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

Distinguished Canadians and faculty to be recognized at Fall Convocation

Brock University will bestow honorary degrees to two notable Canadians at the 2005 Fall Convocation ceremony being held on Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m.

This year, Brock takes great pride in awarding honorary degrees to the two chief executives and co-founders of War Child Canada: **Dr. Samantha Nutt**, Executive Director; and **Dr. Eric Hoskins**, President, in recognition of their contributions to Canadian public life and distinguished humanitarian service around the world.

The convocation ceremony will be held in the Walker Complex at the west end of campus, in the 23,000-square-foot Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium. An outdoor reception for graduates, family members and other special guests will be held after the ceremony.

The University will also recognize two distinguished faculty for their contributions to teaching, research and creative activity as part of the Fall Convocation ceremonies.

The annual Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award will be awarded to **Professor Ernest Biktimirov** of the Department of Finance, Operations and Information Systems, in the Faculty of Business; and this year's recipient of the Distinguished Research and Creativity Award is **Professor Tomas Hudlicky** of the Department of Chemistry, from the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences.

Stay tuned to the next issue of Brock News and the "News" section of the website — www.brocku.ca — for more in-depth profiles and biographies of this year's distinguished honourees.



More than 75 grape growers, wine makers, students from Brock University's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), and sommeliers toured five Niagara vineyards on Sept. 7 to participate in technical workshops and discuss issues facing Niagara's growers. The tour was part of the Triggs International Premium Vinifera Series at CCOVI. Participating in the tour, from left to right, were Donald Ziraldo, President, Inniskillin Wines Inc.; Gerald Klose, Vineyard Manager, Inniskillin Wines Inc.; Elaine Triggs, Owner and Manager, Delaine Vineyard, and lecture series co-founder; David Jordan, a New Zealand viticultural expert who delivered the keynote address at the primary public lecture on Sept. 8; and Isabelle Lesschaeve, Director of CCOVI.



Mark your calendar and plan to be part of the Brock Days tradition as the University holds its annual Community and Homecoming Celebration on September 23, 24 and 25.

Brock Days is held in partnership with the Niagara Wine Festival.

For more information visit:

www.brocku.ca/brockdays

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All are invited to the official Brock Days Kick Off on Sept. 23, beginning at noon in Jubilee Court. Enjoy a free performance by The Caverners, a BBQ for \$2 and a grape stomp. Tickets for the BBQ are available at the Welcome Desk in the Tower Lobby. The celebration will continue into the evening when Brock's Centre for the Arts will present a sold-out performance of Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon - note for note, cut for cut. End the day with the Alumni Pub Night at Isaac's starting at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.

On Saturday, Sept. 24, reconnect with fellow graduates, your favourite professors and the Brock Community at Montebello Park. Enjoy the wine seminars hosted by Brock and *Vines Magazine* or take a break at the Brock Café. There are lots of activities, giveaways and reunions planned for the afternoon.

For information on any of the events listed, please visit: www.brocku.ca/brockdays

Brock University Film Society

(BUFS): BUFS announces its 12th season of bringing the latest in international and independent films to St. Catharines, in partnership with the Toronto International Film Festival. Films are screened every Sunday evening in the David S. Howes Theatre at 7 p.m.

Annual BUFS membership is \$22; two for \$40. Membership provides reduced admission of \$6 to each screening and a reduced parking fee of \$3. Members receive discounts from numerous local sponsors. Non-member admission for individual films is \$8. Non-member parking (pay lot D) is \$5. Memberships may be obtained at the door or from the Box Office, Centre for the Arts, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

BUFS 2005 Fall Schedule (September to December 2005)

Sept. 25 - *Sabah* (Ruba Nadda, Canada, 2005, 90 mins.) An interracial love story of wide international acclaim.

Oct. 2 - *Born into Brothels* (Zana Briski and Ross Kauffman, India/USA, 2004, 85 mins.) Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. This screening will be a fundraiser for Red Cross HIV/Aids Appeal.

Oct. 9 - Thanksgiving - no screening.

Oct. 16 - *Lost Embrace* (Daniel Burman, Argentina/France/Italy/Spain, 2004, 100 mins.) Jury and Best Actor Prizes, Berlin Film Festival. Best Film, Bangkok Film Festival.

Oct. 23 - *The World* (Jia Zhangke, China/Japan/France, 2004, 143 mins.) Set in a miniaturized version of earth (a 114-acre theme park in Beijing).

Oct. 30 - *Mad Hot Ballroom* (Marilyn Agrelo, USA, 2005, 105 mins.) A hilarious look at kids learning ballroom dancing. Co-sponsored by Brock's Women's Studies Program.

Nov. 6 - *Look at Me (Comme une image)* (Agnes Jaoui, France/Italy, 2004, 110 mins.) Cannes Film Festival screenwriting award: Agnès Jaoui and Jean-Pierre Bacri.

Nov. 13 - *Clean* (Olivier Assayas, Canada/France, 2004, 113 mins.) By one of Europe's hot new directors.

Nov. 20 - *Saint Ralph* (Michael McGowan, Canada, 2004, 98 mins.) Nominated for Outstanding Achievement in Direction (Directors Guild of Canada).

Nov. 27 - *2046* (Wong Kar Wai, China/France/Germany/Hong Kong, 2004, 126 mins.) A gorgeous, transcendent love story by the acclaimed filmmaker of *In The Mood For Love*.

Dec. 4 - *Yes* (Sally Potter, UK/USA, 2004, 98 mins.) Starring Joan Allen (*Pleasantville*, *The Upside of Anger*, *The Contender*).

Students travel abroad to promote good governance in developing countries

Two students from Brock will travel to Vietnam and Argentina this September to take part in separate international internships made possible through the new Canada Corps University Partnership Program (CCUPP).

John Martin, a fourth-year Political Science student, will participate in a 14-week internship in Vietnam at the Institute for International Relations within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Hanoi. Martin will study how the country is moving away from past models of politics and foreign affairs.

Martin's internship will result in a research paper of relevant policy recommendations to be shared with the host institution. He will also use his expertise in computer sciences to help improve the Internet skills of foreign-service officers at the Institute. Martin's placement was made possible through the assistance of Professor Pierre Lizée, Department of Political Science.

Erin Kaipainen, a second-year MA Social Justice and Equity Studies student, will be involved in an internship in Argentina for three and a half months with the Habitat Program in the Municipality of Rosario. The Rosario Habitat Program is a seven-year local government project funded by the Inter-American Bank of Development and designed to improve the living conditions of 8,000 families living in shantytowns.

While in Argentina, Kaipainen will work on a project to preserve images through a graphic and written registry of neighbourhood graffiti and street art. She will also conduct interviews with graffiti artists, activists and community members in Rosario to discuss changes to the communities and ways to improve social conditions within the barrios. Kaipainen's placement was secured through the assistance of Centre for Environment faculty member, Professor John Middleton, and the support of Geography faculty member and MA Program Director, Professor David Butz.

Financed by the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the CCUPP is a way for Canadians to work together to promote good governance and institution-building in developing countries. The pilot phase of the program will help foster a new generation of Canadians committed to helping build a safer, more prosperous and more democratic world.

For more information, go to www.brocku.ca, and click on "News."

Coffee for a cause, Thursday, Sept. 22

Enjoy your morning coffee with the proceeds going to the Niagara Region Alzheimer Society. On Thursday, Sept. 22, between 10 and 11:15 a.m., members of the Brock Health and Well-being Advisory Committee will be selling \$2 tickets valid for a coffee and cookie at any Sodexo outlet on campus at three locations around the university. Tickets will be available in the MCA 300 level corridor near the Charles A. Sankey Chamber, the Thistle corridor north/west junction and the AS 200 level corridor outside of the lecture theatres. Tickets will be honoured between Thursday, Sept. 22 and Friday, Oct. 7.

Additional donations are welcome during the week of Sept. 19 to 23 in the HR/EHS office, ST1210 or the Student Awards and Financial Aid Office, ST402. Donations of \$10 or more will be receipted by the Alzheimer Society by including your name and address with your donation. Cheques should be made payable to the Alzheimer Society of Niagara Region. Please help us support this annual campaign! This event has been generously subsidized by Sodexo Catering and the President's Office.

Faculty and Staff

HISTORY

Neil Kennedy and **Mark Spencer** were invited to return as participants in the 10th anniversary session of the International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, 1500 to 1825, Harvard University, held from Aug. 8 to 13.

STUDENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Les McCurdy-Myers co-presented with Jack Dobbs of Mount Royal College, on the topic of "A New CUCCA Electronic Venue for Canadian Counselling Centre CEOs," at the Canadian Association of College and University Student Services (CACUSS) annual national conference, held on June 20, in Kingston, Ont. McCurdy-Myers also began his second year as President of the Canadian University and College Counselling Association (CUCCA) and will sit for the coming year on the CACUSS Executive Board.

SOCIAL SCIENCES

At the annual conference of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada held in Regina, Sask., from Aug. 28 to 31, there were two sessions in honour of **Ken Kernaghan** to recognize the contribution he has made to the Institute and to the field of public administration over the years. The papers presented at the sessions will be collected and published in a festschrift.

David Siegel has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal Canadian Public Administration*.

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Events

Department of Physics presents Dr. Sergei Sharapov, Department of Physics and Astronomy, McMaster University, who will deliver a presentation, entitled "Dirac-like Quasiparticles in an External Magnetic Field: Graphene and D-density Waves," on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, in MC H313. Everyone welcome!

Architecture Week: The Niagara Society of Architects (NSA) invites the community to the premier screening of *Domestic Gems - The Residential Architecture of A.E. Nicholson and R.I. Macbeth 1920-1940*, (St. Catharines' architects who designed many of the admired "character" homes in the Glenridge/Yates Street area) as well as the feature presentation of *My Architect - A Son's Journey*, about the late architect Louis Kahn (www.myarchitectfilm.com) on Friday, Sept. 30, 7 p.m., South Block Room 215. Free admission. For further information, contact gregr@mzeearchitects.com

Classified

Townhouse/bungalow for rent: Riverview Village, condominium complex, 275 Pelham Rd., St. Catharines. 1,200-sq.ft., three bedroom, two bath, private park setting, walkout deck, beautifully maintained and decorated. All appliances, window treatments, cable and water included. \$1,250 plus utilities. Contact Ian or Sandra, 905-988-5589 or 905-328-3387 (cell).

Brock Briefs

Andréa Toepell Scholarship

In July 2004, Brock University lost a valued colleague and a dear friend, Professor Andréa Toepell, to cancer. Andréa's kindness, optimism and enthusiasm for life will serve as a source of hope and inspiration.

A year ago, the Andréa Toepell Memorial Award was established in her honour, providing a scholarship to a Community Health Sciences major who demonstrates scholarly excellence and community outreach.

If you wish to contribute to this scholarship, when you receive the Brock University Faculty and Staff 'Leading the Way' Campaign materials, simply check the 'other' box on the form and write, 'the Andréa Toepell Memorial Scholarship.'

— Anna Lathrop and Colleen Catling

Vaccinations clinics

Hepatitis A and B: Hepatitis is a viral infection of the liver, against which two types, A and B, can be immunized. The vaccine is recommended to those travelling to areas with a high incidence of Hepatitis A and B and to those potentially exposed to blood or body fluids. The Twinrix vaccine is administered in three doses with the first clinic scheduled from 2 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 29. An information presentation is scheduled prior to the clinic at 1:30 p.m. to help answer any health-related questions you may have. For more information or to register, please contact Pat Miller, at ext. 3123, or register online at: www.brocku.ca/hr/training/focus. This clinic is only open to faculty and staff with Green Shield benefits entitlement.

Influenza: Medically recommended influenza vaccinations will again be available to the entire Brock community and the public on Monday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the Ian D. Beddis Gymnasium in conjunction with the Health Fair on a walk-in basis. Please be advised that you are required to wait 15 minutes after your injection.

Science fiction conference

An international conference, "The Uses of the Science Fiction Genre: An Interdisciplinary Symposium," will be held at Brock from Thursday, Oct. 20, to Saturday, Oct. 22. Speakers from all over North America will be presenting on various topics, such as: social ethics and politics; science fiction and philosophy; and the pedagogical uses of science fiction. Canada's own Hugo and Nebula award-winning author, Robert J. Sawyer, will deliver the conference's keynote address on the Friday afternoon, entitled "Science Fiction: A

Advisory Committee – call for submissions

Dr. Maureen Connolly is in the final year of her current appointment as Director of the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) and has indicated that she wishes to stand for reappointment for another term, effective Jan. 1, 2006. An Advisory Committee, comprised of faculty, staff and students, has been created to evaluate the performance of the incumbent.

For this purpose, members of the University's Academic Community are invited to make submissions in writing by Friday, Sept. 30, to the Office of the Vice-President, Academic. All submissions will be edited to remove any information that might identify the writer before they are provided to the Advisory Committee.

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Multidisciplinary Laboratory For Thought Experiments." The conference begins the evening of Oct. 20, and runs all day Oct. 21 and 22. For more information, the conference program and to register, please visit: www.brocku.ca/philosophy/scifi_program.htm, or contact Professor Michael Berman, at ext. 3317, e-mail: mberman@brocku.ca

Rotary International trip to Sweden

Rotary International's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is offering an opportunity for a free trip to Sweden (April/May 2006 – four weeks). This is an opportunity for cultural and vocational exchanges for young professionals, with most costs covered by Rotary International. For program information and application forms, please visit: www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse. Team member application deadline is Oct. 3, 2005. For more information, contact Jean Armitage, GSE co-chair, at 905-934-5576.

Fall perennial exchange

Divide, sort, organize and buy your outdoor plants (sun and/or shade), including ferns, vines, ornamental grasses, shrubs, evergreens, groundcovers, herbs, bulbs, and pond plants at Brock University's Fall Perennial Exchange taking place on Monday, Oct. 3, at 573 Glenridge Ave. (across from the Main Campus – formerly Regional Health Unit.)

• **8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** – Please drop off up to five perennials (in pots, clearly labeled with name and sun/shade preference) to 573 Glenridge Ave., and you will receive a coupon for each plant that you bring to be used at the plant exchange.

• **4:30 p.m.** – Return to 573 Glenridge Ave., to redeem your coupons for your exchanged perennials or to purchase leftover plants after the exchange is complete.

For more information, contact Kristen Smith, Community Services at ext. 3845; e-mail: Kristen.Smith@brocku.ca

A special thank you!

The staff of Youth University and Community Adventure Training Initiatives (CATI) would like to thank the Brock community for their support during our first year of summer educational day camps. The camps were an overwhelming success with more than 455 children registered throughout the summer. A special thanks to everyone who loaned or donated resources and who supported our campers' lemonade stands in support of various charities. For more information on our spring and summer camps, P.A. day camps for kids, and other programs, please visit: www.brocku.ca/youthuniversity, or call Susan McGlynn, Program Manager, at ext. 4380.