

## Respecting rights of the intellectually disabled

People who have an intellectual disability have the same rights as other citizens, but their opportunities and ability to exercise those rights are not always equal.

Several Brock researchers are tackling this problem as part of a team that involves community organizations and various disciplines seeking to stem the tide of abuse of rights against people who have intellectual disabilities. The project, entitled 3Rs Project: Rights, Respect and Responsibility, provides training for people with disabilities and those who support them.

The project was recently awarded funding totalling \$1.6 million over the next five years through the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council - Community University Research Alliance (SSHRC-CURA), and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

The team is comprised of several faculty members from Brock's Department of Child and Youth Studies, including Dorothy Griffiths, Maurice Feldman, Frances Owen, Christine Tardif, and Donato Tarulli. The team also includes Carol Sales from the Department of Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship, and Ethics; Glenys McQueen-Fuentes from the Department of Dramatic Arts; Frances Chandler of the Office of Research Services, and a number of research assistants and students. Collaborating on the project is



Shown at the 3Rs project funding celebration, held April 8, are from left: Barbara Vyrostko, Executive Director, CLWP; Eric Bastien, Program Officer, SSHRC; Brian Hutchings, Ontario Trillium Foundation; Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President Research at Brock; and Brock Professor Maurice Feldman, Department of Child and Youth Studies.

Community Living Welland Pelham (CLWP), represented by the agency's Executive Director, Barbara Vyrostko, and Theresa Terreberry, the 3Rs Project Manager.

CLWP engaged in this community-university partnership to develop and evaluate rights training and support for persons with intellectual disabilities. The project began as evaluation research into potential rights restrictions and the development of a rights survey and later emerged into a training program. Dr. Dorothy Griffiths points out that "the program emphasizes teaching about rights in the broader context of respect and responsibility for self and others."

For the first few years the program was funded through grants from Brock University, HRSDC, and the Ontario Trillium Foundation with additional operating funds provided by CLWP. Because of the new funding, the project is now able to expand its work to include other community partners: Community Living Grimsby-Lincoln, Fort Erie, Port Colborne-Wainfleet, and St. Catharines; the Adult Protective Service Worker Programme; and the Niagara Regional Police Service.

For more information, visit: [www.cllwellandpelham.ca/smallFont/pages/rights.html](http://www.cllwellandpelham.ca/smallFont/pages/rights.html)

## 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 Th 325. 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 ext. 4070, or visit the website: [www.brocku.ca/niagara-parentingconference](http://www.brocku.ca/niagara-parentingconference)

## Brock hires new Accessibility Co-ordinator, Student Services

Brock University is pleased to announce the recent hiring of Joseph S. Henry as the new Accessibility Co-ordinator, Student Services. In his position, Henry will be responsible to oversee and implement Brock's compliance with the Ontarians with Disabilities Act (ODA) and guide the University's efforts to move beyond compliance and toward seamless access.

Henry, who is currently pursuing his Master of Education (MEd) in Adult Education at the University of Toronto, has spent the last three years working as a Regional Co-ordinator for the Learning Disabilities Association of North Peel and Advisor for Student Development and Wellness in Disability Services at the Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning.

"Joe's background and extensive experience in the areas of accessibility and accommodations in the post-secondary sector will be of great value

to Brock as we work to continually improve the accessibility of our campus, programs and activities," says Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services.

The scope of the Accessibility Co-ordinator's responsibility includes faculty, staff, student and public access to programs and facilities. The Accessibility Co-ordinator will collaborate with all University offices to provide education and disability awareness training, act as a mediator for complaint resolution and ensure the further development and implementation of the University's Accessibility Plan.

"I am excited about the opportunity to work at such a progressive and forward-thinking institution," says Henry. "I believe that by working together with the various constituencies at Brock, we can build a truly accessible and inclusive community for those with disabilities."

## President's End of Term Mixer



On April 14, the President's Annual End of Term Mixer for faculty and staff was held in the Pond Inlet to celebrate the successful completion of another school year. This year's event was also outgoing President David Atkinson's final farewell to the Brock community. At the end of July, Atkinson will leave Brock to assume the presidency of Carleton University in Ottawa. Pictured during the festivities, from left, are Dorothy Witte, Kristen Smith, David Atkinson and Tom Arkell.

# Aboriginal student honoured

On April 7, Aboriginal Student Services at Brock University hosted their annual Aboriginal Student Achievement Award Luncheon in the Senate Chamber. The Aboriginal Achievement Award is presented each year to honour one outstanding undergraduate aboriginal student at Brock University.

Prospective recipients must submit two letters of reference, a personal statement, and their academic achievement résumé to the Aboriginal Education Council cultural subcommittee. Candidates must also demonstrate a commitment to their native communities.

This year the recipient of the Aboriginal Achievement Award was Krystal Brant, a Haudenoshonee First Nation member and History major.

In addition to her exemplary academic marks, Brant demonstrated a commitment to her community through her work at the Fort Erie Native Centre and by working as an Aboriginal student peer in the Aboriginal Student Services office.

Seneca Nation elder Clayton Logan was

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Krystal Brant, recipient of Brock's 2005 Aboriginal Student Achievement Award, is pictured with Sean Hoogterp, Aboriginal Student Services Coordinator.

the guest speaker at the luncheon, where he spoke on the importance of education and commitment to improving our lives. The Brock University Anishinabe big drum group, Gathering Thunder, also performed an honour song for Krystal and her family in observance of her accomplishment.

## Brock Briefs

### The naming of Niagara

The Department of Geography presents a public lecture by Professor Alun Hughes entitled "The Lincolnshire Link and the naming of Niagara," an assessment of the role of Lieutenant-Governor John Graves Simcoe in the naming of the townships of the Niagara Peninsula. The lecture takes place today, Wednesday, April 20, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Mackenzie Chown, C-407. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Adams-Webber to deliver lecture

Dr. Jack Adams-Webber, Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychology and recipient of the 2004 Brock University Award for Distinguished and Creative Activity, will present his lecture: "Personal Construct Psychology and Knowledge Elicitation," on Friday, April 29 from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Senate Chamber.

Adams-Webber's presentation will examine how "experts" acquire their highly specialized knowledge, not only from explicit information of the kind found in textbooks and journals, but also from their own personal experience. He will discuss how the thinking of "experts" differs from that of typical practitioners and explore how the development of knowledge-based computational ("expert") systems should be essentially a modeling process, and not simply a matter of information transfer.

### "Treasures of Niagara"

Tickets are still available for Brock's resident theatre company, Theatre Beyond Words' fundraiser "Treasures of Niagara," taking place tonight, Wednesday, April 20, at NCI Restaurant at Niagara College, Glendale Campus.

The event will be an evening of fine food and entertainment featuring: seasonal cuisine prepared by The Niagara Culinary Institute; commentary on the Niagara College Teaching Winery's wine selections by award winning student-sommelier Jordan Harris; and entertainment provided by Theatre Beyond Words.

The wine tasting and diner begin at 6:30 p.m. and tickets are \$75 per

person. For ticket information, please contact Theatre Beyond Words at 1-800-268-5774.

### 2005/06 tickets will be available soon

Interested in purchasing tickets for the 2005/06 Centre for the Arts Entertainment Season prior to the general public? Do you want to save up to 25 per cent off the regular ticket price? Call the Box Office, at ext. 3257, for more information on becoming a Front and Centre Member. Tickets go on sale to members starting Thursday, May 26. Full-time Brock faculty and staff can purchase season tickets and memberships through payroll deduction.

### New inspector joins Campus Security

Brock's Campus Security Services is pleased to announce the recent addition of Inspector Rick Geady to their team. Geady is a former member of the Niagara Regional Police Service with 32 years of service, half of which he served as a detective in Port Colborne and Welland, and he has extensive training as an investigator.

Geady is looking forward to furthering the goals of the Security Service to reduce incidents of crime through our community-based security approach. Feel free to contact him at ext. 4725; e-mail: rgeady@brocku.ca

### Annual House Tour

The Canadian Federation of University Women of St. Catharines presents the 31st Annual House Tour on Sunday, May 1, from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 each and are available on campus at the Welcome Centre located in the Tower Lobby. Proceeds from the annual House Tour help to fund scholarships for the University. For more information, contact Kristen Smith at ext. 3845.

### A special thank you!

A special thanks to everyone who helped to make my farewell retirement party such a pleasant and happy occasion. Many thanks also for the wonderful gifts and for your kind wishes.

- Phyllis Wright, Library

## Faculty and Staff

### EDUCATION

Peter Vietgen presented a paper, entitled "Teaching Art Education in the Arctic," at the National Art Education Association conference in Boston, Mass., in early March. His paper reflected on his experience teaching a group of Inuit students the Art Education component of their Bachelor of Education degree in Taloyoak (formerly Spence Bay), Nunavut last winter.

### GEOGRAPHY

Christopher Fullerton delivered the keynote presentation at the Business Improvement Areas 2005 National Conference in Toronto, on April 4. His talk was entitled "Smart Growth and the Importance of Smart Growth in Revitalizing Downtown." Fullerton was also recently appointed to serve on the St. Catharines Transit Commission for a one-year term.

### MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Professor Emeritus Leonard Rosmarin completed a lecture circuit, co-sponsored by the Governments of France and Canada, at the Université de Toulouse and the Université de Perpignan between March 1 and 10. At the Université de Toulouse he presented two lectures: "Thais, du roman à l'opéra," and "Bilingualism: A Bridge between the Two Solitudes of Canada?" At the Université de Perpignan he presented four lectures: "Marxisme et messianisme dans le roman d'Elie Wiesel *Le Testament d'un poète juif assassiné*;" "Comment faire aimer la littérature française aux étudiants anglophones;" "Enfer et rédemption dans *Les Mers Rouges* de Liliane Atlan;" and, "Robert Pinget, voix polyphonique." On March 14, he presented and read excerpts from his new book, *Liliane Atlan ou la quête de la forme divine* at a book launching and signing in Paris at the publishing house, L'Harmattan, which co-produced the book with Les Éditions du GREF in Toronto.

## Publications

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Singh, P., Zinni, D. and Jain, H. "The Effects of the Use of Striker Replacement Workers in Canada." *Labor Studies Journal*. vol. 30, #1. Spring 2005. pp. 67-91.

## Events

### Centre for the Arts

Tickets for the following events, unless sold out, are available at the Box Office, ext. 3257:

**Ladysmith Black Mambazo**, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre; **Jack Benny: Laughter in Bloom starring Eddie Carroll**, April 27, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre; **Songs Sinatra Taught Me featuring Tommy Ambrose and the Toronto All-Star Big Band**, April 30, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. [www.arts.brocku.ca](http://www.arts.brocku.ca)

## Classified

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## 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, or \$45 to attend all five presentations.

- **April 21**, "Activating your Amuse System—Enhancing Health through Humour," presented by **Stephanie Brooks**, Department of Sport Management.
- **April 28**, "The CBC you Own," presented by **Dr. Mary Jane Miller**, Department of Dramatic Arts.
- **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.
- **May 19**, "Governing the Niagara Region," presented by **Dr. David Siegel**, Dean of Social Sciences.

For more information, please visit [www.brockalumni.ca](http://www.brockalumni.ca). For tickets call Terry Cockerline, at ext. 4502, or e-mail [alumniassociation@brocku.ca](mailto:alumniassociation@brocku.ca)

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