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History student investigates Frederick Douglass Manuscripts in New York



Rosanne Waters

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This summer, Rosanne Waters, a Brock University student, is spending six weeks researching Frederick Douglass manuscripts – many of them unpublished – in the Gilder

Lehrman Collection in New York City. Waters, a native of Welland, Ont., is one of 15 Gilder Lehrman History Scholars selected from more than 300 applicants across Canada and the United States. She was the only Canadian student selected to participate this year.

The program, open to undergraduates entering their junior or senior year, combines historical research, seminars with eminent historians, and behind-the-scenes tours of rare archives in New York City. This year, the scholars' objective is the publication of a Frederick Douglass "Reader" containing facsimiles and transcriptions of original documents, along with historical introductions and contextual materials, intended primarily for the use of teachers and students. Douglass was one of the foremost leaders of the abolitionist movement, which fought to end slavery in the United States in the decades prior to the Civil War.

"These are the brightest young historians in America," said Professor James G. Basker, president of the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, which sponsors the program. "We see them as a kind of Rhodes Scholar among history majors."

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

Applied Linguistics TESL program renewed

The Department of Applied Linguistics has been granted a two-year renewal of recognition, the maximum length granted, of its TESL (Teachers of English as a Subsequent Language) education/training programs at the undergraduate level from TESL Ontario. Institutions offering TESL programs and wishing TESL Ontario recognition need to demonstrate high standards of academic excellence and professional integrity in their programs.

Graduates of institutions whose TESL programs are recognized for the quality of their academic and professional standards are then eligible for professional certification, which in turn gives teachers access to positions in ESL programs that receive funding from the Ontario government and institutions that value excellence in ESL teaching.

TESL Ontario recognizes adult ESL teacher education programs within the province and promotes clearly articulated standards of practice and conduct among within the profession.

Honours society recognizes the best of the Faculty of Business



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Robert L. Neill, left, receives his certificate of recognition from the Faculty of Business at their 2006 Beta Gamma Sigma induction ceremony. Presenting the certificate is Gregory O. Bruce, Dean Emeritus, Dean of Business Administration, LaSalle University, and a member of the original AACSB accreditation team. Also recognized at this year's event was Archie Katzman of St. Catharines.

Brock University inducted 74 students, graduates, faculty and honourees into a distinguished honours society that recognizes the top business students in the world.

Beta Gamma Sigma (BGS), with more than 415 chapters and 520,000 members worldwide, acknowledges academic achievement in the study of business and fosters personal and professional excellence in the practice of business. In addition to the student inductions, two Chapter honourees were also recognized. Robert L. Neill and Archie Katzman were honoured for their achievements and their commitment to the Faculty of Business.

The induction ceremony took place on July 11 at Château des Charmes in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

Only business programs accredited by AACSB International – The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business – are eligible to set up a chapter of this honours society. Brock University received accreditation by AACSB in 2003, joining top international business schools, and in 2004 was admitted into BGS.

Membership in this honours society is offered only to the best business students: undergraduates completing third year in the top seven per cent of their class, and graduates ranking in the top 10 per cent of their undergraduate programs or top 20 per cent of their master's programs.

This year, Brock's Beta Gamma Sigma

chapter achieved a Canadian first. In March, the BGS Board of Governors selected Brock for honorable mention in the competition for Outstanding Chapter for 2006. This recognition places Brock within the top five out of 435 BGS chapters worldwide. Brock's chapter is the first Canadian chapter to receive this honour. Receiving Honorable Mention also provides Brock with a \$500 (US) scholarship to be awarded to one of its BGS students.

"Brock's business students continue to successfully compete with the best and brightest in the world," said Martin Kusy, Dean, Faculty of Business. "Their induction into Beta Gamma Sigma is a very real measure of the quality of our students, faculty and programs."

Neill, who qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1977 after graduating from Brock University with a Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in 1975, became a Partner with Durward Jones Barkwell & Company LLP Chartered Accountants in 1982 and is currently Managing Partner of the Welland and Fort Erie offices and chair of the firm's Management Committee.

Katzman, a lifelong resident of St. Catharines, has been General Manager of the St. Catharines Club since 1996 and has achieved the distinction of making it the fastest-growing private club in Ontario for the past two years. He is also vice-chairman of the Niagara Parks Commission and has been a Commissioner for the past 36 years.

CCOVI presents the 2006 Triggs International Premium Vinifera Lecture Series

Featuring: Dianne Davidson, Viticultural Consultant, Langhorne, South Australia
Wednesday, Sept. 6: Vineyard Visits/Technical Workshops

Thursday, Sept. 7: Public Lecture, "The Business of Grape Growing when competing on a Global Market – Current affairs in Australia," Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, 7:30 p.m.
Reception to follow. For information, please visit www.brocku.ca/ccovi

Brock Works 2006:

August 15, 16 and 17 are the dates of the newly expanded annual Welcome and Orientation for new faculty and staff. HR/EHS, ORS and CTLET are jointly hosting this informative introduction to the University and its operations. Highlights include a Welcome Address from a fellow new employee, President Jack Lightstone; Critical Policies and Practices Information; Teaching and Research Essentials; Professional Development and Safety Training; Campus and Facility Tours and approximately 20 Office and Service Open Houses. Everyone hired since September 2005 will be invited to the three days of programming. The event culminates with a fun and friendly Welcome to Brock Family Picnic, organized by the Health and Wellbeing Committee and open to all. Visit www.brocku.ca/hr for a full itinerary, registration and ticket information.

Brock students go international for the summer

Two Brock students have travelled to Argentina and Azerbaijan this summer to participate in international internships through the Canada Corps University Partnership Program (CCUPP). The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) manage the program and work with Canadian University International Liaison Officers (ILO) to find the internships and place students.

Sheila Young, Associate Director of Brock International and ILO, has been working with faculty and students and partner institutions overseas to ensure Brock's active participation in this program for the last two years. "The program provides a wonderful opportunity for students to gain experience in a developing country context, which is well supported by the Canadian government, so it is affordable for them to actually participate... something they might not otherwise be able to do," says Young.

Laird Blackie, a first-year MA Applied Health Sciences student, is currently involved in a CCUPP internship in Argentina for three months, as part of a 10-year institutional linkage with the National University of Rosario (NUR). NUR faculty members conduct much of their research work through the Rosario Habitat Program, a local government project funded by the Inter-American Bank of Development designed to improve the living conditions of citizens of families living in poor neighborhoods.

While in Argentina, Blackie is working on a community-based project that is aimed to help residents working in the garbage industry on the outskirts of Rosario with their increasing job-related health concerns.

Zarema Mammadova, a second-year MED student, is currently participating in a three-month CCUPP internship in Azerbaijan at the Baku Sabunchi District School Board in Baku City. Mammadova is working with local school board staff to explore ways to better meet the needs of refugee boys and girls in the classrooms in the district schools. This will be accomplished through jointly developing and delivering workshops to local teachers. She is also sharing her experience in using computer programs to teach math and physics.

Mammadova's internship will contribute toward her research and graduate studies under the supervision of Brock faculty member Patrick O'Neill in the Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies.

The CCUPP program, funded by the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), allows young people engaged in formal learning to better understand governance challenges in developing countries and to participate with more experienced mentors in the search for solutions.

For more information, please visit www.brocku.ca/brockinternational



PHOTO: KEVIN GROUT

New Brock President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Jack Lightstone took time to meet with members of faculty and staff at a barbeque luncheon held in the Lowenberger Residence Dining Hall on July 10. Lightstone took over his new position on July 1.

Faculty and Staff

ECONOMICS

Robert Dimand, together with Robert Mundell (Columbia University, 1999 Nobel laureate) and Alessandro Vercelli (University of Siena, vice-president of the International Economic Association), recently organized the International Economic Association conference "Keynes's General Theory After Seventy Years," in Santa Colomba and Siena, Italy, July 3 to 6. At the conference, Dimand presented a paper, "What Keynesian Revolution?", which he also presented at the History of Economics Society annual meeting, Grinnell, Iowa, June 24.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Ann Howey presented "Challenging Tradition: The Use of Red-Headed Lily Maids by Marjorie Richardson and L. M. Montgomery" at the L. M. Montgomery Institute's seventh international conference, "Storm and Dissonance: L. M. Montgomery and Conflict," held in June in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Tim Conley presented a paper, entitled "Misquoting Joyce," at the International James Joyce Symposium held in Budapest, Hungary in June.

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Colleen Beard was an invited speaker, representing the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives, for the discussion panel, entitled "Future of Topographic Mapping in Canada - [the ACMLA Perspective]," at the GeoTec 2006 conference in Ottawa, held June 17 to 21.

MATHEMATICS

Yuanlin Li recently visited China and established research connections with several Chinese universities, including Nanjing University, Nankai University and South East University. During the trip, he delivered seven invited talks in six different universities. The titles of his talks included "Hypercentral units in group rings," "Reversible group rings over commutative rings," "Duo group rings," and "Graduate studies in Canadian Universities."

Publications

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Events

Rodman Hall Arts Centre: Artist Kumlyun Lee presents an exhibition, entitled "Listen for light. See sound. Feel human presence," from July 13 to Sept. 15 at Rodman Hall. The artist will suspend motion-sensitive fabric tubes from the gallery ceiling at Rodman Hall. Visitors to the gallery will walk between the tubes - their movement and interaction initiating sensor activated coloured light and sounds. For more information please call Gordon Hatt at ext. 5801 or 905-684-2925.

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Accommodations wanted: Brock professor on sabbatical seeking accommodations for Fall term (September to December 2006). Willing to cook and clean. Call 905-325-2800 for more information.

Brock Briefs

In memoriam

Paulette Hallich, former instructor in the Department of Dramatic Arts, died of lung cancer in Victoria, B.C., at the end of June. Hallich made an indelible impression on audiences when she created the role of Nancy Potato in "The Potato People" for Brock's resident theatre company, Theatre Beyond Words, and toured around the world with the company. In later years, she taught and directed at a number of colleges and universities, including Sheridan College and Brock.

She is survived by her husband, Michael (M. J.) Turner, who is a former Graphic Designer in Brock's Office of University Communications.

PhD defence

Nancy Fenton, PhD candidate in Educational Studies, will present her doctoral defence, "From the Ground Up: Understanding How Teachers and Administrators Make Sense of Tension," on Wednesday, Aug. 16, in Taro Hall 307, at 10 a.m. Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Coral Mitchell; External Examiner: Dr. Nina Bascia; Committee Members: Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir, Dr. Juanita Epp; Chair: Dr. Rosemary Young. All are welcome to attend.

MA thesis defences

- Social Justice and Equity Studies student Stacey Byrne will present her thesis defence on Wednesday, July 26, at 10 a.m., in the Boardroom (13th floor) of the Schmon Tower. The title of the thesis is "Benefits, Challenges and Limitations of Fair Trade as a Social Justice Movement." Thesis Supervisor: Dr. John Sorenson; External Examiner: Dr. Darryl Reed, York University; Committee Member: Dr. Ann Duffy.

- Applied Health Sciences student Katusia Marunchak will present her thesis defence on Monday, July 31, at 1 p.m., in WH147. The title of her thesis is "A Qualitative Exploration of Organizational Capacity within the Volunteers Division of the 2005 Canada Summer Games Host Society." Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Julie Stevens; External Examiner: Dr. Sue Vail, York University; Committee Members: Dr. Martha Barnes, Dr. Susan Arai; Chair: Dr. Hilary Findlay. All are welcome to attend.

MEd thesis defence

Education student Jane Cameron will present her thesis defence on Monday, Aug. 14, at 10 a.m., in the Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber. Her thesis is "Continuing Education Learning Preferences and Styles of Legal Clinical Lawyers." Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Joe Engemann; External Examiner: Justice Marvin Zuker; Committee Members: Dr. Michael Kompf, Dr. Katharine Janzen. All are welcome to attend.

Faculty of Business to host seminar

Brock's Faculty of Business will host the Canadian Academic Accounting Association and SAP AG seminar on the topic of "Business Reporting on the Internet: Challenges and Opportunities," on Friday, Sept. 29. The objective of the seminar is to survey the state of reporting business information over the Internet from the viewpoint of the stakeholders, including shareholders, regulators, standards setters, practitioners and academics.

For more information, please visit: www.caaa.ca/Education/AcadDev/SAPSem/Seminar4/index.html

Summer swim at Brock

Sign up today for the August swim sessions that will be held: July 31 to Aug. 11, and Aug. 14 to Aug. 25. Registration will remain open until all classes are filled. Call 905-688-5550, ext. 4060.

Beginning Monday, July 31, afternoon fun swims will be held, Monday to Friday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. Evening fun swims will be held Monday to Thursday, from 8 to 9 p.m. For more information visit: www.brocku.ca/aquatics

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People in the news

Assistant Professor **Dawn Zinga** from the Department of Child and Youth Studies was recently quoted in the *Sioux Lookout Bulletin* — "QE students heading to international conference" — during her visit to the Queen Elizabeth District High School (QEDHS) to speak with students about what to expect when they visit Brock University to attend the opening day of the child and youth rights conference — "Investment and Citizenship: Towards a Transdisciplinary Dialogue on Child and Youth Rights" — from July 19 to 21. In the article, Zinga was noted saying "This will be a great opportunity for these students to meet other youth and see some of the different situations they face. This conference is a chance to hear the youth voice from around the world."

Assistant Professor, **Erin Sharpe** from the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a story on how to eradicate graffiti from the city landscape — "Graffiti busting" — that appeared in the newspaper's June 23 issue. In the article, Sharpe notes that, "It's all part of this bigger process of challenging authority and challenging how public space is used. As long as you have this dominant idea out there, there's always going to be resistance to it."

Associate Professor of Psychology **Kimberly Cote** and Brock's Sleep Research Laboratory were recently profiled in two separate stories published in the June 24 issue of the *National Post*. The first article, "Eyes wide open — The dream of sleep," printed on page A1 of the newspaper, looks at the trend of people cutting back on sleep in order to cram more and more into their busy daily lives. The second article, "In bed with Brock University's sleep researchers — The perfect sleep," printed on page A13, examines the characteristics of a good night's sleep and recounts the reporter's first-hand account of her overnight stay at the University's Sleep Research Laboratory.

She was also interviewed for a third *National Post* article that appeared in the paper's June 26 issue — "Early risers rule" — about busy and powerful people who dismiss sleep as a frivolous trifle and a barrier to success.

Cote also conducted a couple of recent radio interviews about her research, appearing on the June 30 edition of the CBC Radio One program "Here's the Thing," to discuss sleep and insomnia, and an interview with CHQR AM 770 in Calgary with host Wayne Nelson on the topic of sleep deprivation and sleep needs.

Professor **Tony Bogaert** from the Department of Community Health Sciences and Psychology was recently profiled in news reports around the world about his recent research, "Biological versus nonbiological older brothers and men's sexual orientation," published by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). The following are just a few examples of the media coverage generated by his research: "Born Gay: The Brother Factor," *Time Magazine*; "Brotherly love," *The Sunday Times*, UK; "Study: Sexual orientation of men determined before birth," CNN; "Womb environment 'makes men gay'," BBC News; "Homosexuality linked to biological factors: study," CTV.ca; "Sexual orientation of men set before birth," *Financial Express*, India; "Study Finds Link Between Having Older Brothers, Sexual Orientation," *Los Angeles Times*, CA; "Homosexuality could be linked to womb antibody," *Hamilton Spectator*; "Excess of older brothers can make you gay, study shows," *Globe and Mail*.