

Congratulations to TA Award winners

Four teaching assistants were recently honoured by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) for their commitment to teaching at Brock.

The Brock University Teaching Assistant Awards were founded by the CTLET to recognize the excellent teaching contributions made by TAs, seminar leaders and lab demonstrators. TAs must be nominated by two individuals (including a faculty member) who submit supporting documentation in the form of letters from faculty, former students and other TAs; summaries of teaching evaluations; and evidence of professional development in teaching. The TA Award is given to a TA with less than three years' experience who shows promise in the field of teaching; the senior TA Award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to university teaching.

This year, the Graduate TA Award was established by the Dean of Graduate Studies, Jack Miller, to specifically recognize the contributions to teaching by graduate students.



This year, the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies honoured four teaching assistants for their commitment to teaching at Brock University. From left, Jacqueline Dix, recipient of the Senior TA Award; Ryan Nery, recipient of the TA Award; Joanna Sheppard, first recipient of the new Graduate TA award; and Frank Benko, recipient of the Senior TA Award.

TAs in all categories are recognized with a cash award, a certificate and an inscription on a plaque that celebrates previous TA Award winners.

The CTLET congratulates the recipients of this year's TA Awards: **Senior TA Award** Frank Benko, Physics
Frank Benko has served as a

senior lab instructor in the Department of Physics since 1988. He supervises both graduate and non-graduate TAs and teaches the Physics 3P91 laboratory course. Only a person who has a sense of deep commitment and love for teaching can elicit praise from students such as "astounding," "awesome" and "don't ever let him go."

Benko has a Bachelor of Science degree from Brock and has been a member of the University community for 30 years.

Senior TA Award
Jacqueline Dix, Political Science

Jacqueline Dix has been a Teaching Assistant and seminar co-ordinator in the Department of Political Science for 25 years. She has worn many instructional and administrative hats, and has had an impact on students and faculty alike with her abilities and resource materials. She has authored the department's manual for Teaching Assistants and co-ordinates an annual TA training day for Political Science TAs. Dix holds a BA and MA in Politics from Brock University.

TA Award
Ryan Nery, Psychology

Ryan Nery is a TA and one of several course co-ordinators for PSYC1F90. He has been an active member of the CTLET TA Program and earned the Basic certificate last year and the Advanced certificate this year. He is a past recipient of a Hallmark Coultts Foundation Scholarship, a Royal Canadian Air Cadet Scholarship and a Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence. He is also the recipient of the first PSYC1F90 TA of the Year award. Nery will graduate in June with an Honours BA in Psychology.

Graduate TA Award
Joanna Sheppard, Physical Education and Kinesiology

Joanna Sheppard is the first recipient of the newly created Graduate TA Award, sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies. Sheppard is doing her Master's degree in Physical Education and Kinesiology and holds an Honours BA in Physical Education and History from Brock University. She serves as both a Teaching Assistant and a Research Assistant and is a recipient of an Ontario Graduate scholarship and a Ralph Morris award for 2003.

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Parenting conference to focus on attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder

Dr. Umesh Jain, head of the Adult/Adolescent Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Program at the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry in Toronto, returns to Brock University on Saturday, May 1, 2004, as the keynote speaker at the Seventh Annual Niagara Parenting Conference.

The theme for this year's conference is Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder Across the Lifespan. Dr. Jain is a father of four and an inspiring speaker on parenting skills for a whole range of children. His address this year is entitled ADHD Across the Lifespan: A Holistic Approach. The address will begin at 9 a.m., in Thistle 325.

In the afternoon, conference participants can choose from a series of workshops, which will run from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in various locations in the Thistle Corridor, near the entrance to the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Workshops

include:

- improving literacy skills in ADHD children
- advocating for success: how to advocate and work effectively with schools
- promoting positive family relationships
- tips for parenting teens with ADHD
- developing positive social skills and friendships

There will also be an extensive marketplace for books, toys, crafts and unique parenting services. The marketplace opens at 8 a.m., in the Thistle Corridor.

Pre-registration is required to attend the conference, and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The conference is organized by parent volunteers in association with the Department of Child and Youth Studies at Brock and the Regional Niagara Public Health Department.

Faculty of Business awarded chapter in Beta Gamma Sigma

The Board of Governors of Beta Gamma Sigma has approved the Faculty of Business, Brock University, for a chapter in its business honour society.

Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a student can receive in an undergraduate or Master's business program accredited by AACSB International.

Membership in this society will be awarded to the top 10 per cent of Brock's graduating class of BBA and BAcc students and to the top 20 per cent of those receiving their Master's degree from the Faculty of Business this year.

The mission of Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honour academic achievement in the study of business and to foster personal and professional excellence in the practice of business. With over 394 collegiate chapters in all 50 U.S. States plus Canada, Hong Kong and Spain, Beta Gamma Sigma will provide several benefits to Brock and its students, including an internationally recognized badge of excellence, an additional source of scholarships and alumni network.

The Faculty of Business's first induction ceremony will take place later this year to award membership to its outstanding graduates. The University looks forward to inducting this year's top students in the Faculty of Business, as they join thousands of others around the world recognized as "the best in business."

May 2004 scheduled power outages

Due to growth on campus, it has become necessary to modify the incoming electrical supply at the University. Accomplishing this will require two complete campus electrical outages, each of approximate eight-hour duration.

The power outages have been scheduled for Sunday, May 2, and Sunday, May 16.

Campus electricity will be turned off May 2, at 8 a.m., and May 16, at 10 a.m. This will result in the campus-wide loss of heating, air conditioning and ventilation, hot

water and all electricity except for essential service circuits.

It is advisable to turn off power to computers and delicate electronic equipment prior to the outages and restore accordingly to your schedule.

The total power outages will necessitate the closing of the University to all public functions and Brock staff.

For further information, please contact Marc Slade, ext. 3752, or Mike Little, ext. 3579, in Physical Plant.

President's Community Luncheon Series

Brock President David Atkinson and the Port Colborne-Wainfleet Chamber of Commerce are pleased to host the next presentation of the President's Community Luncheon Series on Wednesday, May 12.

Dr. Hugh Gayler, Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Brock, will make a presentation entitled Barely Survive or Able to Thrive? Canada's Small Towns in the 21st Century.

The community is invited to attend the event, to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., with lunch served at noon, at the Roselawn Centre, 29 Fielden Avenue, one block north of Clarence Street in Port Colborne.

The presentation will look at the increasing challenges facing small towns. Globalization, industrial and agricultural decline, and changing

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In Memoriam



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It is with deep regret that the Department of Physics announces the recent passing of Professor Emeritus Colin A. Plint who died peacefully on Saturday, April 3, 2004.

Colin A. Plint

Plint obtained his BA and MA from Oxford, and then came to Canada, obtaining his PhD from the University of Toronto.

Plint was the Dean of Arts and Science at Brock for seven years (1969 to 1976) and a member of the Physics Department until his retirement in 1991. He was appointed the first Chair of the Physics Department in 1968. He also served on the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies.

He retained his passion for physics until his death.

Plint leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Florence, daughters Hilary Plint, Alison Sawatzky, Heather Plint and Amy Plint. His son Jeremy died in 1983.

Plint was determined that all of his daughters be university educated and have the opportunity to achieve good careers. All who knew him will remember his keen sense of humour, as well as his total dedication to academics. He insisted that one try to walk in another's shoes before judging. His calm, rational and reasoned approach to life always set things right. His gentleness and compassion for both people and animals were unsurpassed.

Plint's family has set up a fund to receive donations in support of a student award in his memory.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution can forward their cheque payable to "Brock University" or complete a pledge form listing other payment options, at www.brocku.ca/alumni/friends/pledge.pdf, to: Brock University, Colin Plint Memorial Fund, Development Office, University Advancement, 500 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines, Ontario, L2S 3A1.

Comments requested on proposed new mission statement

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

The Committee is now soliciting comments and suggestions from the University community. Please submit your comments, before Friday, 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.

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The Faculty of Education welcomed the new Chinese cohort to the MEd International Student Program. Faculty and staff hosted a welcoming reception for 24 students on March 26 in the Alumni Lounge.

Palliative Care Seminar Series at Brock

Members of the public attended a recent panel discussion at Brock entitled *Dying at Home: The Social, Family, Legal, and Medical Aspects*.

The seminar examined topics relating to all aspects of dying at home.

Panel members included:

- Barry Ashpole, President of the Ontario Palliative Care Association (OPCA); Chair of OPCA's Communications & Public Policy Committee; Editor of the Association's newsletter.
- Dr. Denis Marshall, Director, Division of Palliative Care at

McMaster University; Undergraduate Director for Family Medicine at McMaster; Director, West Lincoln Palliative Care Team.

• Rita Talosi, RN, BScN, MSN, Program Coordinator/ Nurse Educator for the VON.

Dr. Michael Plyley, Associate Dean in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences at Brock, acted as moderator.

The presentation was part of the Palliative Care Seminar Series sponsored by the Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem and the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.

Three MEd students present thesis defence

Three Master of Education students will each present their thesis defence next week in Scotiabank Hall 339.

On Monday, April 26, at 2 p.m., student Lynn Lingard will present *The Impact of Scheduling on the Implementation of the New Ontario Curriculum: Teachers' Perceptions*.

Dr. John Ross, External Examiner; Dr. Susan Tilley, Thesis Supervisor; Dr. Renee Kuchapski, Committee Member; and Dr. Al Wheeler, Committee Member.

On Tuesday, April 27, at 10 a.m., candidate Yvonne Kingswell will present *A Study of Ethical Decision-Making in Hypothetical Scenarios*

by Secondary School Principals.

Dr. Richard Townsend, External Examiner; Dr. Coral Mitchell, Thesis Supervisor; Dr. Renee Kuchapski, Committee Member; and Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir, Committee Member.

On Thursday, April 29, at 2 p.m., student Nicola Simmons will present *Reflecting in Collaboration: A Tool to Support the Development of Successful Online Learning Communities*.

Dr. John Mitterer, External Examiner; Dr. Coral Mitchell, Thesis Supervisor; Dr. Michael Kompf, Committee Member; and Professor Tony Di Petta, Committee Member.

First annual Best Practices in Teaching and Learning Symposium at Brock

Renowned adult educator Stephen Brookfield and educational technologies guru Tony Bates will be the keynote speakers at the First Annual Best Practices in Teaching and Learning Symposium at Brock University on Thursday, May 6.

The event is organized by the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET).

This year's theme, *Making the Most of Our Institutional Resources*, explores avenues for the deployment of institutional resources in efficient but pedagogically informed ways.

Brookfield will open the day's activities with a keynote entitled *Being a Critically Reflective Teacher*. His address will be followed by concurrent workshops on topics

such as multiple choice testing, innovative teaching techniques, collaboration technologies, facilitating distinctly different seminars and a panel discussion on making the most of our teaching space.

In the afternoon, Bates will join participants from the west coast by videoconference to discuss *Effective Teaching in Higher Education: Theory and Research*.

The full-day symposium is open to all members of the Brock community but participants are required to reserve a seat for the Brookfield address through the Centre for the Arts, at ext. 3257.

For more information, contact the CTLET at ext. 3933.

Physics Department members present papers in Montreal

Several members of the Physics Department, Ivana Bosa (graduate student working with Professor Stuart Rothstein), Dr. G.V. Sudhakar Rao (postdoctoral fellow with Professor Maureen Reedyk), Reedyk and Professor Kirill Samokhin, attended the 2004 American Physical Society (APS) March meeting in Montreal March 22 to 26.

Bosa presented a poster titled *Quantum Monte Carlo method to estimate the exact expectation values of non-differential operators using approximate wave functions*, co-authored with Rothstein.

Rao presented two papers:

- *Investigation of superconducting state of Sr₂RuO₄ by far infrared spectroscopy*, co-authored with Reedyk, and N. Kikugawa, and Y. Maeno (Department of Physics, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan);
- *Far infrared studies of heavy fermion superconductor CeCoIn₅*, co-authored with Stanislav Ocadlik (graduate student with Reedyk), Karl Sendzik (Physics Honours student), Reedyk and Professor Fereidoon S. Razavi.

Samokhin presented a paper titled *CePt₃Si: An Unconventional Superconductor without Inversion Center*, co-authored with Eeuwe Zijlstra (postdoctoral fellow with Professor Shyamal Bose), and Bose.

Graduate Program in Popular Culture

The following faculty, all in the Department of Communications, Popular Culture, and Film, presented papers at the 34th annual conference of the Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association in San Antonio, Texas, April 7 to 10:

Marian Bredin. *Popular Memory and Aboriginal Heritage: A Case Study of the Niagara Falls Indian Village*. (panel on Native American Studies and Historical (Re)representation in (post)Colonial Space. This paper contained research conducted as part of the Popular Culture Niagara research project.

Nick Baxter-Moore. *'Just an American Boy': Images of Class and Nation in the Songs of Steve Earle*. (panel on American Music and Culture)

Barry Keith Grant. *Where Few Men Have Gone Before: Science Fiction, Gender, and 2001: A Space Odyssey*. (panel on science fiction, fantasy and gender)

The following graduate students in the graduate program also presented papers at the conference:

Graeme Metcalfe. *The Limp Dick: The Role of the Phallus in Basic Instinct*. (panel on Masculinity and Film)

Julie Pong. *What Makes You Think You Can Register for that China?* (panel on Collecting and Collectibles)

Markian Saray. *Brands, Britney, and Bricolage: The Role of Cultural Phenomena in Music and Fashion*. (panel on American music and culture)

Brock Briefs...

Wanted: Runners, walkers and spinners

The Department of Recreation Services is looking for runners, walkers and spinners from Brock to participate in the annual Run for the General fundraiser.

This year's event will take place on Sunday, May 2.

All pledges will be directed towards the purchase of ultrasound diagnostic equipment for the St. Catharines General site of the Niagara Health System.

For more information, please contact Brian Ker by e-mail at brian.ker@brocku.ca.

Renaissance at Rodman Lecture Series

The Brock University Alumni Association is co-ordinating a spring lecture series featuring notable Brock faculty.

The series, entitled Renaissance at Rodman, will be held for five consecutive Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., at the Rodman Hall Arts Centre, 109 St. Paul Crescent, St. Catharines.

The cost of the series is \$39 and includes pre-lecture refreshments at 9:30 a.m. and two free lecture passes for registrants to share with colleagues and friends.

Register through Wendy Laslo, Continuing Education Department at Brock, at ext. 4775 or at wlaslo@brocku.ca.

The lecture program includes:

- April 22 - Dr. Barry Grant: Understanding Popular Film
- April 29 - Dr. Charles Burton:

Are China and the USA heading for war?

- May 6 - Dr. David Goicoechea: Why Nietzsche's love of Jesus led him to be an Anti-Christ

- May 13 - Dr. Donald Ursino: Diseases We Make: Focus on Cancer

- May 20 - Canadian Detective Fiction: Dr. Marilyn Rose, Dr. Jeannette Sloniowski

Edwardian tea fundraiser at Rodman Hall

The Rodman Hall Arts Centre will be the venue for an Edwardian tea fundraiser on Sunday, April 25.

The Edwardian Tea from Famous Tea Rooms is in support of Women's Place of St. Catharines, the Zonta Club of St. Catharines, and Brock's Rodman Hall.

The event will be catered by Wellington Court Restaurant and will include a silent auction.

Rodman Hall is located at 109 St. Paul Crescent in St. Catharines.

Tickets are \$28. Call Marie Balsom at Brock for tickets at ext. 4765.

Instructional Skills Workshop

The third annual Instructional Skills Workshop (ISW) will again be offered this year from June 8 to 10, at Brock University. The ISW is a 25-year-old, peer-based, experiential instructional development program and is one of the most successful approaches to pedagogy in post-secondary institutions across North America and in other parts of the world.

Held over three days, the ISW is designed to enhance the teaching

effectiveness of both new and veteran instructors. Facilitators of the ISW are Nancy Frances Murray of the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology and Jill Grose of the Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET). Cost is \$150.00 per participant. Spaces are limited. To register or for more information, contact ext. 3933.

Brock participates in International Dance Day project

Brock University was among the first three universities in Canada to take part in this year's International Dance Day (IDD) initiative, along with the University of Calgary and Memorial University.

The IDD initiative is a collaboration between the Society for Canadian Dance Studies (SCDS) and the CanDance Network. IDD is a UNESCO-sponsored celebration of dance held worldwide each year on the anniversary of French choreographer Jean Georges Noverre's death.

The IDD project invites civic leaders and members of the media to celebrate International Dance Day in March and April.

Barbara Kennedy of the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, an active member of SCDS, hosted the event at Brock on behalf of her department.

Councillor Brian Dorsey represented the City of St. Catharines and attended the dance production of LOHA/THOK in the David S. Howes Theatre at Brock.

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consumer tastes have all wrought havoc on the stability of small towns in Canada. Gayler will explore how survival and regeneration are heavily dependent on a vigorous private sector selling a town's unique characteristics and locational advantage.

Gayler is an urban geographer with expertise in the area of suburbanization and urban sprawl, and in particular the continuing loss of Canada's best agricultural lands in Niagara. He is presently a member of the Region's Smarter Niagara Steering Committee, and before that was a member of the St. Catharines Agritourism Committee and the Downtown Revitalization Committee.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$20. To register, please call Julia Gottli, ext. 3245, or e-mail: jgottli@brocku.ca, by May 7.

FACULTY AND STAFF

CLASSICS

Michael J. Carter delivered a paper entitled Palms for the Gladiators at a conference on Ancient Competition, at the annual meeting of the Classical Association of the Canadian West, in Winnipeg, on March 20.

ENGLISH

Elizabeth Sauer organized and chaired with Helen Ostovich a panel titled Between the Lines: Creativity and Collaboration in *Reading Early Modern Women* at the Renaissance Society of America, New York, N.Y., April 1 to 3. The panel was sponsored by the Society for the Study of Early Modern Women. Sauer's presentation was titled Did Women have a Revolution?

HISTORY

David Schimmelpenninck presented a paper on Russian Ideologies of Empire and the Origins of the War with Japan at the Re-imagining Culture in the Russo-Japanese War conference on March 26 at Birkbeck College, University of London.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Leslie Boldt-Irons and **Corrado Federici** recently presented papers at a conference on Literature, Film and War, held at SUNY Binghamton. In a session entitled The Spanish Civil War: Images of Responsibility, Disengagement and Catastrophe, Boldt-Irons delivered a paper on Revolution, Negativity and Catastrophe in Malraux's *L'Espoir* and Bataille's *Le Bleu du ciel*, while Federici addressed The Spanish Civil War through Antonio Tabucchi's *Pirandellian Looking-Glass*.

MUSIC

Harris Loewen conducted the Voices of Unity and the Ottawa Baha'i Singers in a series of rehearsals and a joint concert at the Centre Richelieu-Vanier in Ottawa on April 10. He also led a choral techniques and repertoire workshop for these two ensembles, held at the School of Art, on April 11.

Brian Power presented a paper entitled Church Council, Plague, and Coincidence: The Transmission of Musical Manuscripts in Southern Europe in the Fifteenth Century, at a conference of the American Musicological Society, New York State-St. Lawrence Chapter, Cornell University, April 3.

PSYCHOLOGY

John Mitterer and **Kathy Belicki** presented a paper entitled Cognitive apprenticeship and hybrid learning in teaching introductory psychology at the 18th Annual Conference on the Teaching and Learning of Psychology: Ideas & Innovations, Monticello, N.Y., March 24 to 26.

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EVENTS

The Canadian Federation of University Women St. Catharines: announces its 30th Annual House Tour to provide scholarships at the high school, college and university levels. One day only, on Sunday, May 2, 12 noon to 5 p.m., the CFUW house tour opens the doors to six unique homes in Niagara. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Come out and discover new decorating ideas or just admire the architecture and settings. Either way you'll be contributing to the cause of higher education. There are draws for door prizes donated by local businesses and refreshments at the Children's Discovery Centre. Contact taraone@cogeco.ca or call 905-934-5002 for tickets and directions.

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