

BrockNews

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

Campus roads, parking altered temporarily

Construction of the Plaza 2006 project is about to begin. This 84,000-square-foot building, which will be located immediately east of the Alumni Student Centre, will provide space for an expanded Campus store, classrooms, seminar rooms, computer labs, faculty offices, and research space for the Lifespan Development Research Centre.

The first phase of construction, involving the relocation of buried utility services and the road adjacent to the building, will be underway until mid-August 2005. Upon completion of this work, the construction of the building will start.

As a result of the work underway this summer, some parking and roadway alterations are necessary. Until August 12, University Road is rerouted around the construction site through parking Lot A. The west exit from parking Lot A is temporarily closed and the south exit is available.

Continued construction, however, may result in periodic traffic delays until summer 2006 in order to accommodate the movement of equipment and materials to and from the work site.

For maps illustrating the road closure during construction until mid-August and the proposed final road configuration, please visit the Facilities Management website at: www.brocku.ca/facilitiesmgmt, and click on the links listed under the heading "Plaza 2006 Road Closure."

Chancellor's Chairs for Teaching announced

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) is pleased to announce the first recipients of the newly created Chancellor's Chairs for Teaching Excellence. The recipients include Ernest Biktimirov, Faculty of Business; David DiBattista, Faculty of Social Sciences; and a joint award to Susan Spearey and David Fancy from the Faculty of Humanities.

The Chancellor's Chairs for Teaching Excellence were created to provide successful nominees with the opportunity to undertake a specific, three-year program of research and practice leading to a significant development in teaching, learning, and/or educational technology. Chairholders are individuals who have demonstrated exceptional promise of outstanding contributions to post-secondary teaching and learning and/or have established an exemplary record of achievement in the scholarship of teaching. The award provides recipients an annual support grant of \$5,000 in each of three years.

Atkinson honoured



On June 15, at Rodman Hall Arts Centre, more than 100 community members, friends and colleagues attended a reception in honour of David and Terry Atkinson. It was an opportunity to recognize the Atkinsons for their many contributions to Brock and the community. David Atkinson, President of Brock since July 1997, will leave the University to assume the presidency of Carleton University in Ottawa, effective August 1, 2005. Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama, right, presented Atkinson with a sculpture, entitled *The Courtship*, by Wayne Sky, a member of the Cayuga Nation and Wolf Clan.

Hall of Fame induction



The Brock University Department of Athletics held its 5th Brock Badgers Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on June 18. There were more than 140 in attendance for this special event with many faces of the past, including six former Hall of Fame Inductees. Brock has now inducted 32 athletes/builders and three championship teams since its first induction ceremony in 1996.

Lorne Adams, Director of Athletics, left, and Chris Critelli, Assistant Director of Athletics, far right, congratulate the 2005 inductees, who are standing to the right of Adams: Janice Simmons (BPhEd, '91), Paul Ritchie (BBE, '88), former Director of Athletics Bob Davis, Gord Wood (BA, '93), and Maureen Kelly (BEd, '84; BPhEd, '86).

Important scheduling change

There will be only one issue of Brock News published during July. The July issue will be distributed on Wednesday, July 27. The submission deadline for this issue will be Friday, July 15.

Mark your calendar!

Opening of Term Welcome Event for new staff and faculty will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 31. More details will follow in upcoming editions of Brock News.

Two Associate Deans appointed to the Faculty of Humanities



John Sainsbury

Dean Rosemary Hale of the Faculty of Humanities is pleased to announce the appointment of John Sainsbury as the new Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, Faculty of

Humanities, for a three-year term effective July 1, 2005.

Sainsbury, who joined Brock in 1989, has a notable list of academic and administrative achievements. He is a former Chair of the Department of History, former Chair of the University Promotions and Tenure Committee and a past member of Senate. He is a previous recipient of Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) funding and a council member for the Canadian Historical Association.

Sainsbury's responsibilities include administering three new Master of Arts (MA) programs in Classics, English Language and Literature, and Studies in Comparative Literatures and Arts. He is the new Director for the Humanities Research Institute for which he assumes responsibility for promoting Faculty research.



Corrado Federici

In addition, Hale is pleased to announce the re-appointment of Corrado Federici as Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Curriculum for a three-year term beginning July 1,

2005 and ending June 30, 2008.

Federici is former Chair of the Department of French, Italian and Spanish (currently the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures). His responsibilities extend to student services and curriculum. This entails the investigation and resolution of student issues, the coordination of academic advising, and the supervision of the annual program submissions from the Faculty's departments and centres. Federici also represents the Office of the Dean of Humanities on a number of committees.

"I am delighted that John and Corrado have agreed to accept these leadership roles within the Faculty of Humanities," says Hale. "Their academic and administrative experience will play a pivotal role in advancing the Faculty of Humanities."

Brock Briefs

In Memoriam

It is with regret that I announce the death of William Mears, a member of our Campus Security Service - Commissionaire Complement. Bill has been with Campus Security Services for two years and during that time has been exemplary in carrying out his assigned responsibilities. Bill has been an active participant in campus life and his many friends at Brock will miss him.

- Gary Nicholls, Director,
Campus Security Services

Furniture Fair

The Brock Furniture Standardization Committee would like to invite the Brock community to a Furniture Fair on July 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Pond Inlet. The purpose of the fair is to become familiar with and evaluate current trends in campus furnishings. The fair is open to all, and attendees are encouraged to participate in an evaluation process designed to collect feedback about the furnishings at the fair. For more information, call ext. 5017.

Benedict XVI's vision

David Goicoechea and John Stephenson are currently presiding over an

interdisciplinary and inter-confessional seminar on the work of the 265th Pope, former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, at Concordia Seminary. Meetings will take place throughout the summer and into the fall with a view to preparing for a full-scale conference in the Fall of 2006 on "The Theological Vision of Benedict XVI." Faculty and staff interested in joining the group are asked to contact either David Goicoechea through the Department of Philosophy, at ext. 3315, or John Stephenson at Concordia Seminary at 905-688-7772; e-mail: jstephen@brocku.ca

Sharilyn Ingram named CMA Fellow

The Director of the School of Fine and Performing Arts, Sharilyn Ingram, was named a Fellow of the Canadian Museums Association (CMA) at its recent annual conference in Saskatoon, Sask. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the advancement of museums in Canada and to the work of the Association. It is the highest award bestowed by the CMA. Ingram's contributions to cultural management and excellence in public programs at such diverse institutions as the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Saskatchewan Western Development Museums, and Royal Botanical Gardens were cited, as well as her leadership in national policy and legislation.

Sixth Wellness Conference "Benefit You" a triumph!

You came, you saw and you benefited! A record was set at this year's Wellness Conference with a total of 535 participants thinking, laughing, learning, reflecting, feeling, moving and benefiting. This was the sixth conference organized by Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety. However, it truly takes a community effort to make the day a success.

For their time, effort, ideas and assistance a big conference thank you to: **Centre for the Arts staff** for use of the facilities, lighting, sound and stage expertise; **Communication Services** for assisting speakers with the smart classrooms; **Subcetera staff and Michelle Post** for the goodie bags and the yummy freezies; **Sodexo** for making hundreds of lunches in the wee hours of the morning; **Barley Brae** for adding atmosphere to our lunches; **Custodial Services** for setting up and tearing down; Brock Speakers, both faculty and staff, who engaged in a day of wellness by sharing their knowledge and expertise with the Benefit You participants; and **Benefit You Volunteers** for giving of yourselves to make the day special for others.

To relive your conference experience, go to www.brocku.ca/healthandwellbeing to



Plant expert Tony Post leads an interactive session on clean air plants at the June 15 Employee Wellness Conference.

view our QuickTime slideshow of the day.

We would like to hear from you! A conference evaluation will be available in the next few weeks for those who wish to share their feedback with us. All entrants will have an opportunity to win an \$80 gift certificate to The Keg or a blood pressure monitor.

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Faculty and Staff

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Barry Keith Grant presented a paper, entitled "Kiwi Conventions: New Zealand Cinema and Questions of Genre," at the Film Studies Association of Canada annual conference, Congress 2005, held in London, Ont., from May 29 to 31.

DRAMATIC ARTS

Marlene Moser and **Gyllian Raby** presented a paper at the conference for the Association of Canadian Theatre Research in London, Ont., on May 29. The paper entitled "The Age of Terror and a New McCarthyism: Arthur Miller's profile of citizenship in *The Crucible*," drew on Raby's production of *The Crucible* at Brock in November 2004, designed by David Vivian.

ENGLISH LANGUAGES AND LITERATURE

Elizabeth Sauer presented a plenary presentation, entitled "Of True Religion, Protestant Nationhood, and the Negotiation of Liberty," at the Eighth International Milton Symposium, Grenoble, France (June 2005). She also presented "A 'Renaissance' for Early Women Writers?: Archives, Anthologies, and Editorial Practice" at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for the Study of Book Culture (2005 Congress) in London, Ont. (June 2005). Sauer was also appointed a member of the Editorial Board for *Renaissance and Reformation / Renaissance et Réforme* for 2005-2008.

GEOGRAPHY

Marilyne Jollineau delivered a paper, entitled "Assessing Hyperspectral Data for Mapping Wetland Ecosystems in Southern Ontario," at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association of Geographers. The conference was held from May 31 to June 4 at the University of Western Ontario.

Uwe Brand presented and co-authored the following three presentations/posters at the International Goldschmidt Conference held in Moscow, Idaho, from May 20 to 25: Schmahl, W.W., Griesshaber, E., Neuser, R.D., Pettke, T., and **Brand, U.** (2005). "Brachiopod shell biomineralization: structural and chemical characteristics."

Korte, C., **Brand, U.**, Dickins, J.M., Mertmann, D., and Veizer, J. (2005.) "Latitudinal gradient in $\delta^{18}O$ of Permian brachiopods."

Brand, U. (2005.) "Isotopes in Paleozoic carbonate components: an evaluation of proxies."

MATHEMATICS

Thomas Wolf gave two talks at the 19th annual Symposium on High Performance Computing Systems and Applications held at the University of Guelph, on May 18: "Parallel Computer Algebra Applied for the Solution of Large Algebraic Systems," and "Combinatorial Generation of Monolithic Eyes in the Game of Go." The latter presentation was co-authored with Matthew Pratola, a former Computer Science student at Brock.

Thomas Wolf presented two talks at the Canadian Mathematics Society Meeting from June 4 to 6, at the University of Waterloo: "Integrable Quadratic Hamiltonians on $so(4)$ and $so(3,1)$," presented during the session "Invariant Theory and Differential Geometry," and "Partial and complete linearization of PDEs based on conservation laws," presented in the session "Mathematics of Computer Algebra and Analysis."

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Professor Emeritus **Leonard Rosmarin** organized and chaired an all-day session at the annual meeting of the "Association des professeurs de français des universités et collèges du Canada" which met during the Conference of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Western Ontario on May 29. Rosmarin presented a paper at the session titled "Les Thais d'Anatole France et de Jules Massenet."

Leonard Rosmarin's English translation of Liliane Atlan's French drama, *Les Mers Rouges*, will be presented by the Fringe Festival of Toronto during the week of July 7 to 16, at the Artword Theatre located at 75 Portland St. For more information about the play and performance times, please visit the following website: www.lesmersrouges.com

PHYSICS

Euwe Zijlstra attended the 9th International Conference on Quasicrystals at Iowa State University and received a Young PhD Scientist Award for an excellent presentation, "Negative Valence of Mn in i-Al-Pd-Mn Quasicrystals."

Members from the Department of Physics attended the Canadian Association of Physicists

(CAP) Conference in Vancouver, B.C., from June 6 to 9, where **Christopher Wiebe** presented an invited talk, entitled "Quantum Phase Transitions as Routes to Strange Materials." Brock's Department of Physics will host the 2006 CAP Conference.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Matthew Hennigar presented a paper, entitled "The Same-Sex Marriage Cases and Lessons for Attorney General Independence," at the Canadian Political Science Association's annual conference at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Western Ontario, from June 2 to 4. Hennigar was also a discussant on a panel on "Law as Text."

PSYCHOLOGY

John Mitterer delivered an invited paper, entitled "Ask not what post-secondary education can do for psychology," at the annual meeting of the Canadian Psychological Association in Montreal, from June 9 to 11. The paper marks his 2005 Canadian Psychological Association Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training in Psychology.

Stan Sadava, with his students, attended the convention of the Canadian Psychological Association in Montreal, from June 9 to 11, where the following were presented:

- Sadava, S.W. "Toward an integrated positive health psychology."
- Kelly, T., Sadava, S. and Green, M. "Motives for drinking moderated by sex, living arrangements, social support and age."
- Green, M., DeCourville, N., Sadava, S. and Belicki, K. "Positive affect as a mediator of the relationship between forgiveness and health."
- Snelgrove, P., Sadava, S., and DeCourville, N. "Negative consequences of alcohol use as predicted by drinking patterns, drug use and sex."
- Graduate student Colin Perrier, with Nancy Carter, also presented a workshop entitled "Program evaluation; a perfect supplement to a career in academia."

RESIDENCES

Michelle Griffore-Kempe delivered a presentation, entitled "Alternative Approaches to Discipline," and **Leanne Perry** presented a session "Do you like residence? Check Yes or No," at the 26th annual conference of the Ontario Association of College and University Housing Officers, held at the University of Windsor, from May 29 to June 1.

Jamie Fleming recently completed his term as Chair of the Ontario Association of College and University Housing Officers.

Jen McMillen was an invited presenter on diversity and leadership at the University of Calgary, McMaster University, St. Francis Xavier University, and Sir Sandford Fleming College during the 2005 Winter term from January to April.

Publications

Mitterer, J.O. (2005). "A desire to make a difference." In Lerch, M. (Ed.) *Making a difference: A celebration of the 3M Teaching Fellowship*. Hamilton, Ont.: Council of 3M Teaching Fellows.

Samokhin, K. V. "Paramagnetic properties of non-centrosymmetric superconductors: Application to CePt3Si." *Physical Review Letters*. 94, 027004 (2005).

Samokhin, K. V. and Shirokoff, D. "Phenomenological theory of superconductivity near domain walls in ferromagnets." *Physical Review B: Condensed Matter*. 71, 104527 (2005)

Events

WebCT workshops

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies is offering a series of WebCT workshops commencing in early August. To register, and for information, visit: www.brocku.ca/ctlet or contact CTLET at ext. 3933 or 4734.

- **An Introduction to WebCT:** Tuesday, Aug. 2 (1-4 p.m.), Monday, Aug. 8 (9 a.m.-12 noon), Friday, Aug. 12 (9 a.m.-12 noon), Thursday, Aug. 18 (1-4 p.m.), Monday, Aug. 22 (1-4 p.m.)
 - **Using WebCT:** Wednesday, Aug. 3 (1-4 p.m.), Tuesday, Aug. 9 (9 a.m.-12 noon), Thursday, Aug. 11 (9 a.m.-12 noon), Monday, Aug. 15 (1-4 p.m.)
 - **WebCT Communication Tools:** Friday, Aug. 5 (1-4 p.m.), Wednesday, Aug. 17 (1-4 p.m.)
- Sharing Best Practices in WebCT: Thursday, Aug. 4 (1-4 p.m.), Tuesday, Aug. 16 (1-4 p.m.)

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