Brock receives over \$4.6 million in research funding from Canada Foundation for Innovation

Brock University will receive more than \$4.6 million in funding for two research infrastructure projects with a total cost of \$11.9 million, as announced recently through the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Innovation Fund.

This funding announcement represents the largest-ever grants for Brock through the CFI. The University anticipates the funding will be matched by the Ontario Innovation Trust later this year. Brock was also named the recipient of over \$300,000 as part of a collaborative CFI grant for high-performance computer systems.

"The awarding of these grants is consistent with our strategic goal of becoming a more comprehensive University with an increased focus on research activity," said Brock President David Atkinson. "We are very proud of the faculty members and students who are involved with these important projects which will ultimately be of great benefit to our community and to society as a whole."

The two projects approved by CFI at Brock include:

• \$2.01 million to fund a collaborative research effort headed by Dr. Doug Bruce, a Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences. The project, entitled Integrated Tools for Biotechnology, will enhance the research capacity of the departments of Biology, Chemistry, the Centre for Biotechnology, and the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute (CCOVI). The funding will provide infrastructure to support high impact research programs in biotechnology and biochemistry/biophysics, and will ensure Brock's researchers and students have access to leadingedge scientific tools they need to maintain and increase their strong international presence in their respective fields. The funding will also support the development of research collaborations in Brock's flagship programs in Biotechnology and Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture, with the University poised to make major contributions in these areas both locally and

internationally.\$2.6 million to fund the

establishment of the Lifespan Development Research Centre. Dr. Sidney Segalowitz, Professor in the Department of Psychology, will lead the project with a team of 40 faculty members from the faculties of Social Sciences, Education, and Applied Health Sciences. The Centre will provide a centralized location of expertise to study how development occurs across the human lifespan, and will be housed in a new facility on the Brock campus. The Centre will have labs to acquire psychological and physiological data from participants, most of whom will come from the community; labs for research staff and data analysis; and dedicated research meeting space to plan and implement large-scale studies where data collection is conducted in community settings such as schools, hospitals or homes.

Brock is also the recipient of an additional \$326,916 in CFI funding through a grant to The Shared Hierarchical Academic Research Computing Network (SHARCNET), a multi-institutional, high

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



Jon Castle, Managing Partner, Executive Director of Arnold Worldwide, gave the 2004 Terry O'Malley Lecture in Marketing and Advertising on March 17. During his multimedia presentation, Castle talked about the Boston-based agency's success in revitalizing the Volkswagen brand in North America with the popular "Drivers wanted" marketing campaign.

Brock professor to speak on downtown sustainability



Professor Hugh Gayler

A Brock professor with expertise in the area of downtown revitalization and sustainability will give an informative and insightful presentation next month as the

President's Community Luncheon series kicks off for 2004.

On Wednesday, April 7, Dr. Hugh Gayler, Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Brock University, will discuss "The Changing Face of the Canadian Downtown" during a luncheon held in partnership with Brock and the Grimsby Chamber of Commerce.

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 EastDell Estates Winery, 4041 Locust Lane (off Mountatinview Road), Beamsville.

Gayler will discuss the challenges that downtown areas have faced since the emergence of other retail options in the 1960's. The presentation will also focus on the new prospects available for downtowns, in addition to how local groups and municipalities can help give these areas a renewed purpose and vision.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$25. To register, please call Julia Gottli, 905-688-550, ext. 3245, or e-mail: jgottli@brocku.ca, by April 2.

Brock Professor honoured for distinguished contributions to psychology



Professor Nancy Johnston

A Brock University professor's distinguished contributions to the psychology profession are being recognized with a prestigious award from the

Nancy Johnston award from the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA).
Professor Nancy Johnston will

receive the 2004 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology as a Profession at the CPA convention this June in St. John's, Newfoundland. The Department of Psychology

The Department of Psychology is holding a reception in Johnston's honour on **Wednesday, April 7**, in the Pond Inlet, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Jo Stewart, Psychology Department Coordinator, by Friday, March 26, at ext. 4444, or

jstewart@cogito.psyc.brocku.ca
"Awards are usually associated
with deeds of valour - the
surmounting of difficult and arduous
challenges," said Johnston. "My
journey through professional
psychology has been exciting,
stimulating, fulfilling and
pleasurable. So, I feel quite
overwhelmed, amazed and
delighted. For the first time, I can
empathize with Oscar winners
because I, too, am speechless,

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Build Our Invest Future in Brock

Participation rate grows

Presentations, participation, prizes - these are three key words to describe the momentum of the "Invest in Brock - Build Our Future" campaign.

Since the March 1 launch, faculty and staff are lending their support to Brock students with the campaign participation rate sitting at 20 per cent as of March 22.

Strong participation by the Brock community is vital to the campaign's success as it represents a united commitment to the goal of providing students with a quality academic and campus-life experience. To set a new Brock high for participation level, this campaign has set a target of 50 per cent or better.

Campaign volunteers continue to meet with groups to highlight the importance of the campaign goals and to explain the flexible payment options that are available.

As the campaign continues to March 31, there are many chances to win great prizes. Throughout the month, those who are currently in pledge or who make a pledge at this time will have their names entered into weekly draws.

Here is the list of draws:

Week 2 - draw held on March 12:
gift certificate for non-credit
Brock Continuing Education

Brock Continuing Education course - David Hutchison,

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Brock Student Ambassadors win spirit award

Brock University's Student Ambassadors are once again the winners of a coveted award given to a student group which shows the greatest spirit and pride in their own school and which inspires and encourages other universities and colleges.

This year's achievement marks the third time in four years that the Brock Student Ambassadors have won the 2004 CASE-ASAP District II Spirit Award. Twenty universities and colleges from Ontario and the United States were considered for the award at the recent CASE-ASAP District II annual conference in Buffalo, N.Y.

ASAP (Association of Student Advancement Programs) is the student body affiliated with CASE (Council for the Advancement and Support of Education). District II consists of a total of 48 post-secondary institutions from District of Columbia, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ontario, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virginia, Virgin Islands and West Virginia.

"Brock Student Ambassadors strive to encourage, support, excite and motivate, not only ourselves, but all schools," said Jay Sykes, a Political Science student at Brock and Publicist for the Ambassadors. "For this reason, we feel that this award is truly special."

For more information go to www.brocku.ca and click on "News."

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Faculty of Education

- 1-year Walker Complex membership includes access to the shower/change rooms, sauna, squash, racquetball and tennis courts, 200m indoor track and Zone fitness centre - W. D. Kenneth Kernaghan, Politics
- Brock Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Camp, 1 week, Aug. 23 to 27, ages 8-16 - Elizabeth Rosser, Faculty of Education - Hamilton Campus
- Brock Boys' and Girls' Soccer Camp, 1 week, Aug. 16-20, ages 8-16 - Howard Melville, Earth Sciences
- 30-minute massage at Brock Sports Injury Clinic - Barbara Whittard, Library
- 1-night stay in Standard Room at Quality Hotel Parkway Convention Centre - Shyamal K. Bose, Physics
- \$25 Brinkman Travel gift certificate for travel services plus carry-on filled with travel treasures - John F. Bird, Faculty of Education
- \$20 gift certificate for the Brock University Bookstore - Mary Armstrong, Purchasing
- 2 tickets to Jane Bunnett & the Spirits of Havana performance at Brock Centre for the Arts for Thursday, March 25, 2004, plus a CD carry case - Melissa Coleman, Recruitment & Liaison

Week 3 - draw held March 19

- gift certificate for non-credit Brock Continuing Education course - John Kaethler, International Services
- Brock Boys' and Girls' Sports School, 1week, 4 date choices, ages 6-14 - Christine Nolan, Centre for the Arts
- 1 Cosmetic Consultation & one microdermabrasion with Dr.
 Patricia Teal, Cosmetic Laser & Aesthetics - Rico Natale, Student Awards and Financial Aid
- Tuesday Pasta Bar for 2 at J.J. Kapps Backyard BBQ Steak & Grill - Jill Grose, CTLET
- Rankin Construction Inc. \$1,500
 Contracting Package Barry Joe,
 Modern Languages, Literatures & Cultures
- \$100 gift certificate for food and drink at twelve a waterfront grill, Lakeport Rd. - Lucie Thibault, Sport Management
- 30-minute massage therapy treatment at Welland Massage Therapy Clinic - Brian Ross, Computer Science
- \$20 gift certificate for Dom's Pasta and Grill - Irene McMurray, Mail Room
- Return door to door service to Toronto/Buffalo Airport with Niagara Air Bus - Virginia Wagg, Geography
- 2 tickets to Cleo Laine and John

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PUBLICATION IS EVERY 2 WEEKS Canada Post Agreement # 40065767 Dankworth performance at Brock Centre for the Arts for Thursday, April 1, 2004, plus a CD carry case - Sharon Broderick, Management and Marketing

Week 4 - draw to be held March 26

- gift certificate for non-credit Brock Continuing Education
- 2 Brock University Athletics 2004-2005 Adult Season's Passes
- Brock Boys' Basketball Camp, 1 week, 2 date choices, ages 9-17
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- Brock Girls' Basketball Camp, 1 week, Aug. 9-13, ages 8-16
- \$50 gift certificate towards Bowling at the Parkway Lanes Sports & Entertainment Centre
- Rankin Construction Inc. \$1,000 Contracting Package
- \$100 gift certificate for food and drink at twelve a waterfront grill, Lakeport Rd.
- 30-minute massage therapy treatment at Welland Massage Therapy Clinic
- Cherry wood Bulova Mantle Clock from The Hamilton Spectator
- \$20 gift certificate for Dom's Pasta and Grill

Week 5 - draw to be held on April 5

- Full Weekend Skulling Camp at Brock, 2 date choices
 2004 Golf Lesson with Mark
- 2004 Golf Lesson with Mark Catling, Teaching Professional
- Wills & Power of Attorney for 2 through Lancaster, Brooks & Welch
- \$20 gift certificate at Brock University Bookstore
- Rankin Construction Inc. \$750 Contracting Package
- 45-minute massage therapy treatment at Welland Massage Therapy Clinic
- Roots Watch from Berkshire Securities Inc.
- 2 Season's Passes to the 2004 motorcycle race season at Niagara Motorcycle Raceway
- \$50 gift certificate for Cats Caboose Restaurant & Tavern
- 1-week accommodation in Mauii (some conditions apply)

Brock receives over \$4.6 million in research funding Continued from page 1

performance computing institute, which promotes excellence in research and accelerates the production of research results in the natural and social sciences, engineering and business. Brock's portion of the funding will contribute to a \$900,000 project to house a 124-processor cluster supercomputer for use in mathematics, computation chemistry, and computer science. SHARCNET is also donating to Brock a 64-processor cluster supercomputer from the McMaster University site initially valued at

"This announcement will greatly benefit Brock and the Niagara Region," said Walt Lastewka, MP for St. Catharines. "We are pleased to see Brock getting its fair share of post-secondary research dollars. Congratulations to all the recipients for their outstanding performance in this rigorous competition."



The Centre for Women's Studies at Brock University hosted a colloquium on March 10, in celebration of International Women's Day/Week. Brock students Rachel Miller, Serena Gravelle, Ashley Townsend and Kylie Hogan gather by their display. The colloquium featured presentations by Brock faculty that highlighted feminist and women's studies research at the University. Political Science Professor Ann Porter, of York University, gave the keynote address which focused on how women's welfare state entitlements have shifted from the postwar period to the era of neo-liberalism.

Brock Professor honoured Continued from page 1

emotional and thrilled."

With this annual award, the CPA recognizes one individual from across the country whose distinguished contributions have a significant impact on Canadian psychology as a profession. Among the criteria considered: the individual's research must enhance the knowledge base of professional psychology; their work brings about changes in practice or training performed by others; the individual's influence is exerted through leadership as a teacher, clinician, theorist and/or as a spokesperson in public or professional arenas.

Johnston, a Professor of Psychology at Brock since 1966, initiated both the Child and Youth Studies and Health Studies programs at the University. She initiated and continues to run the Brock Therapy Program and is involved with many community agencies as a consulting psychologist. Those agencies include the Niagara Child and Youth Centre, Family and Children's Services, the Niagara Peninsula Children's Centre and the Regional Niagara Public Health Department.

"We are all very pleased and proud that Dr. Nancy Johnston is being honoured with this award by the Canadian Psychological Association," said Dr. Stan Sadava, Acting Chair of the Psychology Department. "Professor Johnston has contributed her skills as a clinical psychologist and an academic to many services both here at Brock and in the Niagara Peninsula. Her high level of caring has changed the lives of many children and their families over the years, and inspired her students. Everyone in the Psychology Department would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Professor Johnston on receiving this well-deserved recognition of an outstanding career."

Canada's first parliamentary poet laureate to speak at Brock

George Bowering, a major Canadian literary figure, will visit Brock University on **Thursday**, **March 25**, to read some of his poetry and discuss what it's like to be the country's first parliamentary poet laureate.

Bowering is one of the most prolific writers in the country, with over 70 books published to date. Two-time winner of the Governor General's Award, his most recent collection of poetry, *His Life*, was also short-listed for this prestigious award.

He was appointed the first Canadian parliamentary poet laureate in November 2002, and was made an Officer of the Order of Canada that same month. The event, to be held from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the University's Podium Theatre (Thistle 325), is co-sponsored by the Great Books/Liberal Studies program, the Faculty of Humanities, the Humanities Research Institute and the Department of English Language and Literature. All are welcome.

Election of a Staff Representative to the Board of Trustees

Effective Wednesday, June 30, there will be one permanent staff vacancy on the Board. In accordance with the General Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, permanent staff members who are Managers reporting directly to the President or to a Vice-President are not eligible to serve.

Nominations for **one** representative from the permanent

staff to fill this vacancy for a threeyear term commencing Thursday, July 1, are now invited. Nomination forms may be obtained from the University Secretariat (ST1200) and must be signed by at least three members of the permanent staff and the nominee, and submitted to the Secretary to the Board of Trustees no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31.

Ballots will be distributed to all members of the permanent staff on or before Monday, April 5.

Completed ballots are to be returned to the Secretary to the Board by the close of the poll at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14.

Please call Evelyn Janke, ext. 3335, if you have any questions.

Everyone asked to be vigilant

During the last several weeks, the University experienced an abnormally high number of incidents that required investigation by both the Campus Security Services and the Niagara Regional Police Service. The incidents have included such offences as forcible entries into locked offices, thefts of computer equipment, thefts and attempted thefts of motor vehicles, and suspected drug use.

These occurrences not only cost the University and the individual victims financially, but they are also a cause of concern for the overall safety and security of all who visit or work on campus. In order to assist with the investigation and apprehension of those who are responsible for the offences, everyone is asked to be extra vigilant while moving about the property and attentive to the location and condition of their equipment and furnishings. In this way, any suspicious behaviour can immediately be reported to the attention of Campus Security

All students, staff and faculty are reminded to take additional care in locking their offices, not leaving valuables in noticeable locations, properly securing vehicles parked in the lots and report any questionable persons who may be in areas of the University in which they do not belong. In the event that someone becomes the victim of a crime, it is advisable to not disturb the scene as valuable forensic evidence may be left behind. For further assistance, or any clarification on how staff can work together to combat crime, please contact Campus Security Services, at ext. 4300.

Scott McLean, Director, Campus Security Services

Brock lifeguards win medals, set Canadian record

The Brock lifeguard teams recently won several medals and set a new Canadian record at the Ontario University Lifeguard Championships held in Guelph.

Brock's two teams each had a strong showing, placing 5th and 7th overall.

In the men's line throw event, Brad Johnston and Ryan Bagoisan won the gold medal and set a new Canadian record time of 11.63 seconds.

Katie Ney and Kathryn Reid won a bronze in the women's line throw.

Other highlights of the competition included a third-place finish in the individual skills event by the team of Johnston, Reid, Bagoisan and Ney.

The team of Amie Peddle, Jamie Tolan, Jeff McCurdy and Amanda Allen made it to the finals of the water rescue event.

Overall, the event was a strong one for Brock as team members were able to improve on last year's performance and also experience some personal successes.

The team consists of undergraduate students and is open to any lifeguard on campus interested in being challenged and learning a new and exciting way of looking at their job.

For more information, please contact the Department of Recreation Services.

Interruption of Normal Operations policy

Over the last year, the University reviewed the Inclement Weather Policy, now called the Interruption of Normal Operations Policy. The change in name reflects the broader mandate of the policy as it now includes inclement weather and any other circumstance that threatens to interrupt the normal operations of the University. The review was undertaken in an effort to better coordinate information gathering, decision-making and communication when the policy is enacted. The policy applies throughout the year during class times, exam periods and weekend activities. Procedures for the Hamilton campus were also revised.

Several administrative departments, the senior administrative committee and the faculty Deans were consulted during the review of the policy, which the Board of Trustees has now approved. It was acknowledged that, with students living in residence, it is not possible to completely "close" the University. As a result, several administrative units developed procedures outlining their actions when the policy is enacted.

Brock University will make every effort to maintain services despite inclement weather or other circumstances that threaten to interrupt the normal operation of the University. The University will give careful consideration to any decision made within this policy including consultation with local public and private organizations and with the realization that conditions may vary across the region

The policy and the corresponding procedures are accessible on the Brock University Web site at: www.brocku.ca/ino

Emerging artists present Colliding Scopes at Rodman Hall

Graduating students in the Department of Visual Arts at Brock University are finishing off their year in style with a show at Rodman Hall from April 4 to May 16, which will prove to be a multi-media attack on the senses.

The collective of 11 artists has acquired the entire main space at Rodman Hall for Colliding Scopes, the largest fourth-year group show for the Department of Visual Arts.

These artists are no strangers to the art scene. They have all contributed their unique artistic styles to the Niagara region for the past four years and have developed a wide range of ideas and techniques.

It will be this diversity and complexity that will make for one of the most thought-provoking and visceral shows ever to be hung in Rodman Hall. Different practices, beliefs and views collide in one gallery for a limited time.

Students participating in the show include: Lisa Taylor, Nicole Vrbicek, Amanda Roberts, Kyle McGuire, Joel Hardwick, Amy Nichol, Lara Eggleton, Monica Frattaroli, Stacy Karolyi, Dave Aubertin and Stuart McIntosh.

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

The Gallery hours are from Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Gallery is closed on Mondays.

An opening reception will be held April 4, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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Handyman available for hire: Indoor/outdoor work, such as spring clean-up, clean gutters, paint, assemble furniture, hang pictures/curtain rods, etc. Call for estimate. 905-938-0914.

Lecture focuses on female action heroes

Dr. Christine Holmlund, Professor of Cinema Studies, Women's Studies and French at the University of Tennessee, will deliver this year's Annual Lecture in Popular Culture on female action heroes on Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., at Brock University, Academic South 203.

The title of her talk is "Gender and Race in Action: The Case of Pam Grier."

Admission is free and open to the public.

Grier was star of several blaxploitation action movies in the 1970s, including Foxy Brown, and has also appeared in more recent films such as Jackie Brown, Mars Attacks, Escape from L.A., Posse, and Bill and Ted's Bogus Journey.

Holmlund, noted expert on action cinema, is the author of *Impossible Bodies: Femininity and Masculinity at the Movies* (2002), which examines the movies of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Clint Eastwood, Dolly Parton and Whoopi Goldberg. Holmlund's talk is sponsored by the Interdisciplinary MA Program in Popular Culture, the Department of Communication, Popular Culture and Film and the Deans of the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Brock Briefs...



Professor Tony Ward, Director of the Centre for the Environment at Brock, looks at a map with Kate Matysek, a PhD student from the University of Tasmania, during a recent reception held to welcome this term's newest participants in the Visiting International Scholar, Visiting International Professor, and University Mentorship programs. Matysek, who arrived from Australia (Hobart, Tasmania) earlier this month, is here to study the Niagara Escarpment, which is an important aspect of her dissertation research on urban and peri-urban biosphere reserves in Australia and Canada. Other program participants are from China, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Thailand. For further information on the VIP, VIS or UM programs and participants, please contact David Brown (dbrown@brocku.ca) or Sheila Young (syoung@brocku.ca), **Brock International, DeCew** Residence 212.

Major research project

Dr. David Siegel, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, is part of a research team that received \$2.5 million in funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) to explore policy making in municipalities across Canada.

The project involved 66 researchers from across Canada and 10 international scholars. The research will examine how all levels of government can work together to deal with issues of both local and national importance. Siegel is the team leader of the Ontario group which will generate papers on immigrant settlement policy, urban aboriginal policy and the City of Toronto.

Talk to address Canada/ U.S. border security

U.S. border security
John Johnston, former Regional
Director, Canada Customs and
Revenue Agency, and President,
Brock International Associates, will
give a talk on Canada/U.S. Border
Security: Pre- and Post 9/11 to a
Government and Politics of Canada
class on Tuesday, March 30.

The presentation will take place in Welch Hall, Room 209, between 8 a.m. and 8:50 a.m. All faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

Native spiritual leader to speak at Brock

A native spiritual leader and educator will visit Brock on Tuesday, March 30, to share her understanding of how different faith testaments can be integrated in one faith journey because of one God and a diversity of God stories.

Sister Eva Solomon, an Anishinabe from the Ojibway First Nations of Northern Ontario, will give a presentation at 7:30 p.m. in the Pond Inlet.

The event is sponsored by: the Centre for Women's Studies, OPIRG-Brock, Campus Ministries and the Aboriginal Student Services.

Research lecture

Dr. Doug Bruce, Professor in the Biological Sciences Department at Brock, will present a special lecture, Juggling Photons, Optimization and Regulation of Light Capture in Photosynthesis, on Thursday, March 25

The event will take place in the Senate Chamber, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a reception to follow.

Bruce was the recipient of the Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity for 2003.

Aquatic Open House

Have you thought of joining a class but weren't sure if you would like the activity?

The Brock Aquatic Annual Open House, on Thursday, March 25, 6 p.m to 8 p.m., is your chance to try a variety of specialty programs: springboard diving, synchronized swimming, canoeing, snorkelling and aquafit. Adults, teens and youth will have fun while going from station to station to experience their favourite activities. Qualified instructors will be on hand to guide you through activities at each station. Dan's Dive Shop will set up a station so you can experience swimming underwater with SCUBA equipment.

Two MEd students present thesis defence

Education student Barbara Scott will present her thesis defence on Friday, March 26, in Scotiabank Hall 339, at 10 a.m.

Her thesis is entitled "Online Problem-Based Learning: Perceptions of Nursing Educators."

Thesis Supervisor: Denise Paquette-Frenette; External Examiner: Dr. Lynn Rempel; Committee Members: Dr. Patrick O'Neill, Dr. Susan Tilley.

Education student Keith Sikkema will present his thesis defence on Thursday, April 1, in Scotiabank Hall 339, at 2 p.m. His thesis is entitled "Home Schooling in View of John Calvin: A Study in Education and Communion of Saints."

Thesis Supervisor: Dr. Michael Manley-Casimir; External Examiner: Dr. Bruce Arai; Committee Members: Dr. Michael Owen, Dr. Coral Mitchell.

All are invited.

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Biological Sciences winter seminar series

The Department of Biological Sciences 2004 winter seminar series continues with the following seminars in MacKenzie Chown Complex, H313:

Thursday, March 25, 11:45 a.m.: Dr. David Wilson, Laboratory of Molecular Gerontology, National Institute on Aging, Baltimore, Maryland, "AP endonuclease 1 and the repair of DNA oxidative damage"

Friday, March 26, 12:15 p.m.: Martha Bajec, from the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute at Mount Sinai Hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto, "The Blueprint Initiative and the BIND project"

Thursday, April 1, 11:45 a.m.: Dr. Rob Baker, Department of Biology, University of Toronto at Mississauga, "Behavioral responses of damselfly larvae to competitors, predators, and parasites"

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

Want to participate?

Instructors with experience using on-line course tools are invited to participate in the pilot of an emerging Course/Learning Management System (LMS) known as Desire2Learn. Like WebCT Desire2Learn, or D2L, was developed in Canada and is in use throughout the English-speaking world to host on-line course content and interaction. The CTLET would like to evaluate this new tool as it compares to Brock's present institutional LMS, WebCT.

Working within the constrictions of the Brock timetable, similar classes are to be run back-to-back or simultaneously with either D2L or WebCT as an adjunct tool for each class. This pilot is interested in observations by both instructors and students about the pedagogical impact, ease of use, and the general ability of the tool to facilitate the on-line component of the course. WebCT or other applicable experience is required, but advanced technical knowledge is not. Interested instructors (both individuals and teams) should contact the CTLET, at ext. 3993, ctlet@brocku.ca

Celebration of Nations extends thank you

The Office of International Cooperation extends a thank you to all who attended the first annual Celebration of Nations, held in Thistle Corridor March 8 to March 12. Japan, China, Korea, Burma, Pakistan, United Arab Emirates, Ukraine, Mexico, Indonesia, Ghana, Italy, Sweden, India and Jamaica were all represented at the event. Visitors had the opportunity to try on Korean traditional clothes, play the Indonesian flute, have their names written in Japanese, taste dates from the UAE, view pictures of Ukraine and sample foods from around the world. There was also representation from the International Students' Association, the Office of International Services, the Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, the Faculty of Business, the Centre for International Studies, and the International Plus Program.

Celebration of Nations was a

great success thanks to the attendance and enthusiasm of students and staff.

A special thank you goes out to Campus Police for guarding the flags and to Gerald Papineau from Physical Plant for helping with the raising and the lowering of the flags.

As well, the office thanks our international students who enthusiastically displayed and showcased their countries with tremendous effort and energy.

Science Fair

On Sunday, March 28, the public is invited to view projects entered in the Niagara Regional Science and Engineering Fair. The projects will be on display from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Brock University in the Pond Inlet.

About 250 local students, in Grades 5 to 12, will participate in this year's fair with the judging to take place on Saturday, March 27.

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FACULTY AND STAFF

CENTRE FOR TEACHING, LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES Mike Laurence recently presented an invited workshop, entitled BUILD'ing Collaborative Digital Resource Design Strategies, at the University of Ottawa's Educational Chrysalis: Exploring Processes of Innovation in University and College Teaching. The BUILD (Brock University Interactive Learning Design) Tool was developed to provide asynchronous anytime/anywhere support to content experts and instructional designers engaged in the creation of digital teaching and learning resources. The network-based nature of this tool encourages well thought-out pedagogical innovations while concurrently responding to faculty/staff time constraints.

COMMUNICATIONS, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM
Barry Keith Grant presented an invited lecture at the University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, in early March. Sponsored by the Department of English and the
Film Studies Program, his talk was entitled The Story of a Man with a Cow
and a Boy with a Bull: Gender and Genre in Howard Hawks' RED RIVER. He
also attended the annual conference of the Society for Cinema and Media
Studies, where he participated in a workshop on American cinema and the
1950s, presenting on the year 1956.

Karin Di Bella, pianist, and Gordon Cleland, cellist, were adjudicators at the Porcupine Music Festival in Timmins, from February 18 to 26. In addition, Di Bella performed a benefit piano recital to raise funds for the festival. The recital was filmed on the local cable channel and reviewed by the Timmins

Daily Press. **SPORT MANAGEMENT**

Hilary Findlay, of the Department of Sport Management, and Rachel Corbett, of the Centre for Sport and Law, each presented papers at the Sport and Recreation Law Association 2004 Conference in Las Vegas on March 5. Findlay presented on Teaching Negotiation Skills to Sport Management Students, while Corbett presented on Risk Tolerance; the Missing Element in Risk Management. Findlay and Corbett also joined representatives of the University of Windsor and Osgoode Hall Law School in an all-Canadian panel presentation on Examining the Progress of ADR for Resolution of Sport Conflicts with a Review of the Proposed Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada.

EVENTS

Brock University Film Society: March 28: Elephant, (Gus Van Sant, USA, 2003) Inspired in part by the Columbine shootings, Elephant uses non-professional actors and improvisation to capture the experience of contemporary high school. Winner of the Palme D'Or and the prize for Best Director at the 2003 Cannes Film Festival. 81 mins.

April 4: 21 Grams (Alejandro González Iñárritu, USA, 2003) Iñárritu's follow-up to Amores Perros is a rich and stunning drama about chance, mortality, and retribution. Featuring terrific performances by Benicio del Toro, Sean Penn and Naomi Watts. 125 min. This is the final film of the BUFS 2004 Winter season.

Screening held in the David S. Howes Theatre, beginning at 7 p.m. Tickets: Members \$5, Non-members, \$7.

Centre for the Arts: Tickets for the following events, unless sold out, are available at the Box Office, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257. Jane Bunnett and the Spirits of Havana, Thursday, March 25, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre; Sinha Danse: Loha/Thok, Saturday, March 27, 7:30 p.m., David S. Howes Theatre; Cleo Laine and John Dankworth, Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre; Catalyst Theatre: The Blue Orphan, Wednesday, April 7, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Centre for the Arts Box Office at ext. 3257 or online at www.arts.brocku.ca Speakers: The Social Justice and Equity Studies Program presents the following: March 24: Belinda Leach and Tony Winson, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, University of Guelph, will speak on their award-winning book Contingent Work, Disrupted Lives, in Academic South 427, 1:30-3 p.m. The Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association awarded the John Porter Book Prize to Contingent Work in 2003. March 29: David Langille. Director of Centre for Social Justice Research in Toronto, will discuss "Business influence on Canadian Public Policy: The Business Council on National Issues," in Thistle 247, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

ENCORE! The Department of Music's Professional Concert Series for 2003-2004 ends with The Borealis String Quartet on Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. As electrifying as the name they have chosen, the Borealis String quartet is lighting up the skies of the Canadian chamber music scene. The first resident professional string quartet on the University of British Columbia campus, the Borealis has already established itself as a leading-edge Canadian ensemble. Tickets available through the Box Office, ext. 3257.

Music@Noon: The Department of Music presents a Faculty Recital with Patricia Dydnansky, flute, and Karin Di Bella, piano, on Tuesday, March 30; and a Recital featuring piano students on Tuesday, April 6. These recitals begin at 12 noon in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Admission is free and all are welcome.

Presentations: The Centre for Labour Studies presents the following: March 30: Dr. Rekha Pande, History Department, University of Hyderabad, India and Co-Editor of International Feminist Journal of Politics, will speak either on the girl child in India or women working in the Beedi (cigarette) industry in India, in Academic South 427, at noon. March 31: "Publishing Tips for Academic Journals" will be presented by Rekha Pande (International Feminist Journal of Politics), Jane Helleiner (Canadian Review of Sociology and Anthropology), and June Corman (Atlantis, A Women's Studies Journal), in Academic South 427, at noon. The material covered in the publishing workshop is intended to be generally applicable.

Wind Ensemble: Enjoy an evening of traditional and popular music for band performed by the Brock University Wind Ensemble with special guests, the award-winning Weston Silver Band, a British-style brass band, on Tuesday, April 6, 7:30 p.m., Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors. Available at the Box Office, ext. 3257.

Concerts: The Department of Music presents The University Choral Ensembles Spring Concerts: Music@Noon - The University Women's Chorus, Wednesday, March 31; The University Mixed Chorale, Thursday, April 1. Both concerts begin at 12 noon, Concordia Seminary Chapel (on Brock's campus). All are welcome. Admission is free. Evening Concert - The University Women's Chorus and The University Mixed Chorale, 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 2, St. Paul Street United Church, 366 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors available at the door. CFUW meeting: The Canadian Federation of University Women of St. Catharines invites women university graduates to attend a presentation, entitled Behind the Stage Door, by Debbie Slade on Tuesday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton, Schmon Parkway. Slade is Managing Director of the Centre for the Arts at Brock. New members welcome. Call 905-646-5543 for further information.