

BrockNews

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

Teaching sessions offered for instructors

All Brock faculty, instructors and lecturers are invited to attend the following events provided by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET). To register, visit www.brocku.ca/ctlet or call ext. 3933.

CSI: WebCT

Wednesday, Aug. 23, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in WH 147

Case Study Investigators: WebCT. This workshop is an opportunity for instructors to put on investigator's hats and work through some course design issues that pertain to WebCT. Participants will gain insights into how WebCT can be used for courses and you will be better prepared for situations that may arise.

Introduction to WebCT Tools

TH 253 e-classroom:

Monday, Aug. 28, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. or Tuesday, Aug. 29, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in TH 253 e-classroom:

This hands-on session is an overview of the available tools in WebCT plus some practice time to build a course at the participant's own pace. Become familiar with basic WebCT tools, such as file uploads, discussions, mail, and the WebCT calendar. If you're new to WebCT or have been considering using it for awhile, now is the time to discover what WebCT has to offer.

Transition to WebCT Campus Edition 6

Wednesday, Aug. 30, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. or Thursday, Aug. 31, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in TH 253 e-classroom

WebCT Campus Edition Six has many new and exciting features that everyone should know about. This upgrade also brings some evolutionary changes to the interface that eliminates some of the "quirky" steps in WebCT CE 4. This workshop will help participants get their course ready for this fall and help acclimate them to WebCT CE 6.

TA Day 2006

Saturday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All Brock TAs are invited to attend a full day of teaching and learning events sponsored by CTLET. Registration is required.

Brock Faculty Mentoring Program

All Brock faculty are encouraged to attend this program. Sessions coincide with specific events during the semester; (eg. assessment, exams, course startup). These discussion-based sessions on topics such as balancing roles and responsibilities, student mentoring, course design, evaluation and assessment, technology and teaching are held twice a month. Join CTLET for coffee and conversation. For more information, call Maureen Connelly at ext. 4707 or Jill Grose at ext. 4392. The first Brock Faculty Mentoring session for the 2006-07 academic year is:

Designing Course Outlines

TH 253 e-classroom

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1 to 3:30 p.m.

This half-day interactive workshop will allow an opportunity to draft a new course outline, revisit a stale one or consider a variety of strategies to re-energize an existing course.



New faculty and staff were introduced to the many facets of Brock over three days of sessions and workshops provided by Human Resources/Environment, Health and Safety (HR/EH&S), the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, and the Office of Research Services. Pictured at the first session are, from left: Kim Yielding, Information Officer, HR/EH&S; new faculty member Julian Kitchen, Assistant Professor, Department of Pre-Service Education; Susan Mifsud, Assistant Director, HR/EH&S; new staff member Mike Agnew, Emergency and Life Safety Officer.

CCOVI graduate students receive international recognition

Three grape and wine studies graduate students took top honours at the recent American Society of Enology and Viticulture-Eastern Section (ASEV-ES) Conference held July 9 to 12, in Rochester, N.Y.

Stephanie Martin, PhD candidate specializing in icewine fermentation under the supervision of Professor Debra Inglis, won the award for best student paper in oenology. Eleven graduate students presented papers based on their research in either oenology or viticulture. Martin's paper focused on some of the results of her thesis project "Yeast Osmoadaptive Response during Icewine Fermentation."

"We are very pleased by the top-place showing of our graduate students at the conference this year," stated Isabelle Lesschaeve, Director of CCOVI. "Stephanie's winning paper is a testament to her hard work and dedication."

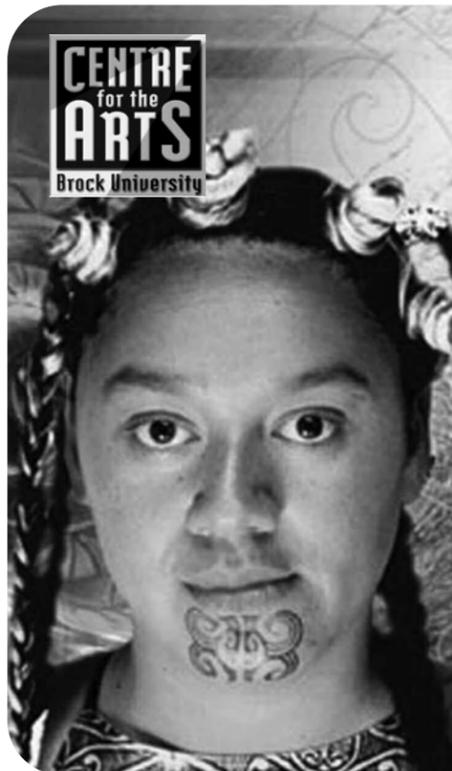
Jim Willwerth, master's candidate and Amy Bowen, PhD candidate, both under the supervision of Professor Andy Reynolds,

received \$1,000 (US) scholarships. The award also included all conference fees and accommodations.

As well, a prestigious \$14,000 Sensory Science Scholarship was awarded for the 2006-07 academic year to support Martha Bajec, PhD candidate, in her studies and research at Brock University. This scholarship is awarded in honour of the memory of Professor Rose Marie Pangborn, who initiated the scholarship fund to encourage the education of sensory scientists intending to pursue academic careers. This year, the award was supported by GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare.

"We are delighted for Martha that she is this year's recipient," said Gary Pickering, Chair, Department of Biological Sciences. "This honour is testament to both the outstanding calibre of Martha and to our sensory science program overall within the department and CCOVI."

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



World class entertainment in your own backyard

The Centre for the Arts is pleased to launch the 2006-07 season. Tickets are currently on sale to Front and Centre Members, and go on sale to the general public on Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. Please contact the Box Office at ext. 3257, or visit www.arts.brocku.ca to learn about the exciting lineup for the upcoming season.

Opening of Term

On Aug. 30, celebrate the start of the academic year with colleagues and friends and welcome new faculty and staff to campus. Enjoy a marche-style event with help from our neighbourhood restaurants and on-campus food providers. Complimentary beverages from the Niagara region will also be provided. The event runs from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Lowenberger Residence dining hall. Tickets are \$20 each and on sale now at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257.

Brock Days

Brock Days are around the corner and there's something for everyone. This year, Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) will host three lunch-and-learn wine sessions for faculty and staff featuring various wine-related topics. The events take place on Sept. 22, 25 and 28, and tickets are \$10 each (including a light lunch) and available by calling CCOVI directly at ext. 4652. Get your tickets soon, as these sessions are limited to 16 participants and are sure to be sold out. More information about all events taking place during Brock Days is available online at www.brocku.ca/brockdays

The Children's Movement Program

Does your child like to jump, climb, explore, dance and play games? This Saturday morning program is based on Brock's Movement Education program, incorporating problem-solving and decision-making skills for children ages one through 12. Educational gymnastics, creative dance and developmental games are used to challenge children to be active and try new skills. The Children's Movement Program is an inclusive program. University student volunteers are available to assist children with special needs. The program runs for eight Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 16, at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. The cost is \$49/child.

You may register in person at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex, or by calling ext. 4060.

Third Annual Triggs Lecture

Dianne Davidson, Viticultural Consultant from Australia, is the third speaker in the annual Triggs International Premium Vinifera Lecture Series at CCOVI. Davidson will be at Brock University for two days and will lead a Technical Workshop/Vineyard Visit to four vineyard sites in Niagara on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Davidson will present a public lecture, entitled "Cool Climate Winegrape Production - What Price Quality? The Australian Experience," on Thursday, Sept. 7 in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but RSVP is required to Barb Tarnic, ext. 4652 or e-mail ccovi@brocku.ca

Brock Briefs

MEd thesis defences

Education student Sarah Scott will present her thesis defence, entitled "Wellness a Balance: Perceptions Amongst Female Health Care Professionals Negotiating Career, Family, and Continuing Education," on Thursday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. Thesis Supervisor: Alice Schütz; External Examiner: Heather Lee Kilty; Committee Members: Ann-Marie DiBase, Mary-Louise Vanderlee.

Education student Sandra Plavinskis will present her thesis defence, entitled "Guerrillas in the Mi(d)st: A Study of Discrete Dissention Among Administrators in Academe," on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. Thesis Supervisor: Michael Manley-Casimir; External Examiner: Richard Townsend; Committee Members: Jonathan Neufeld, Richard Bond.

MA thesis defences

Psychology student Jun Yu (Junru) Zhao will present a thesis defence, entitled "Implicit self-theories of shyness: Predictors and correlates in preadolescence" on Thursday, Aug. 31 at 10 a.m. in WH 147. Thesis Advisor: Linda Rose-Krasnor; External Examiner: Robert J. Coplan, Carleton University, Professor, Department of Psychology.

Psychology student Malinda Desjarlais will defend her thesis, entitled "Can low domain knowledge be compensated for when using the Internet?" on Tuesday, Aug. 29, at 1:30 p.m. in WH 147. Thesis Advisor: Teena Willoughby; External Examiner: Gary Waller, Director Centre for Advancement of Co-operative Education and professor of Psychology (Emeritus), University of Waterloo.

Symphony appoints interim Executive Director

David Randall, President of the Board of Directors for the Niagara Symphony, announced recently the appointment of Candice Turner-Smith as Interim Executive Director while the orchestra conducts a search for a new Executive Director.

Earlier this month, the Niagara Symphony announced its current Executive Director, Erika Beatty, has accepted the position of General Manager with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra starting Sept. 15. Candice Turner-Smith will join the organization shortly prior to Beatty's departure and is expected to manage the day-to-day affairs of the company until a new Executive Director is in place. For more information on the Executive Director position, or the Niagara Symphony in general, visit www.niagarasymphony.org

Sporting conference comes to Niagara

The Faculty of Applied Health Sciences is hosting the 34th annual conference of the International Association for the Philosophy of Sport (IAPS) at the Doubletree Resort and Spa Fallsview in Niagara Falls from Sept. 14 to 17.

The purpose of the IAPS is to stimulate, encourage, and promote study, research, and writing in the philosophy of sporting (and related) activity. The Association publishes the *Journal of the Philosophy of Sport* twice a year and is the most respected medium for communicating contemporary philosophic thought with regard to sport. The annual conference brings together leading and emerging scholars from around the world to exchange ideas and critically review cutting edge research.

The academic program will feature 65 paper presentations from scholars representing 12 countries, three panel sessions, and two Warren P. Fraleigh Distinguished Scholar Lectures.

For more information on the IAPS and the conference, please visit www.iaps.net and follow the links to the conference webpage. You may also contact Danny Rosenberg at ext. 4289 or at danny.rosenberg@brocku.ca



Facilities Management took delivery of three replacement vehicles earlier this spring, providing a new look to the Department's wheeled vehicle fleet. In addition, some of the newer, existing blue vehicles will undergo body work and be painted white to match the new fleet. Some of the older vehicles nearing replacement and the larger dump trucks will remain blue. The reflective hazard-striping and the departmental identifiers improve the visibility of all of the vehicles, in a variety of situations. From left are John Dick, Manager, Grounds Team; Penelope Thomson, Manager, Custodial Services; and Doug Beckett, Manager, Maintenance and Operations Services.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Thomas S.C. Farrell was awarded the Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award for scholarly contributions to the field of TESOL from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Penn. on July 13, 2006.

MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Jane Koustas gave the plenary address at the International Conference on Robert Lepage held June 2 to 4, at Birbeck College, Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London, U.K. Her paper was entitled, "Robert Lepage Meets the ROC."

Koustas was also awarded the Prix de l'APFUCC (l'Association des professeurs de français des universités et collèges canadiens) for the best article published in French in 2004. Her article "Zulu Time: le paratexte paradoxal" was published in *L'annuaire théâtral*, no. 34, pp. 81-96.

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION

Don Dworet has been appointed as the editor of the Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD) newsletter. The CCBD is an organization with almost 6,000 members who support the ongoing learning of those who work on behalf of children with challenging behaviour and their families. **Dworet's** acceptance of this appointment reflects his ongoing service to CCBD and to teacher education.

More than 900 drama and theatre practitioners, researchers, and educators from 72 countries met in Ottawa for the IDEA World Congress, an event now known as a significant marker in the ongoing journey of drama/theatre and education. Faculty member **Debra McLauchlan** and co-editor Laura A. McCammon capture the essence of and most critical papers presented at this event in their book entitled *Universal Mosaic of Drama and Theatre: the IDEA 2004 Dialogues*. **McLauchlan's** paper, entitled "Preservice education in drama: Grooming lambs to meet wolves?" is included in this publication (pp. 133-138), available from IDEA Publications, Brisbane, 2006.

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For Rent: House in north Niagara Falls, eight-minute car drive from Brock. Three bedrooms, two baths, air conditioning, gas fireplace, in above-average neighborhood near schools and parks. \$1,300 plus utilities. Available September or October for one year. Phone 905-354-3756 for more details.

For Rent: Mature tenant(s) wanted for fully furnished one-bedroom condo. One large sitting-room; sunroom; study; kitchen, four appliances; laundry room; one and 1/2 bathrooms; air conditioning. All inclusive (except phone): Internet connection; digital cable TV; covered parking. On bus route, near bus depot downtown, close to all conveniences. Available Aug. 20, 2006 to June 30, 2007 (dates negotiable.) \$700 monthly. Please phone 905-984-8920 for more information.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Associate Professor **Nancy DeCourville** from the Department of Psychology was interviewed for a July 15 article in the *National Post*, about research that she conducted on forgiveness with **Kathy Belicki**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Psychology, and graduate students, **Tammy Stewart Atkinson**, **Colin Perrier** and **Michelle Green**. The article, entitled "Forgiveness is no longer a given," further examines French soccer player Zinedine Zidane's refusal to forgive the Italian player who prompted his World Cup head-butt.

Radio-Canada was on campus July 26 to film a segment about the Esso Imperial Oil and Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) Regional Math Camp that took place at the University from July 23 to 28. All interviews were conducted in French and the footage was featured on the program "Le téléjournal/Ontario," which aired the same night as the taping. Featured in the news story were **Hichem Ben-el-Mechaiekh**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Mathematics, **Chantal Buteau**, Professor of Mathematics, and a student-participant from the camp. This year marked the Department of Mathematics' sixth year of participating in the camp.

Professor **Felice Martinello** from the Department of Economics was recently interviewed by the *Simcoe Reformer* for a July 28 article about above-average high school dropout rates in Norfolk County - "Education: Norfolk's failing grade."

Professor Emeritus **Ralph Morris**, Department of Biological Sciences was recently interviewed by the *Welland Tribune* for a three-part series on tern colonies on Lake Erie, published in the newspaper on July 28, 29 and 31. Morris works as an advisor with a group of fish and wildlife volunteers from Conservation and Nature Clubs in the region of Port Colborne, Ont. Members of this group have accepted responsibility for the care and management of the common tern colony on the breakwall offshore from the town in Lake Erie.

Niagara This Week recently ran a story about the Summer Shine Sale hosted by the **Brock University Student's Union (BUSU)** at Isaac's Bar and Grill on July 29 to raise money for cystic fibrosis as part of Shinerama, a national campaign in which 55 universities across the country participate. The event included a garage sale and live auction and raised \$1,500 towards BUSU's goal of \$14,000 for this year, which is double what it raised for Shinerama last year. Fundraising will continue during the summer and peak during the upcoming Orientation week.

On July 31, **Coral Mitchell**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Graduate and Undergraduate Studies in the Faculty of Education, was part of an education panel on the program "On the Line" with Christine Williams, on CTS TV in Burlington, Ont. The topic of discussion for the program was the current state of secondary and post-secondary education in Ontario, educational supports for students to enable them to succeed and the potential impacts for teachers and professors. The live one-hour program included a panel discussion, Q&A session with the host and a call-in segment where panel guests responded to viewers' calls.

India's national newspaper, *The Hindu*, published a review of the book *English Literary Criticism and Theory: An Introductory History*, by M.S. Nagarajan, in their Aug. 6 issue, which included a quote from **John Lye**, Professor and Chair of the Department of English Language and Literature. The information credited to Lye was taken from the article, "The differences between Literary Criticism, Literary Theory and 'theory itself'," which is available on his literary studies and theory website at www.brocku.ca/english/jlye

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