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



Share your passion

What really stimulates and builds your brain? Share your knowledge and enthusiasm with friends and peers June 18 at Brand New You, the Brock University Annual Employee Wellness Conference.

Building on the University's new brand, "Brock – Both Sides of the Brain," it'll be a day to discover our multitude of strengths, spark ideas, acquire skills, laugh together and enjoy health and well-being in action.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary, we're highlighting the incredible Brock community and inviting you – members of the University family – to share your stories, interests and talents.

Volunteer to give a lecture, lead a workshop or be part of a panel discussion on any subject that exercises your brain, contributes to your health or brings you a sense of well-being.

A speaker volunteer (or suggestion) form is available at www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference

Please complete and submit it to oehs@brocku.ca by Friday, April 24. Thanks for your input. All submissions will be reviewed the week of April 27 and confirmations and logistics arranged May 4 to 8.

Hope to see a "brand new you!"

Re-gift for a cause

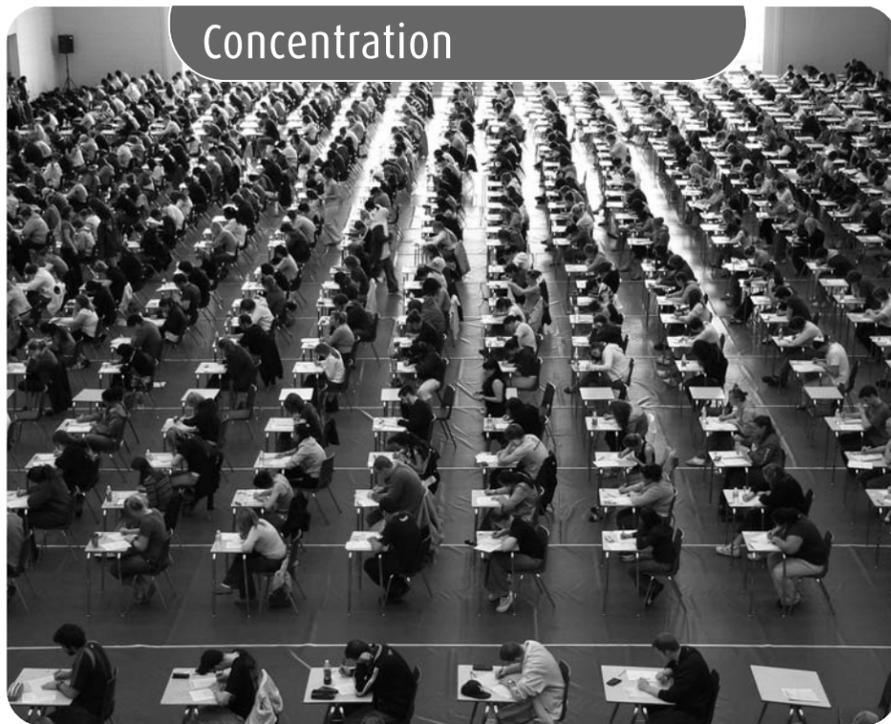
One of the most popular elements of the last few conferences has been the Charity Penny Sale, which raised \$1,500 for Community Care, Hospice Niagara and the Conservation Council in 2008.

This year, due to the challenging economic times, we are reducing the number of businesses we solicit, but inviting Brock community members to donate or "re-gift" for a good cause.

Let's "Share our Wealth," buy tickets, have fun and raise money to support local charities at the same time.

To donate new items, please drop them off in HR/EHS ST1210 by May 31, or contact Janice Boudreau, jboudreau@brocku.ca, ext. 4937 for pick up.

If you know a local business that would like to contribute, there is a donation letter available at www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference for its records.



Concentration

The Bob Davis Gymnasium was cloaked in silence as exams started last week. Exams began April 7 and run until April 22.

Brock families give hearts and funds for Bold New Brock campaign

Brock University employees are stepping forward in strong numbers for the public launch of the Bold New Brock campaign, University president Jack Lightstone said.

Speaking at the annual End-of-Term Mixer April 7, Lightstone said the Brock community is answering the call with heart and commitment. So far the Family Campaign has raised \$653,790 for Bold New Brock, which is \$300,000 more than the initial goal for this point in the campaign.

As well, more than 40 per cent of the Brock community has participated in the Family Campaign so far. That's a 500 per cent increase over previous levels of faculty/staff/retiree participation.

"The most important thing I have to say today can be summed up in two words: thank you," Lightstone told the crowd at Pond Inlet.

The participation sends a strong signal to external donors that the internal University community supports the campaign, a message he said is "exceedingly important."

"Our external donor community looks to our internal community to see that we support the campaign."

The Bold New Brock campaign target is \$75 million by the end of 2012.

University fundraising efforts have also brought good news for students, he said.

Brock has surpassed its fundraising target

for student awards though the Ontario Trust for Student Support (OTSS).

Brock's goal was to raise \$811,000 for student awards, money that was to be matched by the government. Instead, \$1,388,850 has been raised, which exceeds the goal by more than half a million dollars.

That means student awards will get a \$2.66 million boost, enough to support 80 more students per year. Brock may get even more than that, Lightstone said, as it qualifies for a share of the money earmarked for universities unable to reach their targets.

It all helps Brock continue to push the yardsticks of research forward and continue teaching young people, he said. He applauded faculty and staff for their help in that.

"It's a real privilege to work with people who are so dedicated and so committed."

But he added there is still a lot of work to be done. he urged those who have not participated to "take (the pledge sheet) from the corner of your desk and move it to the front of your desk."

See page 3 for Family Campaign prize winners

Poverty research attracts new funding

A Brock researcher investigating the impact of poverty on schools in Niagara has been awarded new funding to continue her work.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario has awarded Darlene Ciuffetelli Parker, an assistant professor in the teacher education department in the Faculty of Education, a \$20,000 grant to conduct research in conjunction with ETFO's Poverty and Education initiative.

"The issues of poverty and schooling, especially in these difficult economic times, remind us that work

in schools is fundamental, given appropriate supports, even in the most challenging contexts," said Ciuffetelli Parker.

The project will follow up on themes that emerged from another ETFO-funded research project, conducted during the 2007-08 school year by Ciuffetelli Parker and Joseph

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Nobel Peace Prize nominee will headline global citizen conference

The Free the Children (FTC) Action Group at Brock University will host a leadership conference on Friday, May 8, to motivate Niagara youth to become global citizens.

The Be The Change conference will feature a talk by Nobel Peace Prize nominee Craig Kielburger, founder and chair of Free the Children – the world's largest network of children helping children through innovative education and development programs in 45 countries.

"The focus of the conference is to help young people realize they have the power to create a positive change," says Rohan Kothari, president and founder of FTC Action Group. "We're expecting more than 350 high school students from Niagara to attend and we hope that by sharing the realities of our world with them, we can motivate them to take a lead role in making a difference in their local and global communities."

The conference will include a series of workshops for students in the morning, followed by Kielburger's keynote address from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre.

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Global politics topic of Chancellor's Chair lecture

Examining the current changes in the nature of international politics will be the focus of an upcoming lecture by Pierre Lizée, a Brock Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence recipient.

The lecture, entitled "The Meaning of (Global) Life: What is Global Politics Now?", takes place Thursday, April 16, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., in Alphi's Café. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

Lizée, associate professor, Political Science, initially became known for his research on the new forms of peace-building and post-conflict reconstruction. His current work attempts to connect his extensive research in Asia and his interest in international relations theory. His research involves examining how non-Western approaches to international politics, mainly drawn from Asia, challenge understandings of global politics based on Western theoretical traditions.

This research led to a book, recently completed, which was written during his tenure as Chancellor's Research Chair. This book will serve as the basis for the lecture.

Created in 2001, the Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence recognizes high-quality research, scholarly and creative achievement by providing a three-year grant to support an individual's research program.

In compliance with the terms of the award, each Chancellor's Chair agrees to present a lecture to the University community.

For information, contact Julia Blushak, Brock Research, at ext. 5686.

Brock Briefs

MED THESIS DEFENCES

• **Marianne Tompkins**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, April 20, at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is "The Effectiveness of Learning Portfolios: A Study of Quality Assurance Programs of Selected Health Regulatory Colleges in Ontario." Anita Fisher, School of Nursing, McMaster University, external examiner; Denise Paquette-Frenette, thesis supervisor; Renee Kuchapski and Kareen McCaughan, committee members; Patrick O'Neill, chair of the examining committee. All are welcome to attend.

• **Samuel Glass**, Master of Education student, will present his thesis defence on Wednesday, April 22, at 2 p.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of his thesis is "Stakeholders' Perceptions of Culinary Programs in Ontario Community Colleges." Robert Harrington, University of Arkansas, external examiner; Alice Schutz, thesis supervisor; Denise Paquette-Frenette and Maureen Connolly, committee members; Michelle McGinn, chair of the examining committee. All are welcome to attend.

• **Vickie Morgado**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Thursday, April 23, at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of her thesis is "Explorações Educacionais (Educational Explorations): Schooling Experiences of Second-Generation Portuguese Canadian Students." Kara Smith, University of Windsor, external examiner; Susan Tilley, thesis supervisor; Denise Armstrong and Chunlei Lu, committee members; Michael O'Sullivan, chair of the examining committee. All are welcome to attend.

• **Sajah Stiller**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Thursday, April 23, at 10 a.m. in Dr. Charles A. Sankey Chamber. The title of her thesis is "Bullying in the Same-Sex Friendships of Young Adolescent Girls: A Qualitative Study." Tony Volk, Child and Youth Studies, external examiner; Sandra Bosacki, thesis supervisor; Renee Kuchapski and Zopito Marini, committee members; Susan Sydor, chair of the examining committee. All are welcome to attend.

• **Sarah Gray**, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, April 27, at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall).

The title of her thesis is "The Nutritional Knowledge, Eating Habits, and Body Image of Adolescent Females." Aniko Varpalotai, University of Western Ontario, external examiner; Joe Engemann, thesis supervisor; Chunlei Lu and John Hay, committee members; Susan Drake, chair of the examining committee. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday at the movies

The Student Support Activities Network (SSAN) invites Brock families to enjoy a free screening of the DreamWorks movie *Hotel for Dogs* on Sunday, April 26, at 1 p.m., in TH 325.

Come early to have an opportunity to colour and keep mini movie pictures. Doors open at 12 noon, colouring from 12 noon to 12:45 p.m., and movie at 1 p.m.

Please contact ssan@brocku.ca if you plan to attend or have questions.

Library workshops for faculty, grad students

On Wednesday, April 22, the Library will offer an exciting selection of workshops for faculty members and graduate students. From experimenting with Google's mapping tools to discovering the hidden treasures of Brock's Special Collections and Archives, these sessions will enhance your knowledge and introduce you to some new innovations in the library world.

The workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Matheson Learning Commons, Classrooms A and B.

To register, please visit: http://www.library.brocku.ca/faculty_workshops

For more information, please contact David Sharron, dsharron@brocku.ca

Dell donates equipment to nGen

nGen, an interactive media generator in the Niagara region, is the recipient of a computer hardware donation from Dell to equip its facility.

This donation provides startups with access to nine state-of-the-art Dell desktop computers as well as a Dell PowerEdge server.

nGen fosters synergies between creative and enabler enterprises, local arts and culture industries in Niagara, as well as the educational programs, research and development expertise, and infrastructure at Brock University and Niagara College. Other partners include the Ontario Media Development Corporation, Silicon Knights, City of St. Catharines, Niagara Economic Development Corporation, Interactive Ontario and Niagara Enterprise Agency.

- Larry Savage, Labour Studies (Social Sciences)
 - Astride Silis (acclaimed), Earth Sciences (Mathematics and Science)
 - Susan Sydor (acclaimed), Teacher Education (Education)
 - David Vivian, Dramatic Arts (Humanities)
 - Barry Wright, OBHRE (Business)
- B. For a two-year term (six) ending Spring Convocation 2011:**
- Sandra Felton, Accounting (Business)
 - Maureen Lux, History (Humanities)
 - Diane Mack, Physical Education and Kinesiology (Applied Health Sciences)
 - Mark Spencer, History (Humanities)
 - Deborah Yeager-Woodhouse, Applied Linguistics (Humanities)
 - Deborah Zinni, OBHRE (Business)
- C. For a one-year term (three) ending Spring Convocation 2010:**
- Kelly Lockwood, Physical Education and Kinesiology (Applied Health Sciences)
 - Renee Kuchapski (acclaimed), Graduate/Undergraduate (Education)
 - Herbert MacKenzie, MIBS (Business)

Senate welcomes new faculty members

Congratulations to the following faculty who were elected to Senate for the terms indicated and whose terms of service as members of the 2009-10 Senate begin on the day after Spring Convocation 2009.

Twenty-three nominations were received for the 18 positions available along with three positions acclaimed to ensure a minimum of two full-time eligible members from each Faculty on Senate. For a complete listing of the 2009-10 Senate go to: www.brocku.ca/secretariat/senate/SENATE-ELECT.pdf

A. For a three-year term (12) ending Spring Convocation, 2012:

- June Corman, Sociology (Social Sciences)
- Nancy DeCourville, Psychology (Social Sciences)
- Tamara El-Hoss, MLLC (Humanities)
- Ingrid Makus, Political Science (Social Sciences)
- Richard Parker, Classics (Humanities)
- Stan Sadava, Psychology (Social Sciences)
- Cristina Santos, MLLC (Humanities)

Call for staff member to sit on Dean of Business search committee

Brock University will soon be searching for the Dean, Faculty of Business.

An advisory committee for the appointment for the Dean, Faculty of Business is being struck and a staff representative is required as a member of the advisory committee.

If you are a permanent University staff employee and do not directly report to the Dean, Faculty of Business and are interested in serving on this committee, please e-mail Luaine Hathaway at lhathaway@brocku.ca stating your name, department and reason for your willingness to serve.

Celebrating Chinese culture



Dichen Zhang, a famous Chinese artist now living in Niagara, exhibited his work at The Gallery of the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre earlier this month to celebrate the University's strong ties with Chinese culture in Niagara. Zhang is renowned for his unique water-ink painting style. Guests at the opening reception included representatives from the Consulate General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto, St. Catharines Chinese School, Chinese Cultural Association of Regional Niagara and Brock Chinese Students and Scholars.

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The lecture is open to the public.

Kielburger graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Peace and Conflict Studies, and is the youngest-ever student in the Kellogg-Schulich Executive MBA program. Now 25 years old, he has travelled to more than 50 countries visiting underprivileged children and helping with humanitarian projects and development initiatives.

Since its founding in 1995, Free The Children has become the world's leading youth-driven charity, inspiring a generation to stand up and have their voices heard. With the involvement of more than a thousand

Youth in Action Groups, Free The Children has built more than 500 schools throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America, providing daily education to more than 50,000 children. For more information, visit www.freethechildren.com

The FTC Action Group is a student-run charitable organization and Brock's official chapter of Free The Children. Its priorities include educating Brock and Niagara about global child poverty and exploitation, fundraising for children in developing countries, and empowering local youth to become global citizens.

To learn more about the Brock chapter, visit <http://ftcactiongroup.com>

Aboriginal students soar to winning heights

Brock students John Waylon Marvin Henhawk and Judith Knight shared personal and inspirational stories of their educational dreams during a recent luncheon where they received this year's Aboriginal Achievement Award.

The Student Development Centre and Aboriginal Student Services honoured Henhawk and Knight on March 26. The presentation marked the 10th anniversary of the award, which recognizes a graduate and an undergraduate Aboriginal student for their academic success, community leadership and campus involvement.

Henhawk is a student in the Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance) program and Knight is working on an MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies.

They received soapstone carvings of the eagle, a symbol of success in Aboriginal culture. The eagle is revered



John Waylon Marvin Henhawk and Judith Knight.

for its ability to fly higher than any other bird.

"John and Judith serve as an example of success and determination, and bring pride to the entire community here at Brock," says Cathie Closs, director, Student Development Centre.

Take a heart-y walk for cardiac health

If you like the outdoors and are interested in raising money for a great cause, the Brock University Heart Institute has just the thing for you.

The institute is participating in the nationwide Cardiac Health Foundation of Canada's (CHFC) annual Walk of Life, to be held Sunday, April 26, at the Glenridge Quarry on St. David's Road.

The Walk of Life is a two-, four- or six-kilometre walk around the beautiful quarry naturalization site.

"All funds raised through the Walk of Life will be used for the purchase of equipment, patient education, and allow for other essential materials and services," says Debbie O'Leary (Director).

"In addition to pledges being collected for the institute by each walker, the CHFC will help support the institute through the donation of additional funds.

"This event is also important for creating

awareness of cardiac health in the Niagara Region."

A minimum of \$50 in pledges is required to participate in the walk and to be eligible for a number of fundraising prizes and spectacular door prizes.

Registration the day of the walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. The opening ceremonies, door prizes and walk warm-up begin at 10 a.m. with the walk to get underway at 10:30 a.m. Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be available at 12 noon.

For early registration or to make a donation, go online at www.brocku.ca/heartinstitute

The Brock University Heart Institute is in its second year of operation and is a non-profit organization that promotes cardiac rehabilitation. The institute provides a much-needed service for the Niagara region as heart disease accounts for more deaths of Niagara residents than any other disease.

United Way honours



Kevin Lawr, co-chair of Brock's United Way campaign, recently accepted the Community Builder Award, on behalf of the University, at last month's United Way of St. Catharines and District's awards night. Presenting the award were Dr. Robin Williams, left, and Frances Hallworth of the United Way of St. Catharines and District. At left, Dr. Val Jaeger, the University's medical director of Student Health Services, was named Volunteer of the Year and will serve as the chair of the 2009 St. Catharines and District campaign.

Brock awarded for saving energy

Brock University has been recognized for its energy-saving achievements.

The University was given a 2009 Silver Client Award by Horizon Utilities March 27. It was lauded for efforts that include installing energy-efficient lights and replacing old infrastructure.

"Our maintenance and operations staff, managers and trades, pride themselves on the conservation and efficiency measures that they have been able to put in place, often at the grassroots level, to achieve savings," said Tom Saint-Ivany, associate vice-president of Facilities Management.

The award was presented at a Horizon Utilities workshop in Hamilton aimed at teaching businesses

to reduce their electricity bills. Scott Johnstone, manager of electrical services, accepted the award for Brock.

In the past year, Facilities Management staff have converted more than 4,000 T12 florescent lights to more energy efficient ones. More than 50 street lamps have also been retrofitted to LED lights.

In the next year, the department hopes to direct the money saved from lower electricity bills into more projects through Horizon Utilities' Electricity Retrofit Incentive Program.

Plans include changing more than 4,000 additional florescent and street lights to more efficient ones, converting older electric boilers to natural gas and converting toilets to low-flush and dual-flush units.

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Flessa, an assistant professor with the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. That project involved \$100,000 in funding.

The new study will measure the impact of three focused professional development days provided to five school teams. The teams have been formed at District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) schools to engage in teacher inquiry on the topic of poverty and schooling.

While the professional development days will be administered by an ETFO team of experts as a three-part workshop, Ciuffetelli Parker's team will then undertake an impact analysis of

how the workshops then inform the practices of the five school teams. The research will also analyze the sustainability of ETFO's ongoing investment in teachers' professional learning on the theme of poverty and schooling.

Brock's Julian Kitchen, an assistant professor in teacher education, as co-investigator, and Heather Becker, a graduate research assistant, join Ciuffetelli Parker, who is the principle investigator.

"Our research team looks forward to working with school teams in the DSBN, and to investigate further the ways that teachers and administrators have sought to improve schools affected by poverty."

Soccer player, wrestler win top athletic honours

The Brock University Department of Athletics held its 42nd annual Athletic Awards Dinner on March 31 in front of a crowd of more than 500 at the Quality Hotel Parkway and Convention Centre.

Women's soccer player Tiffany Scriver, of Burlington, Ont., and men's wrestler Alex Brown-Therault, of Ottawa, Ont., were named the 2008-09 Brock Athletes of the Year.

Scriver ended her university career as one of the most decorated female student-athletes in school history. Brown-Therault had a strong 2008-09 campaign for the Brock men's wrestling team, leading them to their 15th consecutive OUA title and a silver medal

at the CIS national championships.

Other major award winners were:
R. M. Davis Surgite Award: Nathan Hooper, men's hockey

Dallas Beaton Award: Joey Pell, men's hockey; Beth Thomson, cross country
Athletic Therapy Award: Heather Perkin, women's soccer

Coach of the Year: Charles Ivanov, women's soccer

Director's Awards: Wally Barrow, Kevin Kiss, Stefanie Pavlovich, Jen Kalanda

2008-09 Teams of the Year: women's soccer, men's wrestling

For more information, go to www.brocku.ca/athletics

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People in the news

Derek Foster, assistant professor, and **Barry Grant**, professor, Communication, Popular Culture and Film, were interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for a March 13 article, entitled "From Niagara-on-the-Lake to sexy star of *Watchmen*," in which they discussed graphic novel film adaptations such as the recently released *Watchmen*.

Michael Armstrong, associate professor, Finance, Operations and Information Systems, was the author of a March 17 article in the *National Post*, entitled "Selling candy bars is instructive," in which he shared his research on chocolate bar supply chains. He was also interviewed by radio stations *AM 980 London* and *AM 820 Hamilton* on the subject of food quality and the pistachio nut recall. The *Globe and Mail* also published a letter to the editor from him on this topic.

David Siegel, professor, Political Science, was interviewed for a March 25 article in the *St. Catharines Standard*, entitled "The young are the restless in Niagara," in which he talked about a recent study, conducted by Brock's new Niagara Community Observatory, into attracting and retaining young people in the Niagara area.

Cathy van Ingen, assistant professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was interviewed by *ESPN* for a recent story, entitled "Sometimes boxing has power to heal," in which she commented about an all-female fight club, *Newsgirls*, that operates in Toronto.

Eric Dolansky, assistant professor, Marketing, attracted broad media attention in late March for research on risk taking using data from the Deal or No Deal television game show. The coverage included articles and interviews in the following media outlets: *Toronto Star*, *Waterloo Record*, *AM 920 CKNX*, *Wingham*, *Live 88.5 Ottawa*, *680 News Toronto*, *900 CHML Hamilton*, *Astral radio*, *Quinte broadcasting*, *Canadian Insurance Magazine* website and *Canadian Business Online Blog*.

Francine McCarthy and **John Menzies**, professors, Earth Sciences, appeared on the *National Geographic Channel*, on April 2, and discussed their research on the Great Lakes and the one kilometer thick ice sheet that covered the lakes 14 thousand years ago.

June Corman, professor, Sociology, appeared on *CBC Sunday* several times during February and March in a segmented titled "Back to Basics."

John Hodson, research officer, Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an April 4 article, entitled "New program at Fort Erie Secondary School puts Canada's Aboriginal Peoples in the spotlight," in which he commented on native studies courses offered to high school students. The story also was featured in the *Brantford Expositor*.

Barbra Zupan, associate professor, Applied Linguistics, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for an April 6 article, entitled "Brain-injured people often have a difficult time recognizing emotions in others," in which she commented about research underway to study possible treatments to help people with brain injuries re-learn emotions.

Congratulations to Family Campaign prize winners

The following is a list of winners in the prize draw of the Bold New Brock Family Campaign:

- **Phillip Mackintosh**, Geography, TD Meloche Monnex BBQ tool set
- **Tim O'Connell**, Recreation and Leisure Studies, free delivery of organic produce basket from The Organic General Store
- **Josefina Vrbik**, Mathematics, CPR course
- **Marla Portfilio**, Human Rights and

Equity, six free visits to the YMCA

- **Michael Lovallo**, Custodial, free four-month basic plus Zone membership at Brock
- **Thomas O'Neill**, Child and Youth Studies, free four-month basic plus Zone membership at Brock
- **Dorothy Fast**, Campus Store, two free tickets to a Centre for the Arts performance
- **Marisa Battista**, Accounting, two free tickets to a Centre for the Arts performance



Brock Chemistry students, from left, David Ilceski, Josh Zaiman, and Robert Giacometti participated in the recent Southern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference.

Chemistry students take spotlight at conference

The chemistry department hosted the 37th Southern Ontario Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference (SOU SCC) on March 28. SOUSCC is an annual conference that showcases the research of chemistry students, especially the research performed as part of a fourth-year BSc Honours degree requirement.

At least 170 delegates arrived on campus to participate in the conference.

There were a total of 86 oral presentations in six parallel sessions and 20 poster presentations put on by students from 12

universities across Ontario.

All of the talks and posters were judged by 30 faculty and staff members from chemistry departments at Brock and elsewhere. Cash and book prizes were awarded to the top three presentations in each category.

More details, including results and photos are available at the SOUSCC-2009 website: <http://www.brocku.ca/chemistry/SOUSCC2009/index.htm>

Next year's 38th SOUSCC will be held at the University of Western Ontario.

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

David Hayes presented a paper, "So many children left behind: English as a foreign language in elementary schools in Asia," at the 53rd International Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society in Charleston, S.C., March 22 to 26.

CAREER SERVICES

In March, **Amy Elder** and **Pauline Dawson** facilitated a session at the International Mentoring Association conference in Nevada. The session highlighted Brock's Experience Plus program and promoted community engagement as a valuable part of the university experience.

CHEMISTRY

Georgii Nikonov gave a talk, "Stoichiometric and catalytic reactions mediated by a silylamido agostic complex of molybdenum," on March 8, during the Zing Organometallic Chemistry Conference 2009, Bolans Village, Antigua and Barbuda.

COMMUNICATION, POPULAR CULTURE AND FILM

Nick Baxter-Moore presented a paper, entitled "Coming to an arena near you this Christmas: Touring strategies of the Trans-siberian Orchestra," to the annual conference of the Far West Popular and American Culture Associations, Las Vegas, Nev., March 13 to 15.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Ana Sanchez and Honduran researcher Maritza Canales were invited by the Sri-Lanka-Canada Teasdale-Corti team as external peer reviewers for their mid-term project evaluation. The trip to Sri Lanka, from March 19 to 27, included site visits and meetings with senior academic and government administrators to assess impact, sustainability and potential for knowledge translation, among other indicators. The Sri-Lanka-Canada and the Honduras-Canada Teasdale-Corti teams are two of the 14 teams among 259 applicants who were awarded large research and international development grants in 2007.

EDUCATION

Lionel LaCroix presented "Iconicity, objectification, and the math behind the measuring tape: An example from pipe-trades training," at the Congress of European Research in Mathematics Education, in Lyon, France, on Jan 29.

HISTORY

Tami J. Friedman presented a paper, entitled "Economic Warfare between the States: Federal Policy, Military Production, and Industry Relocation from the North to the South during the Korean War Era," at the Organization of American Historians annual meeting, in Seattle, Wash., on March 26 to 29.

LABOUR STUDIES

Larry Savage and **Dennis Soron** presented the paper "Organized Labour and the Politics of Nuclear Energy: The Case of the Canadian Nuclear Workers Council," at the New Voices in Labour Studies Conference, hosted by the Centre for Labour Studies at Brock University, on March 20 to 21.

MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

Sandra Beckett gave a keynote paper, titled "Crossover Fiction: Creating Readers with Stories that Address the Big Questions," at the International Congress Creating Readers to Understand the World, hosted by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, Jan. 22 to 23. She also gave a paper, titled "Little Red Riding Hood: A Globetrotting Fairy-Tale Icon," at the Place and Space in Children's Literature Conference, at University of Oxford, March 27 to 28.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Livianna Tossutti is a member of a multidisciplinary research team that recently was awarded a \$999,000 Community University Research Alliance grant for the project, "Welcoming communities: Working to improve the inclusion of visible minorities and immigrants in second and third tier Ontario cities."

SOCIOLOGY

Dennis Soron was an invited participant at the Canadian Centre for German and European Studies (CCGES) Transatlantic Forum on Climate Change and Culture at York University in Toronto, on Feb. 27 and 28.

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Events

The Canadian Federation of University Women: Wednesday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Plymouth Cordage Retirement Residence in Welland. Thayer Bouck, from the Canadian Tire Coupon Collector Club, will be speaking. New members and interested women are welcome. For more information call 905-892-6535.

YWCA Women of Distinction: The YWCA Niagara Region will hold its annual Women of Distinction Awards on May 7. Five Brock women are nominated: Rosemary Drage Hale, Dean of Humanities; Fran Owen, Department of Child and Youth Studies; Marlene DeRose, Faculty of Education; Teena Willoughby, Department of Child and Youth Studies and June Corman, Centre for Labour Studies. The event will be at 5:30 p.m. at John-Michael's Banquet and Conference Centre in Thorold. For tickets, e-mail rccoordinator@ywcaniagararegion.ca or call 905-988-3528, ext. 246.

Tibetan Buddhist Practice: Lama Lhanang Rinpoche will present a lecture and demonstration of traditional Buddhist practice on Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m., at Rita Welch Meditation Centre. The event is hosted by the Campus Ministries Multi-faith Program.

MARILYN I. WALKER SCHOOL OF FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS

Department of Dramatic Arts Workshops:

Clown Doctoring in Hospitals and Health-Care with Dr. Bernie Warren The Art of the Clown-Doctor and What Clown-Doctors Need To Know

This three-day intensive workshop provides an introduction to clown doctoring in a health-care setting. This introductory workshop would be of interest for individuals working in:

- health-care systems (nurses, doctors, social workers, occupational therapists, pediatrics, assisted living facilities)
 - performing and visual artists (clowns, mimes, musicians)
 - upper-level students (third year and above) especially those in Fine and Performing Arts, Psychology, Nursing, Health Sciences and Child and Youth Studies
- Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8, at 6 to 9 p.m., Schmon Tower ST 103/105
Saturday, May 9, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Schmon Tower ST 103/105
Cost: \$200
To register, e-mail dramatic@brocku.

Department of Music Choral Series

"A Woman's Voice" with the Niagara Vocal Ensemble, Sunday, April 19, at 3 p.m., with conductor Harris Loewen, at St. George's Anglican Church, 83 Church St., St. Catharines. Tickets: adults \$20/seniors \$15; eyeGo \$5 for high school students; children under 12 free. Purchase tickets at the Centre for the Arts Box Office, 905-688-5550, ext. 3257, or at the door.

Department of Visual Arts

• **in[cube]eight:** Brock University Department of Visual Arts Honours Exhibition, April 3 to 26; artists' talk on Thursday, April 23, at 3 p.m. This annual event showcases the work of a select group of graduating Visual Arts students with emphasis placed on innovative individual bodies of work. Featuring the work of Dario Ayala, Evelyn Bialasik, Sonya De Lazzer, Nijah Emery, Jessica Hay, Meighan Healy, Anthony Perri and Alana Schultz. Free community event.

RODMAN HALL ARTS CENTRE Exhibitions

Scott Waters: It's Great to Be a Man in Times Like These, on view until May 10.
Catherine Heard: Theatrum Mundi, on view until Nov. 1.

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

2008-09 Professional Entertainment Season
All performances start at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre unless otherwise stated. For tickets or more information, visit www.arts.brocku.ca or call the Box Office at ext. 3257.

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The Fabulous Thunderbirds with JW Jones, April 16; Samarabalouf! (Gypsy Jazz from France), April 18; In The Soil...Niagara's

Homegrown Arts Festival, April 23; Emilie-Claire Barlow with Accordion Crimes, April 24; Blood Sweat and Chicago with the Jeans 'n Classics Band and the Niagara Symphony, April 25; The Osmond Brothers, April 30.

Classifieds

For sale: Extensive collection of Great Lakes ship slides, photos, builder's plates, china, company flags, bells, clocks, whistles, one chadburn, one binnacle and other assorted items. Call Sue at 905-732-8330 or e-mail bbunnynbear@yahoo.com

For sale: Custom-built two-storey house in St. Catharines, north of QEW. 3,000+ square feet; five bedrooms, 3.5 baths, two-car garage), 10 minutes from Brock and three minutes from QEW. See the website <http://web.mac.com/alex2010> or inquire 716-697-1695. Also available for long-term rent.

Health, Safety and Learning Matters

The Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety Department offers a variety of training and professional development opportunities for staff and faculty. Visit the Focus on Learning website at www.brocku.ca/hr/training for registration and course information.

Office Ergonomics and the Workplace, April 15:

Spend hours a day on a computer? Rub your neck and eyes without noticing? It can take only a few small adjustments to make a workstation fit you ergonomically. Find out how to apply the basics of healthy design and work physiology to adjust your workstation, advise your coworkers and even improve your home IT set-up.

Productivity Training for Outlook 2003, April 15, 22 and 29:

Recommended for users already familiar with Microsoft Outlook 2003 who want to maximize their proficiency. Time for questions will also be provided. For those wishing to view information on Outlook 2003, Exchange and Outlook Web Access in advance of the workshop, please visit <http://www.brocku.ca/its/exchange/index.php>

TWINRIX Vaccination Clinic, April 22:

Hepatitis is a viral infection of the liver. Right here in Canada, there are many ways you can unknowingly contract hepatitis A and B. Travel to a variety of destinations may also put you at risk. TWINRIX is a combined vaccine that protects against both hepatitis A and B. Complete details on Focus on Learning www.brocku.ca/hr/training.

Standard First Aid/CPR Training, April 27 and 29:

Designed to give you confidence to respond to an emergency situation with skills that can save a life, this course covers a variety of topics from basic (such as cardiovascular and breathing emergencies, CPR, prevention of disease transmission) to in-depth topics, such as sudden medical conditions and injuries to the head and spine.

Wellness Wednesday: Go Green, April 29:

Join John Dick, Brock Grounds Manager, and the grounds crew in a planting of native plants that will flourish on the campus for years to come. We'll start with lunch at 12 noon then proceed across the road to Weather Station Field to further beautify our campus. Get your tickets at the Centre for the Arts Box Office.

Defibrillator Training, April 30:

The half-day AED portion of the course helps to familiarize individuals with the units located around campus and responding to emergencies.