

Fall Convocation features two ceremonies

More than 800 students will receive their degrees at Brock University's 2008 Fall Convocation, which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 18. The morning and afternoon ceremonies will proceed as follows:

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.

- An honorary degree will be presented to Marilyn Walker, artist, teacher, mentor and award-winning author. Brock is recognizing Walker for her extraordinary contributions, advocacy and support of the arts, and in recognition of her meritorious service to the Niagara and Brock communities.

- All graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates from the Faculties of Applied Health Sciences, Business, Graduate Studies, Humanities, and Mathematics and Science will be conferred.

- Two Governor General's Silver Medals, which are awarded to the students who achieve the highest academic standing at the undergraduate level, will be presented.

- The undergraduate Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal will be presented.

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2 p.m.

- Professor John McNamara from the Department of Child and Youth Studies, will be presented with the Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching, and Professor Maurice Feldman from the Department of Child and Youth Studies and Centre for Applied Disability Studies, will be presented with the Brock University Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity.

- Professor Lissa Paul, Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Education, will address Convocation.

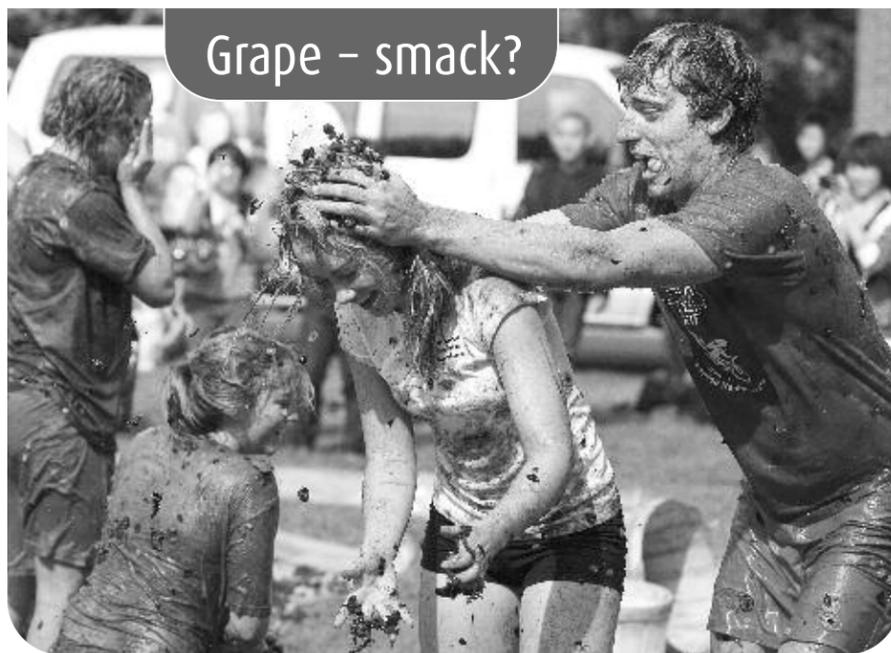
- All graduate and undergraduate degrees and certificates from the Faculties of Education, Social Sciences and Graduate Studies will be conferred.

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The University's fall tradition Brock Days homecoming events included the ever-popular - and messy - Grape Stomp in Jubilee Court Sept. 26. For more on Brock Days, see page 2.

President's Forum puts spotlight on Niagara's economic future

Brock University, in association with Canadian Tire Financial Services, is taking an active role in defining the economic future of Niagara through "A Meeting Of The Minds: President's Forum."

Leaders of the community will be discussing views, concepts, and ideas intended to build a common understanding of what talent is needed to recreate and sustain a diverse economy for Niagara and what strategies will be required to attract and retain this talent.

The forum takes place Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Featured panel speakers include: Jack Lightstone, president, Brock; Marco Marrone, president, Canadian Tire Financial Services; Lisa Neville, president, Brock University Graduate Students' Association; Dennis Parass,

chair, Niagara Economic Development Corporation; Peter Partington, chair, Region of Niagara; and Jody Thomas, president, Brock University Students' Union.

Following the discussions, the speakers will attend a meet-and-greet session.

Those in attendance will have their name entered in a draw to win prizes, including: an iPod; half-credit tuition for students; gift certificate towards continuing education for employees; parking pass upgrade for students; Brock University Alumni wine and cooler bag; Brock University book store gift certificate(s); or pre-loaded Canadian Tire MasterCard (\$100).

Tickets are free, but seating is limited, so those interested must make reservations through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

Biotech pioneer earns top alumni award

Yousef Haj-Ahmad, a pioneer in the biotech industry who strongly believes biotechnology is the way of the 21st century, is the recipient of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award, presented annually by the Brock University Alumni Association.

The award is given to a Brock graduate who has made an exceptional contribution to his or her profession, the community and the University. The award was presented during the University's Black and White Alumni Reunion and Dance, which took place Sept. 20.



The four alumni award winners include, from left: Len Bishop, (BA, '67), Faculty of Education, Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; John Suk, (BSc, '73), Distinguished Math and Science Alumni Award Winner; Anna Lathrop, (BPhEd, '78), Faculty of Applied Health Sciences Distinguished Alumni Award recipient; and Yousef Haj-Ahmad, (BSc, '80, MSc, '82), Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award Winner.

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Senior administration sees changes

Jack Lightstone, president and vice-chancellor, recently announced a number of senior administrative position changes in recognition of the significant growth that has occurred on the Brock campus, and in consideration of the increasingly competitive and complex environment in which the University operates. The position changes reflect the University-wide responsibilities of the respective portfolios.

• Pauline McCormack, Associate Vice-President, Human Resources

Human Resources creates and sustains partnerships that enable Brock University to achieve its vision through innovative and supportive people practices, and through fostering a positive, safe and healthy environment. McCormack, a Brock graduate, joined Human Resources in 1989 and has continued her education through courses at the Industrial Relations Centre at Queen's University. In partnership with the Human Resources/Environmental Health and Safety team, she is responsible for all elements of a large, multi-functional department.

• Joanne McKee, Associate Vice-President, Finance

Responsible for the overall direction and management of the multi-functional customer-service focused Financial and Administrative Services Department. Responsible for the efficient control of all financial activities of the University including budgeting, accounting, financial reporting and analysis, treasury functions, audits and reporting to the Board of Trustees as well as provincial and federal governments. A Brock graduate, McKee is a Chartered Accountant and holds an MBA from Niagara University. Joanne joined Brock in 2002.

• Kim Meade, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Student Services

Student Services is responsible for the Office of the Registrar, Recruitment and Liaison Services, Career Services, Student Awards and Financial Aid, Health Services, Residence Life, Student and Community Outreach, Accessibility Office, International Market Development,

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Alumni Association holds annual meeting

The Brock University Alumni Association held its annual general meeting on Saturday, Sept. 20 as part of the inaugural Alumni Reunion weekend activities during the Brock Days, homecoming and community celebrations. Graduates and Brock friends gathered in the newly built Matheson Learning Commons to meet the 2008-09 board of directors and hear the board report on the past year's activities and outline the priorities for year ahead.

Joining the board for a three-year term will be Katie McClymont (BA, '06), a teacher with the District School Board of Niagara; Marla Portfilio (BA '01), Brock Human Rights and Equity Officer; and Kithio Mwanzia, (BA '07), policy coordinator for the St. Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce. The three additions will bring the total number of directors to 13.

Immediately following the meeting, the board of directors met to elect the 2008-09 executive team. Scott Moore, (BA '01) will assume the role as president, while Stephanie Sugamori, (BBA '00) and Ashley O'Brien, (BA '06) were elected into the vice-president roles.

The Alumni Association is an autonomous organization championed and governed by a volunteer board of directors, and represents the interests of all Brock Alumni, acting as an advocate on their behalf. The goal of the Alumni Association is to continue to add value to a Brock degree, to support alumni in personal and professional development and to help graduates stay connected to the Brock community.

For more information on the Alumni Association and its activities, or to become involved, contact Terry Cockerline, Executive Director, at ext. 4921 or e-mail alumniassociation@brocku.ca

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International Services, Student Development Centre and Campus Ministries. Through collaboration with faculty, staff and students, key initiatives are developed in community outreach, internationalization and mentorship. Student Services is a partner in the Matheson Learning Commons. Meade joined Brock in 2003 and holds a master's degree from Acadia University.

• Martha Nelson, Associate Vice-President, Marketing and Communications

Marketing and Communications is responsible for developing and evolving Brock's brand management strategy and for integrated marketing planning to support the University's strategic and academic plans. Nelson joined Brock in 2007, bringing extensive senior experience in marketing from both the private and public sectors. She is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, has a master's degree from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, and is a Certified International Trade Professional.

• Tom Saint-Ivany, Associate Vice-President, Facilities Management

Facilities Management provides maintenance and operations services, custodial services, campus planning, design and construction services to the University. Brock's ambitious growth plans include the construction of at least three new buildings over the next five years. Saint-Ivany joined Brock in 2005. He is a registered Professional Engineer and a graduate of the Royal Military College.

Brock Days 2008



Brock Days events included, top left: Fine Food, Fine Wine, Fine Arts at Rodman Hall; above: the Tribute! for Ron Gourlay (right), manager, Brock University Students' Union; and left: a enthusiastic showing in the Niagara Wine Festival's grande parade.

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Haj-Ahmad graduated from Brock with his honours BSc in 1980 and his MSc in 1982. He continued his studies, earning a PhD at McMaster University in 1986, but soon returned to Brock and now teaches undergraduate courses in molecular genetics and biotechnology as well as graduate courses in molecular virology and immunology.

In 1998, Haj-Ahmad founded Norgen Biotek Company, which, among its dozen patents, has created a nucleic acid and protein isolation technology used for isolating and purifying DNA and RNA samples. This technology is helping scientists and clinicians around the world to study, identify and treat disease as well as develop new products for use in medicine and agriculture.

In addition to teaching at the University, Haj-Ahmad recruits Brock graduates to work in the Norgen Biotek laboratories, and is involved with the Niagara Regional Science Fair, the FUTURES program, and workshops for local schoolteachers.

The following distinguished graduates, were also recognized by their respective Faculties at the Sept. 20 event:

• Distinguished Mathematics and Science Alumni Award

John Suk of St. Catharines earned his BSc (honours) in biological sciences in 1973. The following year, he began what has become an exceptional career within the pharmaceutical industry, continually working to improve the quality of life/medical health of Canadians.

In 1997, he established a Canadian office for a German-based drug company, out of his basement. Today that company is Oakville-based Nycomed Canada and it has more than 265 employees.

Through Nycomed Canada, Suk also supports many community initiatives, and is involved with many healthcare, scientific, academic and community partnerships for improving the overall health of Canadians. He serves as a member of Brock's Board of Trustees.

• Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

Distinguished Alumni Award

Anna H. Lathrop completed her BPhed (honours) in 1978 at Brock University before completing her MA at the University of Western Ontario (1989) and her EdD at the University of Toronto (1997), further focusing her capacities and interests on physical education and instruction. She is currently a professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology and Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs, in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, and has recently been appointed to the position of Interim Dean for the Faculty.

Lathrop has also received numerous teaching awards, including the Brock University Distinguished Teaching Award, the 3M Teaching Fellowship of Canada Award (2001) and the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Leadership in Faculty Teaching Award (2007-08).

• Faculty of Education Distinguished Alumni Award

The Faculty of Education is pleased to award Leonard Bishop, of Niagara Falls, the inaugural Faculty of Education Distinguished Alumni Award. Leonard holds an MSc in Education from Niagara University and graduated from Brock with a BA in English as part of the University's first graduating class. This Silver Badger obtained his teaching certificate from the St. Catharines Teachers' College and has also completed Additional Qualifications courses at Brock.

Bishop is a retired Director of Education for Superior North Catholic District School Board, where he played a key role in shaping the education of Catholic students across the province and in ensuring students in more remote, northerly communities have access to the best education.

He has also served as Field Experience Coordinator and Faculty Advisor for the Department of Pre-service Teacher Education at Brock, where he helped shape future generations of teachers.

For more information on any of the Distinguished Alumni Award recipients, contact Terry Cockerline, Executive Director, Brock University Alumni Association, ext. 4921; or e-mail tcockerline@brocku.ca

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• The graduate Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal will be presented.

Both Convocation ceremonies will

be held in the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium at the west end of campus.

A reception for graduates, family members and other special guests will be held after each ceremony.

BROCK NEWS READERS:

Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in our recent **READERSHIP SURVEY!** Draw prize winners will be announced in the next issue

Home-grown director picked to lead CCOVI

Debra Inglis, a Brock University professor and resident of Niagara who has been involved in the local grape and wine industry since she was a child, has been chosen as the new Director of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute.

Inglis brings to the position more than 10 years experience in grape and wine research. An associate professor of Biological Sciences, Inglis' research is central to the CCOVI icewine program, which aims to improve icewine quality and guarantee its authenticity on the world stage. Ian Brindle, Brock's associate vice-president, research, appointed Inglis to the post. His decision was backed by the CCOVI Advisory Council, which comprises representatives from the University and the grape and wine industry. He notes that, "Dr. Inglis is an ideal fit for this position because of her intimate understanding of the Institute, Brock University and the Ontario grape and wine industry."

As well as being a CCOVI researcher since joining Brock in 1999, Inglis has taught biochemistry, wine chemistry and microbiology. She has served as Graduate Program Director for Biological Sciences and has been a member of the University's senate.

As CCOVI Director, Inglis will serve a two-year term in which she will be responsible for administration and industry relations, and for developing and instituting a five-year strategic plan for the Institute. "This is an exciting time to be part of CCOVI, as we grow our research and services capacity following the Institute's new governance structure," says Inglis. "We look forward to capitalizing on external opportunities to develop Ontario's wine research cluster and to strengthen Canada's national grape and wine strategy." Recent changes to CCOVI's governance mean that Inglis will report to the associate vice-president, research until January 2009, when a new vice-president, research will arrive at Brock. Inglis takes over the reins of CCOVI from Joffre Mercier, who was acting director from January 2008, in addition to his role as Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science at Brock.



Debra Inglis



Biennial image conference on next week

The fifth biennial Image and Imagery International Conference will be held next week, Oct. 10 and 11, at Brock. Organized by Leslie Boldt-Irons, Corrado Federici and Ernesto Virgulti, all of the Department of Modern Languages, Literature and Cultures, this interdisciplinary conference is devoted to exploring the intersections of visual, textual, and oral modes of artistic expression.

The theme is Re-making, Re-writing, Re-discovery. During the two days,

there will be approximately 85 papers delivered by scholars from Europe, the United States and Canada on a variety of topics related to the conference theme. As well, on Friday evening, Oct. 10, Gyllian Raby and the fourth-year students of Department of Dramatic Arts will present "A Brecht Cabaret" in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

Members of the Brock community are invited to attend. For information and the conference program, go to www.brocku.ca/modernlanguages/

brunch at either the Pillar and Post of Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Watch for details on other upcoming campaign events in the United Way bulletins and on the campaign website at www.brocku.ca/unityday

Packing peanuts free to good home

The Science Stores hopes to avoid sending its packing peanuts to the landfill. A large quantity has been saved and is waiting for a good home with a hobbyist/crafter or anyone else who has a use for them. Visit Science Stores in MacKenzie Chown E304 to pick up.

Judges sought for essay and poster contests

This fall, Youth University launched the second annual Essay and Poster Contest with a theme "Together we are even better: Great things happen when my class is like a community." To help select the winners, Youth U needs judges willing to give between two and four hours of time this week to read or view essays and posters done by Ontario students in grades 5 to 8. No special skills are required. For more information, or to volunteer your time, contact Kate or Ashley at ext. 3120.

Health-related seminars held

Continuing Education is offering three, one-night seminars to all current Brock faculty and staff at a 50 per cent discount. They include:

- **Healthy You! Prostate Cancer:** What you can do for yourself and what your urologist can do for you. Dr. Ian Brown. Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$12.50.
- **Healthy You! Memory: A Users Guide.** Dr. Richard Safranyos. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$12.50.
- **Herbs for Health:** Learn some common herbs, methods of preparation and how they can benefit you and your family. Dr. Tara Clapp Monday, Nov. 3, 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$24.50. Register at ext. 4775.

Brock instructor leads NSO

Brock music instructor and well-known Niagara musician Laura Thomas took the conductor's podium for the season's first performance of the the Niagara Symphony Orchestra after the recent announcement of the departure of long-time conductor Michael Swift.

Niagara Symphony audiences have known Thomas as the principal percussionist with the Niagara Symphony Orchestra since 1985. She became the associate conductor of the Niagara Symphony in 2002, and is the artistic director of Niagara-based chamber choir, Choralis Camerata, as well as the music director of the Niagara Youth Orchestra. Thomas has been instrumental in two of the NSA outreach activities: Summer Music Camp and Composer in the Classroom.

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People in the news

Peter Vietgen, Pre-Service, Faculty of Education, was quoted in the cover story entitled "Class Acts - Our fifth annual survey of Canada's stellar schools," by Sara Bedal for the September "Back to School" issue of *Today's Parent* magazine.

Zopito Marini, Professor, Child and Youth Studies, appeared on *Taking Niagara by Storm* on TVCogeco Niagara Cable 10 Oct. 6 and 8 to talk about bullying. There is still one more chance to watch professor Marini's interview on Oct. 12 at 1:30 p.m.

John Hay, professor, Community Health Sciences, was quoted in a Sept. 23 article, entitled "Why Johnny can't tie his own shoes," in the *Globe and Mail* where he talked about the importance of better understanding and diagnosing developmental co-ordination disorder, or DCD. **Brent E. Faught**, associate professor, Community Health Sciences, is also quoted in the same article talking about children with DCD.

Charles Burton, associate professor, Political Science, was quoted in a Sept. 24 article in the *Globe and Mail*, entitled "Harper commits to China visit." Burton was also quoted in *Sing Tao Daily News* on the same topic Sept. 17 and on OMNI TV *Mandarin Weekend* on Sep. 20.

Pierre Lizée, associate professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a Sept. 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Afghanistan issue

proving divisive," in which he shared his input on Harper's campaign promising to end Canada's combat mission in Afghanistan in 2011.

Michael Armstrong, associate professor, Faculty of Business, has been very busy with an interview for a Sept. 24 article in *Niagara this Week*, entitled "One sweet study," where he talked about his research on comparing the average age of various brands of chocolate bars sold at different retailers and studying how quickly the products get delivered to store shelves, and also with his appeared on CityTV Toronto's *Breakfast Television* on Sept. 19 to talk about his research on chocolate bar supply chains.

Stephen Cheung, associate professor, Applied Health Sciences, was interviewed for a Sept. 19 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Innovation is our future," in which he talked about his research on how heat and cold affect performance. The research of **Veena Dwivedi**, assistant professor, Applied Linguistics, on how the brain processes language was also featured in the article.

Paul Hamilton, associate professor of Political Science, was interviewed for a Sept. 26 article entitled "DiBartolomeo throws in his hat" in the *Port Colborne Leader*, where he commented on Welland's Jody DiBartolomeo running as an independent in the 2008 election.

Diane Miller, associate professor, Business, was interviewed for a Sept. 20 article in the *New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal* entitled "Managing a good company," in which she spoke about change and team conflict in the work place.

Learning Commons home to many workshops, services for students

Just in time for mid-term exams and major essay assignments, several campus groups and services are offering students assistance through literally hundreds of workshops, seminars and individualized services within the Matheson Learning Commons.

With an overall goal of helping the students to help themselves, the Learning Skills program run by the Student Development Centre has found early success with an increasingly visible presence in the Learning Commons.

The services include one-on-one consultation, workshops on topics such as essay writing and exam preparation, and a drop-in centre with blocks of time dedicated to assistance with math and science, biology and chemistry, or essay writing.

"We have Learning Skills instructors, and we have experienced, senior students as peer instructors, so the students feel comfortable coming in for help," noted Jill Brindle, Manager, Learning Skills Services. "They will often go on to form their own study groups after they have had help from us. That's what it's all about: teaching them the skills to study and research more effectively, so they feel more confident."

While Learning Skills workshops and services were previously offered all over the campus (wherever space could be booked), having a central location has boosted the services' visibility and doubled participation, compared to the same time last year, Brindle added.

The consultation room, two classrooms and the Hildebrand Drop-In Centre are all located on the east side of the Learning Commons, providing plenty of light and a comfortable atmosphere that is technologically up-to-date. The drop-

in centre is open longer hours than previous terms, closing at 9 p.m. every weeknight, except for Friday, when it closes at 4 p.m.

These services are all free, but students are encouraged to register ahead at the Library's main reception desk. Still, there is an open-door policy, so that if there is an empty chair at the beginning of the session, a student may come in and participate. And if a student isn't able to make the scheduled time, he or she can recruit three other students and order a workshop.

And since the Learning Commons is located on the first floor of the Library, it makes sense that the Library service also offers a number of workshops aimed at improving student success.

InfoSkills PLUS workshops are designed to help students achieve success in library research and essay writing. This workshop series consists of two core workshops - SMART Start Library and Advanced Information Skills - and a number of electives offered by both the Library and Learning Skills. The workshops teach students effective strategies for library research, how to cite and evaluate sources, and how to avoid plagiarism.

Students who register with Experience PLUS (through Career Services) and take five or more Infoskills workshops receive an InfoSkills PLUS certificate and a record of participation on their transcript. Several of the InfoSkills PLUS workshops are available online at www.learning.library.brocku.ca

For dates, times, and more information, visit the the Learning Skills online at www.brocku.ca/sdc/learning, or the Library website at www.library.brocku.ca

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Mark Kissel**, Master of Education student, will present his thesis defence on Friday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of Mark's thesis is "Transition Into the Teaching Profession: Induction and Mentoring Issues Surrounding Secondary Music Teachers." External examiner: Lindy Zaretsky, Simcoe County District School Board; thesis supervisor: Dr. Coral Mitchell; committee members: Denise Armstrong and Rodger Beatty; chair: Mary-Louise Vanderlee. All are welcome to attend.

• **Lindsay Campbell**, a Master of Arts candidate in the Child and Youth Studies Program, will defend her thesis on Thursday, Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. in Plaza 600F. The title of her thesis is "An Assessment of Autism Knowledge in the Medical Field." Supervisor: Trisha Vause; external examiner: Adrienne Perry, York University; committee members: Maurice Feldman; James Porter. All are welcome.

• **Liang He**, Master of Science student in Computer Science, will defend his thesis entitled, "Properties and Algorithms of the (n, k)-Star Graphs" on Friday, Oct. 10 at 11 a.m. in TH240. External examiner: Selim Akl, Queen's University; Supervisor: Ke Qiu; Committee Members: Sheridan Houghten, Michael Winter, Chair: Brian Ross. All are welcome.

• **Karen Mathewson**, PhD student in Psychology, will present her thesis defence on Monday, Oct. 20 at 2 p.m. in Plaza 600F. The title of her thesis is "Autonomic and Electrocortical Indices of Performance Monitoring and Source Memory Discrimination in Older and Younger Adults." Examining Committee members are: Rick Cheel, chair, examining committee; Julian Thayer, Ohio State University, external examiner; Jane Dywan, supervisor; Panagiota Klentrou, internal examiner; Sidney Segalowitz and Karen Arnell, committee members. All are welcome to attend.

Brock United Way campaign kicks off

Mark your calendars to come and join your fellow co-workers on Thursday, Oct. 16 as we kick off this year's Brock United Way Employee Campaign. The kickoff takes place at 12 noon in the tower lobby. Last year the campaign raised more than \$93,000 to help support those in need within our local community through the St. Catharines and District campaign. This year, we hope to match or even exceed that total.

Raffle tickets will be available at the kickoff for \$5 each, giving the purchaser a chance to win fabulous prizes such as an Urban bike, Trisha Romance print, iPod Nano, an overnight stay at Keefer Mansion, or

Audible signal for pedestrians installed

Audible pedestrian signals (APS) have been installed at the Glenridge Avenue pedestrian crossing to East Academic. APS communicate to persons who are blind or visually impaired that they may safely cross the intersection through both sound (“beep”) and vibration.

Quieter cars, changes in intersection

design and signals have made it increasingly more challenging for those who are blind or visually impaired to safely cross roadways. The system will assist students, faculty, staff, and guests to campus who are blind or visually impaired to safely cross.

It is important to note that pedestrians

must depress the button located on the pole for five seconds to activate the vibration/audible “beep” of the APS.

The APS was installed as the result of a request made to Region of Niagara Traffic Operations by the University’s Office of the Accessibility Co-ordinator and endorsed by the Brock Barrier Free Working Group.

Faculty and Staff

CENTRE FOR APPLIED DISABILITY STUDIES

Maurice Feldman, Director, Centre for Applied Disability Studies, has been awarded the Distinguished Researcher Award, Southwest Disabilities Conference (U.S.A.) and the (Inaugural) Outstanding Researcher Award, North American Coalition for Parents with Cognitive and Intellectual Disabilities. Feldman accepted the awards and presented a keynote entitled, “Recognizing and Supporting Competence in Parents with Learning Difficulties,” Oct. 1 at the Southwest Disabilities Conference, Albuquerque, N.M.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Evangelia Tsiani and her students Toran Sanli and Brandon Faubert presented the work entitled “Resveratrol prevents Muscle FFA-induced Insulin Resistance by regulating mTOR and p70 S6K phosphorylation” at the 68th Scientific Sessions of the American Diabetes Association (ADA) in San Francisco, Calif. in June.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Scott Henderson presented a paper entitled “Getting Personal: Experience, Identity and the Audience in Contemporary Pop Music” at the 2008 Biennial Conference of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music-UK/Ireland, held at the University of Glasgow, Scotland, Sept. 12 to 14.

EARTH SCIENCES

Uwe Brand has been invited to sit on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Geological Research* (Hindawai Publishing Company) and of the *Open Paleontology Journal* (Bentham Open).

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Elizabeth Sauer and co-editor Sharon Achinstein’s book *Milton and Toleration* was declared 2008 winner of the Irene Samuel Memorial Award, Milton Society of America, for the most distinguished collection of 2007.

GEOGRAPHY

Alun Hughes presented a paper entitled “When Onguiaahra became Niagara (and the Mountain became the Escarpment)” at the 23rd International Congress of Onomastic Sciences at York University in August.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

O. Croci and **L. Tossutti** presented “A picturesque place to visit but not a model to imitate: Italy as seen from Canada,” at the XXII Annual Congress of the Societa’ Italiana di Scienza Politica, University of Pavia, Italy, Sept. 4 to 6.

TOURISM AND ENVIRONMENT

Two groups from this department earned \$1,000 prizes for papers submitted to the Niagara Escarpment Commission’s conference, Leading Edge. The first winning paper was by one of last year’s TREN 4F80 project groups: **Kerri Mulder**, **Alison Powell**, **Rebecca Firby**, **Pansie Hudson**, and **Rebecca Rockwell**, on “Legends and Folklore Tourism in Niagara.” Mulder and Powell presented at the conference.

The second winning paper was by **Dave Brown** and his colleague in the Region’s tourism organization, Renato Romanin, on “Digital Discovery and Electronic Explorations: Promoting Sustainable Tourism in the Niagara Greenbelt.” Brown presented the paper.

VISUAL ARTS

Duncan MacDonald and recent graduate **Brian Durocher** travelled to Paris, France to install a

new interactive audio/video environment as part of Nuit Blanche 2008. The work, entitled *l’intrus*, is a collaboration with French artist Emmanuelle Raynaut. Their contribution to this work involves building an interactive environment in which optic, climate, pressure and motion sensors transmit data back to an audio console; this audio soundscape is mixed live with performance and an accompanying video installation. The work was exhibited at Bibliotheque Forney: Hotel de Sens on Oct. 4. For details, see: www.raynaut-intrus.com MacDonald also recently exhibited new work at the Toronto International Art Fair (Oct. 2 to 6) with pm gallery. See: www.pmgallery.ca for details.

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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, Oct. 10: no seminar
- Friday, Oct. 17: Dr. Michael Goodin, Department of Plant Pathology, University of Kentucky, “Plant-virus interactions in living colour.” 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, Oct. 19: Professor Nicholas Cahill, Dept. of Art History, University of Wisconsin, will speak on “Sardis in the Lydian Period: Between East and West.”

School of Fine and Performing Arts Department of Music

Music@Noon
Tuesday, Oct. 14: Recital: Stew Granger, tenor; Dr. Erika Reiman, piano, Sean O’Sullivan Theatre, Brock University. Free community event.

Department of Visual Arts

• Oct. 14 to 31, 2008; Opening reception: Thursday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m.
The Gallery, Sean O’Sullivan Theatre. David Wright, “Selected Paintings”: A selection of large scale oil paintings: Landscapes from the Niagara Escarpment and the Mexican Highlands, Still Life paintings, and Fish Ponds. Free community event.
• Tuesday, October 14, 1 p.m.
Nicole Collins: Artist talk (painting), Brock University, Rm. GLN 162. Free community event.

Centre for the Arts: Brock University’s 2007-08 Professional Entertainment Season continues. All performance start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O’Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. Tickets are now on sale at www.arts.brocku.ca or by calling the Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

OCTOBER 2008

Classic Albums Live: Fleetwood Mac – Rumours, Oct.16; Sho, Mo & the Monkey Bunch (WEE ONES WIGGLE SERIES at 2:30 p.m.), Oct. 19; Arlo Guthrie – Lost World Tour 2008, Oct. 22; Ballet Jorgen: Anastasia (DSH Theatre), Oct. 25; Joe Bonamassa, Oct. 30; William Joseph with special guest Lily Frost, Oct. 31.

NOVEMBER 2008

In Good Company’s Production of God’s Middle Name (DSH Theatre), Nov. 15; SQUID Precision Drumming: The Evolution, Nov. 19; Jully 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.

CFUW: Oct. 18: 38th Annual Book Sale of Canadian Federation of University Women Welland & District Chapter will be held at the Niagara Regional Exhibition Grounds, 1100 Niagara St., Welland, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Great bargains on books, CDs and DVDs, children’s books, games, and special collections. Proceeds to university scholarships for female graduates of local secondary schools and to local charitable organizations. To donate items, call 905-732-1509, 905-892-9360, 905-892-3828.

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For sale: 2000 SATURN LS Wagon, silver, grey interior. 227,000 km. Good running condition and only one owner. E-tested in 2007. \$2,000 as is or \$2,500 w/safety. Call Bernie at 905-892-2033 .

Brock professor earns Spirit of Ontario Award honouring Italian Canadians

A commitment to engaging the Italian community through his work as a professor of modern languages has earned Ernesto Virgulti a Spirit of Ontario Award.

The National Congress of Italian Canadians (NCIC) – Ontario Region presented the Spirit of Ontario Awards to eight individuals last week during a ceremony in Hamilton.

Established in 2007, the Spirit of Ontario awards recognize and pay homage to Italian Canadians residing in Ontario, who have made a significant contribution and a positive impact in the areas of research and innovation, academia, social justice, community service, science, education, business and entrepreneurship, and the arts.

Virgulti was honoured in the category of Academia for exceptional academic achievements inside and outside the classroom.

“His in-class skills and ability to stimulate students to think creatively and critically, and the innovation he demonstrates in his research, demonstrates people-centred teaching excellence and cutting-edge research,” noted Rosemary Hale,

Dean, Faculty of Humanities.

Hale added that his work in the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures has contributed significantly to the department’s Italian studies program, which aims to help students develop written and spoken competence in the language and introduce them to the rich and vast world of Italian culture.

“We are very pleased for him and proud of his accomplishments,” added Leslie Boldt-Irons, department chair, Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, noting he has made long-standing contributions to the local Italian community as well.

The NCIC Ontario is the umbrella organization representing more than 800,000 Italian Canadians living in Ontario. Since 1974, the NCIC – Ontario Region has been the voice of hundreds of community organizations, cultural clubs and associations on issues pertaining to citizenship, cultural endeavours and community leadership.

The NCIC-Hamilton District received approximately 40 nominations from both the Greater Hamilton and St. Catharines-Niagara areas.

Thank you for a nice retirement get-together

A sincere thank you for all the good wishes and comments of congratulations on my retirement after 32 and a half years as the University’s photographer.

Your attendance at the get-together and

the many comments I have received mean a lot to me as I start this next chapter of my life. I have not put away the camera – I have just started capturing different images!

Divino Mucciante



T-shirt challenge

The Campus Store is challenging the Brock community to purchase 1,000 T-shirts as part of a fundraiser and awareness campaign for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The shirts are available for \$10 each throughout the month of October. Early buyers and store staff gathered outside the Campus Store Oct. 1 to show off their fundraising spirit.

Taking teaching and learning abroad

Anyone who has dreamed of being a teacher looks to the day when they enter the classroom, sharing the exciting gift of learning with their students. For a select number of Pre-service Teacher Education students, this day will soon come – with a twist. Sharon Abbey is taking a group of students to South Africa to gain international teaching and cultural experiences.

This trip is not Abbey’s first, as she and Professor Kathy Rose supervised a group of 11 students who made the four-week trip in the spring to complete their practicum requirements in schools in Athlone Township.

For many students, the South African education system was challenging and frustrating. As the practicum progressed, the teacher candidates began understanding that there were obvious contrasts between

Ontario students and the children they were teaching.

Time spent outside the classroom touring museums and geographic points of interest, experiencing a safari and working at the Ncedelunta Orphanage gave additional insight into the richness and resilience of South Africa’s people, and helped students understand the importance of a broad awareness of global perspectives.

An information session for those interested in more trip details was held yesterday, Oct. 6, and another will be held tomorrow, Oct. 8, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Hamilton Campus room 17.

Abbey and Rose will share photos and stories in order to elaborate on what students can expect from this life-enriching experience.

McCall MacBain featured in D. G. Willmot Lecture

John H. McCall MacBain, Chairman of the European Climate Foundation and President of the McCall MacBain Foundation has been named the Brock University Faculty of Business Distinguished Leader for this academic year.

The Niagara-born international philanthropist and entrepreneur will deliver his presentation titled “Sustainable Progress: Climate Change, the Economy and Development” as part of the D.G. Willmot Lecture Series on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O’Sullivan Theatre. Admission to the presentation is free, however, tickets must be ordered through the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257.

The Distinguished Leader Award was established by the Faculty of Business to honour leaders from the business community who have made significant contributions.

“Mr. McCall MacBain’s leadership through his foundation work is truly inspirational to all Canadians,” noted Barbara Sainty, Interim Dean, Faculty of Business.

Health, Safety and Learning Matters

Along with the beautiful colours of fall, October brings a month jam packed with health and safety training and professional development opportunities for staff and faculty. Visit Focus on Learning at www.brocku.ca/hr/training to register for any of these sessions.

- “Need to Know” Orientation, Oct. 8 (today!): Get important and useful information about Health and Safety at Brock and how it affects you as an employee.

- RESPECT: How to GIVE it and GET it, Oct. 9, 17 and 28: This interactive workshop will introduce Brock’s Respectful Work and Learning Environment Policy and what it means to you. Define a respectful work and learning environment and learn the tools and techniques for creating one!

- Intro to Outlook, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31: Learn how to use Brock’s new feature-rich e-mail, calendar, and contact management systems.

- Due Diligence: “Need to Know” for Supervisors, Oct. 15: Get important and useful information about Health and Safety at Brock and how it affects you as a supervisor.

- Standard First Aid/CPR and Defibrillator Training, Oct. 20, 21 and 23: Designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life. The half-day AED portion of the course (Oct. 23) helps to familiarize individuals with the units located around campus and responding to emergencies.

- Personality Dimensions, Oct. 21:

Personality Dimensions® is a new interactive human relations and communications process that enhances and leads to improved teamwork through an understanding of what motivates behaviour and an acceptance of the value each person brings to a work group.

- Wellness Wednesday: Easy Effort Enhancement, Oct. 22: Brian Ker from Recreation Services joins us to discuss and demonstrate adding quality without quantity to your physical activities.

- Positive Space, Oct. 22: Learn about the Positive Space Campaign at Brock and your role in this important initiative intended to help create a campus that is free of discrimination.

- Safe Lifting and Material Handling, Oct. 29: A “back” to basics course of benefit to all on preventing injuries from moving and lifting.

- “Excel”lent Workshop - Level 1, Oct. 30, Nov. 11, 18 or 20: More efficiently and effectively use Microsoft Office Excel with provide hands-on experience with an expert trainer.

Keep the following dates in mind as we look ahead for the rest of the term:

- Nov. 3 – Health Fair
- Nov. 5 – Take Our Kids to Work Day
- Dec. 2 – Supervisors’ Safety Conference

Watch for details at www.brocku.ca/oehs

TVO’s Big Ideas deadline nears

TVO is once again asking students and alumni from the province’s colleges and universities to have their say for Big Ideas, TVO’s televised lecture series, through the TVO Big Ideas Best Lecturer Competition. Created to recognize the best and brightest professors in Ontario’s post-secondary school system, the Best Lecturer Competition invites Ontarians to nominate professors who have shown exemplary commitment to their subjects and students.

In 2008, Brock was the only institution with two professors in the top 10 finalists, Tim Conley, from the Department of English Language and Literature, and John Mitterer, from the Department of Psychology. The nomination period has already opened, and concludes this Sunday, Oct. 12, giving Brock faculty, students and alumni just two and a half more weeks to promote the nomination period within their groups, school clubs, associations and communities. Nominating a lecturer can be done by sending an e-mail to bl@tvo.org with the subject line “BL 2009 Nomination” and including in the body the full name of the professor, the University/College and department where they teach, a short description (between 50 and 100 words) detailing the reason(s) a professor should be nominated as Best Lecturer, and the full name, e-mail, address and telephone number of the person submitting the nomination; or by texting PROF to 333111 on a mobile device. After submitting the nomination form, a TVO producer may respond by e-mail for more details. As an added incentive to support their school, each nominator will be entered in a contest to win one an iPod Touch.

For information, visit: www.tvo.org/bestlecturer