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# Convocation celebrates the Class of 2007





Dr. Jack N. Lightstone

The most degrees and certificates ever conferred in Brock University's 43-year history took place at this year's Spring Convocation, where an estimated 4,000 students graduated during nine ceremonies from June 12 to 16.

At each commemoration, graduates and guests listened to inspiring advice from Brock President Jack Lightstone, four honorary degree recipients, two 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching recipients and three guest speakers.

'Graduates, today is also a momentous day for your parents, wives, children, other relatives and friends. Were it not for their support and encouragement, you graduates would not be here today. Their pride in you and their joy shines in their eyes and in their smiles," said Lightstone during his Convocation address. "In the end, however, dear graduates, it is principally by your own efforts and hard work that you have arrived at this convocation to receive your diplomas. You have managed to complete hundreds of readings, assignments, papers, presentations, research projects, tests, examinations, and discussions. You have deepened and broadened your understanding of the complex world in which we live."

The following is a sampling of the messages guest speakers shared with graduates:

Dr. Robin C. Williams, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Public Health, the Regional Municipality of Niagara:

'Finally, on this life journey, this path, this roller coaster ride you're on, today you're just at the top of one of the peaks on your ride - where there is an instant of pause to reflect and look around. And although I don't know how many hills or valleys, or curves your ride will include, or how many times you'll go round the track, or who will get on or off your train, I do know you'll be thrown around a bit - life's like that. And I also know that you're not on this ride alone; life's a team sport so I ask that you have a look at who's on the train with you, your friends, your teachers and mentors, and of course your parents and family."

## Professor Lorne Adams, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences and Director of Athletics:

"Change is unsettling, change is scary, change is anxiety inducing. That is why we have phrases like, 'That's the way we've always done it.' It's known its safe, it's familiar. Clasp you hands together. Notice which thumb is on top. Pull your hands apart. Now put them together again, but put the other thumb on top. It's uncomfortable. It will require courage when there are lots of thumbs out there and they all want to be on top."



Barbara Vyrostko

Barbara
Vyrostko,
executive
director,
Community
Living Welland
Pelham,
honorary degree
recipient:

"My message to you graduates who are here

today — you are our future policy makers, teachers, politicians, business leaders, community leaders — is to think about your work and look at the barriers that are there. Then, take another look at yourself and question how you can actively include people with disabilities. Your actions will create the environment that will support people in exercising their rights."

## Professor Joe Engemann, Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Department, 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Faculty of Education:

"For those of you who have successfully completed your studies and teaching practica within our preservice education program, you are about to proceed along a professional career path that provides boundless opportunities to support and nurture our children's natural love for learning and inquiry. This applies to all domains, disciplines, subjects, topics. It is amazing how much you can engender an enthusiasm within children for learning about anything."

Professor Ruth McQuirter Scott,

Pre-Service Department, Faculty of

Education:

"Much has changed about teaching since the class of 1930. Today's teachers are expected to know vastly more about every subject they teach than my mother's generation; to address the needs of every student in the room, not just the ones who learn easily; to embrace technology that even the dreamers could not have imagined 80 years ago. But with all the changes, one thing remains constant. The heart of teaching is in the relationships you establish with your students."

Bluma Appel

Bluma Appel, patron of the arts, honorary degree recipient:

So here I am today – the product of what you different generations continue to teach me. My life is

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# Students who exemplify spirit of Sir Isaac Brock honoured at Convocation

Leadership, courage, innovation, inspiration and community involvement — these qualities that best represent the spirit of Sir Isaac Brock also determined the inaugural recipients of the new Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medal at Spring Convocation.

"The Brock University Board of Trustees created this award in order to pay special recognition to the outstanding achievements and contributions of Brock students graduating at Convocation," says David S. Howes, Chair, Brock University Board of Trustees. "The qualities that these students represent exemplify the best and the brightest that Brock has to offer."

The medals were presented to one undergraduate student from each Faculty based on the recommendation of the Deans, and one graduate-level student (master's and PhD) from each Faculty on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies in consultation with the other Deans.

The Chair of the Board of Trustees, or designate, presented the medals at convocation to students who exemplify any one or more of the following qualities: leadership, courage, innovation, inspiration and community involvement.

The recipients of the 2007 Board of Trustees Spirit of Brock Medals are: Undergraduate students:

- Joel Dembe of Lynden, Ont., Honours Bachelor of Sport Management, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Michelle Leece of St. Catharines, Ont., Honours Bachelor of Business Administration with a Concentration in Human Resource Management, Faculty of Business
- **Keith Tait** of St. Catharines, Ont., Pre-Service Education, Faculty of Education
- Christina Le Rose of Niagara Falls, Ont., Honours Combined Bachelor of Arts Music/French with a minor in Italian, Faculty of Humanities
- William Marshall of Welland, Ont., Honours Bachelor of Science in Mathematics Integrated with Computers and Applications with a Concentration in Statistics, Faculty of Mathematics and Science
- Victoria Tasker of Stoney Creek, Ont., Honours Bachelor of Arts in Human Geography with a minor in English, Faculty of Social Sciences Graduate students:
- Laura MacPherson of Courtright, Ont., Master of Science in Applied Health Science, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Ying (Angela) Shen, Master of Business Administration, Faculty of
- **Spogmai Akseer** of St. Catharines, Ont., Master of Education, Faculty of
- Andre Cormier of Kingston, Ont., Master of Arts in English, Faculty of Humanities

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Please Note: The next issue of Brock News will be published on Wednesday, July 18, with a submission deadline of Friday, July 6.

# Courtyard renovation would provide social space

A new initiative that will see a refurbishment of most food service facilities on campus over the next two years is being contemplated by the University.

The first, and largest, component of the plan to be executed is a renewal of the Tower Cafeteria, including the development and enclosure of the adjacent 12,000-square-foot outdoor courtyard.

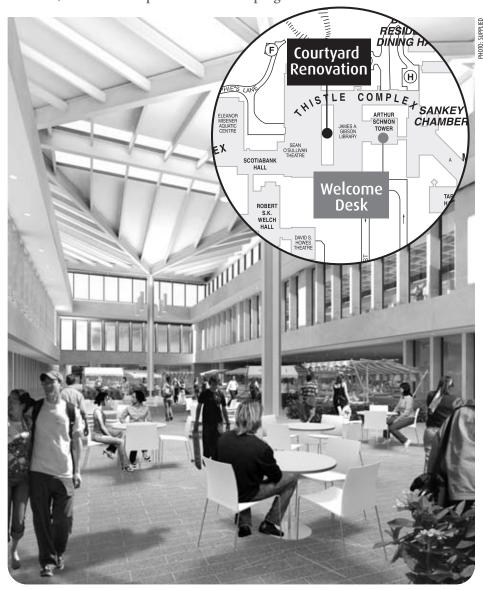
"This exciting project has the opportunity to utilize underused space for the benefit of the entire Brock community," says Tom Arkell, Director of Community and Ancillary Services. "In addition, the transformation and expansion of the food service facilities will provide greater choice and service for patrons."

The plan would see the courtyard enclosed, and the new space will

accommodate a 4,500-square-foot marché, a 1,000-square-foot fresh food marketplace, and will triple the amount of available seating currently being offered. As an added bonus, the space will provide much-needed social space for students, staff and faculty, immediately adjacent to the new Learning Commons.

"The Learning Commons facility will be greatly enhanced by this adjacent development," says Kim Meade, Associate Vice-President, Student Services. "Prospective students, parents, faculty, staff, students, alumni and community members will benefit from the additional features being offered in the courtyard."

The cafeteria and courtyard projects will be self-financed through revenues from the University dining program.



# SWAT members wanted for Orientation Week

The Brock University Students' Union (BUSU) is in the beginning stages of planning the 2007 Orientation Week.

Because it takes many hands to pull events together, students, staff and faculty are being called upon to spread the word about BUSU's Student Welcoming Awareness Team (SWAT). Volunteers who join SWAT will play a large role in carrying out the events during O-Week.

Each SWAT member is invited to take part in a free training weekend that is designed to assist in acquainting team members with one another. SWAT members are provided with two free T-shirts and free access to most events during the week. SWAT members will also be provided with complimentary meals while they are volunteering.

The hours volunteered during O-week can also be tracked through Brock University's Experience Plus program, offering an excellent resumé-building opportunity.

BUSU is also beginning to plan several summer fundraisers for Shinerama! Brock and the surrounding communities are invited to take part in the events which provide funds to help fight Cystic Fibrosis.

Faculty and staff can refer students to www.busu.net, where anyone can access and print a copy of the application for SWAT and submit it to the BUSU office no later than Aug. 1, 2007.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Brittany McLeod, BUSU Volunteer and Charities Co-ordinator, at ext. 3195.

# The CFI awards more than \$125,000 to Brock researchers

The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) announced recently that it has awarded \$127,514 to Brock University to support two projects led by Professor Isabelle Lesschaeve of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), and Georgii Nikonov of the Department of Chemistry.

"Knowledge-intensive economies and societies of the 21st century will be characterized by innovative research, and a highly educated and skilled workforce," says Dr. Eliot Phillipson, president and CEO of the CFI. "Over the past 10 years, the CFI's investments have been a major factor in enabling Brock University to attract some of the world's best researchers. Today's investment will ensure that this trend continues."

Lesschaeve's work will focus on consumer behaviour and preference, by gaining an understanding of sensory and non-sensory factors affecting Canadian consumer perception of wine quality. Lesschaeve, Director of CCOVI, intends to establish a consumer behavioural laboratory to conduct both qualitative and quantitative measurements of consumer liking, purchase intent and consumption in simulated contexts. She has been awarded \$68,922 in this round of CFI funding.

Nikonov's research interests focus on hydride chemistry, including applications to molecular catalysis. This approach is designed to meet the growing demands of chemical manufacturers, including pharmaceutical companies that seek more efficient and "greener" (less waste-producing) chemical processes. He will receive \$58,592 in CFI funding for the project.

For more information, visit www.brocku.ca and click on "More News."

Students who exemplify spirit continues from page 1.

• Gary Pigeau of Webwood, Ont., PhD in Biotechnology, Faculty of Mathematics and Science

• Lorraine Pannett of Guernsey, British Isles, U.K., Master of Arts in Social Justice and Equity Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences

The best of the Class of 2007 was also recognized as part of Brock's Spring Convocation. Students with the highest standing in either a first Honours (four-year) or pass (three-year) degree in each Faculty received a Dean's Medal for academic excellence.

In the Faculty of Education, the graduating student who best exhibits academic and professional excellence in the Pre-Service program, as selected by the Faculty of Education, received a Dean's Medal. In the Faculty of Business, only one medal is awarded for the Honour's degree as all programs are a minimum of four years.

The students receiving Dean's Medals are: Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

• Honours Degree: **William Gott** of Feversham, Ont., Physical Education and Kinesiology

• Pass Degree: **Ariel David Garcia**, Sport Management

Faculty of Business

• Honours Degree: **Julie Lynn Swan** of Hamilton, Ont., Accounting Co-op

Faculty of Education

• Tara-lea Beaudoin of Hamilton, Ont., Pre-Service Education

Faculty of Humanities

• Honours Degree: **Christina Le Rose** of Niagara Falls, Ont., Combined Music/French with a minor in Italian

• Pass Degree: **Robert Hayes Knight** of Niagara Falls, Ont., History

Faculty of Mathematics and Science
• Honours Degree: **Colin Phipps** of Jordan, Ont., Mathematics integrated with

Computers and Applications with a
Concentration in Pure Mathematics

• Pass Degree: Alec James Yarascavitch
of St. David's, Ont., General Studies

Faculty of Social Sciences
• Honours Degree: **Sherri-Lynn Vervaeke**of Grimsby, Ont., Child and Youth Studies

Pass Degree: Jason Lawrence
 Ostafichuk of Ancaster, Ont., Psychology

 In addition, 53 students received

 Distinguished Graduating Student Awards for obtaining the highest average in their major.

# Shallaway brings Ann & Séamus to Brock

The international award-winning choir, Shallaway – Newfoundland & Labrador Youth in Chorus – will bring *Ann & Séamus – A Chamber Opera* to Brock on Thursday, July 5 as part of a five-city tour that includes stops in St. John's, Ottawa, Toronto, St. Catharines, and Washington, D.C.

Based on the book Ann and Seamus by Kevin Major, a Newfoundland poet and author of national acclaim, *Ann & Séamus – A Chamber Opera* has a uniquely strong pedigree. The words and music have been created by globally celebrated composer Stephen Hatfield. It is directed by highly regarded Siminovitch Award winner Jillian Keiley

Ann & Séamus tells the story of an extraordinary act of heroism that occurred nearly two centuries ago by the unlikeliest of heroes. In 1828, on the southwest coast of Newfoundland, 17-year-old Ann Harvey and her family, sole occupants of the community of Isle aux Morts, used a simple fishing dory to rescue 163 Irish immigrants from the Despatch, a ship impaled on the rocky shores during a raging storm. For 11 days after their rescue, Ann and her family kept the survivors alive, fed and cared for.

"Our young artists have worked

extremely hard preparing for this production," says Susan Knight, Artistic Director for Shallaway. "We have a talented group, and we are excited to tell the amazing story of Ann Harvey."

Kathleen Allan, Shallaway Chorister, says, "The opera is very inspirational. We have created a unique and significant production about an amazing young girl. We are so proud to be sharing her story and our history with the world."

Shallaway was honoured to have descendants of Despatch survivors and of the Harvey family attend the premiere of *Ann & Séamus* in June 2006 and it is anticipated that these and other descendants will attend this summer's performances in Ontario and Washington, D.C.

For tickets to the *Ann & Séamus* performance, to be held at the David S. Howes Theatre, Brock University at 8 p.m. on Thursday, July 5, please contact the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257, or online at www.arts.brocku.ca. Prices are as follows: Adult: \$22.79; Children/Seniors \$17.49, and a family of four is \$59.36.

For further information about Ann & Séamus, please visit www.annandseamus.com

# Brock welcomes its first Fulbright scholar

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Education Technologies (CTLET), Brock International and the Office of the Associate Vice-President Research and International Development are pleased to announce the arrival of Brock University's first Canada-U.S. Fulbright scholar, Richard L. Lanigan.

Lanigan is an acclaimed professor and researcher from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC). As Director and Fellow of the International Communicology Institute and a Fulbright Senior Specialist, he specializes in intercultural communication and semiotics, focusing mainly on Asian culture. His research interests include sign, symbol, and representation theory; semiotics; social code theory; the philosophy of communication; as well as intercultural and cross-cultural communication.

Lanigan will give an open public lecture, entitled "*The Home-World Model of Culture and Communication*", on Monday, June 25, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Pond Inlet, followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Michael Hawes, executive director of the Foundation for Educational Exchange Between Canada and the United States of America, will also attend the lecture and will give a brief overview of opportunities for Brock scholars (both professors and students) to participate in Fulbright. The foundation, based in Ottawa, is responsible for administering the Canada-U.S. Fulbright program in Canada. Their programs aim to give

scholars more opportunities to share their research with relevant audiences in both countries and participate in various national and binational debates.

Lanigan will be at Brock for a little more than one month. During his visit, Lanigan will collaborate closely with his academic colleague and host, Maureen Connolly, Director of CTLET, and with the Office of the Associate Vice-President Research and International Development.

In addition to joint research with Connolly, Lanigan will be delivering a series of workshops and tutorials for interested participants at Brock, including teaching assistants, graduate students, faculty and staff. Session topics will range from non-verbal communication and east-meets-west culture systems, to interviewing techniques and small group dynamics, to qualitative research methods, academic publishing, and visual culture.

The Fulbright Scholar Sessions will take place between Thursday, June 21, and Friday, July 20. To register, please visit www.brocku.ca/ctlet. Lanigan has met with all Deans and various senior administrators, and welcomes any other appointments or meetings during his brief tenure at Brock. He can be reached directly at rlanigan@brocku.ca

For further information about Lanigan's participation at Brock or any of the above-mentioned events, please contact the Brock International office at ext. 4404 or 4088.

# TAP offers students opportunity to become global citizens

Students from the Department of Dramatic Arts will become global citizens as they participate in TAP (Turn Around Project), an interdisciplinary applied theatre research project in Port Antonio, Jamaica, this summer.

On Thursday, June 28, Professor Jane Leavitt from the Department of Dramatic Arts, and Michael St. George, an arts educator and renowned Dub poet, will lead 18 Brock students in the intensive applied theatre project.

Fifteen students enrolled in DART 3F99, an Advanced Tutorial in Dramatic Arts, are required to co-ordinate and run workshops as well as prepare and analyze data for 110 children. Two students from Brock's Film Studies program will create a documentary about TAP that will be used in presentations at academic conferences, and Ryan Burke, President of the Black Students' Society from Brock University, will also accompany the group on the trip.

During this project, Brock students will face social, cultural and educational issues that have important ramifications for personal, professional, and intellectual growth.

"By equipping students with cultural knowledge, artistic and analytical skills, and by offering an international teaching experience, we help students become global citizens," says Leavitt.

The goal of TAP is to offer Jamaican children a free arts program for five years in order to contribute to a movement to inspire lives and communities. Educators from the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica, and from the College of Agriculture Science and Education in Port Antonio, Jamaica, will work with TAP examining relevant social issues through drama, music, art, storytelling and dance. The data and research acquired in this year's pilot project will assist in the design of subsequent years.

The arts project will be held at Titchfield High School in Port Antonio. Children participating in TAP will come from three primary schools and Titchfield High School, all in Port Antonio, and from the August Town community in Kingston. This area of Jamaica is considered challenging because of the difficult conditions that many children live with every day.

Professor Leavitt's research project is supported with grants from Brock's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Internal Grant and the Office of International Services. For more information, please visit: www.turnaroundproject.com

# Nine-year-old cancer survivor ready for relay



Brock Taraba is linked to Brock University by more than his first name. The nine-year-old boy is an example of the connection that the institution enjoys and encourages with the broader community.

Last year, Brock completed the Survivor Lap at the Relay for Life, an annual fundraiser for cancer research that was held at the University through its Community Connections program. He will participate again at this year's event, which takes place Friday, June 22 on the University campus.

Brock's mother, Lori Synes-Taraba, who graduated last week with an Honours degree in Child and Youth Studies, says "that first lap with my son was one of the most emotional walks I have ever had."

Brock was diagnosed with high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia at the age of 10 months. Synes-Taraba and her husband Stephen (BA, admi/soci, '96) were told their baby had 20 days to live.

After intensive treatment, including radiation therapy, the little boy was given

the "all clear" in November 2005. Brock is now a patient of the After-Care Clinic at McMaster Children's Hospital for posttreatment and growth and development checkups.

"Brock University has been tremendous in its support for allowing the Relay for Life to take place," says Synes-Taraba, who sits on the Relay for Life committee. "It was extra special that Steve and I met there, that we named Brock to represent our beginnings as a couple, and that Brock was able to walk his first Survivor Lap there.

"As a whole, Brock University has been there for all of our family accomplishments," she continues. "It was so fitting that Brock took his first Survivor steps at a place that means so much to our family."

The active boy with the winning smile sums things up best: "It's great to be here."

For more information, visit www.relayforlife.ca or www.brocku.ca/communityconnections

# Summer art camp at Rodman Hall Arts Centre

Rodman Hall is the place to be this summer for budding artists! Led by a talented team of instructors, young artists embark on an art adventure like no other. Combining a variety of traditional and non-traditional materials and techniques with lots of imagination, children create extraordinary projects in the studios and on the grounds of Rodman Hall.

Cost: \$175 full day (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or \$89 half day (9 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 to 4 p.m.)

Ages 6 – 8

3...2...1...Art Blast Off!! (July 9 to 13)

Fables and Fairy Tales \*FULL\* (July 16 to 20)

Animal Antics (Aug. 13 to 17) Toy Troopers (Aug. 20 to 24)

Ages 9 – 12

Cartoon Capers (July 9 to 13) Sculpture Skills (July 16 to 20) Paint Like a Master (Aug. 13 to 17)
Planet eARTh (Aug. 20 to 24)
If your young ones are drawn to computer design, then Digital Art
Lab summer camp is for them.
Exploring the basics of Photoshop,
Illustrator, Flash and Dreamweaver on
Apple eMacs, students can learn to draw with the computer, edit and manipulate photographs, create short animations and build their own websites.

For more information on Digital Art Lab summer camp and full course descriptions, check out our website: www.brocku.ca/rodmanhall/education

To register, please phone the Welcome Desk at ext. 4775, or visit in person at Rodman Hall, 109 St. Paul Crescent, St. Catharines. Brock University families receive a 10 per cent discount on course registrations.

# Partnership with Meridian offers opportunities to students



From left: Sean Jackson, President and CEO, Meridian Credit Union; Brock President Jack Lightstone; Gillian Kemp, Program Director, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Initiative, Faculty of Business; and Don Cyr, Associate Dean, Graduate Programs and Research,

The Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Initiative (CSRI) project was initiated through the Graduate Studies and Research Office in the Faculty of Business at Brock University. The initiative endeavours to provide service-learning opportunities to Brock University students. Students are matched with non-profit organizations to provide expertise and receive work experience. The non-profits benefit not only from the work accomplished through student placements but also from a transfer of skills and knowledge. The students gain work experiences as well

as a new network of contacts in the non-profit sector, including the community-minded business people who sit on the boards of the nonprofits. Students learn how their own skills add value to community organizations and impact on the population they serve.

The support of Meridian Credit Union will allow for the provision of three paid internships for students over the summer months and will also support the establishment of an online library of CSR resources and the development of a speaker series.

# Nationalism book by Brock professor receives national award

Professor Garth Stevenson, Department of Political Science, has been awarded the 12th annual Donald Smiley prize for his book Parallel Paths: The Development of Nationalism in Ireland and Quebec.

Every year, the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) awards the Smiley Prize for the best book published on Canadian government and politics. Stevenson is the first Brock faculty member to win the

"This prize is a significant accolade for me and for the Department of Political Science at Brock University, where I have been happily employed for 20 years," says Stevenson.

Parallel Paths: The Development of Nationalism in Ireland and Quebec compares the results of independence movements in the two societies. The book contrasts the different ways the two groups rebelled against British rule - from armed resistance and partition in Ireland, to the Quiet Revolution and eventual rise of the independence movement in Quebec.

"It's fitting that the Smiley Prize would be awarded to someone like Professor Stevenson who has contributed so much to the understanding of Canadian politics over the years," says David Siegel, Dean of Social Sciences at Brock.

The prize was established in honour of the late Donald V. Smiley, an internationally renowned professor of Canadian government and politics.

For more information, visit www.brocku.ca and click on "More News."

# **Brock Briefs**

# Koustas named Associate Dean

Jane Koustas, Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, has accepted the position of Associate Dean, Graduate Studies and Research, in the Faculty of Humanities. She begins a three-year term on July 1, 2007, succeeding John Sainsbury, Department of History. Koustas' responsibilities will include directorship of the Humanities Research Institute as well as overseeing the graduate programs in Humanities. "We are very fortunate to have someone of Jane's ability and experience in this important position, and I look forward to working with her closely in promoting research and graduate studies in the

Humanities," says Rosemary Hale, Dean, Faculty of Humanities.

## Youth University thanks Teen **Esteem volunteers**

Youth University extends thanks to all the women from the Brock community who donated their time and talents to the Teen Esteem Program. The program recognizes that not all girls have role models from whom to learn or the encouragement and financial resources to reach for a dream. The aim of this program is to help young girls (in Grades 6 to 8) realize the scope of careers available to them through the personal stories of the workshop presenters.

Congratulations to all the speakers on a job well done!

# **Media**talk People in the news

Gillian Kemp, program director of Brock's Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainability Initiative in the Faculty of Business, was interviewed by Niagara This Week for a June 6 article – "Brock business program gets boost from Meridian" – about a \$50,000 donation from Meridian Credit Union to support the initiative over the next three years.

Dale Bradley, Assistant Professor of Communication, Popular Culture and Film, was interviewed by the *Simcoe Reformer* for a June 4 story about the social networking website Facebook. entitled "Meet the giant face of social networking.

**Craig Hyatt**, Assistant Professor of Sport Management was interviewed by Bloomberg news services (Bloomberg.com) for a June 4 online story about the poor television ratings for this year's NHL playoffs, "Canada Yawns as Ottawa Senators Fight Ducks for Hockey

Hyatt was also cited in other playoff news stories as a result of a case study he recently co-authored, entitled *The* Invention of Tradition: Building Oiler Nation, which explains how sports organizations build a "fan nation" not restricted to a particular location. The articles published on June 3 appeared in the following newspapers: Victoria Times Colonist ("No 'fan nation' for Sens"), Edmonton Journal ("Senators struggle to construct 'fan nation'") and The Ottawa Citizen ("Sens nation purely academic").

Garth Stevenson, Professor of Political Science, was interviewed by the Vancouver Sun for a June 2 story about the federal government's bill aimed at injecting fairness into parliamentary representation, entitled "Harper's zeal for rep by pop is open to question."

**Adam Dickinson**, Assistant Professor of English, Language and Literature, was recently interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for a June 1 Spectrum feature article about the nomination of his book, Kingdom, Phylum, for the prestigious Trillium Book Award for poetry. In the article, entitled "A man of words", Dickinson notes: "We make categories to make meanings and these are useful and productive for us. But they can also be damaging at times - like when we slot people into categories and we forget they're just like other objects in the

**Kimberly Cote**, Associate Professor of Psychology, was recently interviewed by Hamilton-based newspaper Forever Young for a June 1 story about the long-term consequences of poor sleep, entitled

"Sleep tight."

Martin Head, Professor of Earth Sciences, and Karen Arnell, Associate Professor of Psychology, were both interviewed by the St. Catharines Standard for a May 31 article about the most recent round of NSERC funding received by University researchers. The article, entitled "Grant cash helps Brock land rare microscope," provided brief descriptions of the projects that both researchers received funding for.

Business students Laura Riccuto, Martin Bartosek and Jennifer Baker were interviewed on AM 1220 CHSC on June 7 about the Brock MBA Business Consulting

Marla Portfilio, Co-ordinator, Med Plus Program, was interviewed about Med Plus students' involvement in co-ordinating Rural Medicine Week activities in Fort Erie on May 28 on AM 610 CKTB's "Drive Home" program.

**Charles Burton**, Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science, recently gave the following media interviews and appearances:

- interviewed on Radio Canada International's (RCI) "The Link" program on June 11 about his report for the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) on Canada's human rights dialogue with China.
- interviewed by the Globe and Mail for a June 11 article that discusses his report for DFAIT, "China wanted cash to discuss human rights."
- interviewed by Chinese language newspaper Singtao Daily for a May 12 article, "Parliamentary report on human rights in China recommends transfer of funding to focus on religious rights," which quotes his views.
- a characterization of his views on Canada-China relations appears in a May 5 Globe and Mail article, "Chinese whispers: the Maple Leaf's weakening sway in Beijng. Canada can bluster, but China's not listening. Why should they?"
- interviewed by *Singtao Daily* for a May 1 article, "The Canada-China human rights dialogue shelved last year, Ottawa stresses reform of the existing mechanism," which quotes his views.
- interviewed on RCI's "The Link" program on May 1 about the impact of the Huseyincan Celil case on Canada-China relations.
- interviewed by Singtao Daily for an April 26 article, "Parliamentary Subcommittee adopted report on human rights in China," which quotes his views.

For more in-depth information of Burton's media appearances, including audio clips, transcripts and links to online articles, please visit: http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~cburton



The PALS (Positive Active Living for Students) program is in its 13th year of providing a spring activity program for elementary school classes. This year, more than 3,500 children will take part in daily programs featuring rowing, archery, flag rugby, tennis and aquatics activites. The program is coordinated by the Department of Recreation Services (Les Gilson coordinator) and employs 13 Brock University students.









still an adventure in learning exciting and fulfilling. And for that, I thank you. But to be perfectly honest, I am concerned about your future. In my time, social programs were introduced. Labour established its place. Women found their voice. Democracy thrived and Medicare was born. It is imperative to have knowledge of the past and know what it took to build our great country. If you don't play a part in the present there might not be much of a future. How many of you are interested in politics? How many of you vote? If you don't like what's going on, don't just complain and criticize. Get involved! There was never a better



Brian Tobin

Brian Tobin, senior business advisor, Fraser Milner Casgrain and former premier of Newfoundland and Labrador, honorary degree recipient: "As Brock

alumni, you belong to an institution whose capacity to excel across the many disciplines of research strengthens every year. This is important progress for Brock and as you take up your places in the broader Canadian community, remember to keep coming back and to give back to this Niagara-based institution whose

presence is not only felt here on the peninsula but increasingly, all across Canada and around the world."



Anthony P. Graham

Anthony R.
Graham,
president and
director,
Wittington
Investments
Limited,
honorary degree
recipient:

"One of the great skills you

can never learn too much about is planning for change. In these days especially. Change can come from far off or pop up on your computer screen. And believe me, the whole world will change. To prepare for change you need to be smart, entrepreneurial and flexible. But you'll need to adapt to changing circumstances. When change is coming faster and faster at you ... one thing doesn't change at all — what's that one thing? — it's your integrity, adhering to ethical principles, being honest. It sounds simplistic, but hear me out. In all my years of business, I learned a very simple lesson. Honesty is the best policy. Honesty is always the best policy. Not sometimes, not when you need it, but always."

The convocation address of Professor Dorothy Griffiths, Child and Youth Studies, was not available at the time Brock News went to press.



# Third Bacchus Wine Conference a sparkling success

Nearly 300 passionate grape and wine delegates descended upon Brock University for three days of lively discussions, addresses, wine tastings and culinary events at the third international and interdisciplinary Bacchus Wine Conference. This diverse gathering looked at wine from all angles, disciplines and social points of view. There were many scholarly presentations from international authorities, lively panel debates, practical workshops, unique wine tastings and food and wine dinners that showcased the best of Ontario.

The most current research (and proposed research) was revealed at the conference, that will have significant effects on decisions in the tasting room, board rooms, dining rooms, vineyards and wine production cellars.

"I am so proud of our Bacchus team that delivered such an outstanding program," commented Isabelle Lesschaeve, director of Brock's Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute and Conference Chair. "International delegates from as far away as New Zealand, France, and Australia were all very impressed by the depth of the offerings in addition to the sheer

beauty, and 'great taste' of Niagara itself. I believe a number of our guests will be returning very soon to work with us at CCOVI and capture more of the Niagara spirit. It was also wonderful to see our oenology and viticulture students mingling and chatting with some of the most influential and best international minds in grape and wine."

# Faculty and Staff

#### **APPLIED LINGUISTICS**

**Hedy McGarrell** presented a paper entitled "Teacher Talk in Two Different Prewriting Settings" (in collaboration with Michael Fitze) at the Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics (ACLA/CAAL) Conference, May 31 to June 3, 2007, held during the Social Sciences and Humanities Congress, in Saskatoon, Sask.

#### **ATHLETICS**

**Joe Kenny**, Head Athletic Therapist, Department of Athletics, recently presented two workshops on Athletic Taping and Support techniques at the 2007 OFSAA Coaching Conference held at Brock on May 3 and 4.

## **CHEMISTRY**

**Costa Metallinos** delivered a talk entitled "Partially Reduced Heterocycles in the Synthesis of Benzimidazolylidenes and Aminoferrocenes" on April 19 at the Université de Montréal, and on April 16 at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

### **CHILD AND YOUTH STUDIES**

**Zopito Marini** presented the following posters at the biennial conference of the Society for Research in Child Development held March 2007 in Boston, Mass.

- Marini, Z. A., Kennedy, R., Kingston, S., Busser, D. & YLC-CURA (2007, March). Emotional
  dysregulation in adolescent bully/victims: The relationship between temperament and
  parental monitoring.
- Leenaars, L., Dane, A. Marini, Z. A., & YLC-CURA. (2007, March). Indirect victimization in adolescence as a function of attractiveness, dating and sexual behavior: An Evolutionary Perspective.

**Zopito Marini** also made an invited presentation titled, "Enhancing the role of parents in bullying intervention" at the PREVNet's Second Annual Conference held May 18 at McGill University, Montreal, Que.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES**

From May 28 to 31, undergraduate and graduate students and faculty (listed in bold) from the Department of Community Health Sciences presented research papers in the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics 2007 Conference in Calgary, Alta.

- Tyler Zimmer, **Jian Liu**, Darren Brenner: Physical activity, body mass status, and sleeping hour among university undergraduate students.
- Marina Stegne, Martin Tammemagi, R. Krajenta, C. Neslund-Dudas: A reliability study of a comprehensive abstraction tool for the study of the impact of comorbidity on cancer outcome
- **Jian Liu**, **Terrance Wade**, **Brent Faught**, **John Hay**: Physical inactivity in Canada and its association with hypertension and diabetes
- Carma Lynn Wylie Wylie, Terrance Wade: The relationship between ethnicity and hypertension in Canada
- Divya Joshi, Jian Liu: Impaired fasting glucose and cardiovascular risk factors among adolescents
- Nadia Akseer, **Jian Liu**: Relation between Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) levels and obesity among different ethnicities
- Darren Brenner, **Martin Tammemagi**, David Nerenz, Richard Krajenta, David Nathanson: Symptoms as a predictor of survival in breast cancer patients

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

**Tim Conley's** book, *Whatever Happens*, was recently shortlisted in the category of Short Fiction for the ReLit Awards. Full details on the awards can be found at: http://therelitawards.blogspot.com

## ESL SERVICES

**Leigh Pritchard** presented a paper entitled "Developing a forum for fostering and modelling critical thinking and metacognition" at the annual International Cultural Research Network Conference at Glasgow University, May 4.

# GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

**Kenneth McClelland** was recently invited to the University of Calabria in Cosenza, Italy, to deliver a paper at the World Conference on John Dewey. The theme of the conference was "Reconstructing Democracy." McClelland's paper, entitled "The Pragmatism of John Dewey and Richard Rorty: Education for the Aesthetic Imagination," was the sole Canadian representative at the conference. The proceedings will be published in book form later this fall. The conference was hosted and sponsored by Dr. Giuseppe Spadafora, Dean of the Faculty of Pedagogy, at the University of Calabria.

## LABOUR STUDIES

**Larry Savage** recently made the following presentations:

- "Working Hard or Hardly Working? Organized Labour and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms" presented at A Living Tree: The Legacy of 1982 in Canada's Political Evolution, held at the Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy, in Regina, Sask. on May 24,
- "From Class Struggle to Collaboration: A Comparative Analysis of Quebec Labour's Approach
  to the 1980 and 1995 Referendums" presented to the Canadian Political Science Association
  Congress, in Saskatoon, Sask., on May 30.

## MARKETING, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AND STRATEGY

Antonia Kronlund recently presented the following academic papers:

- Wudarzsewski, Amanda; Kronlund, Antonia; Clifasefi, Seema; Bernstein, Daniel M. and Loftus, Elizabeth F. (2007). "Remembering the Taste of the Wine: Constructed Wine Preferences from Suggestion" at Bacchus: An International Interdisciplinary Conference on Wine, held at Brock University, June 6 to 8.
- **Kronlund, Antonia**, and Hughes, Andrea. (2007). "Retrieval-Induced Forgetting in Brand Recall: Inhibition or Interference?" at the Southern Ontario Behavioral Decision Conference, Ivey School of Business, London, Ont., in May.

• **Kronlund**, **Antonia**; Yoon, Carolyn; and Wagner, Leanne. (2007). "Illusory Recollection of High Share Brands: The Delineation of a Phenomenon of Memory, but not Evaluation or Choice" at the Mid-Northwestern Consumer Behavior Winter Carnival Research Camp, Ivey School of Business, London, Ont., in January.

#### MATHEMATICS

**Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh** has been appointed Associate Editor for the *Journal of Fixed Point Theory and Applications* published by Birkhäuser, Basel - Boston - Berlin

#### MIIDCING

**Lynn McLeary** presented a poster at the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario International Conference on Evidence Based Best Practice Guidelines, held June 7 and 8 in Markham, Ont.: Buchanan, D., Burne, D., Malach, F. M., Moore, S. L., Wilson, K. J., Hirst, S., Jackson, **E., McCleary**, L., McGilton, K., Spanjevic, L. (June, 2007). "The Canadian Coalition for Seniors' Mental Health: Development and knowledge transfer of new evidence based, national best practice guidelines."

#### **PHILOSOPHY**

Christine Daigle presented the paper " 'The Mother of Us All': Simone de Beauvoir as Initiator" as part of the special joint panel "Continental Feminist Philosophy: Constructive Revisions of the Canon" hosted by the CPA (Canadian Philosophical Association) and CSWIP (Canadian Society for Women in Philosophy) at the Annual Meeting of the CPA, Saskatoon, Sask., May 29. She also co-facilitated with Sergio Tennenbaum (University of Toronto) the workshop "Hitting the Job Market. A Workshop for Current and Future Job Seekers [in Philosophy]" at the same conference.

**Christine Daigle** also presented the paper "Nietzsche as Phenomenologist. A Re-Assessment of the Middle Works" as a special guest speaker at the Annual Meeting of the CSCP (Canadian Society for Continental Philosophy), Saskatoon, Sask., May 30.

### PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

**Douglas D. Karrow** recently made the following presentations at various forums held by the Canadian Scoiety for Studies in Education in Saskatoon, Sask.:

- "A Response to, Texturing one's lifeworld through Technology: The in-between of the textured," by Dr. Stacey Irwin, at the Society of Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, May 30.
- "Paul Shepard: His influence in thought, word and deed" with **Jeanne Kentel** for the Environmental Studies Association of Canada, on May 30.
- "Reconceiving Teacher Education Through the Nuance of Mystery and the Body," with **Jeanne Kentel** for The Canadian Association for Teacher Education, on May 29.

# **Publications**

Blanchet, J.; Macklin, T.; Ang, P.; **Metallinos**, **C.**; Snieckus, V., "Directed ortho Metalation-Cross Coupling Strategies. N-Cumyl Arylsulfonamides. Facile Deprotection and Expedient Route to 4-and 4,7-Substituted Saccharins", *J. Org. Chem.* 2007, 72, 3199-3206.

Croci, Osvaldo and **Tossutti, Livianna S.** (May 2007). "Report on Canada," in Sonia Lucarelli (ed) "The External Image of the European Union: a preliminary survey on existing sources." Garnet Working Paper 17/07.

Dorogov K. Y., Yousufuddin M., Ho N. N., Churakov A. V., Kuzmina L. G., Schultz A.J., Mason S. A.; Howard J.A.K., Lemenovskii D.A., Bau R., Lledos A., **Nikonov G. I.** (2007). "Syntheses and structures of asymmetric bis(silyl) niobocene hydrides" *Inorganic Chemistry*, 46, pp. 147-160.

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**Li, Yuanlin**, "Strongly clean matrix rings over local rings", *Journal of Algebra*, 312 (2007), pp. 397-404.

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**O'Sullivan**, **Michael** and Vetter, Diane. (2007). "Teacher-initiated, student-centred global education in a K-8 school", *Journal of Teaching and Learning*, 4 (2), pp. 13-28

Stemmer, B., **Segalowitz**, **S. J.**, **Dywan**, **J.**, Panisset, M., & Melmed, C. (2007). "The error negativity in non-medicated and medicated patients with Parkinson's disease." *Clinical Neurophysiology*, 118, 1223-1229.

**Tossutti, Livianna S.,** Osvaldo Croci and Amy Verdun (May 2007) "National Threat Perception: Survey Results from Canada," in Emil Kirchner and James Sperling (eds), *Global Threat Perception: Elite Survey results from Canada, China, the European Union, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States.* Garnet Working Paper 18/07. Available at: www.garneteu.org/fileadmin/documents/working papers/1807/2%20Canada.pdf

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