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

Honduran delegation visits as part of research initiative

Five delegates from Honduras were at Brock recently to take part in the first training activity for a \$1.5 million project headed by Professor Ana Sanchez, Community Health Sciences. Earlier this year, the Global Health Research Initiative (GHRI) awarded a grant valued at \$1.5 million to Sanchez and her co-investigator Lourdes de Madrid, Professor and Chair of the Department of Microbiology, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras (UNAH) to combat infectious diseases in Honduras. This is one of 13 Teasdale-Corti Team Grants that was selected following a stringent peer-review process among more than 250 proposals submitted in 2006 to the GHRI from across the globe. As one of the first project training activities of this project, the five delegates from UNAH and the National University of Agriculture in Honduras, including Dr. Lourdes, were invited to visit Brock for two weeks from May 14 to 25.

While at Brock, the delegates joined a formal reception to recognize the Teasdale-Corti Team Grant. They also participated in a series of workshops as part of a two-week research management training program delivered by Brock faculty and staff.

The title of Sanchez's four-year program of research and capacity strengthening is "Increasing Capacity to Achieve Millennium Development Goal #6 in Honduras: Combating Infectious Diseases." The Millennium Development Goals are eight objectives that 191 United Nations member states have agreed to try to achieve by the year 2015. The main objective of the program will be the creation of a local master's program, open to a wide array of professionals that will function in collaboration with current public health and epidemiology programs. The program will address infectious disease not only from a biomedical perspective, but also considering broader determinants of health, health behaviour change and community participation.



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Brock's Care for Our Community Weekend was a great success! Many thanks go to everyone who showed their Brock spirit on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 in support of three great charities - the Rankin Cancer Run, the Lung Association and the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Community Connections collaborated with ESL Services and Campus Security to field team members for the various community events, raising more than \$3,500.

Faculty awarded more than \$2 million in NSERC grants

Researchers at Brock were recently awarded more than \$2 million in grants for 24 projects ranging in topic from aging, memory and attentional control to the algebraic structures of group rings.

Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) awarded grants to Brock faculty members totalling \$2,126,699 over five years, all of which are for new or renewed projects. Of that amount, \$308,264 was awarded for six equipment grants. Brock students also received 34 NSERC scholarships totalling \$587,300 in the latest round of funding.

"These funds help to provide the resources that enhance the University's research capacity," said Michael Owen, Associate Vice-President, Research and International Development at Brock. "Our faculty are continuing to create a robust and dynamic teaching and learning environment for our graduate and undergraduate students."

The latest grants will fund research projects in the fields of biological sciences, chemistry, community health sciences, computer science, mathematics, physics, psychology, and marketing, international business and strategy.

Examples of the recently funded NSERC projects at Brock include:

- Professor Michael Bidochka, Department of Biological Sciences, has been awarded a research grant to study natural pathogens of insects that can be used for biocontrol. He is particularly interested in the virulence factors by which certain biocontrol fungi kill insects, and is seeking out the best way to genetically manipulate these factors for widespread use. This research will contribute to the development of an environmentally friendly alternative to chemical

pesticides.

- Professor Martin Head, Department of Earth Sciences, received a research equipment grant to purchase a vitrinite reflectance and fluorescence microscope workstation in association with co-applicant Professor Andrew Miall from the University of Toronto. The equipment is used to evaluate source rocks and will be used to conduct research and analysis on the oil sands of Alberta and the Western Desert of Egypt. This is the only equipment of its kind in central Canada.

Parliamentary Secretary Colin Carrie, MP, on behalf of Minister of Industry Maxime Bernier, and Suzanne Fortier, president of NSERC, recently announced the results of the national 2007 Grants and Scholarships awards, which will see \$583 million disbursed to 10,000 professors and students across Canada

NSERC is a federal agency whose role is to make investments in people, discovery and innovation for the benefit of all Canadians. The agency invests in people by supporting some 23,000 university students and postdoctoral fellows in their advanced studies. NSERC promotes discovery by funding more than 11,000 university professors every year and supports innovation by encouraging about 1,300 Canadian companies to invest in university research and training. Over the past 10 years, NSERC has invested \$6 billion in basic research, university-industry projects, and the training of Canada's next generation of scientists and engineers.

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

President's Tournament a success for student athletes

On Thursday, May 24, the fourth annual President's Tournament in support of Brock athletics raised \$75,000 for bursaries and scholarships for the University's outstanding student athletes.

One hundred and forty-four 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, Beatties Basics, Durward Jones Barkwell, Ernst & Young, Janet Wright & Associates, Lincoln Fabrics, Brock Plaza Corporation, Rankin Construction, Partridge Wealth Management-RBC Dominion Securities, Scotiabank, Sodexho, Tim Hortons-St. David's Road, and Whiting Inc. Other sponsors include Urban Strategies, The Pen Centre, and Hub International.

Many Brock athletes must use their own money to help cover their teams' costs of training camps, equipment and other expenses. More than 50 Brock athletes will directly benefit from this year's tournament.

Affinity programs a bonus to faculty and staff

The Office of Alumni Relations is pleased to offer faculty and staff the same group affinity advantage our graduates enjoy with Brock's affinity partners TD Meloche Monnex, MBNA Canada, Canadian Tire Auto Club and Primus.

All faculty and staff members are entitled to exceptional service and preferred group rates for home and auto insurance, low annual interest rates on Brock's official credit card, roadside assistance and valuable in-store coupons for your vehicle's maintenance, exceptional savings on long-distance phone service, and many other benefits that are part of these outstanding programs.

Participation in the group affinity programs helps support student and alumni programs, communications, networks, awards and other initiatives.

For information on any of Brock's affinity programs, please contact Lynne Irion, ext. 3251; or e-mail: lynirion@brocku.ca

2007 Spring Convocation at Brock

An estimated 4,000 students are expected to receive their degrees at Brock University's 2007 Spring Convocation, which takes place during nine ceremonies from Tuesday, June 12, to Saturday, June 16.

All ceremonies will be held in the Walker Complex at the west end of campus, in the 23,000-square-foot Ian D. Beddis gymnasium. An outdoor reception for graduates, family members and other special guests will be held after each ceremony.

Spring Convocation timetable

Tuesday, June 12, 10 a.m. — Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

- **Dr. Robin C. Williams**, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner of Public Health, Regional Municipality of Niagara, will address Convocation.

Tuesday, June 12, 2 p.m. — Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

- **Professor Lorne Adams**, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences and Director of Athletics, will address Convocation.

- **Professor Gail Frost**, Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will be presented with the 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Wednesday, June 13, 10 a.m. — Faculty of Social Sciences

- **Professor Dorothy Griffiths**, Department of Child and Youth Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, will be presented with the 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, and she will address Convocation.

Wednesday, June 13, 2 p.m. — Faculty of Social Sciences

- An honorary degree will be presented to **Barbara Vrostko**, executive director, Community Living Welland Pelham. Brock is recognizing Vrostko for her visionary leadership in service innovation and human rights education for people with intellectual disabilities.

Thursday, June 14, 10 a.m. — Faculty of Education

- **Professor Joe Engemann**, Graduate and Undergraduate Studies Department, Faculty of Education, will be presented with the

2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, and he will address Convocation.

Thursday, June 14, 2 p.m. — Faculty of Education

- **Professor Ruth McQuirter Scott**, Pre-service Department, Faculty of Education, will address Convocation.

Friday, June 15, 10 a.m. — Faculty of Humanities and Concordia Lutheran Seminary

- An honorary degree will be presented to **Bluma Appel**, patron of the arts. Brock is recognizing Appel for her dedication and distinguished contribution to the arts in Canada through the development of the cultural sector as a volunteer, board member, fundraiser and philanthropist.

- **Professor Andrew McDonald**, Department of History, Faculty of Humanities, will be presented with the 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Friday, June 15, 2 p.m. — Faculty of Mathematics and Science

- An honorary degree will be presented to **Brian Tobin**, senior business advisor, Fraser Milner Casgrain and former premier of Newfoundland and Labrador. Brock is recognizing Tobin for an outstanding career of public service and meritorious contributions towards improving Canada's innovation performance and competitiveness in the knowledge economy.

- **Professor Doug Bruce**, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, will be presented with the 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Saturday, June 16, 2 p.m. — Faculty of Business

- An honorary degree will be presented to **Anthony R. Graham**, president and director, Wittington Investments Limited. Brock is recognizing Graham for his outstanding achievements in business and community leadership in the arts in the Niagara region and Ontario.

- **Professor Carman Cullen**, Department of Marketing, international Business and Strategy, Faculty of Business, will be presented with the 2007 Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Brock professor receives prestigious teaching award



Professor Zopito Marini

Brock Professor Zopito Marini, Child and Youth Studies, is one of six recipients of the Ontario-wide 2006 Teaching Award from the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA).

The professor, who is highly regarded for his research into and understanding of bullying, will receive the award for outstanding achievement in teaching at a ceremony in Toronto on Friday, June 8.

Marini is praised by students and colleagues as a dedicated and enthusiastic professor who cares deeply about his students and courses.

"I am delighted to receive this award from OCUFA," said Marini. "I want to express my deepest thanks to my students and to so many colleagues here at Brock and in the community for their passionate support. This award is not only a celebration but also a reminder as to why teaching our next generation is so important."

OCUFA President Michael Doucet said the OCUFA Awards Committee noted Marini's ongoing efforts to develop the use of

technology in university teaching, which have resulted in a book chapter, manuals, videos, journal articles and presentations at pedagogical conferences and workshops. Marini, the recipient of the 2006 Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching, has been a major player in encouraging professional development at Brock and he has contributed to the scholarship of teaching by presenting at conferences and by publishing on issues related to the humanization of technology in instructional settings.

He consistently receives one of the top rankings for teaching evaluations in his department and he was also listed as one of Brock's favourite professors in The Student's Guide to Canadian Universities. Marini compares good teachers to Sherpa guides: "We help point the way for students, support them and provide them with the organizational learning tools so that they are able to critically and reflectively consider information and put it into context."

OCUFA has been celebrating outstanding achievement in teaching and academic librarianship at Ontario universities since 1973. The awards committee selects up to six teaching award recipients and one academic librarianship award recipient each year.

Get involved with Community Connections this summer

Community Connections invites all members of the Brock community to join in several exciting summer events. Three great events will be happening throughout the duration of the summer – take a look, and see what interests you:

Sunday, June 10 – Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion – This event takes place on the Brock University campus. Proceeds support the Rick Hansen Foundation and the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre.

Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23 – Relay For Life – Brock University will be hosting this annual event for the Canadian Cancer Society. Join the Community Connections Team or enter your own team! If you are not able to join a team, you can still participate by purchasing a luminary. Luminaries are candles that are placed in

special bags that bear the names of cancer survivors and loved ones who have lost their battle with cancer. Luminaries can be purchased online, at the Welcome Desk in the Schmon Tower Lobby or on the day of Relay For Life.

Saturday, July 28 – St. Catharines Dragon Boat Festival – Join us for a day of fun at Henley Island as we paddle a dragon boat against other teams in support of Wellspring Niagara, a group that provides cancer support programs to people of the Niagara Region. We are looking for paddlers and a drummer!

For more information on any of these events, please contact Lauryn in Community Connections, ext. 4000, or at community@brocku.ca

Brock offers summer hockey camps

Summer hockey camps, for boys and girls, are once again being offered by Brock University.

For the past nine years, Brock Athletics has been providing St. Catharines, and Niagara, camps for the development of skills in youth hockey players. On the ice, experienced instructors help progress each student through the curriculum based upon the individual player's need and abilities. Brock ensures a 4:1 student:coach ratio.

The 2007 summer camps are held at the Seymour-Hannah Centre, in St. Catharines. There are six different camps being offered: AAA Conditioning Camps, August Skills Camp, Hockey Introduction Camp, the Elite Defenceman Skills Camp, Girls Intro Camp, and a Girls Conditioning Camp.

For full details on the camps, including dates and pricing, please visit www.brocku.ca/hockeyschools, or call ext. 4060.

Notice of application of larvicide for mosquito control

From Monday, June 4 to Sunday, Sept. 30, Brock University will conduct a larviciding program under the authority of the Medical Officer of Health to control larval mosquitoes in order to prevent their development into vectors of West Nile Virus. The larvicide Methoprene (ingot formulation, PCP No. 27694) under the federal Pest Control Products Act will be applied by direct hand application into catch basins at Brock University owned and leased properties within the Region of Niagara.

The biological larvicide(s) B.t.i. (granular formulation, PCP No. 18158, liquid formulation PCP No. 21602) may be placed by direct hand application into selected bodies of surface water such as ditches and ponds, depending on the results of testing for the presence of mosquito larvae. Signs will be posted at surface water locations where B.t.i. is applied. All larvicides will be applied by Ministry of the Environment licensed applicators. For details on the exact locations and dates of treatments, please call ext. 3717.

CCOVI Creates New "Fellows" and "Professional Affiliates" Designations

The Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI) has recently developed two designations that will help to expand the opportunities for researchers at Brock University, leading researchers outside of Brock and influential individuals associated with the grape and wine industry.

CCOVI Fellow and CCOVI Professional Affiliate designations allow recipients to be formally associated with CCOVI and will add to the integrity of the institute's research and teaching programs. These individuals will also present seminars and workshops in addition to sitting on advisory committees at the institute. Fellows and professional affiliates are also expected to carry the CCOVI message forward to the community (both locally and internationally) and encourage research related to the Canadian grape and wine and associated industries.

The first inductees to these prestigious posts with a renewable three-year term are (by category and alphabetical order):

CCOVI Fellows

Pat A. Bowen

Plant Physiologist, Viticulture, Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre, Summerland, B.C.

Ralph Brown – Professor

School of Engineering, College of Physical and Engineering Science, University of Guelph

Carman Cullen – Associate Professor of Marketing

Faculty of Business, Brock University

Anthony B. Shaw – Associate Professor

Department of Geography, Brock University

CCOVI Professional Affiliates

Linda Bramble

Wine educator, wine writer and broadcaster, tour guide and former professor in wine appreciation at CCOVI and past grape and wine industry liaison, St. Catharines

Dr. Karl Kaiser

Co-founder and retired winemaker for Inniskillin Wines, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.

Richard Smart

Smart Viticulture (the "vine doctor") Launceston, Tasmania

George Soleas

Vice-President, Quality Assurance LCBO, Toronto, Ont.

World Class Entertainment... In Your Own Backyard!

2007/08 Centre for the Arts lineup announced

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On May 23, the Centre for the Arts (CFTA) held its most exclusive event of the year for Front and Centre members, sponsors and special guests – Sneak Preview 2007 – an invitation-only celebration to announce the Centre's upcoming 2007/2008 Professional Entertainment Season.

Front and Centre members were treated to a spectacular evening of mini-concerts featuring artists from the upcoming season – Comedian Jon Dore, guitarist-vocalist Matt Andersen with harmonica virtuoso Mike

Stevens, blues singer Ndidi Onukwulu with guitarist Madagascar Slim, local jazz pianist John Sherwood with special guest Carol McCartney and contemporary pianist Stephan Moccio.

The Centre for the Arts is also offering fun and educational performances for children and selected performances with special family and children's rates. The CFTA is also continuing the eyeGO to the Arts program for high school students, which offers \$5 tickets to all of the performances during the 2007/2008 season (available as of Sept. 4).

Tickets for the 2007/2008 Professional Entertainment Season are currently on sale to Front and Centre members only and go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at 11 a.m.

For more information regarding Front and Centre membership or any of the great shows in the 2007/2008 season, please contact the Box Office at ext. 3257, or visit www.arts.brocku.ca

Centre for the Arts, Brock University's 2007/2008 Professional Entertainment Season Listing

All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre, unless otherwise stated.

SEPTEMBER 2007

Classic Albums Live: Bruce Springsteen – Born to Run, Sept. 27.

OCTOBER 2007

Colin James – Up Close, Personal and Slightly Unplugged, Oct. 4; High Steel – Directed and Co-Written by Mary Walsh with music by Ron Hynes, Oct. 10; James Devine's TAPEIRE – Driven by Rhythm, Oct. 17; Manteca Reunion!, Oct. 19; Dave and Ian Thomas – Brothers Forever!, Oct. 20; Tower of Power – We Want the Funk!, Oct. 24; The Barra MacNeils – 20th Anniversary Tour, Oct. 31.

NOVEMBER 2007

Paul Taylor Dance Company – Taylor 2, Nov. 3 (David S. Howes Theatre); Blackie and the Rodeo Kings with Luke Doucet, Nov. 21; International Guitar Night, Nov. 28; The Standard OrchEXTRA Series – Shower the People: The Music of James Taylor featuring the Niagara Symphony and the Jeans 'n Classics Band, Nov. 29.

DECEMBER 2007

Denzal Sinclair and Stephan Moccio, Dec. 1; John McDermott, Dec. 2, 2:30 p.m.; Jose Feliciano – One Night Only!, Dec. 6; Alpha YaYa Diallo, Dec. 7; Irish Rovers – Wasn't That a (Christmas) Party!? Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m.; Celebrate Christmas with The Nylons, Dec. 12; Classic Albums Live: The Beatles – Abbey Road, Dec. 13.

JANUARY 2008

The Standard OrchEXTRA Series – Papa Duke with the Niagara Symphony Daniel Swift, Musical Director and Conductor, Jan. 10; The Comedy Lounge featuring Sean Cullen, hosted by Jon Dore, Jan. 17; Marc Jordan and Amy Sky, Jan. 19; The East Village Opera Company, Jan. 23; Rubberbanddance: Elastic Perspective, Jan. 26 (David S. Howes Theatre); DK Ibomeka with Kellylee Evans, Jan. 30; DRUM!, Jan. 31.

FEBRUARY 2008

The Spirit of Harriet Tubman starring Leslie McCurdy, Feb. 19; Tommy Douglas: The Arrows of Desire starring John Nolan, Feb. 20; Connie Kaldor with Eve Goldberg, Feb. 21; Black Umfolosi, Feb. 28; The Czech Boys Choir, Feb. 29.

MARCH 2008

The Mayhem Poets, March 5; Lesley Gore – It's Still Her Party!, March 6; Women of the World featuring Kiran Ahluwalia, Ndidi Onukwulu and Tanya Tagaq, March 8; John Sherwood Toronto's Jazz Scene, March 14; Corb Lund and the Hurtin' Albertans with Danny Michel, March 15; Al Stewart with special guest Dave Nachmanoff, March 20; Les Boréades ~ Beatles Baroque, March 28; Boygroove...Boy-band lovers and haters rejoice! March 29.

APRIL 2008

The Standard OrchEXTRA Series Higher Ground featuring the Niagara Symphony and the Jeans 'n Classics Band, April 3; Los Pinguis, April 4; Acoustic Roots featuring Matt Anderson, Mike Stevens and Dave Gunning, April 5; "Spirit and the Blues" The Campbell Brothers with special guest Eric Bibb, April 9; Matt Dusk, April 15; Gregg Lawless: Lawless Duets Etc., April 18; The Just For Laughs Road Show, April 19; Classic Albums Live: The Eagles – Hotel California, April 24; Sophie Milman, April 26.

The Wee Ones Wiggle Series sponsored by Niagara This Week

(Purchase tickets to three show series only. Single tickets for individual shows on sale Oct. 1, subject to availability.)

Faustwork Mask Theatre: Little Big Frog, Oct. 21 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; The Big Comfy Couch: Molly's Fool Moon Festival, Jan. 13 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; Growing with Fred Penner! April 20 at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Theatre in Education Series (school performances for Grades K-12)

TAPEIRE – Driven by Rhythm, Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Chris McKhool: Celebrate! Holidays of the Global Village, 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.; The Spirit of Harriet Tubman starring Leslie McCurdy, Feb. 18 and Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Ballet Creole: Drummatix, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.; Black Umfolosi, Feb. 28 at 12:30 p.m.; The Mayhem Poets, March 5 at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Mike Ford: The Great Canadian Songbook, March 26 (English) and March 27 (French) at 10 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.; Les Boréades ~ Beatles Baroque, March 28 at 12:30 p.m.

Mediatalk

People in the news

Julian Kitchen, Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Education's Pre-Service Department, participated as the online expert for TVOntario's Parents/Special Kids Q&A page. Kitchen, who has extensive experience as a teacher, teacher educator and researcher in gifted education, answered the questions parents often ask when trying to determine if their child is gifted, and how to enrich learning experiences of their gifted child both in and outside of school.

Phillip Sullivan, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed by the *Globe and Mail* for a May 13 article about an Ontario high-school rugby player who died after being thrown to the ground by another player, entitled "Coaches work to keep aggression in check."

Antonia Kronlund, Assistant Professor of Marketing, International Business and Strategy, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a May 14 story about the latest pre-teen toy craze Webkinz – a toy plush pet that comes with a secret code that allows kids to access an online world where they can care for their virtual pets using Webkinz currency. In the article, "Kids caught up in web-toy craze," Kronlund notes that access to the website and the customization of the toy forges a relationship with kids, which could mean that this latest trend sticks around a little longer than most. The article was also published in the May 14 issue of the *Welland Tribune*.

Katrina Brudzynski, Adjunct Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, was recently interviewed by the *Niagara Falls Review* for a May 16 story, "Myer senior competing at national science fair," about her involvement with a science mentorship program at A. N. Myer Secondary School in Niagara Falls that pairs high school students with faculty members.

Kim Post, Conference Services, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a May 18 story, "Easing the Grade 9 nerves," about her involvement with a program called Teen Esteem at Power Glen

School in St. Catharines that brings local businesswomen into the classroom to talk to the girls about their life experiences.

Debbie Slade, Director of the Centre for the Arts at Brock, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a May 24 story – "'Star-struck' Debbie Slade finally lands her idol," – about the launch of the Centre's 2007-08 professional entertainment season, which will feature her musical idol Lesley Gore, the most commercially successful solo artist of the 1960s Girl Group era.

Laura Cousens, Assistant Professor of Sport Management, was interviewed by the *Niagara Falls Review* for a May 24 article about a provincial strategy aimed at increasing physical activity throughout Ontario, entitled "Niagarans urged to get active."

Ian Brindle, Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a May 24 story about the Ontario government's decision to order 36 communities, including St. Catharines, to begin testing residential tap water for lead. In the article, entitled "Lead in water no surprise to Brock prof," Brindle discusses the findings from a drinking water study he conducted in the city several years ago. He notes that "About 15 years ago, we did a study and found quite high levels of lead in the water. It's not the water supply but the delivery system."

Gyllian Raby, Chair and Associate Professor of Dramatic Arts, and **Scott Henderson**, Lecturer in the Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film, were both recently interviewed by the *Niagara Falls Review* for a May 25 article about politicians using the social networking website Facebook to reach out to voters, "The Politics of Facebook." The article was also published in the May 26 issue of the *St. Catharines Standard* ("Facebook: 'e-mail on steroids'").

Stan Sadava, Professor of Psychology and human rights expert, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a May 26 article, entitled "Revoking citizenship sends message," about the federal cabinet's decision to strip a 97-year-old St. Catharines man of his citizenship after he was found to have collaborated with Nazis during the Second World War.

Attention workaholics – this day is For You too

Stop what you're doing, open www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference and register now for another day of fun, fellowship and learning on June 20 at the For You! Wellness Conference. Participation can actually improve your health and your productivity!

Workshops are filling up fast, but there is lots of room for everyone. Topics include art, fitness, finance, food, wine, relationships, health, safety and so much more. Whatever your interests, there's sure to be a workshop "For You!" Also, check out the plenary speakers, lunchtime entertainment and even a choice of food. Don't miss out on the energy, and excitement of this special day at Brock. Do it For You!

For further information, e-mail oehs@brocku.ca, or call ext. 3023.

Library undergraduate research award winner announced



Amanda Greaves

Amanda Greaves of Georgetown, Ont., has been named the winner of the first annual \$500 undergraduate library research award. The award was given for the essay she wrote that described how she used library resources

and services in the writing of her paper "The Effects of Ozone Depletion on Asian Soybean Rust in the United States." Essays were ranked on sources consulted, the description of the search process, and evidence of learning. Greaves clearly demonstrated the principles of information literacy in her essay by showing that she could evaluate information critically, discern the relevant from the superfluous and incorporate selected information into her knowledge base.

Honourable Mention goes to Candice Bogdanski for the library essay accompanying her paper on "'Keeping Up Appearances': Pirate Imagery and Symbolism in the Golden Age" and to Ryan Kwan for the library essay accompanying his paper on "Water Scarcity and its Effect on Aggregate Economic Activity in Nevada."

Brock Briefs

Thank you

Thanks to many members of the Brock community for their good wishes on the occasion of my retirement, including those who attended my retirement luncheon and/or contributed to the gifts. Special thanks to Elizabeth Ilnicki-Stone for putting together the unique bound "thesis" summarizing my career, and to Chris Skorski and Heather Gordon for organizing the luncheon.

I have fond memories of the many fine people who have made Brock such a friendly and supportive academic environment for the past 39 years. I'll still be around next year, continuing a research project and teaching a half course, as I approach the end game of my plan of gradual retirement.

— Steve Hartman

Parking permit registration for employees

The first day of parking permit registration for the Fall 2007/08 permits will take place on Tuesday, June 26. Please note that employee permits are not automatically

renewed, and each employee must register annually to receive their new permit. Student permit registration will occur later in July.

Brock University Pension Plan General Meeting

A general meeting of the members of the University Pension Plan hosted by members of the University's Pension Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 19, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. in Academic South 202. David Service of Towers Perrin (the plan's investment consultant) will provide a review of fund manager performance and market conditions. Ted Nixon of Mercer Human Resource Consulting (the plan's actuary) will provide an overview of the impact of the elimination of mandatory retirement on Brock pensions and the new Pension Income Splitting legislation. The presentations will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

If you have questions that you would like to have addressed at the general meeting, please contact Wanda Fast at ext. 4898; e-mail: wfast@brocku.ca by Monday, June 11.

All plan members are welcome.

Gadula named new cross-country coach

Director of Athletics Lorne Adams recently announced that Curtis Gadula has been named the new head of the Brock Men's and Women's Cross-Country program. He takes over from Bill Payne who retired after 10 seasons at the helm.

Gadula, a 29-year old native of St. Catharines, brings a wealth of experience both as a coach and athlete at the NCAA Division I level.

Board of Trustees staff representative election result

Congratulations to Wanda Gilmore, Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies, on her election as a representative of the permanent staff to the Board of Trustees. Gilmore will serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2010, and joins continuing staff representatives Mitzi Banders and Beth Natale.

A special thanks to all who allowed their names to stand for election. There is an opportunity each year for the election of a

permanent staff representative to fill one of the staggered, three-year term vacancies.

MEd thesis defenses

Education student Sonja Upton will defend her thesis entitled "How Can I Improve My Practice and Contribute to the Professional Knowledge Base Through Narrative-autobiographical Self-study?" today at 2 p.m. in WH 147.

Thesis Supervisor: Susan Drake; Committee Members: Sandra Bosacki, Adele Thomas; External Examiner: Jacqueline Delong; Chair, Examining Committee: Lissa Paul. All are welcome to attend.

Education student Mary Marshall will defend her thesis entitled "Developing and Nurturing Professional Learning Communities: Principles Used by Elementary Administrators" on Friday, June 15, at 10 a.m. in WH 147. Thesis Supervisor: Coral Mitchell; Committee Members: Xiaobin Li, Ruth McQuirter Scott; Chair, Examining Committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Veena Dwivedi presented a paper entitled "An ERP Study of Noun Phrase Interpretation" (in collaboration with N.A. Phillips, S. Einagel and S. Baum) at the Cognitive Neuroscience Society 14th annual meeting, held May 5 to 8 in New York City.

CAREER SERVICES

Kara Hammond was invited by Monsignor Clancy Elementary School in Thorold, Ont. to speak about her role as Resource Co-ordinator and Faculty Liaison in Career Services at its annual Grade 8 Career Day held May 3. The event helped young students become more aware of different careers available in the community.

ECONOMICS

Marilyn Cottrell was named the inaugural winner of the Brock University Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award in April. The award is meant to recognize faculty who consistently enrich the undergraduate experience for the students of Brock University and are based on submissions from students.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Robert Alexander presented a paper entitled "Journalism and its Double: Subjectivity, Objectivity, and the Uncanny in *Joe Gould's Secret*" May 18 at the second International Conference for Literary Journalism Studies, Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po), Paris, France.

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Lissa Paul recently presented the following papers:

- "Rubrics: Murdering Children's Literature . . . the saga continues" at the Modern Critical Approaches to Children's Literature Conference in Nashville, Tenn. on March 31.
- "Learning to Read in Ontario: Crunching the Numbers," at the Acts of Reading Conference, Cambridge, England on April 19.
- "The Beat Goes On" at the American Literature Association Conference in Boston on May 25.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM

Joan Dundas and **James Papple** presented a workshop titled "Engaging Students with Learning-Directed Portfolios" at the Spirit of Inquiry conference at Concordia University, May 15.

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Linda Lowry and Eun-ha Hong (Wilfrid Laurier University) presented a paper entitled "Business data: issues and challenges from the Canadian perspective" at the annual conference of the International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology (IASSIST) on May 16 in Montreal, Que.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir and guest artist, St. Catharines jazz pianist John Sherwood in a program of selections from the "Great American Songbook," entitled *Some Enchanted Evening*, on May 25 and 26, in Etobicoke, Ont. On this program, Loewen performed a number of selections as vocal soloist, accompanied by Sherwood at the keyboard. He also conducted the Avanti Chamber Singers, performing works by Elgar, Mulholland, Purcell, Thompson and others, in the final concert (Choral Spring) of their inaugural season, on June 2 in St. Catharines.

Brian Power was re-elected to the executive board of the Canadian University Music Society/Société de musique des universités canadiennes for a second three-year term (Treasurer) at the 2007 Congress, Faculté de Musique, Université de Montréal, May 12, where he presented several reports. As Chair of Brock's Music Department, he also participated as a member of the Standing Committee of Institutional Members of the Society, an advisory body on curriculum, degree structure and faculty workload for Departments and Faculties of Music across Canada.

NURSING

Lynn McCleary was elected to a two-year term as chair of the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario Nursing Research Interest Group.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

David Siegel spoke at a strategic planning meeting attended by the councillors and senior

staff of the City of Vaughan on the topic of "Building a Model City: External Opportunities and Constraints," on May 15.

PRE-SERVICE EDUCATION

Gail Phillips chaired the first Golden Horseshoe "French as a Second Language" symposium at Brock's Hamilton Campus in April. This project involved the Faculty of Education and 12 regional school boards. One-hundred-and-thirty teachers participated in the interactive learning experience. Evaluations of the project were very positive with teachers expressing their desire to make this event an annual event.

Julian Kitchen and **Lorenzo Cherubini** presented a case study in teacher education: "A Collaborative Self-study" at the American Educational Research Association in Chicago, Ill., in April, 2007. Kitchen was the lead author for "Marisa's induction: A life history study of a new teacher."

PSYCHOLOGY

Cheryl McCormick recently presented the following posters at the Canadian Association for Neuroscience conference held May 23 to 25, Toronto, Ont.:

- Wilton, A.; Harrison, A.; Tourountzas, E.; **McCormick, C. M.** (2007). "Different effects of age and of chronic stress in behaviour in the forced swim test in female and male rats."
- Mathews, I. Z.; **McCormick, C. M.** (2007). "Differences between adolescent and adult female and male rats in amphetamine-induced locomotor activity and conditioned place preference."
- Smith, C.; Mathews, I. Z.; **McCormick, C. M.** (2007). "Chronic social stress in adolescence decreases anxiety-like behaviour, or increases risk-taking behaviour, in the elevated-plus maze in females, which lasts into adulthood."

VISUAL ARTS

Natalie Zammit, graduating student from Brock's Honours Visual Arts program, is hosting the exhibition *Wrapped*, which consists of a series of process-based sculptural works created for her honours tutorial. Zammit has worked under the supervision of Judy Marquis, Department of Visual Arts, for the last five months. *Wrapped* will be on display at Rodman Hall Arts Centre until Saturday, June 9.

Publications

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