

National Day of Remembrance looks forward, not just back

The founding of Brock's Women's Studies program came as a direct result of the tragic events of Dec. 6, 1989 at L'École Polytechnique. To this day, Brock's program is dedicated to the memory of the 14 women who died when Marc Lepine took their lives and his own at the Montreal institute.

On Tuesday, Dec. 2, Brock staff, faculty and students joined special guests in the Rita Welch Meditation Centre for the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. They lit candles in remembrance, and discussed ways in which individuals and groups are taking action to prevent further violence in our communities.

Carmen Teeple Hopkins, one of several guest speakers, told those assembled about a Toronto initiative called No More Violence, which advocates on behalf of Aboriginal women, especially those in urban centres. Teeple Hopkins noted the history of exclusion is mated to the history of Colonialism and its oppressions, but that today's Aboriginal women and their allies are working to change that alienation through such avenues as speaking opportunities, rallies, film projects and ongoing dialogue with interested groups.

Two of Brock's deans added their voices to the discussion as well. Anna Lathrop, dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, noted that the Brock community has a choice to make about its behaviour towards those in at-risk demographics, while Tom Dunk, dean, Faculty of Social Studies, talked of the different layers of masculinity. While violence is often done by males to females, changing attitudes and addressing this type of masculinity will help bring that change.

Jack Lightstone, president, also offered his reflections, noting he worked just a few kilometres away at Concordia University in 1989. He said Lepine's anger at his own failures – not being accepted as a student or in

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Brock News resumes in new year

Please note: there will not be a Brock News publication Dec. 31. The next Brock News will be issued Jan. 7, 2009. Submissions are due Friday, Dec. 19, 2008.



Jack Lightstone, Brock president, second from left, announced this year's three recipients of the 2008 President's Distinguished Service Award during the Holiday gathering at Pond Inlet Dec. 3. The successful nominees include, from left, Kristin Smith, Community and Ancillary Services; Irene Cherrington, Philosophy; and Frank Benko, Physics.

Record number of faculty, staff honoured for silver anniversary

During the recent President's Holiday Celebration, the following faculty and staff were honoured for 25 years' service to the Brock community:

Barbara Austin, Marketing, International Business & Strategy
 Jerzy Barchanski, Computer Science
 Ray Birmingham, Printing Services
 Vicky Blakely, Financial Services
 Sandra Boone, Recreation Services
 Peter Bradstreet, Recreation Services
 Robert Carlone, Biological Sciences
 Ted Costanzo, CUB, Facilities Management
 Barb Davis, Registrar's Office
 Richard Deschatelets, Athletics
 Ken Enns, CUB, Facilities Management
 Ken Garrett, Centre for the Arts
 Ann Marie Guilmette, Recreation & Leisure Studies
 Barry Joe, Centre for Digital Humanities
 Cynthia Leavitt, Library

Tom MacDonald, Technical Services – Electronics
 Leslie McCurdy-Myers, Student Development Centre
 Bozidar Mitrovic, Physics
 Jonathan Radue, Computer Science
 Anthony Shaw, Geography
 Barbara Tarnic, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute
 William Veloce, Economics
 P. Peter Yannopoulos, Marketing, International Business & Strategy

At the same event, Jack Lightstone, president, offered congratulations to three individuals nominated and chosen as the President's Distinguished Service Award recipients for 2008. Nomination information was shared regarding the exceptional qualities of these recipients:

Frank Benko, Physics
 Irene Cherrington, Philosophy
 Kristin Smith, Community and Ancillary Services

Marketing and Communications team grows

University Marketing and Communications is restructuring and reorganizing as part of the University's concerted drive to strengthen the profile and reputation of Brock.

As a result, Martha Nelson, associate vice-president, Marketing and Communications, recently announced the following appointments to the Marketing and Communications team:

• Dean Lorenz, Associate Director, Marketing

Lorenz joined Brock on Nov. 24 and is responsible for setting, maintaining and co-ordinating Brock's creative vision and brand expression across the University. He will also play a key leadership role in developing and executing Brock's integrated marketing communications program.

Prior to joining Brock, Lorenz worked for the the City of Calgary for 11 years, the

last four as Creative Services Manager, when he managed the City's internal advertising agency providing clients with a complete range of marketing and

communications services. He received his Bachelor of Commerce degree (marketing major) from the University of Saskatchewan, where he also worked for two years, and was the 2004 CAAP gold medallist (Communications and Advertising Accredited Professional) at Toronto's Institute of Communications and Advertising.



Lorenz

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Services limited during holidays

Brock's offices will be close at 12 noon, Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2008 and will reopen at 7 a.m., Friday, Jan. 2, 2009.

The Walker Complex will be open to the public Dec. 17 to 19 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 20 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Dec. 22 and 23 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Dec. 24 from 6:30 a.m. to 12 noon; closed Dec. 25 and 26; open Dec. 27 to 31 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Jan. 1, 2009; open Jan. 2, 2009 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

From Dec. 27 until Jan. 1 (inclusive), access to the Walker Complex will be limited to the west entrance opposite the tennis courts. Regular hours will commence Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009.

From Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008 to Thursday, Jan. 1, 2009 (inclusive), Campus Security Services will unlock the Schmon Tower's main entrance doors from 9:30 to 10 a.m. and from 1:30 to 2 p.m., for faculty and staff who do not possess an exterior door key and have a legitimate reason to enter the University. Faculty and staff accessing 573 Glenridge and Academic East need to sign in at the Information desk in the Schmon Tower lobby.

For one's own personal safety, anyone entering the University during this period should sign in and out.

Faculty and staff do not need a pass to gain access providing they have their own keys for access and can produce ID. Anyone else wishing access to the University must notify Campus Security Services, via an e-mail from their administrative assistant, dean or department head, sent to security@brocku.ca, advising of their impending visit. This e-mail notice must be received prior to Dec. 19, 2008 by 4 p.m. and must specify times and dates of the visits. Brock ID must be produced for the visit.

In the event of a building or grounds-related emergency during the period of Dec. 24, 2008 to Jan. 1, 2009 (inclusive), call Campus Security Services at ext. 3200 which, in turn, will inform the applicable Facilities Management staff to address the emergency. Heating setbacks will be in effect when the University is closed.

Custodial Services will be provided at the Walker Complex during hours of operation over the Holiday Season.

There will be no food service on campus other than vending machines during the holidays. There are a number of food outlets on the east side of Glenridge Avenue, immediately opposite the main campus.

Should a significant snowfall occur, major campus roads will be cleared, including lots D and P. These are the parking lots that should be utilized by all visitors, faculty, staff and students. There will be no charge to park in these lots over the holiday period.

If you have further questions regarding this notice, contact Campus Security Services at ext. 3200 or by e-mail at security@brocku.ca



PHOTO: CAROLYN MULLIN

Student Lindsay Adams speaks on behalf of survivors of sexual violence at Brock during the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, held Tuesday, Dec. 2 to commemorate the lives of the 14 women who were killed at L' Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on Dec. 6, 1989.

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the armed forces – caused him to look outward at some other person or thing to blame; he chose to blame women who had succeeded at the same school where he had failed.

“We all have a personal responsibility to recognize when we are focusing on some ‘other’ rather than finding fault with ourselves for our own failures and inadequacies,”

Lightstone said. “We can easily be seduced into blaming others.”

While candles were lit, several members of Brock and the surrounding community also offered their reflections on the tragedy, and the need to remember that the violence still exists today.

The event was presented by the Centre for Women’s Studies, Human Rights and Equity Services, Justice at Brock, and Campus Ministries.

Experiential teaching rewarded

Mary Breunig, assistant professor, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, was recently named the Outstanding Experiential Teacher of the Year by the Association of Experiential Education (AEE) during its international conference held last month in Portland, Oregon.

The Outstanding Experiential Teacher of the Year Award recognizes an individual who demonstrates an active passion for experiential education principles and theories in teaching practice. This teacher must have practised innovative, experiential education methodologies in a public or private school system, and must have consistently put into practice the highest ethical standards in working with students.

“Mary allowed us the freedom to gain the most from our learning experience, and to apply the knowledge and skills we had gained in learning how to learn throughout our lives,” noted one of her students in a letter of support. “When we challenged her curriculum, we were met with appreciation and an openness that was quintessentially Mary,” he added, saying while she welcomes challenges from students, she isn’t afraid to share her own challenges with them.

“Her students consistently say that the courses she teaches are the most influential experiences they have ever had at the University,” stated Garrett Hutson, assistant professor, Recreation and Leisure Studies. “When I ask them

why, they always explain it in this way: ‘I REALLY learned about how I learn.’”

Breunig’s impact on experiential education extends beyond the classroom as well. She is a co-editor of the *Journal of Experiential Education*, and has co-authored textbooks on outdoor leadership and outdoor education. Breunig is past chair of the Northeast Region of AEE and has served on the international board of AEE as a member-at-large.



Breunig

She teaches primarily in the outdoor recreation concentration in the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. She currently teaches a fourth-year course titled, *Experiential Education in Outdoor Recreation*, which examines the historical, philosophical, spiritual, and psychological foundations, as

well as the theories and practices of experiential education in outdoor recreation.

“Clearly, this award epitomizes the distinctive strength of the programs offered by this Faculty – namely, that theory and practice are combined in unique educational experiences that empower students to enter professional fields of practice,” said Anna Lathrop, interim dean, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

AEE is an international nonprofit, professional membership association dedicated to experiential education and the students, educators and practitioners who utilize its philosophy. There are more than 2,500 members around the world.

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Moemen Abdalla**, Arlene Grierson, PhD student in Educational Studies, will present her thesis defence on Monday, Jan. 12, 2009 at 2 p.m. in WH147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is “Show Me, Help Me, Let Me: Supporting Teachers’ Changing Conceptions of Reading Assessment and Reading Instruction.” Examining committee members are: Marilyn Rose, chair; Lesly Wade-Woolley, Queen’s University, external examiner; Vera Woloshyn, supervisor; John McNamara, internal examiner; Anne Elliott and Alison McInnes, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

• **Sara Gill**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009 at 10 a.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is “Creating a Space for Self-Transformation: Factors of Success for Adult Literacy Learners with Specific Learning Difficulties.” Examining committee members: Margaret Jordan, District School Board Niagara, external examiner; Joe Engemann, supervisor; Tiffany Gallagher and Rosemary Young, committee members; Denise Armstrong, chair. All are welcome to attend, but seating is limited.

• **Chrisoula Benak**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009 at 10 a.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is “Accommodating College ESL Learner Communication Needs: Perceptions, Policies, and Practices.” Examining committee member: Rena Helms-Park, University of Toronto, external examiner; Denise Paquette-Frenette, supervisor; Patrick O’Neill and Kamini Jaipal-Jamini, committee members; Joe Engemann, chair. All are welcome to attend, but seating is limited.

• **Lisa Cotie**, Master of Science student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Friday, Dec. 19 at 10:30 a.m. in WC204A. The title of her thesis is “The Validation of Power Spectral Analysis of Heart Rate Variability in Individuals with Spinal Cord Injury.” Examining committee members: David Ditor, supervisor; Audrey Hicks, McMaster University, external examiner; David Gabriel, Nota Klentrou, Richard McMillan, committee members; Kim Gammage, chair. All are welcome.

• **Virginia Stewart**, a Master of Arts student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 1 p.m. in WC204A. The title of her thesis is “How can MPR Facilitate the Active Living Agenda: A Systems Analysis.” Examining committee members: Scott Forrester, Martha Barnes, supervisors; Amy Hurd, Illinois State University, external examiner; Lisa Kikulis,

committee member; Mary Breunig, chair. All are welcome.

• **Izabella Ludwa**, a Master of Science student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 10 a.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is “Bone SOS, Biochemical Markers of Bone Turnover and IGF-1 in Competitive Synchronized Swimmers.” Examining committee members: Nota Klentrou, supervisor; Wendy Ward, University of Toronto, external examiner; Diane Mack, Bareket Falk, committee members; David Gabriel, chair. All are welcome.

Online directory updated regularly

The online directory is now available at <http://centrix.cns.brocku.ca>. All the information that was previously listed in the printed directory can be accessed at this website. The web interface will change over time, based on feedback from the community. If you have any updates, send an e-mail to pfoese@brocku.ca

Campus Ministries event set to welcome chaplain

Campus Ministries has organized a service to officially welcome and covenant with David Galston, the new Ecumenical Chaplain. The event will take place Thursday, Jan. 8 at 12 noon in the Rita Welch Meditation Centre. All are invited. Lunch to follow.

Arts school co-ordinator on the move

Marie Balsom of the Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts has moved her office to 573 Glenridge Ave., Rm. GLN 109. Her e-mail and telephone extension remain the same.

Swimming registration now on

Registration opened for the winter session on Monday, Dec. 15, in person at the Walker Complex Welcome Desk, or by phone at ext. 4060. Lessons start the week beginning Jan. 3, 2009. For program information, see the brochure at www.brocku.ca/aquatics

Holiday Swim Times

Fun swims will be held at the Brock pool during the holidays on the following dates: Dec. 22 and 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.; Dec. 27 to 31 from 1 to 3:30 p.m.; and Jan. 2 to 4, 2009, from 1 to 4 p.m. Holiday prices are \$2 per child, \$3 per adult or \$10 per family (two adults and up to three children).

Children’s Movement Program Winter 2009

Register now to ensure a spot in this inclusive Saturday morning activity program for children ages “walking” through 12 years. Classes are led by Brock University PEKN students, and children are exposed to games, educational gymnastics and dance. CMP begins Jan. 10. Details are available at www.brocku.ca/recserve/children.php

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• Kevin Cavanagh, Associate Director, Communications and Public Affairs

Cavanagh will join Brock on Jan. 5, 2009 to provide strategic leadership in planning and executing a comprehensive and proactive media relations program, public affairs, research communications strategy and special events program for the University. As



Cavanagh

spokesperson for the University, he will also ensure consistency and accuracy in the content of messaging in all media and public materials.

Cavanagh’s award-winning media background includes his current work as a senior editor at the *Hamilton Spectator*, and former positions with the *National Post* (national/foreign content editor) and as managing editor at the *St. Catharines Standard*. He was also the first Canadian to be awarded a Visiting Journalist Fellowship at Oxford University; he is former president of the Canadian Association of Newspaper Editors; and a former executive member of the Ontario Press Council.

• Carolyn Mullin, Research Communications Manager

Reporting to the Associate Director, Communications and Public Affairs, Mullin will be responsible for developing and



Mullin

implementing a comprehensive marketing communications strategy that will position, promote and celebrate the research accomplishments of Brock University’s faculty and student researchers, and support the fundraising objectives of the University.

A Brock graduate, Mullin is the current editor of Brock News, Brock’s internal faculty and staff newsletter. The Niagara resident is an award-winning journalist with more than 15 years’ experience as a newspaper reporter and editor, a magazine editor and freelance writer.

She has most recently been working as an editor at the *St. Catharines Standard*, and has been working with CanWest Editorial Services in Hamilton, assisting in producing electronic publications for markets across the country.



Shining example

The Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) recently made several special deliveries to local charitable organizations as a result of fall fundraising projects. From left are Ken Weir, president, Niagara Wine Festival; Jennifer Ritchie, campaign associate, St. Catharines and District United Way; Mark Wrzosek, BUSU vice-president, Student Services; Rob Lanteigne, BUSU vice-president, University Affairs; Will Crothers, BUSU vice-president, Finance Administration; and Jody Thomas, BUSU president.

Student-led initiatives help fund community charitable projects

Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) spent time recently filling the stockings of two charitable projects thanks to several fall fundraising initiatives.

Jody Thomas, BUSU president, was handed \$1,100 from the junior youth group of Trinity United Church. The Beamsville youngsters were inspired by fellow church member Sandra Romagnoli, a public health nurse who attended the nationwide launch of Spread the Net at Brock in September.

Brock is in the middle of a \$34,000 campaign to raise money for Spread the Net, which works with UNICEF to purchase insecticide-treated bed nets for protect children in Africa from the deadly effects of malaria.

"I just knew this was something that could inspire them," noted Romagnoli, a Brock graduate who brought a net to her church and challenged the young people to raise money. The church's outreach and social action committee matched their funds, bringing the total to \$1,100.

With that money, and a donation of \$870 from the rowing team, Brock is now nearly halfway to its goal, since \$16,000, or 48 per cent, of the money has been raised, according to Brad Clarke, manager of

student/community outreach.

"In Africa, bed nets save lives," Clarke said. "It is because of the generosity and compassion of these individuals and groups here today that more than 1,500 children will be able to sleep more comfortably while they are protected from a deadly disease."

Thomas also made a presentation to the United Way based on the student-led Shinerama, which raises funds annually for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. While several fundraisers took place, the participation in the Niagara Wine Festival was highlighted by Ken Weir, wine festival president.

Weir noted Brock's green team volunteers did a professional job cleaning and clearing Montebello Park in downtown St. Catharines for eight of the festival's busiest days, resulting in a donation of \$1,000 per night.

When all the money was counted, Thomas announced, BUSU was able to hand over \$25,123.22 to Jennifer Ritchie, United Way St. Catharines and District campaign associate.

While Shinerama has concluded for 2008, the Spread the Net challenge continues campus-wide until March 2009. For more information, or to donate, go to spreadthenet.org

Extra-ordinary, international honour awarded to education professor

North-West University (NWU) in Potchefstroom South Africa recognizes only a few circumstances under which an Extra-Ordinary Associate Professor can be appointed. With great humility, Dolana Mogadime, associate professor in the area of Social and Cultural Contexts of Education of the Graduate and Undergraduate Department in the Faculty of Education, has accepted a three-year appointment to serve in this honorable capacity.

Mogadime will spend at least two weeks each year for the next three years at NWU, engaging in scholarly activities such as developing collaborative research projects, joint publications and fulfilling the role of research mentor. She will also give public lectures regarding international research projects in which she is involved as principle investigator or co-investigator

in South Africa.

This appointment has been made primarily as a result of the ongoing collaborations between NWU and Brock University, including a Memorandum of Understanding, of which Mogadime has been the Brock champion. Additionally, the appointment recognizes Mogadime's proven leadership in her chosen research field with the understanding that it will be to the advantage of teaching and education at a tertiary level in South Africa.

As well as the appointment of Mogadime, six students from NWU and Brock have been participating in leadership and research exchanges for the past several years. Two students, one from each institution, are currently in the midst of an exchange.

Mediatalk People in the news

Shalini Singh, professor, Recreation and Leisure Studies, was interviewed for a Nov. 28 article in the *Times of India* entitled "Tourism hit but experts allay fears," in which she talked about the impact of terrorism on tourist destinations.

Heather Lee Kilty, professor, Department of Nursing, was interviewed for a Nov. 29 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Niagara put to the test," in which she described the results of her 200-page report "Living in Niagara 2008." The article also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and the *St. Catharines Standard*.

John Hay, professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for a Nov. 29 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Asthma misdiagnosis carries a high price," in which he talked about the implications of a misdiagnosis.

Zisimos Koustas, professor, Economics, was interviewed for a Nov. 29 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Feds' non-spending raises local doubts," in which he noted the current political climate makes it difficult to introduce any economic stimulus package.

Karen McAllister-Kenny, director, Recreation Services, was interviewed for a Dec. 2 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "District school board temporarily suspends swimming trips to Brock," in which she talked about the safety precautions and staffing in

place at the Brock pool.

Tim Heinmiller, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Dec. 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Little-used power coming into play," in which he talked about the decision-making process faced earlier this month by the Governor General in relation to the federal government's request for proroguing Parliament.

Jack Lightstone, president, was quoted in a Dec. 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "They were somebody's daughter, somebody's sister," in which he recalled the tragic events on Dec. 6, 1989, when 14 women were killed at L' École Polytechnique in Montreal. **Anna Lathrop**, dean, Applied Health Sciences, was also quoted, regarding violence against women in countries around the world.

Matthew Hennigar, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Dec. 3 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Harper will see prorogue of House," in which he talked about Prime Minister Stephen Harper's aggressive style of governing in the past two and a half years.

Wesley Turner, professor, History, was interviewed for a Dec. 6 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "They're planning a War of 1812 party in Niagara-on-the-Lake," in which he talked about the plans for celebrating the bicentennial.

Michael J. Armstrong, associate professor, Business, talked about chocolate and chocolate tasting during a program on CHAM 820 AM radio in Hamilton on Oct. 29.

Health, Safety and Learning Matters

"To remember people and not just tasks"

"A motivation to look at making my work environment a healthy environment"

"Offered new insight and suggestions"

"A reminder of the importance of promoting team spirit and co-operation"

These are just a few of the comments received following the New Perspective on Managing Safety: A Supervisors' Safety Conference on Dec. 2 attended by more than 80 supervisors. Dr. John Yardley, President, Metrics@Work and Managing Director of Brock's Workplace Health Research Laboratory, kicked off the day with an inspiring and motivating presentation on Success Management: Getting "Leadership" Right! Creating and sustaining healthy work environments begins with understanding leadership as a group process and not a person or position. Reducing incivilities, improving work performance and

increasing engagement are the motivating payoffs for getting leadership right.

Sponsored by Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety, Yardley also led two workshops building on elements from his keynote address. Focusing on achieving higher levels of engagement and lower levels of incivility in teams and workplaces, participants brainstormed several solutions and ideas. Other workshops included prevention and control strategies aimed at minimizing risk and maximizing success in work units and the supervisor's role in health and disability management.

Attendance was exceptional, feedback has been positive and, most importantly, attendees walked away from the day informed, enthused and motivated in carrying out their supervisory roles. If you would like a copy of Yardley's presentation or if you have suggestions for other workshops that could further your leadership of success management, please contact Susan Mifsud at smifsud@brocku.ca

Winter Learning & Leisure Guide available

Keep your mind and body active through the cold winter months ahead by signing up for a continuing education course at Brock.

Most of our courses are held off campus at the Rodman Hall Arts Centre in downtown St. Catharines, where parking is free and easy. Imagine taking a course this winter that will help you improve your energy levels and overcome stress.

Have you ever wondered how to meditate, and where to begin? Perhaps

it's time to brush up on some of your computer skills and learn some new tricks in Excel or Word. Take this opportunity to browse through the Winter 2009 Learning & Leisure Guide. Winter guides were distributed on campus the second week of December, but information is also available online at www.brocku.ca/conted

Online registrations are now available. For more information, call ext. 4775.

Brock professor makes top 20 list for TVO's Best Lecturer competition

With a \$10,000 scholarship and bragging rights on the line, TVO has narrowed the field to 20 contenders in the 2009 Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition.

This year, 10 schools are represented among the top 20, including Brock, Canadore College, Carleton University, Ontario College of Art and Design, University of Guelph, all three University of Toronto campuses, University of Western Ontario and York University.

Brock's nominee is James Allard, a professor in the Department of English Language and Literature.

This year's competition began with a six-

week nomination period starting in September 2008, where students nominated a record 160 professors. From the list of nominated professors, the TVO Big Ideas production team viewed the many video submissions and narrowed the list down to 20 outstanding lecturers, who will move on to the next phase of the competition. These top 20 excelled in the judging criteria of confidence and authority; clarity and confidence; and energy and enthusiasm.

"Whether teaching the fundamentals of genetics, Milton's *Paradise Lost* or separation anxiety, this group shows that to be a great

lecturer it's important to love one's subject and be able to transmit it with an energy that does justice to it," noted Wodek Szemberg, Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition producer.

Last year, Christopher diCarlo took home the title of Ontario's Best Lecturer, garnering the \$10,000 TD Insurance Meloche Monnex Scholarship for the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa.

For a complete list of the top 20, and to watch their video presentations, visit tvo.org/bestlecturer

From here, a three-member jury will determine the top 10, whose names will be

announced in February 2009. The top 10 will then deliver complete televised lectures on TVO's Big Ideas, beginning Saturday, Feb. 28 2009. Viewers' votes will help determine the eventual overall champion, to be announced April 11, 2009.

Big Ideas is TVO's popular televised lecture series, offering lectures on a variety of thought-provoking topics that range across politics, culture, economics, art history and science. The Best Lecturer Competition, now in its fourth year, galvanizes the post-secondary community and plays an important role in raising awareness about the province's great educators.

Sampling culture



Anna Olson, left, celebrity chef, author, television personality and Niagara resident, was at Brock on Thursday, Dec. 4 to sign copies of her latest cookbook, *In the Kitchen with Anna: New Ways with the Classics*. Pictured getting her personalized copy is fourth-year psychology student Samantha Boychuk.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Barbra Zupan presented the posters "Bimodal Processing of Visual and Auditory Cues of Emotion in Children and Adults: The Effects of Valence and Modality Preferences," with Joan E. Sussmanat, and "A New Paradigm for the Elicitation of Natural Emotion," with Katie Thompson, at the annual convention of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association, in Chicago Ill., Nov. 20 to 22.

BUSINESS

Sharon Mason, Organizational Behaviour, along with M. Soekarjo, presented the refereed paper "Two to Tango: Reflections on a Reflective Practice" at the 24th European Group for Organizational Studies (EGOS) conference held at Vrije Universiteit, Holland, in July.

COMMUNICATION, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Nick Baxter-Moore has been appointed Book Review Editor and a member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Popular Music and Society*, published by Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

GEOGRAPHY

Alun Hughes gave the address "Ghosts of Reynoldsville and DeCew Town - A History of Power Glen and Vicinity" as the guest speaker on Oct. 31 at a lunch hosted by Ontario Power Generation to commemorate the 110th Anniversary of the DeCew Falls Generating Station.

JAMES A. GIBSON LIBRARY

Karen Bordonaro gave the talk "ESL Students in the Academic Library," at the Ontario College and University Library Association Fall 2008 Conference, at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., on Oct. 24.

MUSIC

Brock graduate **Matthew Tran-Adams** (BMus '99) has been named as an Associate Composer by an assessment jury of the Canadian Music Centre, which serves as a central repository of works by Canadian composers. Tran-Adams' choral works have been premiered locally by the Brock University Chamber Choir and Niagara Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Harris Loewen. Some of his other works have been performed in various parts of Canada and the United States.

PHILOSOPHY

Raj Singh delivered the following lectures during his recent visit to India:

- "Gandhi as an Original Philosopher," Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Ahmedabad, India, Aug. 25.
- "Gandhi on Being and Well-being," B.D. Arts College, Ahmedabad, Aug. 26.
- "Schopenhauer, Will and Salvation," L.D. Institute of Indology, Ahmedabad, India, Aug. 27.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Charles Burton spoke on "On Implementation Gaps in Institutional Responses to UN Instruments Relating to Management of Cultural Diversity" at the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee Central Party School, in Beijing, on Nov. 25. **Burton** also spoke on "The Lai Changxing Case and Canada-China Relations" (in Chinese) at Hebei Normal University in Shijiazhuang, on Dec. 3. He was appointed to a three-year term as visiting professor to HBNU's Faculty of Politics and Law the same day.

Publications

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Events

Centre for the Arts

2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season includes world-class music, dance, comedy, theatre and family performances. All performances begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. For tickets and more information, visit www.arts.brocku.ca or call the Box Office at ext. 3257.

December 2008

One Night in Havana, Dec. 17; Canadian Idol Top Three Tour, Dec. 18 and 19.

Rodman Hall Arts Centre

Exhibitions

- **new! 2008 Niagara Biennial:** runs until Dec. 30 featuring work by both established and emerging artists from the Niagara Region, including Tobey C. Anderson, Jean Bridge, Sandy Fairbairn, John Gill, Matt Harley, Ernest Harris Jr., Melanie MacDonald, Tyler Manzon, Bill Ralph, Sheldon Rooney, John Venditti and Carolyn Wren.
- **Blue Republic: Nostalgia for the Present:** curated by Carolyn Bell Farrell, originated and circulated by the Koffler Gallery until Feb. 15, 2009. As the multidisciplinary collective Blue Republic, Anna Passakas and Radoslaw Kudlinski create installations that combine humour, wit and metaphor to stimulate discourse on political ideas, power structures

and economic imbalances. Using discarded industrial materials and common debris from the urban environment (including empty paint cans, styrofoam packing forms, cardboard tubes and fashion magazines) they construct a miniature, sprawling urban environment in which refuse and containers are the building blocks of the future.

• Catherine Heard: *Theatrum Mundi, Niche Project 2008-09:* runs until Nov. 1, 2009.

Known for her sculptural work depicting things both monstrous and wondrous, Heard's site-specific installation recalls the European tradition of the wunderkammer - a princely collection of rare and strange natural objects and works of art. Transforming the rear bay window wells of the historic mansion into her own cabinet of curiosities, Heard displays her personal collection of objects and oddities. Each month Heard will add to and rearrange her collection, displaying alongside these objects the new works of art they inspire.

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