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

Health and safety office issues swine flu advisory

Health and safety officials at Brock are urging precautions in the wake of an increasing number of swine flu cases worldwide.

E-mail advisories have been sent to students and employees regarding the H1N1 flu virus, of which there were 56 lab-confirmed cases in Ontario as of May 8. There have been no cases in Niagara or at Brock.

The University is working with the Niagara Region Public Health Department to inform and protect employees, students and guests. Signs have been posted encouraging hand washing, the University's more than 200 hand sanitizers have been topped up, and first responders have had respiratory fit testing. The emergency response team has regular briefings and is reviewing the University's Medical Emergency Response Plan.

Health and safety staff are encouraging some key preventative measures, which are:

1. Wash hands frequently with soap and

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Power at main campus will go out this month

Brock's main campus will be in the dark for eight hours this month as the University closes for a planned power system shutdown.

From midnight May 15 to 8 a.m. May 16, the power will be shut down so crews can connect another electrical feed to the University. Safety equipment like fire systems, essential lighting and streetlights will be powered by alternate sources during that time.

Excluding Concordia Lutheran Seminary and the Brock Research and Innovation Centre, all buildings on the main campus will be impacted. The east campus will not be affected.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Scott Johnstone, electrical services manager, at ext. 3752.

Three Brock women win YWCA awards

Three Brock University women were among the honourees at the YWCA Women of Distinction awards May 7.

Rosemary Hale, dean of the Faculty of Humanities, received the Performance Arts and Culture Award. June Corman, professor in the Department of Sociology and Centre for Labour Studies, received the Education, Training and Development Award. Teena Willoughby, professor in the Department of Psychology and the Department of Child and Youth Studies, received the Rankin Construction Inc. Science and Technology Award.

"It's a joy and a pleasure to work with so many talented people to see the cultural renaissance move forward in Niagara," Hale said. "We are seeing a dream come true

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The next generation



PHOTO: SAMANTHA CRAIGS

The new Brock University Students' Union took the reins May 1. The executive is, left to right, Sameer Iqbal, vice-president Finance Administration; Sohail Ahmed, vice-president Student Services; Rob Lanteigne, vice-president University Affairs and President Lianne Bradley.

New BUSU executive vows to put students first

They're young, they're energetic, and they're vowing to put their student constituency first as a new year starts for the Brock University Students' Union (BUSU).

Newly elected president Lianne Bradley, 21, and the union's three vice-presidents began their terms May 1. They say their primary mandate is to improve life for Brock's nearly 17,000 undergraduate students.

That means better transit, reasonable tuition and fun, well-attended events.

"We all ran for the same reason, which is to improve life on campus," said Bradley, an Ottawa native studying Recreation and Leisure Studies. "There are four of us, and we all have ideas."

Rob Lanteigne, vice-president University Affairs, hails from Kitchener and is the only returning member of BUSU's vice-presidents. The 23-year-old Sport Management student deals with the University and all levels of government.

He will be closely watching post-secondary funding and the re-negotiation of Ontario's tuition framework, which limited tuition hikes and expires this year. He also wants

transit to run more efficiently for students.

"Transit is a big one," he said.

That is also a priority for Sameer Iqbal, vice-president Finance Administration and a 21-year-old Business Administration student from Markham. He would like to see more bus service and a year-round U-Pass.

He also plans to guarantee that BUSU makes the most of its dollars, which is difficult when its elected members change every year, he said.

"I want to clean up BUSU from the inside out, and save money where money can be saved," he said.

Sohail Ahmed is the new vice-president Student Services, or as he says, "the fun job." The 19-year-old Niagara Falls resident is also studying Business Administration, and founded a club called Guinness Brock, which is devoted to breaking as many world records as possible.

Ahmed plans to review BUSU's events and scrap the ones that are expensive but poorly attended.

"I'd like to have more events related to spirit, and get the athletic department a lot more involved," he said.

Conference tackles immersive worlds

A Brock University conference will touch on some of the most provocative topics in the world of interactive media.

Cyberbullying, finding love in multiplayer roleplaying games and race issues in Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas are among the presentations scheduled for the Interacting with Immersive Worlds conference June 15 and 16.

Presented by the Interactive Arts and Science Program, the conference will feature international scholars and innovators. Scheduled speakers include game designer Deborah Todd, Professor Espen Aarseth from the University of Oslo and Alberta researcher Kelly Bergstrom, who spent time in online multiplayer roleplaying games interviewing couples about how the game impacted their romance.

This is the second Interacting with Immersive Worlds conference. The first was held in 2007.

This year's conference streams include immersive worlds in education and entertainment, and the cultural and sociological impact of interactive media, games and environments.

For more information, visit http://www.brocku.ca/iasc/immersive_worlds/

Neville headed to Houston to present oilsands research

A Brock graduate student is headed to Texas this fall to discuss her research in minimizing the environmental impact of oilsands production.

Lisa Ann Neville, an MSc student and one of the faces of the Bold New Brock campaign, will make a presentation about her work at the 2008 Joint Annual Meeting (Celebrating the International Year of Planet Earth) in Houston on Oct. 5 to 9.

The international conference will feature scientists from all geological disciplines.

Neville's work examines the challenge of remediating the Alberta oilsands, which researchers have

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New GSA president scores prestigious research scholarship

A Brock PhD student in biology has been named the University's first Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship recipient.

Ellen Robb, who is also Brock's incoming president of the Graduate Students' Association, will receive \$150,000 over three years to pursue her studies into the cellular mechanisms underlying the positive health effects of resveratrol, an active ingredient in red wine.

Robb, who is from Niagara-on-the-Lake, will work under the supervision of Jeff Stuart from the Department of Biological Sciences. She started working in his lab as an undergraduate student in 2006.

"I'm very excited to receive this award,

something that I would never have thought possible just three years ago," said Robb.

Gary Goodyear, federal Minister of State (Science and Technology), announced the first 166 recipients of the new award May 1. There will be 166 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarships awarded in 2009.

"These scholarships promote the development and application of leading-edge research by attracting the best possible students to Canadian universities," he said. "Brock's ability to attract candidates of the highest calibre, like Ellen Robb, is yet another clear sign of the University's growth as a hub for pervasive research and creative activity."



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Ellen Robb is Brock's first Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship winner.

Brock Briefs

THESIS DEFENCES

• **Jennifer Huffman**, a Master of Science student, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences will present her thesis on Tuesday, May 19th at 10:00 a.m. in WC 204A. The title of her thesis is "The Effect of Postural Threat on Cognitive Strategies used to Maintain Upright Stance." Supervisor: Dr. Allan Adkin; External Examiner: Dr. Jim Frank; University of Windsor; Committee Members: Dr. Kim Gammage, Dr. Mark Carpenter; Dr. Jae Patterson; Chair: Dr. David Gabriel. All are welcome!

Registration open for spring and summer art classes at Rodman Hall

Rodman Hall offers after-school classes and summer camps to inspire youth ages six and up – and a little something for the young at heart too.

Spring classes begin Thursday, May 14. All classes are taught by local professional artists and class size is limited so that registrants benefit from individual instruction. Full course listings are available online:

www.brocku.ca/rodmanhall/education

Register through the Centre for the Arts Box Office, ext. 3257 or www.arts.brocku.ca

Receive great discounts on registration and much more by becoming a member of Rodman Hall. For all the details, contact us at 905-684-2925 or rodmanhall@brocku.ca.

Awards given at symposium

Nineteen faculty and staff have been recognized by Brock's Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies.

Best Practices Recognition Awards were distributed May 5 at the sixth annual Best Practices in Teaching and Learning Symposium: Bold New Learning for a Bold New Brock.

The symposium examined how educators can take advantage of technological enhancements and community partnerships to aid student learning.

Award recipients were Karen Bordonaro (Library Services), Nancy Cook (Sociology), David Fancy (Dramatic Arts), Margot Francis (Women's Studies), Elizabeth Horsley (Nursing), Valerie Jaeger (Student Health Services), Julian Kitchen (Education), Tamari Kitossa (Sociology), Kelli-an Lawrance (Community Health Science), Pauline McCormack (Human Resources), James Papple (IELP), Jon Radue (Computer Science), Carol Sales (OBHREE), Peter Vietgen (Pre-Service Education), Joan Wiley (Communications and Marketing) and Rotem Cohen, Scott Forrester, Martha Barnes and Garrett Hutson from Recreation and Leisure.

Symposium tackled current finance issues

The Faculty of Business hosted a major Symposium on Current Issues in Accounting and Finance on April 24 and 25.

The symposium was organized by accounting professor Samir Trabelsi. Presenters were renowned international scholars and included Joshua Ronen of New York University, Arnold Cowan of Iowa State University, Amin Amershi from McMaster University, Michael Brennan from UCLA, Steve Huddart from Penn State University and Antonio Mello from Imperial College, London.

Tribute: a Brock Days tradition

Members of the Brock community are invited to nominate candidates for this year's Tribute award.

Each year during Brock Days, Brock celebrates an individual for his or her achievements that have had a positive reflection on Brock.

Tribute is open for members of the Brock community (staff, faculty, alumni, volunteer or friend of the University) who have impacted the University through their strong leadership and support of the institution's mission and values. The candidate must display strong and close connections with both students and alumni.

Tribute is meant to be a roast and toast. The event will be held on Friday, Sept. 18.

Please forward any nominations to Kristen Smith, Brock Days committee, at kristen.smith@brocku.ca by June 1.

Presentation will focus on remediation options

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studied since production started in 1978.

"This research will provide the oilsands companies with the first quantitative estimates of the rate of environmental remediation, thus allowing them to decide between various reclamation options such as wetlands versus end pit lakes," Earth Sciences professor Francine McCarthy said. "It's an incredible accomplishment for Lisa, as a graduate student, to be presenting her research at an international conference of this magnitude."

Neville's research looks at data from both

Suncor Energy Inc., which use wetlands, and Syncrude Canada Ltd., which use end pit lakes. Based on her findings, they will determine a preferred option.

The joint meeting is between The Geological Society of America, Soil Science Society of America, American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and the Gulf Coast Association of Geological Societies with the Gulf Coast Section of SEPM, hosted by the Houston Geological Society (HGS). For more information, visit www.acsmeetings.org

Neville also served as the 2008-09 president of the Graduate Students' Association at Brock.

Three questions with... Tony Shaw



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Tony Shaw of St. Catharines has been an associate professor in the Department of Geography for more than 25 years. With a PhD from the University of Western Ontario, he teaches meteorology and applied climatology and viticulture to Brock geography students. His research interests include applied meteorology and viticulture and building climatology.

What do you like about your job?

Freedom. I'm doing research in an area I'm interested in. There are flexible hours. It's a challenging job and I spend time with people who are keen to learn. It's a superb environment. The University is very dynamic.

What do you do for fun?

Read and drink wine.

What was the last good book you read?

Most of the books I read are about wine. I also tend to read cheap western novels, mainly because it's an escape to an era when things were simpler.

"Three questions with..." is a new feature allowing faculty and staff to get to know their co-workers. Suggestions for the next profile can be made via campusnews@brocku.ca or by calling ext. 4420.

Whodunnit?



PHOTO: SAMANTHA CRAIGS

About 65 female high school students from Niagara, Hamilton and Halton attended the 20th annual Scientifically Yours event at Brock University May 5 and 6. Dr. Mary Brindle, a pediatric surgeon who specializes in fetal anomalies and neonatal surgery, was the plenary speaker. Workshops encompassed subjects like computerized music production, fireworks and laser holography. Brock PhD student Chris Carter, right, led a workshop on DNA fingerprinting for students like Jennifer Cano of Blessed Trinity Secondary School in Grimsby.

Dean of Humanities among 11 winners

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and it's wonderful just to be part of it.

"It was an absolutely fabulous evening being with so many women of distinction."

The annual awards ceremony celebrates the accomplishments and community service of Niagara women.



Hale

Just being with fellow nominees was inspiring, Willoughby said.

"It is humbling to receive this award in the presence of so many talented and exceptional women."

Accomplishing social change in a university setting is a group effort, Corman said.

So her award represents the people she has worked with in the Women's Studies,

Labour Studies, Sociology and Justice and Equity Studies programs.

"By drawing the attention of our students to these concerns, we hope to engage them in building a more fair and just world," she said.

Frances Owen, associate professor, Child and Youth Studies, and Marlene DeRose, part-time Faculty of Education instructor, were also nominated.

Eleven Niagara women received awards that evening, including three high school students. A posthumous award was presented to health advocate Suzanne Aucoin.



Corman



Willoughby

Lacrosse coaches retire after record wins

The Brock men's lacrosse team is seeking new coaching staff after the retirement of three men who helped build the winning program.

The retirement of Dan Pilon, Mike Fishleigh and Jim Kirchner was announced April 27. They helped establish the program as players and coaches, and contributed to the recruitment and development of some of the top players in the game today.

"The success of the lacrosse team is unparalleled. It is one of the very elite programs in the country," said Lorne Adams, director of Athletics. "Dan, Mike and Jim

should be very proud of what they have accomplished."

Pilon, a general manager and coach, said he enjoyed coaching, but can no longer commit the time it takes to run a successful program.

"We plan on assisting the department with the search of a new coaching staff," he said.

Brock has had more than 25 players go on to play professional lacrosse. In the 24-year history of Canadian University Lacrosse, the Badgers have captured 16 Baggataway Cup championships.

Professor emeritus finds second calling in fiction

Leonard Rosmarin doesn't miss his days of teaching French literature. Retirement has given him a chance to take on a new career: writer of scandalous novels.

After 34 years in Brock's Department of Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures, the 70-year-old professor emeritus has finally completed his life's goal with *Getting Enough*, a work of fiction about a mangled marital and sexual relationship that heals itself against all odds.



Rosmarin

Worlds away from the nine scholarly books he published during his academic career, *Getting Enough* is about a larger-than-life Jewish family that resembles his own.

"Writing novels has given me a new lease on life," he said. "When you're writing scholarly work, you have to verify facts and slow down to make footnotes. It's so much fun to have total freedom in your imagination."

Rosmarin had taught at Yale and Wesleyan universities when he came to Brock in 1969. He was excited to help build a new department at a new university.

"I was very happy to be at Brock," he said. But retiring in 2003 meant he could finally write the novel he'd dabbled with since 1982.

Rosmarin plans to keep writing. His next book may be a biographical novel about either courtesan Ninon de Lenclous or opera singer Emmy Destinn.

Rosmarin, who moved from St. Catharines to Mississauga a year ago to be closer to family, will do a reading at the new McNally Robinson book store in Toronto June 11 at 7 p.m. His book can be ordered at www.strategicbookpublishing.com/GettingEnough.html



Man of the hour



Terry Boak, provost and vice-president, Academic, smiled with wife Cathy at an April 30 reception where he was recognized for his dedication to Brock. Boak has been at Brock since 1989, and has served as dean of the Faculty of Education and acting president and vice-chancellor.

Students should take risks: Research Chair

Professor Stephen Cheung believes in throwing away the road map and heading down the road less travelled.

Cheung, a Canada Research Chair in the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, was the keynote speaker during the third and final session of the Mapping the New Knowledges Conference on May 1. His research focuses on the effects of temperature on human physiology and performance.

The scientist spoke to graduate students who were to make oral presentations about their research in a wide range of disciplines.

It is key, he said, to be able to disseminate the knowledge gained from discovery.

Cheung told graduates that even though conventional wisdom states that people should make plans five, 10 or 15 years in the future, he urged them to “throw away the road map.”

“When you become overly focused on one thing, you don’t see other opportunities,” he said. “Move off the beaten path, because that’s when the

fun and excitement happens.”

Cheung knows of what he speaks. He originally began his research in oceanography, but because he is an avid cyclist, he wanted to learn more about his body and the impact of exercise.

“So now my passion is my work, and my work is my hobby,” he said.

Cheung implored students to take academic risks.

“If there is one rule I’ve learned, it is this: if you do not apply for research opportunities, you are guaranteed not to find them.”

He also said that despite the intense demands of academia, working in a university is extremely rewarding. He has studied in Sweden, Spain, Slovenia, Scotland and New Zealand and said to laughter that “science has paid my travel bills.”

But he also cautioned graduate students to have an outside interest so that they become well-rounded individuals.

“Don’t just stay in the lab each and every day,” Cheung said. “Diversify.”



Two Brock Dining Services signature selections — grilled Alberta beef tenderloin with Prince Edward Island duchesse potato and Quebec Oka beurre blanc, and lemon chilled Nova Scotia lobster salad with baby Fonthill Greens and Niagara icewine Vinaigrette — helped put the University in a prestigious new category of college and university dining.

Brock catering satisfies bellies, judges

Often praised for its academic attributes and community involvement, Brock University has been awarded for something new: its food.

Brock Dining Services has won a Loyal E. Horton Dining Award from the National Association of College and University Food Services, a U.S.-based organization dedicated to promoting the highest quality of food service on college and university campuses.

“This is outstanding,” said Tom Arkel, Director of Community and Ancillary Services. “It is the first time Brock University has ever been recognized for a food service award.”

Brock received top honours in the medium-sized school category of “Catering — Standard Menu.” To enter, Brock Dining Services submitted items such as a catering menu, kitchen production sheets, recipes of signature dishes, photos of food presentation, financial impact and an essay about the creation of its new menu.

In total, 141 dining institutions from the U.S. and Canada entered the contest. Other winners included Brigham Young, Northwestern and Michigan State universities. McMaster University in Hamilton won the large school category of “Catering — Standard Menu.”

The Horton Award salutes the most successful ideas in menus, presentation, special event planning and new dining concepts. Brock’s entry was judged in the areas of menu selection, event merchandising and food presentation, marketing strategy and financial impact.

“We are extremely proud of our partnership with Brock University and look forward to raising the bar even more,” said Chris Roberts, Brock University resident district manager, Sodexo Canada.

The catering menu of Brock Dining Services includes a farm-to-table option of locally grown Niagara food.

Mediataalk

People in the news

Michael Armstrong, associate professor of operations, Faculty of Business, was interviewed on April 21 by *AM 900 Hamilton* on the topic of food quality and safety.

Kirsty Spence, professor, Department of Sport Management, appeared in the *Town Crier Niagara* and *Port Colborne Leader* in the article “Memorial run pulls through for scholarships,” speaking about the Brendan Ford Run For Success.

Ana Sanchez, professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for the article “Flu likely to hit here, but official urges calm” for the April 30 edition of the *St. Catharines Standard*. In the article, Sanchez said swine flu is nothing to take lightly, but that it needs to be viewed in context. The article was reprinted in the *Welland Tribune*.

John Henhawk, fourth-year business student, was interviewed by *Niagara This Week* for the April 24 article “Award winner finds the right message.”

Henhawk talked about being the recipient of Brock’s Aboriginal Achievement Award, and how his mother, a single mother raising seven children on the Six Nations Reserve, is “a perfect example of how strong our Aboriginal women can be.”

Elizabeth Sauer, professor, English Language and Literature, was interviewed by *St. Catharines Standard* columnist Doug Herod for his column, entitled “Seeking scholarly help to address my *Paradise Lost*

nightmares.” In the article, Sauer elaborates on why she loves John Milton’s *Paradise Lost*.

Dan Glenday, professor, Sociology, was quoted in an April 30 article in the *Guelph Mercury*, “Uncaging the mixed martial arts beast.” In the article, Glenday commented on the appeal of ultimate fighting.

Kevin Kee, associate professor, History, was interviewed for the May 2 article “Swine flu lends relevance to computer game” in the *St. Catharines Standard* and *Welland Tribune*. Kee discussed the game *Outbreak*, which simulates a virus and how to contain it.

Lynn McCleary, associate professor, Nursing, was quoted in a May 5 *St. Catharines Standard* article “Educating educators about geriatric nursing,” where she talked about the Knowledge Exchange Institute for Geriatric Nursing Education.

Tony Volk, assistant professor, Child and Youth Studies, was interviewed by the *St. Catharines Standard* for the May 4 article “Self esteem and your child.” The article provided advance notice for the Niagara Parenting Conference, happening May 23.

Chelsea Willness, assistant professor, Human Resources and Organizational Behaviour, appeared in the latest issue of *Strategy* magazine as a guest judge for the Cause + Effect awards.

Lisa Neville, graduate student and oilsands researcher, was interviewed in a May 7 article for her hometown newspaper, *The Trentonian*, about her research at Brock.

Grad volunteers needed for Convocation

The Office of Alumni Relations is looking for Brock graduates to hand pins and cards to the new graduates as they are coming off the stage at Convocation.

Graduates are needed for the following dates:

June 9 at 10 a.m. — Faculty of Applied Health Sciences

June 10 at 10 a.m. — Faculty of Education, Hamilton Campus

June 10 at 2 p.m. — Faculty of Education, St. Catharines Campus

June 11 at 10 a.m. — Faculty of Social Sciences

June 12 at 10 a.m. — Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Mathematics and Science

June 13 at 10 a.m. — Faculty of Business

If interested, please call Vera at ext. 3816.

Take precautions to avoid swine flu

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water or hand sanitizer.

2. Minimize aerosol exposure by coughing into your elbow or hands.

3. Although it does not contain swine flu antigens, if you have not yet received a flu shot this year, then it may be beneficial to contact your doctor to discuss one.

4. Monitor yourself and your family for symptoms of respiratory or gastro-intestinal illness (fever, cough, sore throat, muscles and joint pain, shortness of breath, vomiting or diarrhea).

5. If you are ill, maintain social distance by keeping more than one metre from other people, and call your health-care provider to arrange appropriate treatment.

6. If your illness could be related to recent travel to Mexico by you or a close associate, stay home from school or work for a week and call your health-care provider for further instructions.

7. Keep a week’s supply of non-perishable groceries in stock in case illness develops.

Student Health Services is open Monday to Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call 905-688-5550, ext. 3243 for an appointment. They will be screening all patients using full precautions (mask, goggles, gown and gloves) and isolating those with flu-like symptoms.

The Government of Canada has issued a

warning for non-essential travel to Mexico, which the University supports. Several airlines are also significantly reducing their flights to Mexico until June 1.

Anyone planning a Brock-related trip to Mexico in the next two months should contact Valerie Wolfe, manager, Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety at vwolfe@brocku.ca to discuss the implications.

Travellers are reminded to check www.voyage.gc.ca/index-eng.asp for up-to-date information on international destinations.

SWINE FLU RESOURCES

- Niagara Region swine flu preparation: www.regional.niagara.on.ca/living/health_wellness/pandemic-planning/swine-flu.aspx
- World Health Organization: www.who.int/en/
- Student Health Services’ website: www.brocku.ca/healthservices
- Human Resources and Environment Health and Safety’s website: www.brocku.ca/oehs
- Brock’s Emergency Medical Committee: www.brocku.ca/pandemicplan/flufacts.html

Faculty and Staff

APPLIED LINGUISTICS

Thomas S. C. Farrell organized a colloquium at TESOL Denver, "Managing Culturally-Linguistically Rich Classrooms Around the World," on March 28.

CLASSICS

Michael Carter presented "Persuade the People: Violence and Roman Spectacles in the Greek East" at *The Archaeology of Violence: Institute for European and Mediterranean Archaeology*, SUNY Buffalo, April 19.

Katharine T. von Stackelberg conducted a graduate seminar at SUNY Buffalo Department of Classics followed by a public lecture, "Sexing the Garden: Performance Anxiety in Columella De Agricultura 10" as part of the Arethusa Seminar Speaker Series, on April 20.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jon Radue was one of four panel members in the moderated inaugural webinar "What's Happening on College Campuses Today" on April 24. The series is sponsored by Turnitin, the online phrase-checking site used as a tool by Brock and hundreds of other campuses to help foster good citation practice and detect plagiarism. His presentation, "Plagiarism in the Digital Age: Voices from the Front Lines" covered the ways a student could work "defensively" when preparing submissions, and in so doing he believes that they will be less inclined to plagiarize.

EDUCATION

Peter Vietgen presented a paper entitled "If the Walls Could Talk: Narrative Inquiry in the Visual Arts Classroom" at the 49th Annual National Art Education Association convention in Minneapolis, Minn., April 17 to 21.

FILM STUDIES

Barry Keith Grant gave the opening keynote address to the international conference Thinking After Dark: The World of Horror Video Games conference at the University of Montreal April 23 to 25. His talk was entitled "Screams on Screen: Paradigms of Horror."

GEOGRAPHY

Several members of faculty and MA students presented papers at the annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Las Vegas, Nev. on March 22 to 27. They included **David Butz**, "Autoethnography as (Geographical) Sensibility"; **Hugh Gayler**, "The New Wine Industry and the Contested Countryside in Ontario, Canada"; Katie Hemsworth (student), "Personal Soundscapes on Public Transit: Shifting Relationships Between Music, Place and Self"; **Phillip Gordon Mackintosh**, "Walkway of Apathy: Acknowledging the Sidewalk as the Ground for Democracy in St. Catharines, Ontario"; **Michael Ripmeester**, "Missing Memories: Exploring the Politics of Alternative Mnemonic Landscapes"; **Tony Shaw**, "The Impact of Global Warming on Ontario's Ice Wine Industry"; **Dragos Simandan**, "An Evidence-based Mechanistic Reconstruction of the Spatial Politics of Affect"; Victoria Tasker (student) and **Marilyne Jollineau**, Geomatics Approaches for Improved Vineyard Management in the Niagara Region, Canada; and **Ebru Ustundag**, "Becoming Nomadic Subjects: Cartographies of Turkish Citizenship."

NURSING

Lynn Rempel was the invited keynote speaker for the Registered Nurses of Ontario Nursing Research Interest Group Annual General Meeting on April 25. Her paper was entitled "Effect of the implementation of the Breastfeeding BPG in a Public Health Agency on maternal breastfeeding experiences."

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Larry Savage presented the paper "Contemporary Party-Union Relations in Canada," at the annual meeting of the United Association of Labor Educators, hosted

by the National Labor College in Silver Spring, Md. on April 15 to 18.

Livianna Tossutti presented "Cities, migration and diversity: differentiated responses in six communities" at the 11th National Metropolis Conference in Calgary, Alta. on March 19 to 22. She also presented "Canadian cities and international migration: municipal corporate responses" to the Metropolis Project, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in Ottawa on April 23.

POPULAR CULTURE

Ten members of the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture program presented work at this year's Joint Conference of the National Popular Culture and American Culture Associations, which ran from April 8 to 11 in New Orleans, La. Eight graduate students and two faculty members successfully presented papers, including:

- **Nick Baxter-Moore**, "Blinded by the Light: Thoughts on Mediation, Authenticity and the Live Concert Experience"
- Zak Bronson, "Power, Privilege and Panopticon: the Role of Surveillance in Facebook"
- Marlie Christine Centawer, "'Speak to me in a language I can hear': Yelena Yemchuk and The Smashing Pumpkins 'Thirty-Three' (1996)"
- Mariam Esseghaier, "'Rules for the Unruly': Female Comedians and The View"
- **Scott Henderson**, "Getting Personal: Experience, Identity, and the Audience in Contemporary Pop Music"
- Sonja Cori Missio, "Celebrity Cemeteries: A Pilgrimage for Stargazers"
- Agata Tarkowski, "An Aura of Factuality: Geertz, Bakhtin, and the Cleansing of Religion"
- Susan Tkachuk, "Playing the Game of LOST: Narrative Structure, Problem Solving, and Video Games in LOST"
- Liam Young, "'In a Sterile Rock Scene, We Are a Musical Vasectomy Reversal': The Darkness as Postmodern Subcultural Capitalists"
- Yang Zhang, "Toward a Popular Academic Culture: CCTV's Lecture Room"

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Events

The Canadian Federation of University Women:

The Canadian Federation of University Women - Welland and District - will meet on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:15 at Plymouth Cordage Retirement Residence in Welland. Sharon Abbey of the Women's Studies Program, Brock University will be speaking about Nyanas (Grannies for Grannies Group, Stephen Lewis Foundation). The Annual General Meeting will be held and the election of officers for the coming year will take place. Please note the starting time of 7:15 for this meeting. New members and interested women are welcome. For more information, call 905-892-6535.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Join Brock University in the Rankin Cancer Run on May 23, 2009. The 1k/5k walk/run starts at 10 a.m. at the Grantham Lions Club located at 732 Niagara Street in St. Catharines. Be sure to stay around afterward for the free barbecue! The funds raised by the event help to support cancer care within the Niagara Region. Come out to spend time with friends from Brock University while raising monetary and food donations for a great cause!

RODMAN HALL ART CENTRE

Exhibitions:

Scott Waters: It's Great to Be a Man in Times Like These, on view until May 24.
Catherine Heard: Theatrum Mundi, on view until November 1.

Classifieds

Furnished house/apt. wanted in St. Catharines for two months, summer 2009. Responsible, clean, mature (49-year-old) female teacher currently working out of province requires a clean, private, fully furnished residence for two months during summer break; June 20 - Aug. 20. (No shared situations or student residences please.) Will consider regions surrounding St. Catharines. Prefer house, or ground floor apartment, with direct access to private, outdoor space; willing to tend garden and/or cut lawn if needed in exchange for reduction in rent. (No high rises, please.) Minimum one bedroom, prefer two, will consider all. I will be taking Internet courses so it must be Internet-ready. Due to short stay, would prefer to have all utilities included in monthly rent. Will consider various monthly rates. Employment verification and references available upon request. To send photos, info and monthly rates please e-mail Andrea at sukiupnorth@live.ca

Seeking January rental: Professor seeks rental for winter 2010 semester or longer. Must be quiet and in St. Catharines. primarustica@earthlink.net

House for sale: Fonthill, unique home on cul de sac and green belt. Great room, hot tub, fireplaces, sun room. E-mail gregwoods@sympatico.ca

For sale: One-bedroom condo minutes from Hamilton campus, beside Red Hill Valley Parkway. Mortgage is cheaper than rent - great starter for the new graduate in the family or as a rental to Hamilton Faculty of Education students. Contact Karen at ext. 4078 or kcsoli@brocku.ca for details.

Wanted to rent: Professional couple - a French literature professor and a fine arts teacher - relocating to Niagara this summer and looking to rent a two or three-bedroom house in St. Catharines, Thorold or anywhere within 30 minutes of Brock. An open-plan kitchen and sitting room, hardwood floors, an unfinished basement or a garage, and a quiet neighborhood would be a plus. Apartments should be on the ground floor. Seeking a one-year lease (with option to renew) starting in June or July. Rent should be about \$1,000/month and include appliances. We are non-smokers and have references. We will be spending two weeks in Niagara May 18 to 31 to find our new home. If you have something that you think could suit our needs, contact Alain at 514-278-6786 or Renée-Claude at renee.breitenstein@mcgill.ca with a description and pictures.

Free to good home/office: Beautiful and well-loved large house plant in terra cotta pot. Must move from current home as window is being replaced by a wall. Contact dibella5@hotmail.com

Parenting conference will focus on teen communication

Parents in Niagara can learn to more effectively communicate with their tweens and teens at Brock University's 2009 Parenting Conference this month.

Conference workshops will focus on topics such as substance abuse awareness and prevention, advocacy for youth with disabilities, self-esteem and how to talk "sex talk" with today's youth.

The conference will be at Ridley College May 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

There will be a discussion on Internet safety and awareness by Det. Const. Nadine Wallace. The keynote speaker is Dr. Karyn Gordon, an author, motivational speaker and therapist on The Mom Show (Slice Network).

Pre-registration is encouraged, and tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis at a cost of \$25/single and \$40/couple.

For more information, including registration, contact ext. 4070 or npc@brocku.ca

Convocation is coming

Next month is Convocation time at Brock, and this year's Spring Convocation will be seven ceremonies starting June 9 and ending June 13.

The dates, times and Faculties are as follows:

- Tuesday, June 9, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Applied Health Sciences
- Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Education
- Wednesday, June 10, 2 p.m. - Faculty of Education
- Thursday, June 11, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Social Sciences
- Thursday, June 11, 2 p.m. - Faculty of Social Sciences
- Friday, June 12, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Mathematics and Science, Faculty of Humanities
- Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Business

All ceremonies will be in the Ian D. Beddis gymnasium in the Walker Complex.

Please consult future issues of Brock News for more information about award and medal winners and honorary degree recipients.

The Office of University Marketing and Communications is actively seeking human interest stories about students or teachers involved in Convocation this year. Please send suggestions to campusnews@brocku.ca