

Brock appoints new Dean of Graduate Studies

Brock University President David Atkinson is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Marilyn Rose as Dean of Graduate Studies for a four-year term, effective July 1, 2004.

"Dr. Rose has enjoyed a long and distinguished career at the University as a teacher, researcher and administrator," said Atkinson. "Graduate Studies is one of the most rapidly growing parts of the University, and I am certain that Dr. Rose will provide the leadership and vision so important to the continuing development of innovative programming in this area."

Rose, who joined Brock in 1981, has an impressive list of academic and administrative achievements at the University. She has served as Chair of the Department of English Language and Literature and as Founding Director of the Humanities Research Institute. She has served on the Program and Development Committees for Brock's MA program in Popular Culture and for the MA in English Literature that is currently under development. Rose has served on a multitude of the University's academic and administrative committees, including its Senate.



Dr. Marilyn Rose

While at Brock, she has taught 29 undergraduate courses, including a graduate course in Popular Culture, as well as having designed and taught 14 new courses.

The incoming Dean is currently a Professor in the Department of English Language and Literature. She is Brock's Academic Colleague on the Council of Ontario Universities (COU), and also serves

on the COU's Executive Committee.

"Brock's rapid growth in graduate studies is an indication of the University's emerging status as a research-intensive institution known for its vigorous intellectual climate," said Terry Boak, Vice-President, Academic, and Provost. "This vital area will continue to thrive under Professor Rose's proven leadership and commitment to academic excellence."

Within the past five years, Brock has expanded from eight Masters programs to 20 along with four PhD programs. Another seven Masters programs are in the advanced stage of planning or approval.

"Brock's faculty includes many excellent scholars of national and international stature who are also known for their commitment to teaching and mentorship," said Rose. "I am looking forward to working with them and with Brock's dedicated staff in developing and advancing Graduate Studies, and I am especially looking forward to working with Brock's graduate students. Graduate students are our partners in the University's mission to investigate and explore cultural issues and to generate and disseminate knowledge."

Build Our Invest Future in Brock

The Brock community has a reason to celebrate. Once again, faculty and staff have demonstrated their commitment to Brock students through support of the "Invest in Brock - Build Our Future" campaign held March 1 to 31.

"There is no end to the generosity of the Brock community," says Barb Anderson, Co-chair of the campaign with Corrado Federici. "We want to thank everyone who supported the campaign. Faculty and staff are truly dedicated to providing students with a quality academic experience and campus life."

"We should take great pride in our collective effort as the participation in this campaign exceeds levels achieved by other universities in Ontario," adds Federici.

While the month-long campaign has officially ended, donations continue to come in and pledges can still be made. Final results of the campaign will be announced later this month.

"There is no such thing as a late pledge," says Anderson. "The opportunity to help our students is ongoing and donations at any point are very much appreciated."

Anderson and Federici extend a special thank you to their campaign cabinet and team of volunteers.

"Our team contributed outstanding leadership and contributed a tremendous amount of time and energy to share with their colleagues their sense of the importance of investing in our students," says Federici.

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Brock's newest Canada Research Chair relocates from Switzerland

A Swiss-based chemist who is considered a future world leader in the field of materials chemistry has relocated to Brock as the University's newest Canada Research Chair.

"We are thrilled that Brock has secured another top and emerging researcher through the Canada Research Chair program," said Dr. Jack Miller, Associate Vice-President of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies at Brock. "Dr. Melanie Pilkington's experience and knowledge will provide another pocket of expertise that helps strengthen the University's position as a major research centre."

A British citizen, Pilkington arrives at Brock from the University of Berne, Switzerland. In her new position within the Faculty of Mathematics and Science, she plans to expand the role of chemistry into new areas of science and technology, and to establish a multidisciplinary competitive international research program in materials chemistry at Brock.

As a Tier 2 Research Chair, the University will receive funding of \$500,000 over the next five years. Tier 2 positions are awarded to researchers who are acknowledged by their peers as having the potential to lead in their field.

"The primary purpose of my research and educational mission at Brock will be the training of students and postdoctoral fellows,

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Brock news

A newsletter for faculty and staff at Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario

Brock welcomes new CCOVI Director

An internationally renowned expert in the sensory evaluation of wines has joined Brock University as the Director of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), effective April 1.

Dr. Isabelle Lesschaeve brings to CCOVI and Brock University a commitment to developing strategic research initiatives with the Niagara, Canadian and international grape and wine industries while maintaining Brock's commitment to excellence in undergraduate and graduate instruction.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Dr. Lesschaeve as the new Director of the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute," said Dr. Ian Brindle, Dean of Mathematics and Sciences at Brock. "We looked long and hard for a director who is qualified to lead this important research enterprise at Brock University who also has the qualities of experience and leadership that are required. We are delighted that Dr. Lesschaeve, who matches so well our description of the ideal candidate, has joined Brock in this position."

A native of France, Lesschaeve brings 15 years of experience in both academia and industry research affiliations, including the National Institute of Agronomical Research in Dijon, France, and one of the largest wineries in the world, based in California. She has extensive experience in conducting research projects related to wine quality management as well as wine market research. She is also the author or co-author of more than 25 scientific papers and regularly

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Eleven graduating students in the Department of Visual Arts at Brock are finishing off their year in style with a show entitled *Colliding Scopes* at Rodman Hall from April 4 to May 16. Pictured here, top row, from left, are: Joel Hardwick, Amy Nicol, Dave Aubertin, Lara Eggleton, Stuart McIntosh, Stacy Karolyi and Nicole Vrbicek. Bottom row, from left, are: Monica Frattaroli, Lisa Taylor, Amanda Roberts and Kyle McGuire.

Male, female wrestlers named 2003-04 athletes of the year

Wrestlers Evan MacDonald and Heather Sweezey took home Male and Female Athlete of the Year honours at last week's 37th Annual Brock Athletics Awards Dinner.

MacDonald ended his season on a high as he helped lead the Brock men's wrestling dynasty to its sixth consecutive CIS Team title and 10th straight OUA Championship.

Among his accomplishments, MacDonald captured his second straight CIS Gold at the 2003 CIS Wrestling Championships.

The 2003-04 Team MVP and

OUA All-Star also excelled on the international scene, becoming the fifth Badgers wrestler to reach the Olympics. He placed eighth at the World Championships, qualifying him for the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens.

MacDonald was also recognized as the 2003 Ontario Male Athlete of the Year.

Sweezey had another impressive season in 2003-04 as she led the Badgers to their fourth straight OUA Championship and a bronze medal

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Trip to Japan with renowned architect open to the public

Internationally renowned architect and Chancellor of Brock University, Dr. Raymond Moriyama, will host a tour of the diverse culture and architecture of Japan this fall. The trip is being organized by Brock's Edutavel program, which offers "learning vacations" to unique locales, and is open to the public.

Co-hosting the trip with Dr. Moriyama will be David Atkinson, President of Brock, who has previously taught in Japan as Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies at Hokkai-Gakuen University in Sapporo and has served as an external reviewer for the Japan Foundation. As well, Atkinson has taught Japanese Religion, and has taken several groups of Canadian students to Japan. The trip will run from October 18 to 30, 2004.

Travellers will visit a great variety of temples, shrines, and onsen (natural hot mineral springs) in various cities and villages, including the bustling centre of Tokyo, the ancient seaside city of Kamakura, and the small mountain town of Mt. Koya.

"I am excited to have (President) Atkinson co-hosting this tour with me. This trip to Japan will give the group a unique view and experience of a majestic country," said Moriyama. "We will go to places first time visitors to Japan want to see, but will also include world heritage sites and experiences that only seasoned travellers would normally access."

Moriyama is a founding partner of Moriyama & Teshima Architects, one of the world's pre-eminent architectural firms. The Toronto-based firm, together with Griffiths Rankin Cook, is designing the new Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

Moriyama's influence on Brock has been profound. He designed the Mackenzie Chown Complex, the Science Complex, Taro Hall and the Alumni Students Centre. He was chief architect for the Brock 2000 Project and for the Alan Earp Residence. Moriyama's work is also found across Canada and around the world. His major projects include the Toronto Reference Library, the Ontario Science Centre (Toronto), the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo and the Saudi Arabian National Museum.

For more information on this trip or other excursions, please contact Wendy Laslo, in the Department of Community Services, Continuing Education at Brock, at ext. 4775; e-mail: wlaslo@brocku.ca; web: www.brocku.ca/conted/edutavel

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CCOVI hosts Experts' Tasting 2004



Wine writers, winemakers, sommeliers, LCBO product consultants and wine educators were on campus recently for the annual Experts' Tasting organized by the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI), held in the Pond Inlet.

The Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute once again hosted the annual Experts' Tasting in March at Brock University.

The sold-out educational tasting this year showcasing Ontario's finest Pinot Noir has become a signature event for Cuvée.

A strong supporter of the event for the past few years has been His Excellency John Ralston Saul as well as the Deputy Minister for International Trade, Leonard Edwards. As well, His Excellency's entourage of Ambassadors this year included the High Commissioner of Australia, Europe and Iceland.

Panel judges included: Drs. Linda Bramble and Gary Pickering (CCOVI), Angelo Pavan (Cave Spring Cellars), Ron Giesbrecht (Henry of Pelham), Philip Dowell (Inniskillin), Derek Barnett (Lailey), Ann Sperling (Malivoire), Carole Davies (LCBO), Rob Power, OEVI, Brock grad (Creekside), Kristine Casey, OEVI, Brock grad (Jackson-Triggs), Liubomir Popovici (Stoney Ridge), Ron Speranzini (Willow Heights), Thomas Bachelder (Le Clos Jordanne), Darryl Broker (Flat Rock Cellars).

The event was co-ordinated by Barb Tatarnic of CCOVI.



Dr. Doug Bruce, Professor in the Biological Sciences Department at Brock, recently presented a special lecture, *Juggling Photons, Optimization and Regulation of Light Capture in Photosynthesis*. Bruce was the recipient of the Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity for 2003.

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For sale: Large, L-shaped office desk available with client wing. Desk is five feet wide, with an eight foot wing. Excellent quality with sturdy construction and professional-grade keyboard tray. A great deal at \$150. Call 905-684-7281 to retrofit your office today!

For sale: Antique Japanese lacquer desk, very elaborate, \$1,500. Niagara Peninsula circa 1840 Mennonite chest of drawers, \$7,500. Call 905-835-5747.

House wanted: Faculty member and spouse (police officer) seek sabbatical/leave home for 1 or 2 years in vicinity of St. Catharines/north Niagara. No children or pets. Prefer garden. 905-315-8998. E-mail: dkosciuch@cogeco.ca.

New Inspectors with Campus Security Services



Darryl Clemens



Bob Clark

There are two new faces at Campus Security Services with the recent hiring of two former police officers as Brock inspectors.

Inspector Darryl Clemens' background includes 28 years with the Niagara Regional Police Service, with specialized training in criminal investigations and police supervision.

Prior to coming to Brock, he was licensed by the Community Safety and Correctional Services as a private investigator.

Inspector Bob Clark joined Campus Security Services after a 25-year career with the City of Stratford Police Service. He was involved in most facets of policing, inclusive of general uniform duties, criminal and drug investigations. He also worked as a breathalyser technician, a scenes of crime officer and an intelligence officer.

In addition, Clark is a use of force trainer and a police vehicle operations instructor and was seconded to the Ontario Police College as a facilitator from December 2001 through November 2003.

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which I hope will serve to support the establishment of a new Chemistry PhD program that will compete nationally in attracting and producing outstanding graduates," said Pilkington.

Pilkington's research program will focus on the preparation and study of new types of materials that can be used to create smaller silicon-based electronic devices, using synthetic and structural inorganic chemistry with a focus on the problems that occur at the interface of supramolecular and materials chemistry.

"It is highly likely that molecule-based materials with useful chemical and physical properties will serve to advance the discovery and development of new chemical, electronic, optical and magnetic devices that will see explosive growth and innumerable applications in the 21st century," she explained.

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presents papers and leads symposia in France, North America and Australia.

Lesschaeve will continue her affiliation with Inno Vinum, a consulting firm which specializes in sensory strategies for the wine industry.

"I am looking forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for CCOVI and Brock University," said Lesschaeve. "I believe that CCOVI can increase its influence on the economy and stature of Canadian wine and grape production in Canada and abroad. Brock will continue to position CCOVI as a world leader in viticulture and oenology research."

Lesschaeve takes over the reigns of CCOVI from Dr. Michael Owen who has been acting Director for the last year in addition to his role as Director of the Office of Research Services at Brock.

Honouring Rupp's career

The Brock University Archaeological Society hosted a symposium at the University in March entitled States of Complexity: Perspectives on Sociopolitical Development in the Ancient Eastern Mediterranean.

The conference honoured the career of Professor David Rupp from the Department of Classics at Brock. Conference participants discussed current research on various topics relating to how and why ancient societies changed and developed in the eastern Mediterranean region, where Rupp carried out much of his research during his 30-year career. Rupp is the founder of the Brock University Archaeological Society.

International scholars speaking at this 15th annual scholarly symposium included:

Bernard Knapp, a Professor of Archaeology from the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and co-director of the Sydney Cyprus Survey Project; Sturt Manning, the new Chair of Aegean Prehistory at the University of Toronto; and Donald Haggis, an Associate Professor of Archaeology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and director of the Azoria Project on the island of Crete.

The Brock University Archaeological Society is an organization run entirely by the students of the Classics Department at Brock.

Students present research at chemistry conference

Three Brock students from the Faculty of Mathematics and Science presented their undergraduate research at the 32nd Southwestern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference held at Trent University on March 20.

Jarrod French spoke on Modelling biocatalytic sulfur oxidation: A comparative molecular field analysis (CoMFA) of the enzyme DszC of *Rhodococcus erythropolis* IGTS8.

French took third prize in the Theoretical Chemistry division for his presentation. This work, now conducted in the group of Professor Heather Gordon, was initiated by Professor Herbert L. Holland of the Department of Chemistry and Centre for Biotechnology.

French also presented C.A.T.C.H. me if you can: The Codon Alignment Tool to Capture Homology. A novel approach to improve the sensitivity of nucleotide

BLAST searches.

This work originated as part of the requirements of a course in Bioinformatics offered by Professor Adonis Skandalis of the Department of Biology and Centre for Biotechnology.

Wang Pan discussed Tools to quantitatively identify and to characterize the geometric differences of conformations generated in molecular dynamics simulations. Pan has been working on this research with Professor Stuart M. Rothstein in the Department of Chemistry.

Valerie Steikow presented Possible loop conformations of antibody 8F5 determined by molecular dynamics simulations, which is her honour's undergraduate thesis under the supervision of Gordon of the Department of Chemistry and Centre for Biotechnology.

Composer-in-the-Classroom program

The five Niagara schools participating in this year's Composer-in-the-Classroom program are Kate S. Durdan and Notre Dame schools in Niagara Falls, Gracefield and Memorial schools in St. Catharines and McKay school in Port Colborne.

Under the program run by the Niagara Symphony, the schools work with professional composer, Dr. Alexander (Sasha) Weinstangel, for a five-day period. Each student learns the fundamentals of sound, improvisation, performance and composition. Professional musicians from the Symphony join the class for the final two sessions to develop the new compositions and perform them at a school concert open to all

students and parents.

To celebrate these new works by Niagara's own modern-day Mozarts, the Niagara Symphony will premiere selected orchestrated samples (with the young composers performing alongside the orchestra) at the final Masterworks concert of the season, "The Concerto of Concerti," on Sunday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m., sponsored by Royal Bank Financial Group.

Tickets are \$36 for adults, \$32 for seniors, and \$10 for students, and are available through the Brock Centre for the Arts, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257, or online through www.niagarasympphony.org

The Niagara Symphony is the Orchestra-in-Residence at Brock.

Brock Briefs...

Brock receives United Way recognition

Brock was recognized again this year at the recent St. Catharines and District United Way Awards evening, where the University received two awards.

The Employee Campaign Committee of the Year Award was shared by Brock and Family and Children's Services Niagara.

Brock also received a plaque of recognition for sponsoring co-op student Alexis Smith as a loaned employee representative. Smith helped with the St. Catharines and District United Way campaign during the months of the 2003 campaign.

It was announced at the event that Brock would double its commitment by providing two co-op student representatives for the 2004 campaign.

Congratulations to Brock, and to the employees at Brock, for their contributions and commitment to helping our local community!

ACE advisor receives fellowship

Kristine Dawson, Associate Director of Co-op Programs at Brock, is among the first ACE faculty advisors in Canada to be recognized with the 2002-2003 John Dobson ACE Fellowship.

Dawson received the fellowship recently from ACE Canada for her support of the ACE (Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship) Brock team and of ACE in general.

ACE Brock students dedicate and donate their time and ideas to help run events and create new business and educational programs, in which proceeds are donated to local and national charities.

ACE is a national not-for-profit campus-based organization dedicated to fostering entrepreneurship in Canadians.

Giant book sale

Crimefictioncanada is holding a giant book sale on Thursday, April 8.

Every book will be \$1, with proceeds to support Crimefictioncanada, a research project run by Professor Jeannette Sloniowski of the Department of Communications, Popular Culture and Film, and Professor Marilyn Rose of the Department of English Language and Literature.

The book sale will be held in the corridor outside the Senate Chamber, beginning at 9 a.m.

Weight Watchers @ Work

Weight Watchers is presently being held every Wednesday in Welch Hall, Room 204, from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

A spring session will be held if there are a minimum of 20

participants, paid in full by Wednesday, April 7.

The sessions are 10 weeks and the cost is \$160 for adults and \$140 for students.

Please contact Healthstyles at healst@arnie.pec.brocku.ca if you are interested or would like more information.

Faculty member honoured for distinguished achievements

Frances Owen, an Associate Professor in the Department of Child and Youth Studies, will receive the Counsellor of the Year Award this year from the Niagara University College of Education.

Owen will be honoured at a recognition dinner on Friday, April 30.

Philosophy Department presents lecture on Buddhism

The Department of Philosophy will present a lecture on Buddhism by Professor N.H. Samtani, Hindu Sanskrit University, India, on Wednesday, April 14.

Samtani is Editor-in-chief of the Dictionary of Pali and Sanskrit Terms in Buddhism.

The lecture will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Taro Hall 307.

Thank you for a successful Spring Open House

This year's Spring Open House drew over 3,000 visitors to Brock's campus. Thank you to all the faculty and staff who helped to make this event a success!

If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact Melissa Coleman, Spring Open House Co-ordinator, at ext. 4685, or via e-mail at mcoleman@brocku.ca.

We look forward to seeing you at Fall Preview Day!

Thanks again,

- Melissa Coleman

Spring Open House Co-ordinator

Biological Sciences winter seminar series wraps up

The Department of Biological Sciences 2004 winter seminar series will wrap up with the following seminar in MacKenzie Chown Complex, H313:

Thursday, April 8, 11:45 a.m.: Dr. Michael Goy, University of North Carolina @ Chapel Hill, "Are the gut and the kidney on speaking terms? Evidence for an intestinal natriuretic peptide?"

For more information about the seminar series, please contact Dr. Adonis Skandalis in the Department of Biological Sciences at ext. 3399; askandal@brocku.ca

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The campaign committee also thanks everyone who donated prizes for the incentive draws. Here is the final list of campaign prize winners:

Week 4 - draw held on March 26

- Boys' and Girls' Soccer Camp, 1 wk Aug 16-20, ages 8-16, **Iain Glass**, Conference Services
- Gift Certificate for non-credit Continuing Ed course, **Ernesto Virgulti**, Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures
- 2 Brock University Athletics 2004-2005 Adult Season's Passes, **Elaine Smithies**, Centre for the Arts
- Boys' Basketball Camp, 1 wk, 2 date choices, ages 9-17, **Russell**

Johnston, Communications, Popular Culture & Film

- Girls' Basketball Camp, 1 wk, Aug 9-13, ages 8-16, **Marcie Jacklin**, Library
- Parkway Lanes \$50 Gift Certificate towards Bowling, **Deborah Black**, Office of the Registrar
- Rankin Construction \$1,000 Contracting Package, **Brian Ker**, Campus Recreation
- \$100 Gift Certificate for food & drink at twelve a waterfront grill, Lakeport Rd., **John Hay**, Community Health Science
- 30 minute Massage with **Tanya Chew** at Welland Massage Therapy Clinic, **Marc Slade**, Physical Plant
- Cherry wood Bulova Mantle

Clock from the Hamilton Spectator, **Coral Mitchell**, Faculty of Education

- \$20 Gift Certificate for Dom's Pasta and Grill, **Carol McIntosh**, Printing Services
- Week 5 - draw held on April 5**
- Weekend Skulling Camp, **Frances Chandler**, Office of Research Services
- 2004 Golf Lesson with Mark Catling, **Thomas Macdonald**, Electronics
- Wills & Power of Attorney for 2 at Lancaster, Brooks & Welch, **Edward Sternin**, Physics
- \$20 Gift Certificate for Brock University Bookstore, **Cynthia Dunne**, University Co-Op Programs
- \$750 Contracting Package with

Rankin Construction Inc., **Colleen Beard**, Map Library

- 45-minute Massage with Tanya Chew at Welland Massage Therapy Clinic, **Mary Jane Miller**, Dramatic Arts
- Roots Watch from Berkshire Securities Inc., **Linda Rose-Krasnor**, Psychology
- 2 Season's Passes to the 2004 season at Niagara Motorcycle Raceway, **Mary-Louise Vanderlee**, Faculty of Education
- \$50 Gift Certificate to Cat's Caboose, **Carmela Patrias**, History
- Boys & Girls Hockey Camp, **Phyllis Wright**, Library
- 1 week Accommodation in Maui compliments of Terry Varcoc, **Marjorie Wamsley**, Faculty of Education

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FACULTY AND STAFF

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Jeannette Sloniowski presented a paper entitled: *Dragnet, The Semi-Documentary and Fifties Television* at the Society for Cinema and Media Studies in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 5.

DRAMATIC ARTS

Peter Feldman directed a production of George F. Walker's play, *Risk Everything*, at the Niagara Artists Company's downstairs theatre in St. Catharines the first two weekends in March. In the cast: former Brock Drama students Mary Laundry, Dawn Crysler, Jack Wieler, Patrick Noonan.

EDUCATION

Eugene Luczkiw, Adjunct Professor of Education, was recently asked to serve as an entrepreneurship expert on a European Science and Technology Park for the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), Local Economic and Employment Development Programme (LEED), Trento Centre for Local Development based in Trento, Italy. The mission of the Trento Centre is to build capacities in the local development in OECD member and non-member countries. The initial stages of this program will continue throughout 2005. Luczkiw is one of two North American experts invited to become an active member of this OECD initiative.

Michael Manley-Casimir presented a seminar at Queen's University on *Freedom of Conscience and Religion: One Right or Two?* on March 12, in Kingston.

GEOGRAPHY

Ute Lehrer was one of the speakers at a public event in Toronto on March 21 for launching the book *The Contested Metropolis: Six cities at the beginning of the 21st century*, edited by INURA and published by Birkhauser.

Ute Lehrer organized four paper/panel sessions at the annual conference of the American Association of Geographers in Philadelphia, March 14 to 19. She also chaired the paper session *Cities and Globalization*, and was a panelist on *Absent author meets live critics: Henri Lefebvre and the spirit of the Urban Revolution*.

Ute Lehrer was the co-organizer of a research symposium for the International Network for Urban Research and Action (INURA) which brought together scholars and activists grounding their work in Europe, Africa, Latin and North America. The purpose was to develop a common research agenda. The meeting took place in Toronto from March 19 to 22.

HISTORY

Dr. Neil Kennedy was invited to present a paper, *Imagining Arcadia and Conceiving Bermuda: the Reinvigoration of English Colonization*, to the Institute of Early American History and Culture and the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, March 3 to 7. The conference was entitled *Virginia & the Atlantic World, 1550-1624*, and commemorated the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, Virginia. Kennedy's talk was selected for publication by the Institute and the conference was filmed for public broadcasting.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the *Voices of Unity* in a March 21 celebration of the U. N. Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, held at Main Street Baptist Church, Niagara Falls. He also conducted the Etobicoke Centennial Choir in a performance of John Rutter's *Requiem* and Felix Mendelssohn's cantata *As the Hart Pants* (Psalm 42) on March 27 in Etobicoke.

PHILOSOPHY

Wing-cheuk Chan presented a lecture on Phenomenology and Yogacara Buddhism at Goa University, Goa, India, on January 9.

Wing-cheuk Chan presented a lecture on Post-modernism and Yogacara Buddhism at Dehli University, Dehli, India, on February 3.

Wing-cheuk Chan presented a Shastri-lecture on Yogacara Theory of Pranamavada at Pune University, Pune, India, on February 16.

Wing-cheuk Chan presented a lecture on Buddhism and Post-modernism at Pune University, Pune, India, on February 17.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND KINESIOLOGY

Kelly Lockwood presented a paper titled, *When Metal Meets Ice: What do we know about skate sharpening?* at the *Skating into the Future 2004* Conference hosted by University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, March 22.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Hevina S. Dashwood presented a paper, *Norms Dissemination and Corporate Social Responsibility: An Assessment of Global Processes and the Global Mining Initiative*, at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference in Montreal, March 18.

SOCIOLOGY/SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY STUDIES

Kate Bezanson has been awarded a \$45,000 research contract with Status of Women Canada to investigate the gender dimensions of social capital.

EVENTS

CFUW meeting: The Canadian Federation of University Women - St. Catharines (CFUW) will present *Behind the Stage Door*, with Debbie Slade, on Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 p.m., at the Four Points Sheraton. For more information, please contact Marilyn Emmett, Membership Chair, 905-646-5543; e-mail: taraone@cogeco.ca

Niagara Symphony: Masterworks series - Sunday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m., The Concerto of Concerti, David Jalbert, piano, Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1, Grant Chaconne and Borodin Symphony No. 1. Pre-concert talk by Dr. Karin Di Bella, Assistant Professor, Brock Department of Music, Piano. Tickets \$36 / \$32 senior / \$10 students. Call 905-688-5550, ext. 3257; www.niagarasymphony.org. Sponsored by: RBC Financial Group.

Centre for the Arts: Tickets for the following events, unless sold out, are available at the Box Office. Nnenna Freelon, Friday, April 16, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre; Rik Emmett, Wednesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre; The Big Band Broadcast, Friday, April 30, 2:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Box Office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257, or online at www.arts.brocku.ca.

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finish at the 2004 CIS Wrestling Championships.

Among her accomplishments over the last year, she was a gold-medal winner for the third straight year at both the CIS Nationals and the OUA Championships. She earned First Team All-Canadian honours and First Team OUA All-Star honours.

In addition, the Brock women's curling team was named the Female Team of the Year, while the men's wrestling team earned Male Team of the Year honours.

The women's curling team captured the 2004 OUA Championship. They capped off the season with a bronze medal performance at the Canadian University Curling Championships in Winnipeg.

The Brock men's wrestling dynasty made it 10 straight OUA Championships and six straight CIS Championships in 2003-04.

At the OUA Championships, the Badger men were dominant as they set a new school record with eight gold medals. They made CIS wrestling history at the National Championships, capturing a new CIS record six golds out of 10 weight classes.

Please check the Badgers Web site at www.brocku.ca/athletics for a complete listing of the Brock Team MVPs and Rookies of the Year, and other important awards.

Head rowing coach resigns



Coach Joe Dowd

Joe Dowd has announced his intention to step down as head coach of the Brock Badger's successful men's and women's rowing program.

Dowd cited personal reasons for his decision to leave coaching.

"I've been going hard at this job for 11 years now and I just feel that it is time for me to pursue some other interests," he said. "I have had a wonderful experience at Brock University and I am very proud of what has been accomplished during my watch."

Dowd is credited with transforming the Brock rowing program into Canada's top club and university team. During his tenure, Brock rowers have won over 60 OUA gold medals, 48 gold medals at the Canadian Henley Regatta, five OUA team championships and three national university championships.

New Mission Statement developed

The Long-Range Planning Committee has developed a proposed new Mission Statement for the University.

The draft statement reads: **Brock University flourishes through scholarly, creative, and professional achievement. We offer a broad range of undergraduate and graduate programs and conduct research of the highest order. A diverse, student-centered, and innovative community, we strive to contribute positively to the world**

through our imagination, commitment and energy.

The Committee is now soliciting comments and suggestions from the University community. Please submit your comments, before April 23, by way of the special Web page - www.brocku.ca/mission - which has been established for this purpose.

You can also send your submissions to: Patrick Beard, Secretary, Long-Range Planning Committee, 13th Floor, Schmon Tower.