

Prestigious Aboriginal event has strong Brock participation

For indigenous scholars, researchers and educators, the World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education (WIPCE) is the most prestigious conference in the world. Hosted by a consortium of universities and Aboriginal communities in Melbourne, Australia, the conference theme for 2008 is Indigenous Education in the 21st Century: Respecting Tradition, Shaping the Future.

The conference has generated an overwhelming international response of high standard abstracts and Brock University is there in strength, as several emergent scholars have had four papers accepted for presentation at WIPCE. John Hodson is completing doctoral work at York University, and Sandra Styres is completing a master's degree in education at Brock; both are Mohawks working at the Tecumseh Centre. Michelle Bomberry is Cayuga and Polish-born Ewelina Niemczyk are Brock master's students.

"It is an unbelievable honour to participate in a conference of this stature," says Styres, who works in Iroquois language restoration. "To be accepted at WIPCE is clear evidence of the relevance of our work, not only to Canada, but to a wider international indigenous community."

Graduate student Niemczyk believes her work on how people become researchers has been well informed by her experiences of working with Aboriginal researchers at Brock. "Aboriginal research methods shine an alternative light on how to build supportive communities of researchers that encourage skill development," Niemczyk said.

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John Hodson, Sandra Styres, Ewelina Niemczyk and Michelle Bomberry will represent Brock at WIPCE.

Historic actions



ABOVE: Excited Youth University participants assist one another as they make trades and alliances in their computer-simulated civilization. BELOW: Kevin Kee looks on during play.

History's virtual reality engages young campers

Many educators believe that video games have enormous potential as learning tools if the games are fun to play and if the virtual worlds they present are both interesting and relevant.

Earlier this month, 12 young learners had the opportunity to explore Canadian history as they relived, replayed and even rewrote Canada's history using a video game called The History Canada Game during a one-week Youth University program called Civilization Canada.

The History Canada Game is a "what if" virtual reality game of Canada, in which players take on the role of one of nine civilizations in 1525, and can play as one of seven Native cultures – Abenaki, Algonquin, Huron, Mi'kmaq, Mohawk, Montagnais, or Ojibwe – or as English or French settlers. Players have a range of resources to build from, such as cod, corn, tobacco, and animal hides. During the one-week enrichment camp, the young learners also interacted with artwork, text, short video clips, hands-on games and even maps from Brock's Map Library.

This hands-on program isn't aimed at teaching rote history, but rather the underlying variables such as the dynamics of making choices, and the consequences that arise out of choices.

"Children had the opportunity to collaborate and make tough practical and moral decisions in true-to-life scenarios" noted Kate Cassidy, Director of Youth University. "This program was developed to teach kids about history in a fun and interactive way as well as help them develop higher-order thinking skills such as strategic thinking and problem solving."

This Youth University program,



Civilization Canada, was developed in a working partnership with Brock's Kevin Kee, PhD, Canada Research Chair of Humanities Computing, and Director of the Simulating History Research Lab. "At a time when many commentators are calling for new strategies to effectively use technology in schools, and reach boys who appear disengaged in the traditional classroom, we have prototyped an exciting and innovative way to successfully learn history," noted Kee.

Youth University offers nine different programs each week until Aug. 22 for children who have just finished grades 3 to 8. Civilization Canada was one of the nine held the week of July 14 to 18. There is room for only 12 to 14 young learners per program, each designed around specific topics. A small number of openings are still available this summer. Youth University offers a discount to Brock families.

For more information, go to www.brocku.ca/youthuniversity

Brock Days 2008

Gourlay named Tribute! honouree

The Brock Days tradition comes alive again this year from Sept. 18 to 27 as the University hosts its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration. Brock Alumni and friends are invited to come together and experience the best that Brock and Niagara have to offer as the University once again partners with the award-winning Niagara Wine Festival.

Tee off the Brock Days celebration by playing in the Annual Brock University Alumni Association Golf Tournament taking place on Sept. 13. Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts happens Sept. 18 at Rodman Hall, where you will experience the offerings of Niagara's finest chefs and wineries. Tickets are \$85 and can be purchased through the Box Office at ext. 3257.

Start the weekend by celebrating with the Brock Community as we gather on Sept. 19 to roast and toast one of our own at Tribute! This Brock Days tradition honours an individual who has made a significant contribution to campus life and who best exemplifies the Brock Spirit. We are pleased to announce this year's Tribute! recipient is Ron Gourlay, Brock University Students' Union Business Manager.

The much-anticipated Annual Grape Stomp and Concert takes place Sept. 26 in Jubilee Courtyard with entertainment from the musical sensation Flat Broke. The Wine Festival at

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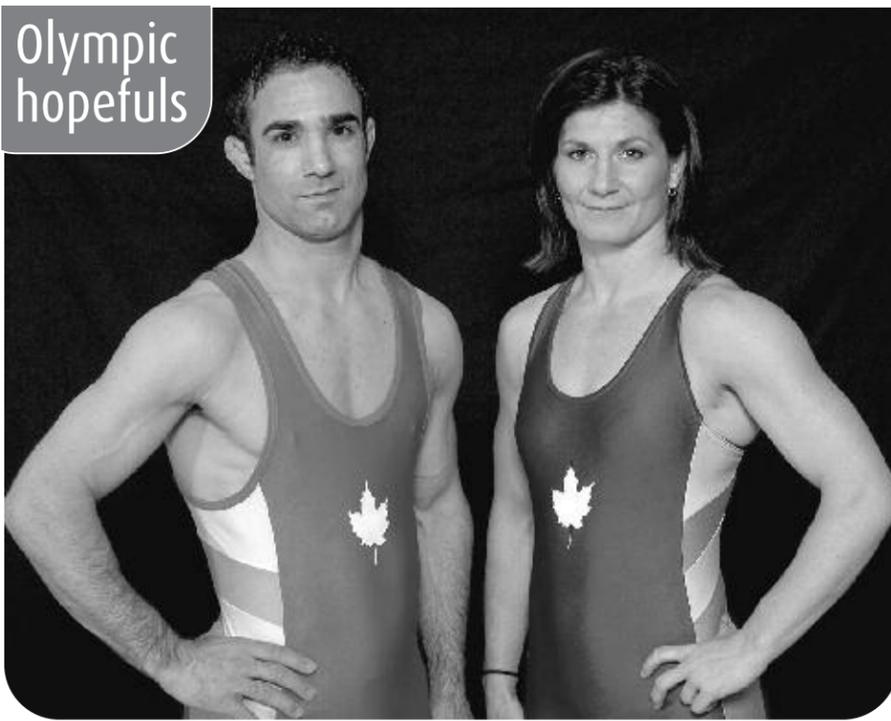
HOT TICKET brochures available now

The Centre for the Arts is entering its 39th year of presenting an annual season of performances from September to April showcasing national and international artists in the Sean O'Sullivan and David S. Howes theatres. The 2008-09 HOT TICKET Professional Entertainment Season is packed with musicians, actors, dancers and artists to suit all styles, tastes and ages. The extensive lineup includes fan favourites who are returning by popular demand, plus many others who are brand new to the centre stage. The Centre for the Arts is also presenting school performances for Niagara-area students and community arts outreach events.

Tickets for the coming season are currently on sale to HOT TICKET members only and go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m. Join the growing list of members who have first access to the best music, dance, drama and comedy, great seats, great savings and the flexibility to buy the shows they want.

Copies of the 2008-09 HOT TICKET Professional Entertainment Season brochure have been distributed campus-wide. If you already have received one, please share your copy with friends and family. Full-time Brock faculty and staff are able to purchase their season tickets and membership through payroll deduction. For more information regarding the membership program or any of the great shows in the 2008-09 season, contact the Box Office at ext. 3257 or visit www.arts.brocku.ca

Olympic hopefuls



Saeed Azerbaijan and Tonya Verbeek, members of the Brock Wrestling Club, will represent Canada next month at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. Brock student Brady Reardon will be competing in the K-4 1000m event. Schedule: olympics.thestar.com/2008/schedule

Board names newest Trustee Emeriti

During a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, six former members were approved for the title of Trustee Emeritus. The Board established the honorary title last year in order to acknowledge the distinguished and meritorious service to the University of former members of the Board.

"The Board will benefit from the continuing involvement of these valued individuals in specific activities and initiatives and for their counsel and advice," noted this year's report.

The title of Trustee Emeritus was approved for the following individuals: George

Barkwell, David Edwards, Ken Fowler, Willy Heidbuechel, Andy Panko, and Carol Reid.

A Trustee who has served at least two full terms of three years is eligible for nomination as a Trustee Emeritus after retiring from the Board for one year. Election to Trustee Emeritus is by a majority vote of the Board on the recommendation of the Governance/Nominating Committee. A Trustee Emeritus is not counted as a member of the Board and has no voting rights, but is invited to serve on special committees constituted by the Board and/or the President.

Successful raffle for Andrew's Flight nets more than \$300

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets on the "Andrew's Fight" raffle for the Baby Gift Package.

The winner was Jeanette Davis in

International Services.

The total raised is \$320.

Hope Bauer
Accounts Payable

Wireless network upgrade coming in August

As part of its ongoing commitment to create a secure computing environment, ITS will implement a new network protocol called 802.1x, which will be available when logging onto the University's wireless network.

Starting the week of Aug. 11, ITS will have the protocol activated for general use. The new protocol will improve network security and performance for all users. The University's faculty and staff will be required to use BrockSecure (WPA2 protected) wireless network using 802.1x authentication to access specific resources such as shared drives and printers. Wireless users who require access to these resources and are currently using BrockNet instead of BrockSecure network will have to change their mobile device configuration by that date.

The access to BrockNet will still be available to Brock faculty and staff. However, only web-based resources, such as webmail, will be available. The instructions on how to connect to BrockSecure wireless network are available on the web at www.brocku.ca/wireless

If you require further assistance or have any questions, contact the ITS HelpDesk at ext. 4357.

Co-op Programs leader honoured at national level

Gloria DiDiodato, Associate Director of Co-op Programs, was recently awarded the Moe Ktytor Award of Merit for outstanding service to the Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers (CACEE).

The award recognizes exemplary contributions to the association through a specific and definable means, as a single act or a number of cumulative activities over several years, with impact on CACEE's national level.

In DiDiodato's case, she was honoured for longstanding service, to the equivalent of more than 50 years of volunteer work. As a volunteer with CACEE, she has served as chairwoman of the regional board, served on the executive of the national board, and she has organized countless conferences and events.

DiDiodato's achievement was highlighted at the national conference recently in Montreal, bringing with it recognition for Brock as well.

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Jonathan Roepke**, a Master of Science candidate in the Centre for Biotechnology, will defend his thesis on Monday, Aug. 18 at 1 p.m. in H313. The title of his thesis is "Localization and Functional Characterization of Iridoid Biosynthetic Genes in *Catharanthus roseus*." His examining committee members are: Rick Cheel, chair; Mark Gijzen, external examiner, Agriculture Canada; Vince De Luca, supervisor; and committee members Tony Yan and Doug Bruce.

• **Matthew Mulligan**, a Master of Science candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend his thesis on Friday, Aug. 1 at 10 a.m. in WH147. The title of his thesis is "Glucose Dynamics in Rat Skeletal Muscle: Recovery from Osmotic Stress." Supervisor: Brian Roy; external examiner: Mike Lindinger, University of Guelph; committee members: Sandra Peters, Paul LeBlanc; chair: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Bethan Kingsley**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend her thesis on Wed., Aug. 13 at 1 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Teamwork and Leadership: Competitive Youth Soccer as a Context for Positive Youth." Supervisor: Jamie Mandigo; external examiner: Barry Wright, Brock University; committee members: Cathy van Ingen; Philip Sullivan; chair: Ken Lodewyk. All are welcome.

• **Renata Faber**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Gender Bias in the Trends in Mathematics and Science Study 2003 (TIMSS) for Canadian Students." External examiner: Don Klinger, Queens University; thesis supervisor: Joe Engemann; committee members: Ralph Connelly and Kelly Lockwood; chair of the examining committee:

TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Lynn Farquhar**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, Aug. 11, at 1 p.m. (EST) in WH147. The title of her thesis is "Words on Wisdom: Perspective Transformation in a 'Learning in Retirement Institute'." External examiner: Patricia Cranton, University of New Brunswick; thesis supervisor: Denise Paquette-Frenette; committee members: Xavier Fazio and Ann Marie Guilmette; chair of the examining committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Sara Gill**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, Aug. 25, at 2 p.m. in WH147. The title of the thesis is "Creating a Space for Self-Transformation: Factors of Success for Adult Literacy Learners with Learning Disabilities or Suspected Learning Disabilities." External examiner: Margaret Jordan, Don Reilly Resource Centre, DSBN; thesis supervisor: Joe Engemann; committee members: Tiffany Gallagher and Rosemary Young; chair of the examining committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

• **Erica Paton**, Master of Science candidate in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will defend her thesis on Friday, Aug. 15 at 10 a.m. in WC204. The title of her thesis is "Attention Focus and Balance Control in Young and Older Adults." Supervisor: Allan Adkin; external examiner: William Gage, York University; committee members: David Gabriel, Jae Patterson; chair: TBA. All are welcome.

PhD Biotechnology Thesis Defence

Stephanie Martin, PhD student in Biotechnology, will present her thesis defence on Thursday, Aug. 14, at 1 pm in H313. The title of her thesis is "The Osmoadaptive Response of the Wine Yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* K1-V1116 during Icewine Fermentation." Examining Committee members are: Rick Cheel, chair, examining committee; Elizabeth Weretilnyk, Dept. of Biology, McMaster University, external

examiner; Debbie Inglis, supervisor; Alan Castle, internal examiner; Heather Gordon and Vince De Luca, committee members.

Fall Swim lesson registration

Registration begins Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. for the fall session of swimming lessons and continues until classes begin. You may register in person at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex, or by phone at ext. 4060. Lessons begin on Sept. 20.

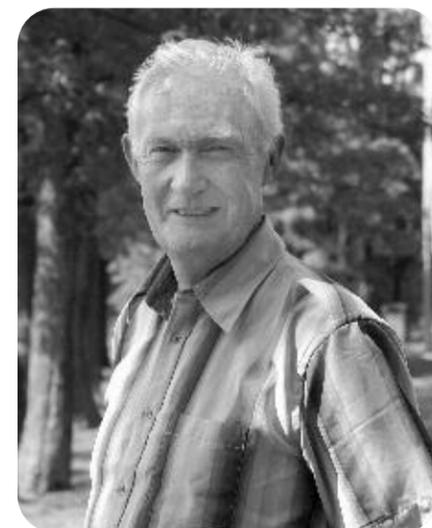
Please see www.brocku.ca/aquatics for lesson information, and times.

Children's movement program returns

Does your child like to climb, explore, jump, dance, play games, or do gymnastics? The Brock University Children's Movement Program operates on Saturday mornings, and there are classes for children from the moment they walk to the age of 12. The departments of Physical Education and Kinesiology and Recreation Services partner to offer a physically active educational program which allows all children, regardless of physical ability, the opportunity to participate, aiding them in the development of self-concept and social skills. The program is integrated, and movement partners are available to assist children who may have a special need to enjoy the activities. Details are available at www.brocku.ca/recserve/children.php, or by calling ext. 4060. The program begins Saturday, Sept. 20.

Brock Works 2008 dates set

The annual Welcome and Orientation for new faculty and staff is set for Aug. 13 to 15 this year. Workshops and supplementary training are offered on Aug. 13 and 14, with campus tours and the annual Health and Well-being Family Picnic on Friday, Aug. 15. This year's picnic will be in conjunction with the Farmers' Market held in Jubilee Court. For more information visit www.brocku.ca/oehs



Ron Gourlay

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Montebello Park will be in full swing again this year and will host a number of activities for Brock Alumni and Friends, including a salute to Brock University's Alumni Winemakers.

Visit www.brocku.ca/brockdays for more information on all the planned events.

Faculty of Education researchers take stage at two key conferences

This spring, Brock University and the Faculty of Education were well represented by faculty members and graduate students alike at two key educational research conferences.

Many Brock researchers make the yearly trek to the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), held this year in March in New York City. This international research society strives to advance knowledge about education, to encourage scholarly inquiry related to education, and to promote the use of research to improve education and serve the public good. A competitive process combined with the large number of accepted papers indicates that the quality of scholarship from Brock is perceived to be high by both national and international peers.

Another sizeable group of Brock scholars attended the Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE) Annual Conference, held in conjunction with the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The CSSE, and its national constituent associations, is the largest organization of professors, students, researchers and practitioners in education in Canada. CSSE is the major national voice for those who create educational knowledge, prepare teachers and educational leaders, and apply research in the schools, classrooms and institutions of Canada. This bilingual conference, held this June at the University of British Columbia, provided an opportunity for the discussion of issues among educational scholars from across the nation.

A sample of some of the work presented at both AERA and CSSE is included below, while the activities of Brock scholars at other key educational conferences, are included in the Faculty and Staff section.

AERA Annual Meeting, New York City, March

- **Anne Fraser**, course facilitator and curriculum writing team member in the Adult Education program, received the 2008 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Narrative Research SIG Outstanding Dissertation Award. The title of her dissertation is "All the Workplace is a Stage - Work as Discourse: A Narrative Inquiry Into Workers' Professional Development."
- **L. Volante, S. Drake, and L. Cherubini** presented the paper "Examining the factors that influence administrative responses to large-scale assessment."
- **T. L. Gallagher, J. Kitchen, D. Ciuffetelli-Parker, C. Figg, and S. Griffin**, presented the paper "Establishing and sustaining community: The second year of a self-study group in a faculty of education."
- **T. DiPetta, V. E. Woloshyn, T. L. Gallagher, and A. M. DiBiase** presented the paper "Reviewing an integration program for students with learning disabilities and mild intellectual delays: Teacher, student, and parent perspectives."
- **S. Bosacki, A. Elliott, V. Woloshyn, M. Bajovic, and S. Ratkovic** presented the paper "Harry Potter and Bart Simpson: Admiration or imitation?"
- **D. Armstrong** and B. McMahon presented the paper "Race and the dynamics of schooling: Administrators working within organizational cultures."
- **D. Armstrong** and B. McMahon presented the paper "Educators' Civic Responsibility: Constraints to Equitable Opportunity and Achievement."
- **D. Mogadime, K. Mentz, and D. Armstrong** presented the paper "Women who have aspired to educational administration in South Africa: What are the challenges and opportunities?"

CSSE, University of British Columbia, June

- **D. D. Karrow, and X. Fazio** presented the poster session "Engaging children in NatureWatch beyond the handmaiden of literacy" at the meeting of the Science Education Research Group of the Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies.
- **X. Fazio and T. L. Gallagher** presented "Characteristics that support learning: An examination of two teacher development collectives using a complexity framework" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Teacher Education.
- **A. Pitt, J. Kitchen, R. Mrazek, W. Nielsen, A. Phelan, L. Thomas, V. Triggs, and C. Kosnik** presented "Thinking like a teacher in teacher education."
- **L. Cherubini, J. Kitchen, and J. Engemann** presented the paper "Listening to the voices of new Aboriginal teachers: Transcending conceptual borders and strengthening connections."
- **J. Kitchen and L. Cherubini** presented "A web of partnerships: Collaboration between a university and a self-regulatory body."
- **L. Cherubini and J. Kitchen** presented the paper "Building teacher leadership through a teacher induction institute."
- **L. Volante, S. Drake, L. Cherubini, and M. Smythe** presented the paper "A comparative analysis of elementary versus secondary teachers' assessment literacy."
- **C. Lu** presented "Moving toward mindfulness."
- **V. E. Woloshyn; A. M. DiBiase; T. L. Gallagher; D. Dworet; T. DiPetta; and S. Bennett** presented "Implementation and stakeholder perspectives of a support program for students with learning disabilities and mild intellectual delay."
- **T. L. Gallagher; A. Grierson; and R. Kumar** presented the paper "Mutually-reinforcing professional learning opportunities that support teacher change in literacy instruction and assessment."
- **R. Kumar** presented the paper "Academic Freedom: An Idea at a Crossroads" at the meeting of the Canadian Association for the Study of Educational Administration.
- **J. Kentel and D. D. Karrow** presented the paper "(E)kstatic educating: Exploring locales for intuiting ecological imagination in teacher education" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Teacher Education.
- **Karrow** was also a participant in the Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory (EPTC) and Culture writing workshop "Back to the Things Themselves."
- **C. Mitchell** and M. Meyer presented the paper "Healing the theory-practice divide in educational administration."
- **P. Woods; L. Sackney and C. Mitchell** presented the conversation session "Pushing the boundaries: Leading towards democratic learning communities."
- **M. K. McGinn and E. K. Niemczyk** presented the paper "Learning opportunities and team dynamics in social science research teams" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education.
- **M. K. McGinn and M. Frake** presented the paper "Ten years of celebrating mentorship in CSSE."
- **P. Klassen-Dueck, K. Sykes, and S. Bosacki** presented the paper "Psychological language in novels for middle schoolers: A content analysis."
- **C. Figg; S. Griffin; C. Lu; and P. Vietgen** presented "New faculty cross borders through self-study in teacher education: Global horizons."
- **D. Mogadime** presented the paper "Doing the hard work of transforming institutions: University youth and teachers organize for the development of women's studies courses in high schools."
- **C. Skorobohacz and D. Mogadime** presented the paper "Understanding Socially Just and Equitable Approaches Enacted in One Teacher's Critical Literacy Program."
- **Dolana Mogadime** is President of the Canadian Association for the Study of Women in Education (CASWE). A link to the May/June Newsletter follows: http://www.csse.ca/CASWE/Newsletters/CASWE_News_May_2008.pdf

Mediatalk

People in the news

Gary Pickering, Professor, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, was interviewed for a July 12 article in the online edition of the *London Telegraph* entitled "New wine words send texture messages," in which he explained the use of texture words to describe the wine-tasting experience. Pickering has also been the subject of several blogs this month on the topic of using humans for taste-testing cat food. The story, entitled "Human panel judges cat food," was picked up from *The Daily Cat* based on his article in the *Journal of Animal Physiology and Animal Nutrition*.

Lynn McCleary, Professor, Department of Nursing, was interviewed for a July 1 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Ombudsman investigating Liberals' governing of nursing homes," in which she noted the probe should look at new priorities in regulation and inspection. The story also appeared in the *Niagara Falls Review*.

Jody Thomas, President, Brock University Students' Union, was interviewed for a July 8 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Getting to know the neighbours," in which he talked about BUSU's community barbecues set for this fall.

Anne Marie Guilmette, Professor,

Recreation and Leisure Studies, was interviewed for a July 11 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Craitor not convinced Vegas-style sports betting would be cure-all for casinos," in which she discussed the increased problem of gambling addiction that could come with introducing sportsbooks in Ontario.

Derek Foster, Professor, Communications, Popular Culture and Film, was interviewed for a July 16 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Nothing funny about this comic strip," in which he talked about comic book artists who have tackled serious issues in recent years. The story also ran in the *Welland Tribune*.

David Hutchison, Professor, Pre-Service Education, was interviewed for a July 2 article for the *Metro* chain of national newspapers entitled "Educating with games," in which he noted many video games have great teaching potential in several academic areas, including mathematics and geography. Hutchison was also interviewed by CHCH TV on the same subject.

Kimberley Gammage, Associate Professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed for a July 7 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "A question of balance," in which she talked about research with women and osteoporosis in relation to their balance and the potential for falls. The story also ran in a number of Opsrey papers across Ontario.

Education researcher, PhD candidate win national publication award

Dolana Mogadime, PhD, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, and **Sherry Ramrattan Smith**, PhD candidate, Joint PhD in Educational Studies, are the 2008 Canadian Association for Curriculum Studies (CACS) Outstanding Publication Award recipients.

This annual award recognizes an outstanding publication related to scholarly insights and advances made in curriculum studies in Canada. The publication (cited below) was judged by a panel of Canadian curriculum scholars on the basis of its relevance to the field of Canadian curriculum studies, originality, timeliness, and quality of writing. A commemorative plaque was presented to the winners of the outstanding publication award at the CSSE conference held at the

University of British Columbia in June.

Their article was also refereed and selected as one of 10 (runner-up) finalists for the International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations International Award for Excellence in the Area of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations.



Dolana Mogadime

The article listing: Mogadime, D., and Ramrattan Smith, S. (2007). "Including Muslim Teachers' Sensibilities into Wider National and International Discussions About Culturally Responsive Pedagogy." *The International Journal of Diversity in Organisations, Communities and Nations*, 7(4) 217-230, <http://ijd.cgpublisher.com/product/pub.29/prod.558>

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"I am humbled by this opportunity to represent Brock and my work on the international stage."

The recent and sweeping apology - for residential schools abuses - delivered by the federal government in the House of Commons in June has resulted in a renewed, but cautious sense of hope for Aboriginal people in this country. Hodson, a Tecumseh Centre Research Officer, sees the convergence of this year's WIPCE and federal government's apology as an example of a global consciousness shift to address the contemporary realities of Aboriginal peoples.

"Many of our people hope that education and research, grounded in our ways of knowing, will bring an end to the inequities experienced in our communities," Hodson

said. "Brock continues to be on the cutting edge of Aboriginal education and research and we are now being recognized for that by being accepted to present at WIPCE."

Hodson notes that attending WIPCE will be an expensive proposition, adding "airfares alone will top \$10,000 for all and there just isn't the kind of support available from the usual sources. We are going to have to be very creative in our fundraising. I'm hoping the Brock community will recognize the potential to build relationships with other Aboriginal universities, researchers and scholars and tell the Brock story to a wider, international audience."

The conference takes place in December. For more information, contact Hodson at ext. 4757 or by e-mail at john.hodson@brocku.ca

Students earn award for newsletter

The Brock Student Ambassadors (BSA) have done it again, only this time their newsletter, the *BSA Bugle*, has received recognition on a higher international level.

The Bugle, whose fall issue was recognized by District II of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's student division, won the Outstanding Internal Program Award, for its spring edition, at the Association of Student Advancement Programs Network Convention in Utah.

The BSA newsletter was in competition with entries from all eight districts, which stretch far and wide from places such as Nunavut, Hawaii, Mexico, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and everything in between.

"This couldn't have happened without a great team effort," noted Lynne Irion, Alumni Relations Co-ordinator. "Emily Keene did an outstanding job of getting people to submit articles and for a great layout. Well done."

STRATEGIES conference helps those with learning disabilities

Brock's Student Development Centre will host the third-annual STRATEGIES conference at the University from Aug. 17 to 20. The four-day program is designed to help incoming Brock students with learning disabilities make a smooth transition to University life.

"This conference will serve as a stepping stone to post-secondary education for students with learning disabilities by addressing their key questions and concerns," says Mary Ann Tierney, STRATEGIES Co-ordinator. "It will provide students with the opportunity to become acquainted with the University environment and

familiarize themselves with the services our office has to offer."

The conference will include a series of hands-on, informative seminars and discussions. Topics to be covered will include understanding the learning disability, time management and study skills; self-advocacy; and using assistive technology. The program will equip students with the information required to achieve both academic and personal success at Brock.

The conference, which takes place at various locations across the University, will open with a welcome barbecue on the evening of Sunday,

Aug. 17 in Pond Inlet.

The program is designed specifically for students with a diagnosed learning disability who have been accepted and will be entering their first year of study at Brock this Fall. The event is free for all qualified applicants.

Advance registration for STRATEGIES is required as a limited number of spaces are available. For more information, visit www.brocku.ca/sdc/disABILITIES/strategies or contact Tierney at ext. 3240 or by e-mail at m-tierney@brocku.ca

The application deadline is Thursday, July 31.

Writers, researchers dive into Brock's archives to enhance published works

Historians, researchers and writers interested in the War of 1812 have been making fruitful use of the James A. Gibson Library's many services lately, resulting in the promotion of Brock within their published works.

The Archives and Special Collections and the Map Library are acknowledged several times in Guy St-Denis' recent article "The House Where General Brock Died?" in the summer edition of the *Journal of the Society of Army Historical Research*. The article details the search for the facts surrounding the location where Sir Isaac

Brock died after being shot in the Battle of Queenston, Oct. 13, 1812. Two archival collections, the Emma Currie Papers and the Niagara North Land Registry Copy Books, housed in the University Archives, were used for the investigation, as was a painting of the house in question, also located in the Archives.

The map library provided St-Denis with air photos of the Queenston area to help identify buildings, as well as access to historic maps of the Queenston area.

Local historian Robert Malcomson made use

of the Library, Archives and Special Collections, as well as the Interlibrary Loans department when researching material for this new book *Capital in Flames: The American Attack on York - 1813*. This book relates in great detail the events leading up to, during and following the burning of York by the Americans during the War of 1812. The Archives and Special Collections holds nine other works written by Malcomson, who conducts much of his research using this department, as well as the interlibrary loan service.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Thomas S. C. Farrell gave the keynote address at the "Refresh, Reflect, Renew: Connecting Through Reflective Practice Across Disciplines" conference held at Centennial College, Toronto, May 28 to 30.

CHEMISTRY

Georgii Nikonov recently gave the invited lecture "Silylamido Agostic Complex: From Curiosity to Catalysis" at the 15th International Symposium on Organosilicon Chemistry (ISOS-XV), on Jeju island, Korea, on June 3; and he gave the invited lecture "Rh Silyl Hydrides in Oxidation State +5: Myth or Reality?" at the Post-ISOSXV minisymposium, in Takasaki, Japan, on June 9.

ENGLISH

Tim Conley delivered the paper, "'Hive of Words': Poetics of the Eiffel Tower," at the first biennial conference of the European Network for Avant-Garde and Modernism Studies (EAM), Ghent University, Belgium, in May. Conley also delivered the paper "'Cog it out': Joyce on the Brain," at the International James Joyce Symposium at the Université François-Rabelais in Tours, France, in June. He also taught at the Trieste Joyce School, where he ran a week-long seminar on Joyce's book *Finnegans Wake* and gave the school's concluding lecture, entitled "The Missing and the Presumably Dead." He then read from his own fiction one evening in Trieste with Man Booker Prize winner Anne Enright.

Adam Dickinson presented the paper "Translating Toronto: Erin Mouré's Deterritorialized Pastoral" at a conference entitled "Poetic Ecologies: Nature as Text and Text as Nature in English-Language Verse" at Université Libre de Bruxelles, Brussels, Belgium from May 14 to 17. He was also invited to read his poetry as a featured reader at the event.

Robert Alexander presented "Fabricators Atone: Michael Finkel's *True Story* and the Literary Journalism of Repair" at the Third International Conference for Literary Journalism Studies, Instituto Superior de Ciências Sociais e Políticas, Universidade Técnica de Lisboa, Portugal on May 17. He presented a second paper on *Apologia* and Fabricated News at the annual meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric, University of British Columbia, on June 3.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Sandra Bosacki was co-editor, with Allyson Hadwin, University of Victoria, of the 2007-08 Canadian Association for Educational Psychology (CAEP) Newsletter.

T. L. Gallagher and **A. Grierson** presented the paper "Show me, help me, let me: Supporting teacher change through a demonstration classroom program" at the Annual Convention of the International Reading Association (IRA), Atlanta, Ga., in May. They also presented "Administrators at demonstration classroom sites: Leading literacy professional development" at the same conference.

Rodger Beatty was guest conductor for the Music Monday Massed Choir performance held at First Markham Place, Markham, on May 5. He conducted a 400-voice choir

comprised of students from various schools across the York Region District School Board. Music Monday is a program of the Coalition for Music Education in Canada which promotes the galvanizing power of music in Canada and how it is grounded and developed in school music programs.

Mary-Louise Vanderlee, Alice Schutz and **Sally Hooper**, MEd, presented in person, while other team members, **Joyce Mgombelo, Stephanie Jones**, MEd, and **Emily Hastings-Speck**, MEd student, presented electronically a description of a South African, after-school program that encourages family and community involvement as well as service learning, at the Association for Childhood Education International in Moscow, Russia, June 18 to 21.

Anne Elliott supervised **Spogmai Akseer**, MEd, during her project "So Far Away - Voices of Rural Afghan Women," which was recently published as a book.

MATHEMATICS

Yuanlin Li conducted a research field trip to China from May 16 to June 13. During the trip, he visited Nankai University and delivered a series lectures about group rings. He also visited Nanjing University, Southeast University and Shanghai Jiao-Tong University and gave several invited talks on reversible group rings and duo group rings. **Howard Bell** and **Li** attended a math conference in Athens Ohio, from June 18 to 21. The latter also gave a talk entitled "On Duo Group Rings."

MARKETING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY

Chang Hoon Oh presented the following three papers at the Academy of International Business Annual Meeting in Milan, Italy, June 30 to July 3: "Do Expanding RTAs Behave Like Trade Building Blocks," "The Market Value of Internationalization," and "Natural Disaster, Man-made Disaster, and International Trade: A Country-level and Industry-level Analysis."

Maxim Voronov and **Dirk De Clercq** presented "Upsetting art, upsetting commerce: From separate worlds to selective enactment" at the 2008 European Group of Organization Studies Colloquium in Amsterdam.

PHILOSOPHY

Christine Daigle presented three papers recently: "Beauvoir philosophe: phénoménologie, sexualité, ambiguïté" at the Special joint panel CPA/EPTC (Canadian Philosophical Association and Society for Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture), Vancouver, B.C., June 5; "Towards Ambiguous Identity: Beauvoir's Challenge to Binary Thinking in The Second Sex" at the 16th Simone de Beauvoir Society Conference, "The Legacies of Simone de Beauvoir," University of Northumbria, Newcastle, U.K., June 14; and "The Ambiguous Ethics of The Second Sex: Identity, Sexual Difference, Ambiguity" at the "Simone de Beauvoir Life and Works" panel, 32nd Annual IAPL Conference (International Association for Philosophy and Literature), Melbourne, Australia, July 1.

SOCIOLOGY

June Corman, Sociology presented the paper "Contributions of Farm Women to Family Livelihoods" at the International