behaviour of sports fan leading up to the Super Bowl. Hyatt noted human beings seem hard-wired to root for the underdog, partly because rooting for the favourite is just too easy, while the underdog path offers a challenge.

Hans Skott-Myhre, Associated Professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* regarding his new book for a Feb. 4 article entitled "EQUALS: A Brock professor's new book offers a radical prescription for youth-adult relationships." The book, *Youth and Subculture as Creative Force*, explores how the perspectives of young punks and skinheads have helped Skott-Myhre better understand his role as a youth worker.

Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a Jan. 29 article regarding the new-media incubator known as nGen. In the article, entitled "The nGen is running," Hale noted the collaborative project, the Niagara Interactive Media Generator (nGen), is aimed at nurturing a new generation of interactive entertainment companies, and includes partners such as Brock, Silicon Knights, Niagara College, city and regional governments, the Niagara Economic Development Corp., and the Niagara Enterprise Agency. The article also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and the

Niagara Falls Review. In an article on the same theme in *Niagara News* Feb. 1, Hale described the nGen potential as a "hot house" for employing co-op students from Brock and Niagara College, while noting the first project will be a War of 1812 education game.

Maureen Connolly, Professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an article published Jan. 28 about the recent Café Scientifique series with a focus on autistic children. The article, entitled "The Sanctity of Self," explains the reasoning and format of the series, which includes a panel discussion followed by a question and answer period.

John Black, retired Professor, Physics, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for an article published Jan. 25 on the tens of thousands of starlings that descend on an area of north St. Catharines every night during the winter. The article was aptly named "The Birds."

Alun Hughes, Professor, Geography, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an article on the amalgamation of three churches in central St. Catharines. In the article entitled "United Churches to join together," Hughes noted Welland Avenue United Church is an impressive landmark in the downtown area.

Donna Moody, Director of Campus Security, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for the Jan. 30 edition regarding Brock's Imminent Threat Lockdown Procedure. Moody noted the plan is now fully in place, but specific details of how Brock security and Niagara Regional Police would respond if such an emergency arose are being kept secret for tactical reasons.

Thomas Wolf, Professor, Mathematics, was interviewed by *Niagara News* for an article about the Go Club at Brock. In the article entitled "Go players of all ages learn new moves playing 4,000-year-old game," Wolf explained the ancient game and its revival for people of all ages through the weekly club.

Charles Burton, Professor, Political Science, was interviewed for Mary Yang's report "Liberal Party Attack the Conservative Party for Destroying Canada-China Relations" published in *Sing Tao Daily* Jan. 17.

sodexo employees honoured

Brock Dining Services (Sodexo) honoured its employees at the 15th Annual Service Awards Dinner at Pond Inlet Feb. 6.

The evening brought together Sodexo employees who have served the Brock community for at least five years, and up to 25 years.

Recognized for their years of service were: Sandra Beatty, 25 years; Suzanne Arghittu, Kevin MacDonald, Melissa Warren, and Margaret Dean, 20 years; Tara Lisoy, Michelle Bateman, Jennifer Robichaud, Magda Sloboda, and Ewa Barszcz, 15 years; and Sylvia Standlik, Marjorie Brisbois, Krystyna Glowacz, Kelly Pearson, Elaine Publicover, Louise Savoie, Roni-Sue Gicante, Teri Height, Victoria Kerr, Mariann O'Brien, Argine O'Connor, Grace Bialy, Laura Exnowski, Heather Leake, Janina Karaszi, Nell Oud, Gregor MacLean, and Nellie Gunn, all for five years.



Employees of Brock Dining Services (Sodexo) were honoured for longstanding service Feb. 6 at Pond Inlet. The length of employment recognized ranged from five years up to 25.

Faculty and Staff

ACCOUNTING

Samir Trabelsi's paper "Incremental Disclosure on Corporate Websites, Determinants and Consequences" has been selected as the best paper of 2008 by a scientific committee, including Agnes Cheng (chair), Louisiana State University; Eli Bartov, New York University; Katherine Schipper, Duke University; Ross L. Watts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and Gordon Richardson, University of Toronto, at the Joint Symposium of Journal of Contemporary Accounting and Economics (JCAE); and Auditing: A Journal of Practice & Theory held in Hong Kong, presented Jan. 4 and 5.

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Thomas S. C. Farrell gave the Plenary Address at the 21st Annual Professional Development Conference, Toronto District Catholic School Board, Feb. 1.

BIOLOGY

Vincenzo De Luca recently presented the following lectures:

- "The Catharanthus leaf surfaceome is specialization for, monoterpenoid indole alkaloid, triterpenoid, flavonoid and very long chain fatty acid biosynthesis," Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Université François-Rabelais, Tours, France, Jan. 20.
- "One cell layer accomodates diverse biosyntheses, including anticancer monoterpenoid indole alkaloids in the Catharanthus leaf surfaceome," Institute of Biology, Clusius Laboratory, Leiden University, Holland, Jan. 21.
- "The leaf surfaceome of Rosy periwinkle for genomic, proteomic and metabolomic analysis," Department of Plant Systems Biology, Flanders Institute for Biotechnology, Gent University, Belgium, Jan. 22.

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

M. K. McGinn, with S. Cambridge, presented the paper "Pleasures and pains for academic researchers in Canada" at the Society for Research into Higher Education annual conference, Brighton, U.K., December 2007.

S. Ratkovic and **M. K. McGinn** presented the paper "Internationally trained professionals research assistant program: Thinking outside the box" for the European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction biennial conference, Budapest, Hungary, September 2007. For the same conference, **McGinn, M. G. Lovering-White; E. Niemczyk; and J. Dixon** presented the paper "Developing potential for learning in higher education: Working as a graduate research assistant."

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Debra McLaughlan presented a paper titled "Please mark me absent. I only came to school today for drama class" at the Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Jan. 11 to 14.

John Quinn is the managing editor of a new online Canadian Catholic independent magazine called New Catholic Times: Sensus Fidelium, which began publication the end of January. Ted Schmidt is editor. You will find it at www.newcatholictimes.com

GEOGRAPHY

Phillip Gordon Mackintosh presented "The occult relation between man and the vegetable: Transcendentalism, race, city beautification and the park planning impulse in Toronto, circa 1900," at Rethinking the Great White North: Race, Nature and the Historical Geographies of Whiteness in Canada, Queen's University, Kingston, Feb. 1 and 2.

HISTORY

Maria del Carmen Suescun Pozas opened an exhibit/installation of a research project:

- "Art and History: Dialogues for the Reconstruction of Time Present," at the Museo de Arte de la Universidad Nacional, Bogotá, Colombia, from Nov. 9 to Dec. 20, 2007, in collaboration with Colombian painter Consuelo Manrique. She was also awarded research grants from the Humanities Research Institute and a BUA Special Purpose Grant for completion of her book manuscript entitled "Modern Femininity, Shattered Masculinity: The Scandal of the Female Nude During Political Crisis in Colombia, 1930-1948," and made the following presentations:
- Guest Lecturer "The Female Nude, the Body and the Polity During Political Crisis and War in Colombia, 1940-2000," Women Studies Program, MCRTW, McGill University, Oct. 22, 2007.
- Lecture "Working All Through the Doing/Telling: Violence and National-Collective Identities in Present Time Colombia," Brock International Speaker Series and Luso-Hispanic Cultural Week, Sept. 25, 2007.

MARKETING, BUSINESS AND INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY

Antonia Mantonakis recently presented the following papers:

- Wudarszewski, Amanda; Mantonakis, Antonia; Clifasefi, Seema; Bernstein, Daniel M.; and Loftus, Elizabeth F. (2008, February). "Remembering the Taste of the Wine: Constructed Wine Preferences from Suggestion." Society for Consumer Psychology, New Orleans, La.
- Stokes, Kirk; Mantonakis, Antonia; and Bernstein, Daniel M. (2008, February). "Unscrambling Words Increases Illusory Memory and Preference for Brands." Society for Consumer Psychology, New Orleans, La.

MODERN LANGUAGES

Irene Maria F. Blayer was recognized by the Portuguese government with the "Prémio Talento" award at a ceremony in Lisbon, Convento do Beato (2007). The event was attended by academics from the Portuguese diaspora and was broadcast worldwide.

SOCIOLOGY

Jane Helleiner presented her paper "Tourist Work and the Politics of Nationalism in Canadian Niagara" at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington, D.C., Nov. 28, 2007.

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Events

Athletics

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

Women's Basketball vs. Western: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m. Bob Davis Gymnasium.

Men's Basketball vs. Western: Wednesday, Feb. 13, 8 p.m.; Saturday vs. McMaster, Feb. 20, 7:30 p.m. 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. 15, Harry Peery, Department of Biological Sciences. "Neuroprotective drugs in Alzheimer's Disease." Host: Gary Pickering.
- Friday, Feb. 29, Dr. Wayne Van Voorhies, Molecular Biology Program, University of New Mexico, Las Cruces, N.M. "Live Fast, Die When?: Metabolic Rate and Aging." Hosts: Jeff Stuart and Glenn Tattersall.

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" Tuesday, Feb.19, at 7 p.m., in the La Marsh Room of the Niagara Falls Public Library. For information, call 905-935-5674.

The Canadian Federation of University Women: CFUW Welland and District meets Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Cordage Retirement Home. The topic "Running the Shaw Festival: A Challenge and a Delight" will be presented by Jackie Maxwell, the Artistic Director of the Shaw Festival Theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake. New members and interested women welcome. For information call 905-892-1179.

School of Fine and Performing Arts

Department of Dramatic Arts: main-stage production of Caryl Churchill's *The Skriker* on stage 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: Music@noon: a Faculty Recital featuring Jonathan Earp on guitar, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 12 noon, Concordia Seminary Chapel on Brock's campus. Free admission. All are welcome.

Rodman Hall Arts Centre: "Trinities: Thirty-Three Years of painting by Tobey C. Anderson," until Feb. 24; Thom Lepp Family Album exhibit runs until March 16; 109 St. Paul St., St. Catharines.

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.