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Remembrance Day Service

Brock's annual Remembrance Day Service will be held outdoors in the Walker Complex Courtyard, on Friday, Nov. 9 beginning at

Representatives of Brock administration and the Brock University Students' Union will speak, along with veterans and chaplains.

This year's service will have a multi-faith character, with Gathering Thunder, the First Nations drum group, participating. There will also be brief readings from the Jewish, Muslim and Christian religious traditions.

While Brock, founded in the 1960s, is too young to have an Honour Roll to read, students, staff and faculty of Canadian universities played a huge role in the Canadian war effort in the First and Second World Wars. After each war, veterans returned to the campuses with the hope that future generations would not have to repeat what they had endured.

'Remembrance Day is not a time to glorify war," Chaplain George Addison said. "It is rather a time to reflect on the sacrifices and losses of the past wars, including the World Wars and more recent conflicts, and to rededicate ourselves to work and pray for peace and justice.'

The event is sponsored by Brock Campus Ministries. It will be relocated to the Walker Food Court Area in the event of bad

Please contact Chaplain George Addison, ext. 3977, or e-mail: gaddison@brocku.ca for more information.

Willmot Lecture Series presents Deirdre McMurdy



On Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m., the Faculty of **Business will** welcome Deirdre McMurdy, leading Canadian journalist in business and politics, as the 2007 D. G. Willmot Distinguished Lecturer. The title of her lecture is, "Beyond the Headlines of Canadian Business"

Deirdre McMurdy and it will be held in the David S. Howes

McMurdy was the business editor on CTV's morning program, Canada AM for five years before co-hosting Global Television Network MoneyWise with Peter Kent. She also produced and hosted Prime Business with Deirdre McMurdy on Global's Prime network. She now co-ordinates Ottawa area, government and business news for local market television stations across the Global Television Network. She became the Chief Political Columnist for the Ottawa Citizen in 2006 and writes weekly columns for the Citizen, the National Post as well as pieces for MSN's financial website, MSN Money.

Admission is free, however tickets are required. Tickets are available through the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257.

Professor and graduate student travel to Mexico to film CBC documentary



Professor Ana Sanchez, in Puebla, Mexico, is interviewed by a CBC film crew.

Ana Sanchez, Professor of Community Health Sciences, and graduate student Angela Duarte travelled to Puebla, Mexico, from Oct. 9 to 16, to film a CBC documentary on invasive parasites and collaborate with colleagues at the Benemérita University of Puebla.

Sanchez was invited by the CBC program Nature of Things to take part in filming for a science documentary, entitled "Project X". The documentary will be comprised of several episodes and one of them will examine the topic of invasive parasites, an area of expertise for Sanchez. Puebla was selected as a location because of its similarities with Honduras, the country where Sanchez has done most of her research on parasites.

Episode director David New, program host Jennifer Gardy and their production crew, accompanied by Sanchez and Duarte, filmed footage at endemic communities, local hospitals

and research laboratories. The footage illustrated the significance of the invasive tapeworm parasite Taenia solium and its affects on humans and swine. This important global health issue is an ongoing area of research for Sanchez. The documentary is scheduled to air on CBC in January

While in Mexico, Sanchez and Duarte were also guests at the Benemérita University of Puebla where they presented preliminary results of the collaborative study they conducted over the summer months, "Latent Tuberculosis in Mexican Migrant Workers in the Niagara Region".

Duarte also delivered an invited talk for microbiology students at the University, entitled "Diagnostic Application of the Interferon-gamma Release Assay QuantiFERON for latent Tuberculosis".

Films explore faith, sexual diversity

The Que(e)rying Religion film festival, which explores the relationship between different faith traditions and sexual diversity, will take place on campus Friday, Nov. 23 and Saturday, Nov. 24.

'We hope this film festival will help open a conversation about religion and sexuality," said Chaplain George Addison, Campus Ministries. "Too often we have been constrained by ancient taboos to even talk openly about sexual orientation. The result has been exclusion and much pain. Each of these films offers an opportunity for a different outcome and deeper understanding.

On Nov. 23 at 7 p.m., the independent film The Business of Fancydancing (Native American) will kick off the festival with a screening in Academic South (STH) 204 following

an hour-long reception.

On Nov. 24, the following films will be shown, also in STH 204:

- Chutney Popcorn, 10 a.m., Hindu
- When Night is Falling, 1 p.m., Christian
- *Trembling Before G-D*, 3 p.m., **Jewish**

A panel discussion will follow each screening. Light refreshments will be provided from 12 noon to 1 p.m. on

The event is co-organized by Brock Ecumenical Chaplaincy, Brock Pride and the Office for Human Rights and Equity Services, and several offcampus organizations, including OUTniagara and TransParent Canada.

Other sponsoring groups are OPIRG and the Tecumseh Centre for

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International program celebrates culture, friendship and learning

Three Brock students were among more than 100 students from around the world who participated in an International Summer Program (ISP) in China hosted by one of Brock's Chinese partner institutions, Wuhan

University.
Troy Woodworth, a fourth-year undergraduate student majoring in Tourism and Environment, Christina Skorobohacz, a graduate student and teaching assistant in the Faculty of Education, and Ray Borland, a graduate student specializing in Chinese Philosophy, all took part in either a two- or four-week summer program experience at Wuhan this past summer.

Sponsored by Wuhan, the participation of these three students was co-ordinated through the Brock International Office. The program aims to promote the existing interinstitutional exchange and collaboration between Brock and Wuhan, as well benefit the many student participants from Wuhan's partner institutions all over the world.

Borland applied to take part in the summer program for several reasons.

"Although I am studying Chinese Philosophy at Brock, the opportunity to travel to China will give me additional cultural information and a truer sense of the country today," he said. "I have considered the possibility of doing future philosophical and language study

The Wuhan program included daily lectures on topics such as ancient and modern Chinese history, the Chinese economy and development, Chinese law and the legal system, the Chinese educational system, and language and cultural classes and tours.

'I will always remember the professor who shared his life story, describing the impact of the Cultural Revolution on his family," says Skorobohacz. "Another lasting memory will forever be of the cultural mosaic we formed in our program spirited international students from all over the world, alongside Chinese students and volunteers who made us feel so welcome and comfortable. We came together for a common purpose: to unite in friendship, learn from each other and immerse ourselves in a rich and extraordinary culture."

Next week is International Education Week at Brock. Along with a presentation by the Wuhan ISP student participants at 12 noon on Thursday, Nov. 15, other events will be offered, including an Indian cooking demonstration and a workshop on "The Art of Crossing Cultures".

All are welcome and invited to join in any or all of the activities throughout the week.

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