

# BrockNews

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

## Convocation celebrates the Class of 2006

The most degrees and certificates ever conferred in Brock University's 42-year history took place at this year's Spring Convocation, where an estimated 3,135 students graduated during seven ceremonies, from June 5 to 9.

At each commemoration, graduates and guests were treated to some inspiring advice from Brock's Acting President Terry Boak, three honorary degree recipients and four guest speakers.

"While convocation marks the culmination of your time with us, we will always consider you our own," said Boak at Friday's ceremony. "As Brock graduates you represent us and hold the promise of the future. I hope, as one of more than 52,000 Brock alumnae, you will continue a lifelong connection with us. We extend to all of you our very best wishes for the future. May you continue to achieve your goals and fulfill your dreams."

The following is a sampling of the messages honorary degree recipients and guest speakers shared with graduates:

**Dr. Bernard J. Shapiro, Ethics Commissioner, Government of Canada:**

"With respect to the choices that you do make, every person's life is a story of passion, moments of joy and happiness, of tragedy and sorrow. And each person's story is different from every other one. As Canada's Ethics Commissioner, I am more sensitive than ever to the truth of the recognition that as we develop our own special lives, our own special stories, we cannot escape the negative meaning that any failure of integrity, that is to live up to our own standards of right and wrong — will give to the stories that we ourselves are shaping for ourselves. Money can vanish overnight, reputation can evaporate, but character, personal integrity, is a rock that stays secure."

**Dr. June Callwood, author, journalist and human rights activist:**

"You are at one of those few crossroads of your lifetimes when you know, for certain, that something has ended and something huge is starting. Life-changing



Rachel Shaw, centre, was one of more than 3,000 students to graduate at last week's Convocation ceremonies. Shaw, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, is the daughter of Tony Shaw, Chair of Brock's Department of Geography.

events often go past unrecognized until years have passed, but this one represents a road that has come to an end. Last month you were Brock University students. This month you are graduates. A sea change. You stand, many of you, at a cluster of signposts pointing every which way. A few years ago you set a goal for yourselves, you worked hard, you got yourselves and your families in deep debt, but you succeeded. Here you are, fully hatched, ready to fly."

**Dr. Peter Herrndorf, President and CEO, National Arts Centre:**

"I want to congratulate all of the graduates here today on their major achievement — you've finally made it. You've handled everything that Brock University could have thrown at you these past few years: all of those exams; the countless essays and term papers; the gruelling "all nighters"; — sound familiar? — the impossible course load; those totally unreasonable professors, and finally, of course, the absolutely exhausting round of graduation parties. I can only say, if you survived all of that, you should be able to

handle the so-called "real world" with relative ease."

**Professor Emeritus Sybil Wilson, Pre-Service Department, Faculty of Education:**

"There are always more opportunities than there are people to take advantage of them. So wherever you are, wherever you find yourself, stay involved and offer a helping hand."

**Professor Zopito Marini, Department of Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences:**

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## Promotion and Tenure 2006

The 2005-06 University Committee on Promotions and Tenure submitted the following candidates with respect to all applications made for tenure and/or promotion as of July 1, 2006, to the Office of the President for recommendation. All have met the requirements set forth in the Collective Agreement (Article 21), between Brock University and the Brock University Faculty Association (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006), and have been approved for tenure and/or promotion by Dr. Terry Boak, Acting President and Vice-Chancellor.

A Promotion and Tenure Celebration luncheon was hosted by Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir, Acting Vice-President Academic and Provost, on May 29 in honour of the recipients. Boak and Manley-Casimir would like to congratulate the successful candidates and wish them

continued success in their careers at Brock.

### Associate Professor

Christina Santos, Humanities

### Associate Professor with Tenure

Laura Cousens, Applied Health

Sciences

Kimberley Gammage, Applied Health

Sciences

Kelly Lockwood, Applied Health

Sciences

Lynn Rempel, Applied Health

Sciences

Ian Ritchie, Applied Health Sciences

Brian Roy, Applied Health Sciences

Mohamed Ayadi, Business

Renee Kuchapski, Education

Gyllian Raby, Humanities

Daniel Samson, Humanities

Charles Despres, Mathematics and

Science

Omar Kihel, Mathematics and Science

Gaynor Spencer, Mathematics and

Science

Glenn Tattersall, Mathematics and

Science

Drew Dane, Social Sciences

Gordon Hodson, Social Sciences

Cathy Mondloch, Social Sciences

Rebecca Raby, Social Sciences

Dragos Simandan, Social Sciences

### Full Professor

Ruth McQuirter Scott, Education

Irene Blayer, Humanities

Cheryl McCormick, Social Sciences

Michael Ripmeester, Social Sciences

### Tenure

Hilary Findlay, Applied Health Sciences

Terrance Wade, Applied Health

Sciences

Gail Frost, Applied Health Sciences

Lisa Kikulis, Applied Health Sciences

Darlene Bay, Business

Fayez Elayan, Business

Michael Winter, Mathematics and

Science

Jean-Francois Lamarche, Social

Sciences

## What's on this week

### Wellness Conference is tomorrow!

Get ready for a great day of wellness, featuring excellent speakers, fulfilling workshops, and live music. Have your change handy for the charity penny sale and prepare to bid on some wonderful prizes. Conference check-in and penny sale bidding starts at 8 a.m. tomorrow, June 15, in the Bob Davis Gym.

### Smart Growth open house

A reminder of tomorrow's Open House for the Facilities Needs and Priorities Study from 1:30 to 6 p.m. in Pond Inlet. Please join the consultants and steering committee to explore and review the preliminary plans and options developed for the campus and provide your input, observations and much-appreciated feedback. For any inquiries, please contact Lise Laroche at ext. 4121.

## Senate News

The 539th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held on May 17, 2006. During the meeting, Senate approved:

- the Spring Convocation Degrees for 2006;
- the request from the Special Board Governance Committee that Chair of the Board of Trustees becomes an ex officio voting member of Senate;
- changes to the Graduate Studies course bank;
- the 2006-07 Computer Science Graduate Calendar submission in its entirety;
- that a request be made that all graduate students be assigned e-mail addresses of the form [firstname.lastname@brocku.ca](mailto:firstname.lastname@brocku.ca);
- approved proposed amendments to the following sections of the Faculty Handbook:
  - III: 10.1.7 - Grades
  - Section III: 19.4.1 - The Governor General's Silver Medal
  - Section III: 19.4.3 - The Dean's Medal
- and received a Report from the Committee on University Infrastructure which contained a preliminary report identifying several minor capital needs. The Committee had requested the report be provided to the Board for information; The 540th meeting of the Brock University Senate was held on May 31, 2006. During the meeting, Senate:
  - that, when necessary, science labs continue until the Saturday after the end of fall term;
  - that the seminar/small group size at Brock University be considered optimal at 16 students per class, and normally not exceed 18 students.
  - the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies as an academic unit and approved the new Bachelor of Arts program in

- Medieval and Renaissance Studies;
  - the Articulation Agreement between Brock University, Dramatic Arts, Faculty of Humanities and Fanshawe College, Theatre Arts, Communication Arts Division (in association with the General Studies Division);
  - the proposed MA in Geography and that it be forwarded to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS) for approval;
  - the proposed MA in History and that it be forwarded to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS) for approval;
  - the Master of Disability Studies, recently "Approved to Commence" by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS), to commence admission for Fall 2006;
  - the PhD in Chemistry to commence admission for Fall 2006, upon receiving "Approval to Commence" by the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies (OCGS);
  - that the existing Senate Teaching and Research Policy Committee be divided into the Teaching and Learning Policy Committee and the Research and Scholarship Policy Committee;
  - that the Draft Final Budget estimates for 2006-07 are deemed to be consistent with the academic plan of the University;
  - and, accepted the Academic Program Review of the Department of Physics;
  - received a Report from the Vice-President, Academic and Provost during which Senate passed a motion to receive the Vision Statement related to academic planning which can be viewed at [www.brocku.ca/carp/academicplan.php](http://www.brocku.ca/carp/academicplan.php)
- Full details of Senate meetings are available at: [www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate](http://www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate)

## President's Golf Tournament swings to success

On Thursday, May 24, the fourth annual President's Tournament in support of Brock athletics raised \$78,000 for bursaries and scholarships for the University's outstanding student athletes.

More than 140 golfers, including many Brock graduates, contributed to the financial success of the tournament at Legends-on-the-Niagara in Niagara Falls, by purchasing foursomes and sponsorship packages.

Canadian Tire Financial Services was this year's Presenting Sponsor and the major sponsors were Algoma Central, CIBC World Markets, Durward Jones Barkwell, Ernst & Young, TR Hinan Contractors, Janet Wright & Associates, Lincoln Fabrics, Brock Plaza Corporation, Rankin Construction, Partridge Wealth

Management - RBC Dominion Securities, Scotiabank, Silicon Knights, Sodexo, Tim Horton's - St. David's Road, and Whiting Inc. Other sponsors include Urban Strategies, The Pen Centre, Performance Hyundai, Day Ford Lincoln Sales, Hub International and Imagistics.

With 30 men's and women's varsity teams in such sports as rowing, wrestling, hockey and basketball, Brock boasts the third-highest number of teams among Ontario's universities. Many Brock athletes must use their own money to help cover their teams' costs of training camps, equipment and other expenses.

Next year's tournament will return to Legends-on-the-Niagara and will take place on May 25.

## Psychology In-House Conference a success

Faculty and graduate students in the Department of Psychology spent Tuesday, May 30, learning about each other's research at the First Annual In-House Conference. The conference was opened by outgoing Chair, Dawn Good, who highlighted the many ways in which the department has grown since its graduate program began in 1993.

"This is a day that we can spend time celebrating the work that we do," said Good.

Twelve members of the department - six faculty and six graduate students - presented on a wide range of topics, including stress, optimism, brain function, hormonal function, perceptual development, social justice, and children's rights. In addition, 24 posters were presented,

allowing graduate students and faculty to present completed projects and to receive feedback on research proposals. The hallway in Academic South became a lively venue for discussions over posters and lunch.

Highlights of the day included an evening barbecue, an award for best student presentation, given to PhD candidate Dianne Santesso, and a party attended by students, faculty, and departmental administrators in honour of Good. Financial support for the conference was provided by the Dean of Social Sciences and the Department of Psychology. Attendees enthusiastically endorsed this opportunity to foster collegiality; all are looking forward to the Second Annual In-House Conference in 2007.

## Centre for the Arts announces new season

On Tuesday, May 23, the Centre for the Arts held its most exclusive event of the year for Front and Centre Members - Sneak Preview 2006 - an invitation-only celebration to announce the Centre's upcoming 2006/2007 Professional Entertainment Season.

"We look forward to this special event every year. It's our way of saying thank you, to Front and Centre Members, sponsors and special guests for their unwavering support and commitment to the Centre for the Arts," said Debbie Slade, Managing Director of the Centre. "Because of their support, we are able to bring to Niagara the very best music, dance, theatre, comedy and family shows from Canada and around the world."

Front and Centre Members and special guests were treated to a spectacular sold-out evening of mini concerts featuring artists from the upcoming season, including Andy Stochansky, Dala, Sho, Mo & The Monkey Bunch, Aengus Finnan, Papa Duke and Divine Brown. The 2006/2007 Professional Entertainment Season is packed with musicians, actors, dancers and artists from all disciplines, including gypsy jazz, swing, gospel, folk, pop, Celtic, Latin and funk music, contemporary and thought-provoking theatre and modern, classical and urban dance. There are also fun and educational performances for

the wee ones too! The extensive lineup includes fan favourites who are returning by popular demand, plus many others who are brand new to the Centre's stage. The 2006/2007

Professional Entertainment Season brochure is available at the Box Office.

The Centre for the Arts is not just for adults. All of the 2006/2007 dance performances include a special price for children ages 12 and

under, and the eyeGo to the Arts program for high school students offers \$5 tickets to all of the season's performances. The Centre for the Arts is also presenting school performances and community arts outreach events for Niagara-area students.

Tickets for the coming season are currently on sale to Front and Centre Members only and go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m. Join the growing list of Members, who have first access to the best music, dance, drama and comedy, great seats, great savings and the flexibility to buy the shows they want. Full-time Brock faculty and staff can also purchase their season tickets and membership through payroll deduction. For more information regarding the membership program or any of the great shows in the 2006/2007 season, please contact the Box Office at ext. 3257 or visit [www.arts.brocku.ca](http://www.arts.brocku.ca)



## Humanities pre-Convocation luncheon



The Faculty of Humanities held its annual pre-Convocation luncheon on June 7 for graduates and their families. Pictured at the event are Gyllian Raby, Professor in the Department of Dramatic Arts, student Nick Aiello, and Rosemary Hale, Dean of Humanities.

# Brock Briefs

## Computer Science hosts contest

The Computer Science department at Brock hosted a computer programming contest recently for high school students from the District School Board of Niagara. Students from Grades 10, 11 and 12 were given a series of problems to solve during the May 26 competition.

Brock departments contributing to this successful annual program include Information Technology Services, Co-op Programs, Recruitment and Liaison, Student Services and the Faculty of Mathematics and Science. The department would like to thank Tracey Morin and Matthew O'Beirn from ITS for their exceptional efforts in setting up the computer labs for the contest.

## MSc thesis defence

Applied Health Sciences student Nicholas Petrella will present his thesis defence on Friday, June 16, at 1 p.m. in WH147. The title of his thesis is "Validation of an Ice Skating Protocol to Predict Aerobic Capacity in Hockey Players." Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Brent Faught; External Examiner: Dr. Luc Léger, University of Montreal; Committee Members: Dr. Michael Plyley, Dr. William Montelpare, Murray Nystrom; Chair: TBA. All are welcome.

## Pension Plan general meeting

There will be a general meeting of the members of the University Pension Plan hosted by members of the University's Pension Committee. The meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Academic South 202.

Ted Nixon of Mercer Human Resource Consulting (our pension plan actuary) will provide an overview of important

considerations when looking at options for transferring Pension Funds. In addition, representatives from our two investment firms will provide an overview of the Fund performance this year, followed by a question and answer period.

Everyone is welcome.

## Brock supports relief efforts

The Office of International Services and the International PLUS program would like to extend gratitude toward those who contributed financially toward the Indonesian Earthquake Disaster Relief Effort that began on May 29 through June 9. Thanks also to Brock International, Printing Services, Subcetera, Sodexo, and Community Services for helping organize and facilitate the relief effort. For anyone wishing to donate toward the cause, please contact the Canadian Red Cross at 905-704-0206.

## Banders re-elected to Board of Trustees

Congratulations to Mitzi Banders (ITS), on her re-election as a representative of the permanent staff to the Board of Trustees. Banders will serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2006, and joins continuing staff representatives Brad Clarke and Beth Natale.

A special thanks to all who allowed their names 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.

## Career Expo website wins award

Brock's Career Expo site, [www.mycareerexpo.com/](http://www.mycareerexpo.com/), won the award for Best Educational Site in the eNiagara web award competition for 2006. The Career Expo site was created last fall by Brock graduate Paul Slavickas, who is working part time in the Career Services office.

## Faculty and Staff

### COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

**Scott Henderson** presented a paper, entitled "It Doesn't Really Matter: Canadian Music and the Notion of Nation," at the 2006 Annual Conference of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music-Canada, held at the University of Regina, May 5 to 7. Also presenting papers were two students from the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture: Laura Wiebe Taylor, whose paper was entitled "The Many Lives of Voivod: (French) Canadian Metal-meets Prog-meets Industrial Confronts Mortality and Struggles On," and Mary Fogarty who presented on "Toronto's Local Hip-Hop Scenes: the Internal 'Place' of Embodiment in Break Dancing Performances."

### EARTH SCIENCES

**Uwe Brand** presented a keynote address, entitled "Bathymetry and productivity of the southern Great Basin seaway, Nevada, U.S.A.: an evaluation of isotope and trace element chemistry in modern and Mid-Carboniferous brachiopods," at the Geological Association of Canada Annual Meeting, in Montreal, held May 14 to 17, 2006. The original paper was co-authored by G. Webster, K. Azmy and A. Logan, **Brand** also presented a talk for Session SS20 at the same conference, entitled "In situ or tsunami deposits within the Mississippian Great Basin seaway: a petrographic and chemical investigation of the fauna and flora of the Indian Springs-Battleship Wash Formations, Arrow Canyon, Nevada" and co-authored by G. Jiang.

### ECONOMICS

Eight members of Brock's Economics department took part in the annual meeting of the Canadian Economics Association at Concordia University, Montreal, from May 26 to 28:

- **Marilyn Cottrell** presented "A Learning Object for Macroeconomics Principles."
- **Robert Dimand** presented "Louis Bachelier and the Origins of Mathematical Finance" (joint with **Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh**).
- **Hasan Imam** presented "Determination of the Equilibrium Exchange Rate in Canada: A General Equilibrium Approach."
- **Rene Kirkegaard** presented "A Simple Approach to Analyzing Asymmetric First Price Auctions."
- **Lester Kwong** presented "Efficiency in Optimal Auctions with Common Uncertainty."
- **Jean-Francois Lamarche** organized the Canadian Econometric Study Group sessions, and chaired two of them.
- **Felice Martinello** presented "University Faculty Salaries in Ontario: 1970/71-2003/04."
- **Xiaoting Wang** presented "Tying and Entry Decision in Telecommunication Markets."

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

James Allard presented "Thomas Beddoes and the Body in 'Social Medicine'" at a Joint Session of the North American Society for the Study of Romanticism and the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English at the 2006 Congress, held at York University, in May.

**Neta Gordon** presented two papers at the 2006 Congress for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS), held at York University in Toronto. The first, entitled "Dialectical Doublings in Joseph Boyden's *Three Day Road*," was presented for the Association of Canadian College and University Teachers of English. The second, entitled "Undermining World War One Elegy in Mary Swan's *The Deep* and Stephen Massicotte's *Mary's Wedding*," for the Association of Canadian and Quebec Literature.

### GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES – EDUCATION

**Dolana Mogadime** and Terri Payk, Master of Education student, were recently featured in 'TC Record the Voice of Scholarship in Education' for their poster presentation at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, held April 7 to 11, in San Francisco, Calif. Mogadime and Payk's poster presentation is entitled "A conceptual analysis of life history methodology: The importance of integrated analysis." The bulletin of Mogadime and Payk's TC coverage can be found at: <http://edlab.tc.columbia.edu/files/AERA%20Special%20Coverage.pdf>

**Mogadime** also presented a single paper at AERA sponsored by the Committee on Scholars of Colour in Education Invited Session, entitled, "Sita Ramana: a Tamil Teachers' Trajectory into taking up a critical subject position in teaching"

### HISTORY

**R. Andrew McDonald** recently presented the following papers:

- "The English Conquest of Ireland and Hiberno-Manx relations," at the 8th Medieval Dublin Symposium, held in Dublin, Ireland, on May 13.
- "Ragnvald Godredsson, Manx kingship, and Irish Sea Power Politics 1187-1229," at the Centre for Manx Studies Seminar Series, held in Douglas, Isle of Man, on May 18.

### MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION AND INNOVATION CENTRE

**Mike Laurence**, Educational Technology Consultant, delivered the keynote address at the opening banquet on May 1 for Camp CLOE, an intensive week-long eLearning instructional

design training course. The camp was attended by faculty and staff representatives from 18 universities across Canada, Asia and Europe.

### MATHEMATICS

**Thomas Wolf** gave an invited talk, entitled "Solving Underdetermined Systems of Linear ODEs," on May 9 and a software demonstration on May 12 in a workshop, entitled "Groebner Bases in Symbolic Analysis," at the Special Semester on Groebner Bases and Related Methods 2006, held at Kepler University, in Linz, Austria.

### MUSIC

**Harris Loewen's** choral arrangement of Edward Vandendool's "Counting Waves," commissioned by the Voices of Unity Choir, was premiered on May 7 in Burlington. Loewen performed as a volunteer jazz vocalist for a benefit event at the Ina Grafton Gage Retirement Home, accompanied by keyboardist **Don Cyr** (Finance) and others, on May 25. He also conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir and soloists, with accompanist **Lesley Kingham** (Music), in a potpourri program of Canadian choral music entitled "Songs from the North", on May 27 in Etobicoke.

### PSYCHOLOGY

**John Mitterer** presented a poster, entitled "Using technology to foster cognitive apprenticeship in large classes," at the Association for Psychological Science/Society for the Teaching of Psychology Teaching Institute Annual Conference, held in New York, N.Y. from May 25 to 28.

## Publications

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**Santos, Cristina.** (2006). "'Hell Hath No Fury Like a Woman Scorned': Refigurations of the Legend of La Llorona." *Estudos sobre Cultura Popular: Homenagem ao Professor Doutor José de Almeida Pavão*. Ed. Gabriela Funk. Ponta Delgada, Azores: Câmara Municipal de Ponta Delgada, pp. 241-57.

## Events

### Summer festivals, fireworks and new music in Niagara

Saturday, July 1, celebrate Canada Day with the Niagara Symphony at 2 p.m. in downtown St. Catharines at Market Square and at 9 p.m. at Queen Victoria Park in Niagara Falls. Other dates to remember:

- At Old Fort Erie, Friday, August 11, 7 p.m., hosted by the Fort Erie Arts Council and presented by the Niagara Parks Commission. Call 905-871-0540 for details.
- At Historic Fort George in Niagara-on-the-Lake on Saturday, August 12, 7:30 p.m., part of the Niagara International Chamber Music Festival, with thanks to Parks Canada. For tickets (\$25/\$5 students), call the Shaw Festival Box Office at 1-800-511-7429. To order tickets, visit: [www.niagarsymphony.org](http://www.niagarsymphony.org)

## Classified

**For Sale:** Tickle the ivories on a gorgeous Heintzman upright grand piano. This 1923 beauty has been lovingly kept, played and treated with annual tunings. \$1,000 negotiable. For more information or to arrange a viewing, please e-mail Kim at [piano\\_4\\_sale@hotmail.com](mailto:piano_4_sale@hotmail.com)

**For Rent:** Available immediately, three-bedroom/two-bath bungalow – main floor of this beautiful south end St. Catharines bungalow with lovely sun-room, deck and garden (down the hill from Brock University). Furnished: \$1,300/month; unfurnished \$1,000/month. Call 905-684-5312 for more information.

**For Rent:** Renovated, spacious home with AC. Located in Old Glenridge, backing onto golf course. \$1,500 plus utilities. Call 905-682-5040 for more information.

## Three great events, one great weekend



Brock volunteers show their strength at the recent Lung Association's Pull for Kids.

Brock's Care for Our Community Weekend was a great success. Many thanks to 54 Brock volunteers who raised a total of \$1,000 for three great charities on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28.

Brock's spirit of community helped the Lung Association's Pull for Kids raise \$75,000 and the Rankin Cancer Run raise \$227,000. The Niagara Region Walk to Cure Diabetes was also a great success with totals yet to be announced.

The Canadian Cancer Society's

Relay for Life will be held Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24. It is taking place on the Brock campus from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. There will be entertainment throughout the night and it will be a memorable experience. Join the Brock team as we partner with the community in the fight against cancer. For more information, visit: [www.relayforlife.ca](http://www.relayforlife.ca) or contact Michelle Manson, at ext. 4000, or [community@brocku.ca](mailto:community@brocku.ca)

## Brock Professor's daughter remembered at Convocation

Perhaps the most sustained ovation at this year's Spring Convocation ceremonies was reserved for a graduate not present to accept her degree. On June 5, a Master of Education degree was granted posthumously to Amy Kerr-Dixon, who died last September of colorectal cancer at the age of 30.

The granting of the degree was a bittersweet moment for Amy's father, Jim Kerr, a Professor in Brock's Department of Pre-Service Education.

"It's such a joyous time for them (graduates) and I have such mixed feelings," said Kerr. "I looked over at the students getting their master's and said, 'My kid should be sitting there.'"

It's the third degree Amy earned from Brock — she was previously awarded a Bachelor of Science in 1997 and a Bachelor of Arts fewer than two years later.

During Brock's Convocation, Jim, along with Amy's husband, Jeff Dixon, was there to accept Amy's degree. Other family members were also present to acknowledge her achievements and remember an exceptional person who was taken away far too early. Fellow education graduates provided a revered round of applause for Kerr-Dixon, remembering a dedicated student and colleague.

The family has set up a scholarship fund that has already grown to more than \$9,000 in Amy's memory. That amount is enough to provide \$400 every year in perpetuity to a deserving female education student with a science background.

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"I believe that your education is not just a sum of knowledge and skills acquired, but it is also the ability to interpret situations and match problems with solutions."

**Professor Anna H. Lathrop, Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education, Faculty of Mathematics and Science:**

"Each of us brings a unique level of questioning, perseverance, passion and sense of possibility to this scholarly enterprise. It is the magic of this diversity that fuels our human quest for knowledge, discovery and innovation."

**John Zoccoli, Brock graduate and the University's former Director of Finance:**

"These next chapters in the living book title, 'Your Own Path of Success,' will now be yours to write, and will now be yours to live. I can, however, leave you with this very brief, but humorous piece of business advice, that I was once given, and it goes like this. When your ship comes in, don't be waiting at the airport."

## Hanson named Privacy Co-ordinator

The Office of the University Secretariat is pleased to announce the appointment of Marion Hansen as the Freedom of Information and Privacy Co-ordinator. In her role, she will work with the Secretary to the University in overseeing the implementation of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). Hanson was previously working as the Program Co-ordinator for Continuing Education at Brock.

For more information on FIPPA, please visit: [www.brocku.ca/accessandprivacy](http://www.brocku.ca/accessandprivacy)

## Mediatalk People in the news



**Professor Zopito Marini**, from the Department of Child and Youth Studies, was quoted in the May 31 issue of the *National Post* in an article, entitled "Hunter-gatherer roots shed light on bullying, sex." In the article, Marini is

quoted as saying, "This research points to the important need for examining bullying from all angles. We look at bullying from an individual perspective, we look at it from a parenting perspective - this is just another lens for looking at it...."

**Ruth McQuirter Scott**, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education, was recently a guest on the CBC Radio program "Ontario Today." The phone-in show was devoted to the topic of spelling and spelling bees. McQuirter Scott responded to callers' questions and provided insights into how children learn to spell.

On May 19, the *St Catharines Standard* ran an article about the Niagara region's burgeoning theatre scene, entitled "The next stage," which featured an interview with **Gyllian Raby**, Director of the Department of Dramatic Arts and Associate Professor of Theatre.



BUSU President, **Kithio Mwanzia**, the first international president of Brock's student union, was profiled in the May 20 issue of the *St. Catharines Standard* in a piece entitled, "The international touch." In the article, Mwanzia

noted that "Soon, international students will lose the international title and just become students. I think by me being president, it shows where Brock is moving to. More internationalization. It's getting more diverse."

**Ken Murray**, Brock Badgers men's basketball coach, was recently interviewed on Toronto radio station FAN 590 AM and quoted in the *Hamilton Spectator* - "Brock to host Florida Gators" - about the men's basketball team hosting the NCAA Division 1 champion University of Florida Gators at Brock on Labour Day weekend. Murray was noted as saying, "I'm not going to be silly and say we've got a chance to beat these guys. What we're doing is creating an experience for our kids and our fans. Our players will probably be talking about this for the rest of their lives."

The May issue of *Business Niagara Magazine* included a piece about the challenges of marketing to an older and more ethnically diverse market, entitled "Tomorrow's customer?" The article featured an interview with **Sampsa Samila**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Marketing, International Business and Strategy.

**John Sivell**, Professor of Applied Linguistics and Director of the Centre for International Studies at Brock, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a piece that appeared in the May 20 issue, entitled "Early signs." The article

looked closely at children, learning and poor literacy and was part of the newspaper's ongoing "Literacy 101" series. Sivell, who stressed in the article that everyone learns differently, was quoted as saying, "If teachers treat a child at school as if they're slow, they may be overlooking skills the child has."

Youth University at Brock was recently profiled on local radio station CHSC 1220 AM's program "About Town" and in the *St. Catharines Standard's* "Summer Activities Guide." In the article, entitled "Ee-yech! - Brock's Youth University will give kids the chance to do everything from make 'mucous' to dust for fingerprints," **Kate Cassidy**, Youth University Director, was noted as saying, "We take kids back to their natural curiosity and help them to learn about the world around them."

**Paul Hamilton**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, was recently quoted in the *St. Catharines Standard* - "Niagarans eager to vote in federal election" - and *Niagara Falls Review* - "January election didn't dissuade Niagarans" - about the increase in voter turnout in all four of Niagara's ridings during the last federal election. Hamilton, who indicates that after the Christmas break in the election there was a feeling that anything could happen, noted that, "Voter turnout often reflects the perceived competitiveness of an election. If people feel a certain candidate has a lock on a constituency, people tend not to be jazzed about the idea and don't go vote."

University grounds manager **John Dick** was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for its May 27 "Search Engine" column in order to help respond to a reader's question about an enormous evergreen located in the city on Scott Street. The tree in question was an Austrian pine and Dick estimated that the tree is more than 60 years old, based on the mature bark.



Professor of Economics, **Lewis Soroka**, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a piece about the future of Niagara's manufacturing sector, entitled "Creating niches,"

for the newspaper's May 30, "Niagara 2020" insert. In the article, Soroka noted that, "I think there'll still be manufacturing here, but it will generally be smart manufacturing using high-level, high-skilled jobs that produce complex goods."

Professors **Shaymal Bose** and **Edward Strenin** from the Department of Physics were interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* about their Department hosting the 61st annual conference of the Canadian Association of Physicists at Brock from June 11 to 14. The article, entitled "It's not magic, it's physics; The wonders of superconductivity to be celebrated at Brock conference," ran in the newspaper's June 1 issue. In the interview, Strenin notes that "This is absolutely enormous for our department and the University. In some ways, it signals that Brock University has arrived." The conference is expected to attract more than 600 physicists from around the world to the University.