

Researchers awarded funds by MRI

Five Brock University researchers have recently been awarded more than \$330,000 in provincial funding for their innovative and groundbreaking research through the Ministry of Research and Innovation (MRI).

The ministry's Ontario Research Fund was established to attract and retain the best research talent from around the world in order to ensure Ontario universities and research institutes have the necessary equipment and infrastructure to remain at the forefront of global research excellence and scientific breakthroughs.

"Whether it's building our capacity in the global digital economy, working to reveal the inner workings of plants, or exploring how the brain comprehends language, these funds will further enable our talented researchers to contribute to solving the many challenges facing society," noted Ian Brindle, associate vice-president, Research.

Recently funded projects at Brock University by the MRI, include:

- **Vincenzo De Luca** (Biological Sciences), \$85,972: Facility for Small Molecule Analysis and Quantification. De Luca's research on the alkaloids in the Madagascar periwinkle leaves, and their active anti-cancer agents, are being created for important applications in Niagara's agricultural sector, in particular the development of new disease-resistant horticultural and food crops with enhanced properties.

- **Elizabeth Greene** (Classics), \$34,867: Advancing knowledge of ancient trade and technology. Greene is involved in the mapping, recording, excavating and conservation of cultural artifacts from ancient shipwrecks off the coast of Turkey. The information gained from Greene's research may answer questions about the international connections forged by ancient seafarers, their technological capacity, and the maritime economy in which they operated.

- **Kevin Kee** (History/Digital Humanities), \$46,646: Designing computer games to teach history. At the Simulating History Research Lab at Brock, Kee is creating educational computer simulations – commonly called "serious" games – focused on history. He is also testing and evaluating how these games engage and teach the subject. The technologies he develops and tests will have applications in many other areas.

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Driving home a lesson



Students from the Department of Dramatic Arts joined real-life emergency personnel Thursday, Oct. 30 in front of the Plaza Building for a noon-hour demonstration on the devastating effects of drinking and driving.

Effects of drunk driving played out on campus

Brock drove home the dangers of drinking and driving with a mock motor vehicle accident at the S-bend in front of the Plaza Building on Thursday, Oct. 30.

The 30-minute event played out as a drama with a narrator leading the audience through the tragedy as it unfolded. Brock students, staff and faculty were drawn into the scene, witnessing the hysteria, confusion, disbelief and emotion of an accident that claims a human life.

Emergency personnel included

firefighters employing the Jaws of Life, paramedics and employees from a local funeral home, who placed the 'fatal victim' in a hearse during the event.

The presentation was made possible by the participation of Niagara Regional Police Services, St. Catharines Fire Department and Niagara Emergency Medical Services, as well as Brock University Campus Security, Student Health Services and Dramatic Arts student actors, Regional Niagara Public Health Department, and Hulse and English Funeral Home and Chapel.

Future talent strategies



A forum hosted by Brock and Canadian Tire Financial Services at the University Tuesday, Oct. 26, called Growing Niagara: Future Talent Strategies, was devoted to discussing the type of workers needed to rebuild Niagara's economy, and strategies needed to draw and keep them here in light of a skilled labour shortage. Speakers included, from left, Marco Marrone, president, Canadian Tire Financial Services; Jack Lightstone, president, Brock; Dennis Parass, chair, Niagara Economic Development Corporation; Jody Thomas, president, Brock University Students' Union; Lisa Neville, president, Brock University Graduate Students' Association; and Peter Partington, chair, Region of Niagara.

Orr worked at boosting endowment fund

Allan Orr, a longtime supporter of Brock University, 82, died in Creemore, Ont., on Oct. 26, 18 years to the day that he received an honorary doctorate from the institution.

Dr. Orr's dedication to Brock and to higher learning began formally in 1980 when he was appointed to the Board of Trustees, and thus began a long relationship with the institution through substantial committee

work, as vice-chair of the board from 1983-87, and as board chair from 1987-90.

His business acumen as an industrial leader was especially appreciated in the financial development of the University. In 1988-89, he co-chaired Brock's "Give Brock the Business!" capital campaign, at the time

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Report card gives Brock high marks

The quality of education at Brock continues to score high marks with students, according to the recently released annual *Globe and Mail* report card on Canadian universities.

The report card is based on feedback from students, and provides the University with an opportunity to listen to what students have to say about their experience at Brock.

With a student population of almost 17,000 (full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate), Brock continues to perform well within the survey's medium-sized universities category, which also includes schools like Queen's, *Simon Fraser* and Guelph.

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Brock received a top indexical ranking for Academic Experience/Intensity and Teaching Quality when compared to all other universities.

The Tourism and Environment program received special mention as well in an article on niche programs at universities.

For the full report, go to www.globecampus.ca

Soirée success thanks

Thank you to everyone who made the inaugural General Brock's October Soirée a resounding success.

The evening would not have been possible without the generous support of all who attended and to all of the sponsors.

Appreciation and gratitude are directed to Lincoln Fabrics as the presenting sponsor for the evening; the lead sponsor, Ravensden Asset Management; and sponsorship from TD Meloche Monnex, Sullivan Mahoney, MBNA, Walker Industries, L.R. Wilson Foundation and Whiting Equipment Canada Inc.

Thank you for your generosity.

General Brock's October Soirée Organizing Committee

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the largest fundraising campaign in the University's history. At the conclusion of the campaign in 1990, the final total raised was \$5.021 million, which exceeded the campaign's original goal and increased the University's endowment by 70 per cent.

Dr. Orr was president and general manager of Atlas Steels in Welland for more

than 40 years. He was also a member of Queen's University Council and sat on the Board of Governors at Ridley College. Physical activity was a big part of his life, particularly his love of football, and even though he never mastered golf, he was talented at curling and water polo.

A celebration of Dr. Orr's life will take place at the Station on the Green, 10 Caroline St. E, in Creemore, Ont. on Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

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• **Veena Dwivedi** (Applied Linguistics), \$83,875: Determining how the brain processes language. Dwivedi uses electroencephalography (EEG) technology to investigate how the healthy brain comprehends language in real time. Specifically, her research involves exploring how the brain understands the meaning of words and sentences, in particular contexts by investigating electrophysiological response to language processing. Her work could lead to better treatments for people with cognitive impairments, including patients with Alzheimer's, traumatic

brain injury, and strokes.

• **Stephen Cheung** (Physical Education and Kinesiology), \$82,540: Exploring how heat and cold affect people's performance. Both hypothermia and hyperthermia are the result of thermal stress. Cheung is looking into human performance in thermally stressful environments. With significant numbers working in thermally stressful environments, such as firefighters, miners, military and athletes, his research could have a significant impact on their health and quality of life.

For more information about the Ministry of Research and Innovation's Ontario Research Fund, go to www.mri.gov.on.ca

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **DiQing Tang**, Master of Science (Biotechnology) student, will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 1:30 p.m. in Th241. The title of her thesis is "Metabolite Changes during Riesling Icewine Fermentation when Yeast micronutrients are used." Her examining committee members are: Ramon Mira de Orduna, New York State Agricultural Experimental Station, Geneva, N.Y., external examiner; Rick Cheel, chair; Debbie Inglis, supervisor; Jeff Stuart and Tony Yan, committee members. All are welcome.

• **Kimberly Maich**, PhD student in Educational Studies, will present her thesis defence on Friday, Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. in WH147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is "Opening a Can of Worms: Perceptions and Practices of Teachers in Newfoundland and Labrador Incorporating the Role of a Therapist." Examining committee members are: Marilyn Rose, chair; Elizabeth Starr, University of Windsor, external examiner; Don Dworet, supervisor; Zopito Marini, internal examiner; Vera Woloshyn and Robert Sandieson, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

• **Farah-Jade Dryburgh**, Master of Science (Biotechnology) student, will present her thesis defence on Friday, Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m. in WH147. The title of her thesis is "The colony development of the insect pathogenic fungus *Metarhizium anisopliae*." Examining committee members are: Myron Smith, Carleton University, external examiner; Rick Cheel, chair; Mike Bidochka, supervisor; Heather Gordon and Adonis Skandalis, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

Remembrance Day service on campus

Brock will host a Nov. 11 Remembrance Day Gathering at 10:45 a.m. in the Walker Complex Courtyard (Red Wall in the Walker Complex if there is inclement weather.) The service will be a time to honour those who have died in war and to reflect on peace. Everyone is welcome.

CCOVI Co-Hosts The Wine Tasting Challenge

In the spirit of friendly competition and wine education, Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute will again be the organizing/auditing body of one of the largest and unique wine competitions in Canada. The event will be hosted at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto on Monday, Nov. 24 with a prize purse in excess of \$100,000 including cash, trips, stemware and scholarships. New for 2008 is the ability for contestants to receive their confidential individual scores. Go to www.winetastingchallenge.com for details.

BUSU goes Parisien for Presidents' Ball

Faculty, staff and students are invited to a "Night in Paris" as part of the President's Ball Friday, Nov. 14 at Isaac's Bar and Grill. The formal dinner/dance is hosted by the Brock University Students' Union, and features cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. and a silent auction from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All proceeds from the auction go to the Spread the Net campaign. Tickets cost \$45 per person or \$80 per couple, and are available until Nov. 13 at tables in the Mackenzie Chown A corridor and the Computer Commons area.

United Way pledge reminder

A reminder to all to complete and hand in pledge forms. This year's campaign is on track to meet the goal of \$96,000; every donation is important towards reaching that goal, and helping the many in need within our local community. Congratulations to the Week 1 incentive prize winners: Pauline McCormack, Margo Carter, Lisa Wilson, Domenic Maniccia, Carol McIntosh and Lynn McCleary. Please check the campaign website www.brocku.ca/unitedway for more details about incentive prizes, and upcoming events, such as the Isaac's Event tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 6 at 12 noon.

Cable program features Brock professor

Charles Burton, professor, Political Science, will appear as a guest on John Storm's *Taking Niagara by Storm* program on Cable 10 Niagara on Monday, Nov. 10 at 6 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. The topic will be Canada's relationship with China.

Used stamps wanted

The Office of International Services is collecting used Canadian and international stamps as part of a fundraising program for OXFAM Canada. Director John Kaethler would welcome any contributions from the Brock community. Stamps can be brought to the office at De Cew residence, R209.

Call for staff representative

Marilyn Rose will complete her term as Dean, Graduate Studies on June 30, 2009. As a result, an Advisory Committee for the Appointment for the Dean, Graduate Studies is being struck to search for her replacement.

Reporting directly to the Provost and Vice-President, Academic, the Dean will provide support for the development of new and dynamic graduate programs at both the master's and doctoral levels in all faculties.

A staff representative is required as a member of the advisory committee. If you are a permanent University staff employee interested in serving on this committee, e-mail Luaine Hathaway at lhathaway@brocku.ca stating your name, department and reason for your willingness to serve.

Grand opening



PHOTO: BERRY ZOLNER

THE MATHESON LEARNING COMMONS was officially opened Sunday, Oct. 26 with special guests from the Brock Community. The building was realized thanks to \$2 million in donations to the University - \$1 million in student donations through the Brock University Students' Union Strategic Expansion Fund, and \$1 million in private donations from Brock faculty, staff, alumni and friends.

As a result of a significant gift from former student Arthur Peltomaa (BA, econ/poli '74), the Matheson Learning Commons was named in recognition of Professor Bill Matheson's important contribution to the growth and success of Brock.

Matheson taught at Brock for more than 30 years in the Political Science Department, while holding various administration titles, including the University's first Vice-President, Academic, and its first Dean of Social Sciences.

Big Ideas nominees announced

Just in time to announce the new batch of nominees for the TVO's Big Ideas Best Lecturer contest, last year's finalists can now be viewed online.

Tim Conley, professor, Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitterer, professor, Department of Psychology were both top-10 finalists whose presentations aired on TVO during the early spring competition.

They can now be found on the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies' website. The videos can be viewed and embedded elsewhere by going to www.brocku.ca/ctlet/words

Announced on Friday, Oct. 31, the finalists from Brock for the fifth annual competition include:

- James Allard, English Language and Literature
- Tauri Caputo, Business
- Santo D'Agostino, Mathematics
- Patrick Ounlert, Business
- Harry Peery, Physical Education and Kinesiology
- Mario Pizzacalla, Applied Linguistics
- Murray Wickett, History
- Phil Wilson, Physical Education

and Kinesiology

Sponsored by TD Insurance Meloche Monnex, the Best Lecturer Competition was created to recognize the best and brightest lecturers at Ontario's colleges and universities. The competition invites Ontarians to nominate professors whose love of learning has helped to stimulate imaginations, open eyes and push boundaries in institutions of higher learning across the province. 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 next stage of the competition invites nominees to submit a tape of their lecture for consideration. Following review of these tapes, 20 semifinalists will be chosen from the nominees. Then, a panel of judges will choose 10 finalists, who will then be invited to deliver complete lectures on TVO's Big Ideas beginning Feb. 28, 2009. Viewers will be invited to grade each of the finalists and cast their vote for Ontario's next Best Lecturer.

For more information, visit tvo.org

Medea takes path of trash-talking TV

A riveting retelling of Euripides' *Medea* takes centre stage next week at the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

This production of *Medea* draws on the clichés of trash-talk TV in a dramatic blend of video, live music and performance, on stage Nov. 13, 14, 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Director Natalie Alvarez presents a disquieting critique of popular media culture and its representations of the tragic. This main-stage production situates the play in a multi-media television studio recording of a daytime talk show. Designed by David Vivian, *Medea* features compelling performances by the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts.

The private-as-public culture of ancient Athens - where personal conflicts and crimes become public in the Assembly and ancient amphitheatres - finds its modern counterpart in the voyeuristic scrutiny of current media culture. The domestic dispute at the core of the play becomes sensational fodder for television cameras, the modern lenses that replace the omnipresent gaze of the ancient gods; the Chorus Leader becomes talk-show host, while the chorus retains its ancient function as an extension of the audience,



passive and complicit witnesses of this tragic story of betrayal and revenge. A surprise musical guest transforms the Chorus' words into chart-topping contemporary rock, bringing us the signature of Niagara's vibrant music scene.

Medea promises to leave audiences with a greater understanding of how revenge, pain and anger can compel one to seek justice on individual terms. For a media presentation, visit www.brocku.ca/dramatic_arts/events0809.html

Tickets are \$12 for adults; \$12 for students and seniors; \$10 for groups, and are available at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, at ext. 3257. The Department of Dramatic Arts' partnership in eyeGo to the Arts means high school students may attend live performing arts through an innovative \$5 ticket program.



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Horizon Utilities has launched an energy conservation program that will be brought to Grade 5 students in Hamilton and St. Catharines in the near future. The program was recently presented to student teachers of Brock's Faculty of Education.

Conservation curriculum unveiled

Get ready for Generation C: They will be strong, determined and will be the ones to step up to the plate and save the world. Did we mention they are only 12 years old?

Horizon Utilities has launched an energy conservation program that will be offered to Grade 5 students in Hamilton and St. Catharines' school boards. Consisting of 10 hands-on modules that adhere to curriculum science standards, students will learn to quantify the amount of energy used and what would constitute an efficient level of electricity. In addition, they will learn to conserve energy in their own homes, with the plan being that

the students develop habits for life.

Brock University Faculty of Education brought Generation Conservation to their classrooms in October, to talk to potential teachers about what the program does and what it will mean for teachers. Professor Kamini Jaipal-Jamani and students participated in several of the modules and were surprised to see just how easy it is to conserve energy.

This positive and empowering program is sure to have both students and teachers interested in conservation in a whole new way, making both science and energy conservation more tangible aspects of every day life.

New chaplain opens door to students

David Galston has a passion for questions. That passion has led him on a lifelong quest for knowledge, and what better place to expand that knowledge than a university.

The ordained United Church minister – officially the Rev. Dr. Galston – joined the Brock staff this September as the ecumenical chaplain, replacing George Addison, who retired. There are two other on-site spiritual leaders, and two others affiliated with the University.

"Academic work is not isolated; we learn new things and it impacts the way we live," Galston notes.

His own pursuit of knowledge has included earning a PhD in philosophy of religion from McGill, a master's of divinity from the Vancouver School of Theology, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Winnipeg. After his formative years as a student, he became principal of Iona College, an affiliate of the University of Windsor.

Life experiences and academic pursuits definitely went hand-in-hand with that posting, he says, since he could be teaching courses in the morning, but washing linens in the evening.

"I ran a Bachelor of Theology program, but I had to do the dishes, too."

After five years, the married father of two entered a ministerial position in Hamilton with Eternal Spring United Church. The congregation is an exploring and questioning group of liberal-minded people who want access to scholarship and teaching, Galston notes. Therefore, the

charge is in the process of being converted to Eternal Spring Learning Centre, and has Galston as a director.



Rev. Dr. David Galston

As a result of his exploration and studies over the years, Galston is a Fellow of the Jesus Seminar and a co-founder of the SnowStar Institute of Religion, which essentially mean, among other things, that he studies the historical Jesus, but does not believe in his divinity. His beliefs come out of honesty and integrity, religious literacy and tolerance, he explains.

"I say my beliefs plainly, because I believe in honesty, in questioning things to gain a better understanding."

As a chaplain, that means he offers himself to students as a counsellor, or just as someone who can listen to their concerns and challenges adjusting to university life. The chaplains aren't there to proselytize or convert, he adds. But that doesn't mean Galston doesn't have other goals in his position.

"I would like to see a progressive, interreligious group for students on campus, and I would like to participate more in academic discussions."

He and his fellow chaplains are also working on a speakers' series for the new year. In the immediate future, they will have a leadership role to play in next week's Remembrance Day Gathering in the Walker Complex courtyard as well. The Nov. 11 event starts at 10:45 a.m. In the case of inclement weather, it will be held in front of the red wall inside the Walker Complex.

Contest a tall order for coffee cups

Paper coffee cups are now compostable at the St. Catharines campus, so to spread the news and get the community behind a new recycling program, the Science Stores staff are starting a contest with a tall order.

The challenge is to register a team with Science Stores, stack and save your cups, and bring them in for measuring. The first three teams to

reach the same height as the Schmon Tower (167 feet) will win prizes.

Teams who are stockpiling cups can bring them in every once in a while to be measured (you don't have to wait until the stack is 167 feet!). After the contest there will be bins throughout the University for recycling.

Science Stores is located in Mackenzie Chown E304, ext. 3407 or 4934.

Mediatalk People in the news

Debbie Inglis, director, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, was interviewed for an Oct. 10 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "South Australian minister extols benefits of partnership with Ontario," in which she discussed possible partnerships related to the wine industry.

Larry Savage, professor, Political Science, appeared as a guest pundit on the CTS program *On the Line with Christine Williams* on Oct. 14. **Savage** was also interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Welland results among the closest in the country," and for an Oct. 21 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Dion making right choice."

Garth Stevenson, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 14 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Time for voters to speak" regarding the 2008 federal election. **Stevenson** was also interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Uninspired contest blamed for low voter turnout."

Matthew Hennigar, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Results didn't match eco-election hype," regarding the 2008 federal election.

David Siegel, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 16 article in the *Niagara Falls Review* entitled "Lowest voter turnout in history," regarding the 2008 federal election. **Siegel** was also interviewed for an Oct. 10 article in the *Dunnville Chronicle* entitled "Independent MP versus Party members."

Paul Hamilton, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for an Oct. 17 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "He has to go: critics," in which he discussed the future role of Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion. **Livianna Tossutti**, professor, Political Science, was also quoted in the article.

John Yardley, managing director, Workplace Health and Research Laboratory,

was interviewed for an Oct. 17 article in *Business Edge* entitled "Integrating health into the company culture," in which he discussed the research related to productivity and health in various work environments.

Terry Judd, Harro Maskow and Robin Patterson, instructors, Department of Dramatic Arts, were interviewed for an Oct. 18 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "In plain view," in which they talked about employing masks in their work with Theatre Beyond Words. The article ran in several newspapers across the country.

Antonia Mantonakis, assistant professor, Business, was interviewed for an Oct. 20 article in the *National Post*, which also appeared in CanWest papers across the country, entitled "Weak economy might bring more gift cards for Christmas," in which she discussed the psychology behind giving and receiving gift cards.

Tony Volk, assistant professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed for an Oct. 22 article in the *Globe and Mail* entitled "Set the scene, get your reasons ready, take a timeout and lay down the law," regarding setting rules for teenagers' video-game consumption.

Ralph Morris, retired professor, wrote a column for the Oct. 23 edition of the *Welland Tribune* entitled "Tern needs a life span," in which he discussed the management activities undertaken to protect the common tern in southern Niagara.

Janet Conway, associate professor, Canada Research Chair in Social Justice, Sociology, had a Letter to the Editor published in the *Globe and Mail* Oct. 27 entitled "Colonialism at its worst," in which she offered reaction to recent comments regarding Aboriginal people and evolution.

Margaret Grove, librarian, James A. Gibson Library, was interviewed for an article in the Oct. 27 edition of the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock learning commons namesake very much alive," on the occasion of the official opening of the Matheson Learning Commons. **Bill Matheson**, retired professor and person for whom the space is named, was also quoted in the article, which also ran in the *Welland Tribune*.

Health, Safety and Learning Matters

Many health and safety training and professional development opportunities continue to be available for staff and faculty. Course and registration details on Focus on Learning at www.brocku.ca/hr/training

- Standard First Aid/CPR and Defibrillator Training, Nov. 10, 11 and 13: Designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life, this course covers a variety of topics from basic to in-depth. The half-day AED portion of the course (Nov. 13) helps to familiarize individuals with the units located around campus and responding to emergencies.

- Positive Space, Nov. 10, 24, 27: Learn about the Positive Space Campaign at Brock and your role in this important initiative intended to help create a campus that is welcoming and free of discrimination.

- RESPECT: How to GIVE it and GET it, Nov. 12, 28: This interactive workshop will introduce Brock's Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy and what it means to you.

- Productivity Training for Outlook 2003, Nov. 12, 19, 26: Recommended for users already familiar with Microsoft Outlook 2003 who want to maximize their proficiency. Time for questions will also be provided. For those wishing to view information on Outlook 2003, Exchange and Outlook Web Access in advance of the workshop, please visit www.brocku.ca/its/exchange/index.php

- "Excel"lent Workshop – Level 1, Nov. 11, 18 or 20: Whether you are a beginner or someone who is looking for tips and tricks for more efficiently and effectively using Microsoft Office Excel, this workshop will provide hands-on experience with an expert trainer covering a variety of topics.

- "Need to Know" Orientation, Nov. 12: Get important and useful information about Health and Safety. Ideal for new hires, CUPE 4207 members or as a refresher for all employees.

- WHMIS & Hazardous Waste Management, Nov. 19: Learn what you need to know about the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System and the Hazardous Waste Management System here at Brock. An important workshop if you work with or near hazardous materials.

- Standard First Aid/CPR RECERTIFICATION & Anaphylaxis Rescuer, Nov. 21: Lifesaving Society First Aid/CPR certificate holders are required to recertify every three years. Participants must bring proof of certification. Also learn the prevention, risk management, recognition and treatment for anaphylaxis, including how to use an auto-injector (EpiPen or Twinject).

- Wellness Wednesday, Nov. 26: Details to follow. Watch www.brocku.ca/oehs

- Mark Your Calendar... "New Perspectives on Managing Safety" – A Conference for Supervisors is Tuesday, Dec. 2. Program details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

Faculty and Staff

CHEMISTRY

Tomas Hudlicky gave the invited lecture "Total synthesis of natural products via chemoenzymatic and/or new reagent-based strategies: The story of morphine, pancratistatin, and balanolat" at the University of Calgary on Oct. 3; the University of Alberta on Oct. 6; and the University of Western Ontario on Oct. 22.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Jeannette Sloniowski has been invited by the Crime Writers of Canada to be a judge for the Arthur Ellis Award for best Canadian crime novel of 2008.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jon Radue presented "Pssst! I want to buy your expertise, but cheaply: Current Concerns on Contract Cheating" together with Troy Brooks, Academic Integrity Officer; and "Plagiarism Protection: Working in an Uncertain Environment" at the Annual International Conference on Academic Integrity, Clemson University at Myrtle Beach, S.C., Oct. 16 to 18.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Evangelia Tsiani presented the work "Resveratrol ameliorates high insulin-induced insulin resistance in skeletal muscle cells by Regulating mTOR and p70 S6K Phosphorylation," co-authored by students **Brandon Faubert** and **Toran Sanli**, at the European Association for the Study of Diabetes Annual Meeting in Rome, Italy, in September.

Paul LeBlanc and his student **Leslie Stefanyk** presented the work "Phospholipid fatty acid composition of skeletal muscle sarcolemmal and t-tubule membranes" and won the Master of Science Poster Presentation Award at this year's annual Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology conference in Banff, Alta., Oct. 15 to 18.

HISTORY

Elizabeth Neswald presented a paper on "The Experimental Subjects of Nutritional Physiology" at the Science and Technology Studies Research Seminar, York University, Toronto, on Oct. 14.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Sandra Beckett gave a keynote address "Crossover Fiction and Border Crossings in a Globalized World," at the IBBY Ireland Conference, "Green Gables to Globalization: Crossover, Canada and Children's Books" in Dublin on Oct. 18.

NURSING

Lynn McCleary co-authored the paper "Nursing careers in gerontology: Developing recruitment strategies," given by Veronique Boscart at the international conference Nurses: The Solution to Health Care Transformation in Beijing, China, on Oct. 21.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Garth Stevenson presented the paper "Canadian federalism and the search for accommodation of Quebec nationalism" at a workshop, jointly sponsored by the Quebec Studies Program at McGill University and the Institute on Quebec Studies at the State University of New York in Plattsburgh, in Montreal on Oct. 17. The workshop will lead to the publication in 2010 of a textbook on Quebec to be used in both Canadian and American universities.

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Events

Department of Biological Sciences: Fall seminar series.

All seminars are held on Fridays at 2:15 p.m. in MC H313.

• Friday, Nov. 7: Dr. Joel Levine, Department of Biology, University of Toronto at Mississauga, "Love stinks: Social group affects gene expression, communication and mating in *D. melanogaster*." Host: Joffre Mercier.
• Friday, Nov. 14: Dr. Marie Elliot, Department of Biology, McMaster University, "Development of the multicellular bacterium *Streptomyces coelicolor*." Host: Alan Castle.

Department of Classics: In association with the Archaeology Institute of America Niagara Peninsula Society, presents a public lecture series on archaeology. Unless otherwise noted, all lectures take place Sundays at 3 p.m. in Academic South 215. Free admission.
• Sunday, Nov. 9: Professor Jodi Magness, Kenan distinguished professor, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will speak on "The Archeology of Qumran and the Dead Sea Scrolls."

Department of Classics: In association with the Classical Association of Canada present Mark Golden, Professor of Classics, University of Winnipeg, in a public lecture entitled "Oedipal Complexities: Growing up Fatherless in Greece and Rome" on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Academic South 202.

Canadian Federation of University Women: Welland and District, will meet Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Cordage Retirement Residence. The topic "Females in the Wine Industry" will be presented by Lydia Tomek from Hernder Estate Wines. New members and interested women welcome. For information call 905-892-6535.

SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Dramatic Arts

• Nov. 13, 14, 15: *The Medea of Euripides*, the controversial playwright of the Classical Age of Athens, receives a suitably investigational staging that re-imagines the play in a modern milieu. Directed by Natalie Alvarez, designed by David Vivian, and with performances by the students of the Department of Dramatic Arts, this production situates the play in a multimedia, television studio recording of a daytime talk show. Held in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, 7:30 p.m. For tickets contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257 or e-mail: boxoffice@brocku.ca

Department of Music

Music@Noon

• Tuesday, Nov. 11: Recital: Voice students, Concordia Seminary Chapel.
• Tuesday, Nov. 18: Recital: Instrumental students, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Choral Series

• Sunday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m.: "Autumn Song" with Avanti Chamber Singers. Music by Mozart, Fauré, Duruflé and Schütz, as well as Canadian composers Willan, MacGillivray, Rogers and Niagara's own John Butler. St. Barnabas Anglican Church, 33 Queenston St., St. Catharines. Adults \$20; seniors \$15; high school eyeGo \$5; children younger than 12 free.

Department of Visual Arts

Exhibits

• Nov. 17 to 28, 2008: VISA Comics: An Exhibition of Graphic Novellas presented by VISA 1P96 Foundation Classes. The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Guest Speaker Series

• Friday, Nov. 7: Dianne Bos, Artist talk: A Brief History of the Camera Obscura, the Pinhole Camera and the Photobased Work. 12 noon, Room GLN 162.

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November 2008

In Good Company's Production of God's Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; Jolly Black, Nov. 20; Kaha:wi Dance Theatre: A Story Before Time (DSH Theatre), Nov. 22; John McDermott with Eric Bogle (at 2:30 p.m.), Nov. 23; Logicaltramp: The Spirit of Supertramp, Nov. 26.

December 2008

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC - Back in Black, Dec. 4; Franklin's Family Christmas Concert (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 6; Christmas with The Celtic Tenors (at 2:30 p.m.), Dec. 7; The Winter Dance Party! - The Music of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, Dec. 10; Michelle Wright: I'm Dreaming of a Wright Christmas Tour 2008, Dec. 11; One Night in Havana, Dec. 17.

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. Opening reception Saturday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. 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 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 Nov. 8 to Nov. 1, 2009. Opening Reception: Saturday, Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. Artist Talk: Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. 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 rearrange her collection.

Classifieds

Wanted: housing for Brock couple for May to August 2009. Non-smokers, no pets, no children. Close to Brock preferred. Call George at 905-650-1898.

For Sale: 2004 Oldsmobile Alero, fully loaded, two-door coupe, sunroof, great condition, approximately 80,000 km, maroon colour. \$10,000 or make me an offer. E-mail tml_fan_01@hotmail.com

For Rent: ideal for faculty or staff, nice townhouse close to Brock, Thorold area, 31 Devine Cres., available Dec. 1 for five months at a reasonable rate. Call 905-934-5991.

International Education Week offers many events across University

Brock celebrates the spirit of co-operation and collaboration on a global scale next week in the form of International Education Week.

The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada's 92 members will join universities and educators from 85 countries around the world to mark the fifth annual event highlighting the key role international education plays as Canadians look to acquire the experience and skills they need to live and work in today's increasingly global society.

Promoting Global Citizenship is the theme for Canada's 2008 International Education Week, running Nov. 17 to 21.

Events taking place all week at Brock include:

- "This is My Home" and "Home Away from Home" international photo exhibitions (also featuring winners of International Services Photo Contest), displayed all over Campus, at many different locations

- "MedPlus in Peru Photo Reflection" and "The Big Guide to Living and Working Overseas Online" displays in the Career Resource Center in the Matheson Learning Commons

- Try some of our delicious international menu options at the DeCew and Lowenberger dining halls, as well as Tower Café and Walker Complex, sponsored by Brock Dining Services. Special events before and during the week include:

- *Medea*, Department of Dramatic Arts (see Event Listings), Nov. 13 to 15.

- 10,000 Villages Fair Trade Sale will be in The Gallery, Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, until Nov. 7.

- Exchange Information Fair, Thursday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sankey Chamber.

- "Assessing your International IQ," presented

by the Office of International Services, Monday, Nov. 17, DeCew 208, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

- Gateway to India, Study, Research and Learning Opportunities, Sankey Chamber, 11 to 1 p.m., by Jaspreet Bal, Students for Development Intern.

- "The Art of Crossing Cultures," Tuesday, Nov. 18, presented by the Office of International Services, International Workshop, DeCew 208, 3 to 4:30 p.m.

- "Celebrating World Flavours," Wednesday, Nov. 19, with Celebrity Chef Hari Nayak, internationally renowned chef and food writer. His signature style of cooking is "Modern Indian Cooking," featuring lunch at DeCew and dinner at Lowenberger dining halls.

- "China Day" in the Sankey Chamber, Thursday, Nov. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring performers and speakers who will share their China experience. Same day: Chinese cooking demonstration. Sign up at International Services, DeCew 209.

- "International Snack Food Festival" Friday, Nov. 21 in Mackenzie Chown A Block, Walker Complex, and East Academic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Snacks are \$1 each, from such places as China, France, Latin America, Scotland, South Asia and more.

International Education Week activities are organized by Brock International and the Office of International Services with the collaboration of Campus Store, Career Services, Community Connections, Dining Services, ESL Services, International Market Development and Human Rights and Equity Services.

The International Education Week official website, www.iew-sei.ca/, provides valuable resources on international education, information on getting involved and a list of the week's events.

Brock hosts Two Days of Canada

Brock plays host to its 22nd annual Two Days of Canada conference tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 7. The theme of this year's interdisciplinary conference is the development of media in Canada and their effects on culture and politics.

The way people communicate has always been important to Canadian society, even before Canada was a country. Newspapers, the telegraph, movies, radio and later television all had significant impacts on how people spoke to one another, created communities and crafted a common culture.

Brock's Centre for Canadian Studies pairs with another unit to host Two Days of Canada and the second unit typically selects the theme, according to Russell Johnston, associate professor and chair, Communications, Popular Culture and Film. This year, the second unit is not a department, but an informal group of scholars linked by the Canadian Media History listserv established by Gene Allen, associate professor of Journalism at Ryerson University.

Thomas Walkom, national affairs columnist for the *Toronto Star*, will deliver the keynote address on Thursday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Pond Inlet. Walkom completed his PhD dissertation on the transformation of the Canadian press in the 1890s from a political press to an advertising-oriented medium following the growth of national advertising. His address will

speak to the continuing relevance of media history in understanding the role of the mass media in our contemporary world.

The conference's opening session Thursday will showcase the History of the Book in Canada/Histoire du livre et de l'imprimé au Canada project. This three-volume bilingual work charts the history of the printed page in Canada from its beginnings to 1980 and is a model for collaborative and multidisciplinary research in the field of media history. Professor Patricia Fleming, University of Toronto, and Professor Carole Gerson, Simon Fraser University, who were members of the six-person editorial team, will share their vision and insights at this lecture, which takes place from 9 to 10:15 a.m. in Pond Inlet.

Other papers to be delivered at the conference will look at such topics as the Catholic Church's response to mass media in the 1950s; adaptations of Anne of Green Gables; the first hockey broadcasts in Canada; and how the local press covered the hippy scene in 1960s Toronto.

Two Days of Canada is open to everyone and is co-hosted by the Centre for Canadian Studies at Brock University and the Canadian Media History listserv.

For more information and the conference program, visit www.brocku.ca/canstudies/2days – or contact Johnston at ext. 3154, or e-mail russell.johnston@brocku.ca



Pop culture lecture features film scholar

The Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture program will host the 2008 Popular Culture Lecture, presented in association with the Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film, the Brock University Film Society, and Canadian Studies.

On Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. in AS 217, Canadian film scholar Stephen Broomer will screen a restored print of John Hofsess' acclaimed experimental film, *Palace of Pleasure* (1968). The Boston Avatar hailed the film as "a masterpiece... the finest experimental film in two generations" at the time of its release, and it has played at the Museum of Modern Art and the National Film Theatre of London.

The screening will be accompanied by a presentation by Broomer on the film's controversial production history and its position in the Canadian experimental film canon. Admission is free, and everyone is welcome to attend. For information, contact Amanda Bishop at ext. 3553 or e-mail amanda.bishop@brocku.ca

Columnist Dyer to speak at Brock

Canadian journalist Gwynne Dyer will be presenting a public lecture at the David S. Howes Theatre at Brock on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at 8:30 p.m. Based on his soon-to-be released book, *Climate Wars*, Dyer will present what Random House Publishers calls a "terrifying glimpse of the none-too-distant future, when climate change will force the world's powers into a desperate struggle for advantage and even survival."

Dyer has worked as a freelance journalist, columnist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs for more than 20 years, but he was originally trained as an historian. Born in Newfoundland, he received degrees from Canadian, American and British

universities, finishing with a PhD in Military and Middle Eastern History from the University of London. He served in three navies and held academic appointments at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst and Oxford University before launching his twice-weekly column on international affairs, which is published by more than 175 papers in some 45 countries.

Dyer's presentation is sponsored by the Faculty of Social Sciences and is open to the public. Admission is free, but tickets are required and may be obtained from the Brock Centre for the Arts by calling ext. 3257. For more information, contact Thomas Dunk, dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, at ext. 3425.

Earth Sciences has strong showing at GSA

Brock's Department of Earth Sciences was well-represented for The Geological Society of America (GSA) Annual Meeting, held this year in Houston, Texas from Oct. 4 to 9 with attendance in excess of 10,000.

Professor Uwe Brand organized and lead a technical session entitled: "T35: Paleozoic oceanographic and climate changes: evidence from seawater geochemistry and sedimentology records." The session attracted contributions from Japan, China, Germany, Russia, Ukraine, United States and Canada, eliciting 32 presentations.

Professor Francine M. G. McCarthy attended several business meetings in her capacity as past-president of the American Association of Stratigraphic Palynologists – The Palynological Society (AASP).

The department's faculty and graduate students and their co-authors, who come from industry and national-international academia offered the following presentations:

- Lisa A. Neville, Francine M.G. McCarthy, Michael D. McKinnon, Patricia Marlowe:

"Thecamoebians (testate amoebae) as proxies of ecosystem health in Oil Sands lakes and wetlands."

- Manuel A. Paez, Martin J. Head, Hildegard Westphal: "Long-Term Sea-Level Variations and Diagenesis Recorded on a Miocene Subtropical Carbonate Platform as Evidenced by Palynological Data, ODP Site 1007, Bahamas."

- Francine M.G. McCarthy: "Late Cenozoic climate change and organic sedimentation – positive feedback promoting ice sheet growth?"

- Uwe Brand, Karem Azmy, Ganganq Jiang, Xinqing Lee. Global Tethyanic and Givetian Seawater Records: "An Amelioration of Faunal Realms, Climatic Conditions and High Levels of Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide."

- Rosemarie E. Came, Uwe Brand, Weifu Guo, Jan Veizer, Karem Azmy, John Eiler: "Application of Carbonate 'Clumped Isotope' Thermometry to Marine Brachiopods from Icehouse and Greenhouse Periods in the Paleozoic Era – Preliminary Results."

Leadership event a new perspective

As a supervisor, director, chair or dean you already know the benefits that successful teamwork can bring to the University. Certainly, the vast majority of products and services generated by any organization are the outcome of group actions.

Focusing only on the "leader" in leadership disregards how work is actually done and can contribute to workplace toxicity.

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at New Perspectives on Managing Safety. Opening plenary speaker, Dr. John Yardley, President, Metrics@Work, draws on eight years of research at Metrics@Work (formerly Brock's Workplace Health Research Laboratory) to demonstrate what you can achieve with your team, if you (and they) "get it right".

Yardley will also facilitate an interactive workshop designed to explore what front-line leadership looks like in a truly healthy work environment. Complementing the healthy workplace theme, Kim Thompson and John Roberts from Human Resources, Environment, Health and Safety, present details on the Health Management Program being rolled out in 2009. Other workshop sessions are planned. Finally, Chris Boccinfuso from the Ministry of Labour will be the closing plenary speaker, reviewing roles and responsibilities outlined in the legislation and taking questions on their application in an academic environment.

Join your colleagues for a stimulating and thought-provoking day that focuses on your role as supervisor in developing and maintaining a healthy workplace for everyone. The day runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration and program details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

