

## Board approves updated logo

After months of research and consultation, the Brock University Board of Trustees has chosen to continue using the cameo of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock as the University's registered mark, albeit with an update.

At its meeting on April 28, the Board approved a recommendation to adopt a generational change to the cameo and wordmark as the University's registered marks. The Board also approved a new Graphic Standards Policy that calls for the consistent use of the cameo and logotype in print and new media productions.

"Based on the research conducted, the Brock cameo, a registered mark for over 20 years, is strongly and positively identified with the University," said Brock President David Atkinson. "The modified art addresses concerns raised during the research that the cameo needed to be



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updated in order to show greater detail within the profile of Isaac Brock."

The original Brock logo was approved by the Board of Trustees on March 13, 1984. The generational change of the cameo redefines the original image, in particular the facial profile and uniform, to provide a

stronger recognition of Isaac Brock. The new artwork was developed by Dante Sicoli, the University's Graphic Designer.

Last year, the University's Long Range Planning Committee requested a review of the University's registered marks be undertaken with the help of an independent research company. The in-depth and consultative review process involved external and internal focus groups as well as a web-based survey that attracted more than 1,700 replies. The research was conducted by Fletcher Weir Consulting and Hendershot Research Consultants.

Joan Hendershot, of Hendershot Research Consultants, said the University took the right measures at the outset to ensure that the research process provided reliable data to gauge the affiliation of the cameo from both within and outside the Brock community.

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## New Dean of Education appointed at Brock



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Dr. James Heap

Brock University President David Atkinson is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. James Heap as the Dean, Faculty of Education, effective August 1, 2005.

Dr. Heap comes to Brock from Ohio University, where he is currently Dean of the College of Education. He has extensive administrative experience in education, and has done specialized academic research in sociology and learning organizations. He also served as Professor and Chair in the Department of Theory & Policy Studies in Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto.

"I am exceptionally pleased that Dr. Heap will be joining Brock University," states President Atkinson. "I have every confidence that he will provide the Faculty of Education with exceptional leadership as it moves forward into the future."

Brock's Faculty of Education currently has over 3,000 students enrolled in undergraduate, pre-service, in-service and graduate programs from the Niagara region, the greater Hamilton area, across Canada and the world.

Dr. Heap replaces Professor Sybil E. Wilson, who is currently Acting Dean. The former Dean of the Faculty of Education is Michael Manley-Casimir, who was named Brock's Acting Vice-President, Academic, in January.

## Canada Research Chair combines technology with history

A renowned researcher who utilizes computer technology to study history and other humanities subjects will relocate to Brock University this summer as part of the Canada Research Chairs program.

Dr. John Bonnett will join Brock's Department of History, in the Faculty of Humanities, prior to the start of the 2005-06 academic year. Bonnett comes to Brock from the National Research Council's Institute for Information Technology in Fredericton, N.B. He is also the Chair of the Canadian Committee for History and Computing.

"Brock will certainly benefit from having an outstanding researcher like John Bonnett on campus," said Dr. Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities. "His leading-edge teaching style and unique approach to his discipline will help support research, and academic programs at Brock."

As a Tier 2 Research Chair, Brock will receive funding of \$500,000 over the next five years. Tier 2 positions are awarded to researchers who are acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field.

Few humanities scholars are as passionate about using the computer as John Bonnett. As a digital humanities researcher who uses 3D computer graphics to teach history, Bonnett enjoys the challenge of finding ways to communicate in virtual reality and augmented reality as well as other emerging media.

As a Canada Research Chair, Bonnett intends to continue his research on the *3D Virtual Buildings Project*. This project, which he helped to develop at the National Research Council of Canada, is designed to encourage people's critical thinking skills.

"Building a 3D representation of the past literally helps people to see that no representation of the past can be taken as

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## Donor recognition event



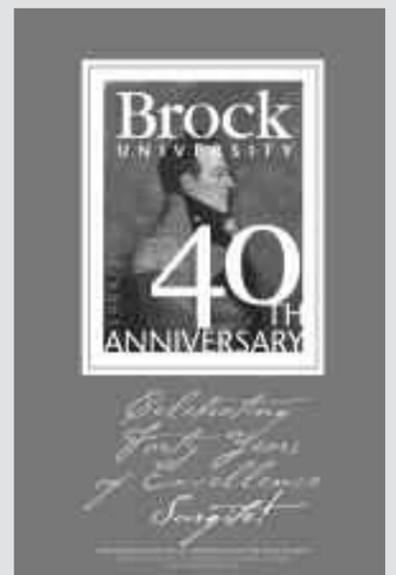
Brock Chancellor Dr. Raymond Moriyama hosted a recognition event for Brock University donors at Rodman Hall on April 17. Pictured is Trevor Cooper, Vice-President of RBC Dominion Securities and a Brock graduate, and donor. Cooper shared his motivation for contributing to student awards at Brock. Guests also had the opportunity to hear from student award recipients about the important role of Brock donors in supporting academic achievement.

## Board of Trustees staff representative election results

Congratulations to Beth Natale, from Recruitment & Liaison Services, on her election as a representative of the permanent staff to the Board of Trustees. Natale will serve a three-year term, effective July 1, and joins continuing staff representatives Mitzi Banders and Brad Clarke.

A special thanks to everyone who submitted their name to stand for election. There is opportunity each year for the election of a permanent staff representative to fill one of the staggered, three-year term vacancies.

## 40th anniversary Brock posters



Brock has a limited number of 40th anniversary posters available for faculty and staff who are interested. To pick up your complimentary poster, please drop by the Office of University Advancement located in TH 265.

# Presidential search under way

The Committee on the Presidency recently held two Town Hall meetings on April 13 and 14 in the Senate Chamber to give the Brock community an opportunity to provide input into the development of a profile for the new President. As part of this consultation process, the Committee invited Brock University faculty, staff and students to provide input by identifying: the five most significant issues, challenges and opportunities facing the University in the ensuing decade; and the characteristics/attributes a President should possess to address these issues, challenges and opportunities.

The advertisement and the position profile for the President have been developed, based on the input received during the consultation process. Advertising for applications is underway and candidate interviews will be held. This process will be held in camera (confidential) until the Board of Trustees appoints the new President.

## Information Technology Services (ITS) Update

A project has been started to migrate Brock's administrative systems (Student, Finance, Human Resources and Alumni) from older Unisys technology to current web-based technology using Intel servers. This migration, scheduled for completion in November of this year, will not change the current operation of these administrative systems so faculty, staff and students will not see a change. This migration, however, will position the University to begin a major upgrade of its administrative systems in November with the implementation of a wide range of web services for faculty, staff and students.

ITS has finalized the contract with a vendor who will convert the University's application programs and databases using their conversion software product. This vendor has experience successfully converting Unisys application systems in other organizations with similar size and complexity. A four-or-five month time allocation from conversion start to implementation has been typical in these organizations. Brock's conversion has started this month, which will allow ITS five months of testing before implementation in November. The Unisys mainframe will remain on campus for two months after conversion as an emergency backup facility.

# InfoSkills Plus Program

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Pictured from left are students who earned *InfoSkills Plus* certificates from Career Services this year: Jeremy Richert, Sadhana Jain, Tiffany Brzozowski and program co-ordinator Candice Dahl. Missing from the photo are: Kristine Berry, Angie Hua Zan, Byron Krauskopf and Brienne Peters.

Since last September, students from every Faculty at Brock have had the opportunity to participate in the new *InfoSkills Plus* certificate program offered jointly by the James A. Gibson Library, the Student Development Centre, and Career Services.

As part of the program, students participate in hands-on workshops that are designed to enhance skills in researching; locating, citing and evaluating resources; finding information online; essay writing; and database searching.

Students involved with the program have their participation documented on their *EXPERIENCE Plus!* transcripts, and those who take the two core workshops and three or more electives receive an *InfoSkills Plus* certificate from Career Services. Congratulations to all the students who earned certificates this year.

For more information about *InfoSkills Plus*, contact program co-ordinator Candice Dahl, at ext. 4423; e-mail: [cdahl@brocku.ca](mailto:cdahl@brocku.ca), or visit: [www.brocku.ca/library/infoskills.htm](http://www.brocku.ca/library/infoskills.htm)

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"A strong majority of Brock faculty, staff, students and graduates who participated in the research expressed a loyalty to the cameo and regarded it as a distinctive image that set Brock apart from other institutions," says Hendershot. "That was further reinforced during the focus groups in which the generational change to the cameo was tested."

The Office of University

Advancement will work in conjunction with departments across campus to oversee a smooth implementation of the new registered mark. An updated Graphics Standards Manual is in production and will be distributed to departments. Please call University Advancement with any questions about the policy and use of the new registered mark.

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gospel truth," says Bonnett. "If I've done my job right, building 3D models helps students realize that there are imperfections in any representation of the past, be it a book, an article, or a 3D model. The whole point is to make them skeptical customers of the things they read and see."

The project, which features a website, provides a set of tutorials to assist students in their historical research and 3D model construction, and a repository for them to display their work.

By combining technology with history, Bonnett provides scholars and students - particularly in the fields of history, the humanities, and computer science - with the tools they need to re-think the current linkages they may have within and between their disciplines.

Already highlighted in popular and academic periodicals, Bonnett's project has

potential applications in the fields of education and commerce and thus could wield a powerful influence in Ontario's cultural sector.

"The Canada Research Chairs Program is a significant gain for universities and colleges across the country," said the Honourable David Emerson, Minister of Industry, and Minister responsible for the Canada Research Chairs Program. "It ensures Canadian research excellence for years to come, and gives our students-the next generation of leaders and thinkers-the opportunity to learn from the best and brightest minds in the world."

Emerson made the announcement at the University of Manitoba on April 22. He was joined at the announcement by Reg Alcock, President of Treasury Board, and Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board.

## Brock Briefs

### Student Health Services opening

Brock's Student Health Services will be open during the Spring term this year, from May 3 to July 7. Hours will be Monday to Thursday, 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Student Health Services offers a comprehensive and confidential medical service to all students. It is advisable to call ahead for an appointment at 905-688-5550, ext. 3243.

### Top honours

Congratulations to Brock wrestler Tonya Verbeek and wrestling coach Marty Calder. Verbeek, who won a silver medal at the 2004 Olympic Games, was named the 2004 St. Catharines Athlete of the Year while Calder was honoured as the 2004 St. Catharines Sportsperson of the Year. They received their awards at the April 18 meeting of the St. Catharines city council.

### On the move

The Office of Graduate Studies, the Office of Research Services and the Department of Applied Language Studies will be relocating to the newly completed addition to "D" Block in the Mackenzie Chown Complex.

The furniture for the new addition will be installed in mid-May, and 73 faculty and staff are scheduled to make the move during the week of May 23.

The Department of Applied Language Studies will be open in "A" Block, A228, in the Mackenzie Chown Complex until May 24, and then it will re-open at their new location in "D" Block on May 25 and 26.

The Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies will be relocating to their new location on Wednesday, May 25.

The Office of Graduate Studies and Office of Research Services will be open at Scotiabank Hall, 3rd Level, until 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, and then they will re-open at Mackenzie Chown "D" Block at 8:30 a.m., on Friday, May 27.

### Study looking for participants

The Infant & Child Development Lab in the Psychology Department is now open and looking for research participants. We are conducting studies to learn more about how infants and children recognize faces and their emotional expressions. If you have an infant or a child, up to 16 years of age, and would like to learn more, please contact Dr. Cathy Mondloch, at ext. 5111; the research coordinator at ext. 4944, or visit [www.psyc.brocku.ca](http://www.psyc.brocku.ca)

### CAHPERD Student Award winner

Melissa Guglick, a third year Physical Education and Kinesiology student at Brock, was recently presented with the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) Student Award in recognition of her exemplary leadership in the field.

The CAHPERD Student Award recognizes outstanding undergraduate student leadership in the field of physical education. Every Canadian university that offers a degree in this field is permitted to present the award.

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## Faculty and Staff

### COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

**Dan Malleck** recently presented a paper, entitled "Crossing the Line: The American drinker in Ontario border communities, 1927-1944," at the Small Nations, Big Neighbours Conference hosted by the British Association for Canadian Studies and New Zealand Studies Association in Canterbury, England, April 11 to 14.

### EARTH SCIENCES

**Dan McCarthy** co-chaired the session "Use of Biological Indicators in Air Pollutant-Vegetation Effects Studies" at the 37th Air Pollution Workshop and International Symposium in Banff, April 25 to 28. McCarthy also presented two papers: "Calibration of a simple lichen monitoring system, Hamilton, Ontario," and, with Professor Uwe Brand, "Lichen monitoring of urban air quality, Hamilton, Ontario."

In early May, **McCarthy** will train colleagues at the Ministry of the Environment and Environment Canada as part of a collaborative research project that will set standards for the use of lichens to monitor air pollution across Canada.

### EDUCATION

**Dr. Sheila Bennett**, Faculty of Education, has been appointed co-chair with Kathleen Wynne, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Education, to the Ontario Ministry of Education's Working Table on Special Education. The mandate of this Working Table is to address special education funding for 2005-06 and beyond and will include a range of interested groups and organizations. The Working Table will make recommendations that will result in a funding model that will focus on success for all students and support for educators.

### GEOGRAPHY

**Ute Lehrer** presented a paper, entitled "Image Production and Socio-Spatial Polarization: Selling Cities In an Age of Neoliberal Urbanism," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers in Denver, April 5 to 9. On April 14, **Lehrer** gave an invited guest lecture at the University of Minnesota on "The Spectacularization of the Building Process: Berlin, Potsdamer Platz." She also participated in the opening of the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis that took place on April 16.

### HISTORY

**R. Andrew McDonald**, presented the 2005 Celtic Lecture at Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia, on April 14. The lecture was entitled "Seakings to barons: Somerled, his descendants, and cultural accommodation in the Hebrides, 1164-1317."

### MATHEMATICS

**Chantal Buteau** was invited to give the closing talk at a three-day session of Laval University students' final project presentations at the school on April 28. Her talk for the general public was entitled "Théorie Mathématique de la Musique."

### MUSIC

**Harris Loewen** conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir and guest soloists in a performance of F. J. Haydn's famous oratorio *The Creation* on April 2 in Toronto. Loewen also led a choral workshop for the touring Assumption College Choir, hosted by the Department of Music, on April 28.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

**Paulette Côté** presented two posters at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention in Chicago, IL., on April 13 and 14. The first paper, entitled "Students' Perception of Technique Training in Dance Teacher Preparation for Hong Kong Secondary School," was part of the Research Consortium session entitled Sharing Research across the HPERD Disciplines. The second paper, "Asynchronous Interaction Activities through NextEd Enhance Teaching and Learning in Physical Education," (with Chen, Shihui, and Keppell, Mike, Hong Kong Institute of Education), was part of the Research Consortium's Pedagogy session.

### VISUAL ARTS

**Sally Hickson** presented a paper, entitled "Courtly Women as Viewers of Art: Portraits and Verbal Games of Likeness and Identity," at the annual conference of the Renaissance Society of America at the University of Cambridge, U.K., on April 9.

## Publications

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Gulgick has developed her leadership talents while studying at Brock. She has completed the Bronze Leadership Program, is a member of the Community Recognition Committee and the Residence Action Council, and is the Yearbook Coordinator at Brock residences.

### Peace advocate to speak at Brock

Internationally renowned peace advocate Abuna Elias Chacour (Abuna is Father in Arabic) will speak at Brock in TH 247 on Tuesday, May 31 at 7 p.m. A peace-making priest from Galilee of Arab-Israeli-Palestinian-Christian decent, Chacour will deliver a message of hope for the Middle East.

For over 20 years, this three-time Nobel Peace Prize nominee has recognized the need for education as the first weapon against hatred and conflict. Educating for peace has become Chacour's life-long commitment. The schools founded by Chacour include Jewish, Muslim and Christian children, teachers and staff.

Abuna Chacour comes to Brock as part of a North American tour, co-sponsored locally by the Mennonite Church and Brock Campus Ministries.

For more information about this event, please contact Reverend George Addison, at ext. 3977.

### Special deal

Faculty, staff, students and graduates of Brock are invited to an exclusive shopping event, May 16 to 22, to celebrate the new St. Catharines opening of Henry's, Canada's leading photo, video and digital camera retailer.

The Brock community is invited to visit the new store, located at 400 Scott St. (Grantham Plaza), and receive 10 to 50 per cent off merchandise including new cameras, lenses, inkjet paper and cartridges, flashes, binoculars, media cards, used equipment, video tapes, tripods, camera bags, filters, albums and frames. This offer also extends to any Henry's store location and online shopping. For more information, see the Henry's flyer distributed on campus or call 905-937-5407.

To receive the special prices for in-store shopping, please present your Brock employee, student or graduate identification, or a copy of the store flyer.

### Math meeting held at Brock

Keeping with a well-established tradition of involvement in mathematics education, the Department of Mathematics hosted the Ontario Association of Mathematics Education (OAME) Golden Section Annual Meeting on April 27. The event brought together some 100 mathematics teachers at the elementary and high school levels for plenary conferences and hands-on workshops around the theme "Just Do It."

In addition to overseeing the local arrangements, Department faculty contributed four workshops entitled: "What's the point?" presented by Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh; "Maths and Music," presented by Chantal Buteau; "Mathematical Missionary work in Computer Science," presented by Tom Jenkyns; and "About Go and attempts to computerize it," presented by Thomas Wolf.

### Youth University needs your help!

Brock's Youth University is looking for some supplies for their upcoming spring and summer educational programs. If you would like to donate any of the following materials, please drop them off at their office in Alphonse's Trough, or call Susan McGlynn, at ext. 4380, to arrange for pick-up from your office. Supplies needed include: board games, tent poles, lego, beads, egg cartons, paper towel rolls, yarn, and any miscellaneous craft supplies.

### MA Thesis Defence

Valerie Sheppard, Master of Arts student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present her thesis defence on Friday, May 13, at 1 p.m., in WH 147. Her thesis is entitled "Ethics, Tourists, and the Environmental Practices of the North American Cruise Ship Industry: A Comparison Study of the Ethical Standards of Alaskan and Caribbean Cruise Ship Tourists." Thesis Co-Supervisors: David Fennell and Michael Lueck; External Examiner: Paul Wilkinson, York University; Committee Members: Ross Kein. All are welcome to attend.

### Correction

Recreation Services, Walker Complex Spring/Summer 2005, Facilities and Program Guide - Hours Of Operation, July/August should read:

Sat/Sun\*.....11am-4pm  
\*Pool closed Sundays July/August

## Mark Your Calendar

The sixth annual Employee Wellness Conference has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 15. Go to [www.brocku.ca/healthandwellness](http://www.brocku.ca/healthandwellness) for more information about the workshops, the keynote speaker, prizes and registration details.

**Think.  
Laugh.  
Learn.  
Reflect.  
Feel.  
Move.  
Benefit.**



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## Attention: Brock personnel

The Brock University Aboriginal Education Council (AEC) is committed to addressing the spectrum of components comprising Aboriginal education and research throughout Brock University. Currently, there exists two open seats for Brock representatives to be filled by Brock personnel who have an interest in Aboriginal issues and who would be committed to the AEC. Council meetings are normally held six times per year, on a Friday, from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Nominations/letters of interest will be reviewed by the AEC Executive Committee and forwarded to the AEC for approval.

Please submit nominations, or letters of interest by May 30 to: Margaret Thompson, Associate Secretary to the University, Schmon Tower, Suite 1200

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## Events

**Renaissance at Rodman Lecture Series:** The Brock University Alumni Association presents: Renaissance at Rodman Lecture Series. All lectures will be held on Thursday, from 10 to 11 a.m., at Rodman Hall. Admission is \$10 per lecture.

**May 5:** Israel and Palestine: the Legacy of History," presented by **Dr. John Sainsbury**, Department of History;

**May 12:** "(Love and Personal Growth) from the Leaden Echo: to the Golden Echo (the Poetic Alchemy of Gerard Manley Hopkins)," presented by **Dr. David Goicoechea**, Department of Philosophy.

**Indentured:** Recent works by **Diane Eaton** will be on display at the Picture Frame Warehouse Art Gallery, from May 1 to 31, at 387 Ontario St., in St. Catharines. Eaton, a Brock graduate in Biology and Visual Arts, is a Senior Lab Instructor in the Department of Biology.

## Classified

**For rent:** Summer Rental (July and August): Fully furnished, fully-equipped three-bedroom character home in Old Glenridge. All conveniences. Beautiful terrace and garden. Ideal for new faculty member wishing to get to know the city before buying. Call Murray 905-682-3457.

**Free:** Old fridge and full-size freezer in working condition. Please call 905-984-6625.

# Brock to help train new Aboriginal educators in Ontario

Brock University has approved the creation of a Bachelor of Education program tailored to help meet the need for new and upgraded aboriginal educators in the Sioux Lookout district of northwestern Ontario.

The Program Management Committee of the Northern Nishnawbe Education Council (PMC-NNEC) has forecast the need for 200 new aboriginal teachers over the next 10 years to keep pace with a rapidly expanding school-age population and to address a related shortage of accredited Nishnawbe educators.

On March 10 of this year, at Lac Seul First Nation, Brock, Lakehead and Nipissing Universities signed a historic agreement with the PMC-NNEC to develop and deliver a culturally driven teacher education program that will translate into elementary education that is more relevant to Nishnawbe-Aski children

and communities.

Students enrolled in the program will be educated in their home communities in the Sioux Lookout District and the first cohort is scheduled to begin in September 2006. The program aims to revitalize Aboriginal languages, cultures, traditions, values, and beliefs in a contemporary educational setting in an attempt to encourage Aboriginal children to complete their education.

"This is a historic agreement that ushers in the next generation of Native teacher education in Canada," said Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir, Acting Vice-President, Academic.

"The 5,000 children in our district need to see their culture, language and realities as part of their classroom experience during their early years," says Brian Hawker, PNC-NNEC Coordinator. "This program is about providing our educators with the tools to meet the demand."

## On the job



Gary Nicholls, the former chief of the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS), is now on campus as the new Director of Campus Security Services at Brock. The Brock graduate was named to his new position earlier this year. Nicholls, 57, has 36 years of dedicated and progressive experience with the NRPS, which culminated with his term as Chief of Police in 2004.

## 2005 Niagara Parenting Conference: Feeling is Believing

The Brock community is invited to attend the Eighth Annual Niagara Parenting Conference taking place on Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m to 3 p.m. in Room 325, Thistle Complex. Mary Gordon, founder of Roots of Empathy, a charitable organization that teaches elementary students human development, emotional literacy, and nurtures the growth of empathy, will deliver the day's keynote address entitled "Feeling is Believing: Strengthening Healthy Emotional Ties in your Family." There will also be a series of workshops in

the afternoon and an extensive marketplace of commercial and non-profit organizations providing books, toys, crafts and unique parenting services. Pre-registration is required for this conference, and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on conference registration and costs, please contact the Niagara Parenting Conference at, 905-688-5550, ext. 4070, or visit the website: [www.brocku.ca/niagaraparentingconference](http://www.brocku.ca/niagaraparentingconference)