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Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships bring two top scholars to Brock

The federal government has awarded prestigious Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships to two postdoctoral fellows to study at Brock University. The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program supports cutting-edge research by top post-doctoral fellows from Canada and internationally.

Danila Sokolov and Robyn Lee begin their terms with fellowships under the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) category.

Sokolov's research program, titled "Anglo-Russian Literary and Cultural Encounters in the Early Modern Period: A Study in the Poetics of Mutual Representation, 1553-1690," involves tracing the complex "textual history" between the two countries starting with Richard Chancellor's mission to the court of Ivan IV in 1553 up to the Glorious Revolution.

Elizabeth Sauer, professor in the Department of English Language and Literature, sponsored Sokolov's application.

Robyn Lee's research program is titled "Human Milk Exchange, Care Work, and Consumption." She will examine how breast milk exchange affects practices of care work and consumption in Canadian families.

"Breast milk exchange" involves parents donating or receiving breast milk from informal online exchanges, hospital-affiliated milk banks and community-run milk banks in cases where mothers are unable to nurse.

Lee is working with Andrea Doucet, Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Gender, Work and Care.

"It is a major accomplishment for Brock University to have two Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships awarded to bring such outstanding emerging scholars to our institution," says Vice-President Research Gary Libben.

“Brock celebrates the critical role post-doctoral researchers play in a university’s research output. We have been working hard to attract such high-quality candidates here as part of our continuing efforts to build Brock’s culture of research leadership.

“We are committed to providing an excellent research environment for these two world-class researchers and all who work and study at Brock University,” says Libben.

Lee and Sokolov are among 70 recipients nationwide of Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships, a federal government program to foster post-doctoral talent. Under the program created in 2010, recipients receive \$70,000 a year for two years of research.

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