

BrockNews

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

Downtown Niagara arts centre gets \$36 million

The City of St. Catharines will get \$36 million from the federal and provincial governments to build its Niagara Centre for the Arts, a project that will be adjacent to the new Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts.

MP Rick Dykstra and MPP Jim Bradley announced the money May 22 at a downtown ceremony. The project will be "the cornerstone of council's vision for a revitalized downtown," Mayor Brian McMullan said.

President Jack Lightstone hailed the announcement.

"This is a day we have all been looking forward to for a long time," he said, "not just because this cultural landmark will complement our Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts, but because it illustrates how a whole community can benefit when people work together."

At the event, Lightstone lauded the efforts of Dykstra and Bradley in advocating for the project. The funding also shows the effectiveness of the University and the city working together, he said.

The federal government committed \$18 million toward eligible project costs, while the Province added another \$18 million. The City will also contribute \$18 million to build the Niagara Centre for the Arts.

The venue will have the capacity to host big-ticket theatre and concerts with a capacity of 800 to 900 patrons. The accompanying recital hall will be a 300-seat venue primarily used by community and public musical performances.

"Our government is investing in a complex that will create jobs, revitalize downtown St. Catharines and promote Niagara's diverse arts community," Dykstra said.



An artist's rendering of the new Niagara Centre for the Arts

Alumni volunteers needed for Convocation

The Office of Alumni Relations still needs Brock graduates to volunteer at the upcoming Spring Convocation.

Alumni are needed to hand out pins and cards to the new graduates as they are coming off the stage on the following dates:

- Tuesday, June 9, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Health Sciences
 - Wednesday, June 10, 10 a.m. - Faculty of Education, Hamilton campus
- If interested, please call Vera at ext. 3816.

\$38 million for new research complex

The sun beamed through the big windows, but it was smiles lighting up the Plaza Building on Monday as federal Industry Minister Tony Clement announced a \$38-million contribution to Brock's new Niagara Health and Bioscience Research Complex (NHBRC).

Clement delivered the news at a joint federal-provincial announcement of \$1 billion in new infrastructure funding for 28 college and university projects in Ontario.

The federal contribution to NHBRC accounts for about one-third of the cost of the planned \$109-million research complex. Construction is now scheduled to begin this summer, with the first phase of the project completed by March 31, 2011.

"Our government's investment provides significant short-term economic stimulus in local communities throughout Ontario, while at the same time strengthening Canada's long-term capacity for research and

innovation," Clement told about 200 area dignitaries and university officials.

The Ontario government had already contributed \$33.5 million to the project, and the Regional Municipality of Niagara has contributed \$2 million.

The 142,000-square-foot complex will be home to nearly 400 students, faculty, scientists and researchers, most from the

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Dressed for success



PHOTO: SWANITHA CRAIGS

Employees Leah McNulty, left, and Elyse Giroux hang shirts at Footnotes, a new Brock store that opened this month on the east campus.

Brock opens new retail store

Brock has entered the mainstream retail market with a new store offering printing services and prime University gear.

Footnotes at Brock, located across the street from the main campus in the Heritage Place Plaza, can print just about any job for faculty, staff and the public. It also sells Brock and Badger apparel, stationery and University-related gifts. It will also sell books once the new International Offices building opens in June 2010.

The new store makes Brock merchandise and the services of its print shop more accessible to the public, said Trudy Lockyer, Campus Store director.

"We have Saturday hours," she said.

"It's more accessible because people can park in front of the store, shop and go."

Footnotes at Brock has printing, laminating, binding, graphic design, faxing and club and corporate promotional items. Eventually, courier services will be available too, Lockyer said.

"We're at a starting point," she said. "It's a new venture so we'll be tweaking it as we go along."

A grand opening is planned for this summer. In the meantime, there is a sale offering 20 per cent off Brock stationery, gear and gifts. The sale ends mid-June.

Profits obtained from printing services go back to the University.

Book displays sights of Brock

A book of photos commemorating Brock University will be available June 8.

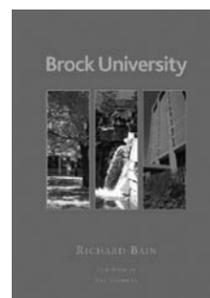
The Brock Commemorative Book, which features the University through the lens of photographer Richard Bain, will be sold at the Campus Store.

It features 120 pages of colour photographs, a foreword by Chancellor Ned Goodman and commentary by President Jack Lightstone.

Bain is a widely published photographer whose photo-rich books have captured Niagara, Stratford, the University of Guelph,

McMaster University, the University of Western Ontario and the City of London, among others. The London-based photographer has visited the campus numerous times over the past year to snap pictures at Brock.

For more details, stay tuned to campusstore.brocku.ca



Immersive Worlds keynote speeches open to everyone

Planners of an upcoming conference hope to draw the Brock community and the public to hear international leaders in interactive new media.

For \$30 at the door, anyone can hear keynote speakers from Alberta to Denmark at the Immersive Worlds conference at the University June 15 and 16.

Keynote speakers will be:

- June 15, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. — Espen Aarseth
- June 15, 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. — Geoffrey Rockwell
- June 16, 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. — Janet Murray
- June 16, 3 to 4 p.m. — Deborah Todd

Aarseth is a pre-eminent scholar in media and communication from the University of Oslo who defines games and their relation to narrative, gender and power.

Rockwell, a University of Alberta professor, is an expert in humanities computing, which is merging digital media with humanities. His keynote presentation will be "Is serious gaming serious work?"

Murray, a professor at the Georgia Institute of Technology, is a visionary in games and interactive media, and has been called one of the gaming industry's most influential women. Her presentation is called "Holodecks without Holograms: Narrative Complexity and the Experience of Immersion."

Todd is an industry consultant and game designer who authored *Game Design: From Blue Sky to Green Light*, an acclaimed book about game design. Todd will present "The World According to Video Games."

This is the second Interacting with Immersive Worlds conference held by Brock's Interactive Arts and Science program. In addition to these four notable keynote speakers, the conference will feature more than 40 papers games, immersion and new media from the perspectives of a wide range of disciplines.

For more information, visit www.brocku.ca/iasc/immersiveworlds

The next issue of Brock News will be delayed one week during Convocation ceremonies. Instead of being published on June 10, the next issue will be June 17.

Down to business



PHOTO: SAMANTHA CRAIGGS

Three members of the new Graduate Students' Association executive — Ferdinand Reimmer, Ellen Robb and Eric Humes — chat in the graduate students' lounge.

Grad students aim for visibility

Members of this year's Graduate Students' Association (GSA) executive have a simple but challenging goal: making sure everyone knows they're there.

The newly elected president and vice-presidents representing 1,700 graduate students say with the union officially incorporated only a year ago, their focus is visibility.

"I know that coming from last year's executive, we had a lot of people saying, 'I didn't know we had a GSA,'" said president-elect Ellen Robb, PhD student in biology, cell and molecular studies.

Robb hopes to boost awareness and enthusiasm of Brock activities, as well as the visibility of the GSA and grad students in general.

"We've made huge progress in the last year, and it's up to me to see that it continues," she said.

Eric Humes, new vice-president external, has a similar goal. He would like a better and more visible relationship with the University

and Niagara in general.

While "95 per cent" of the GSA's concerns mirror the Brock University Students' Union and its undergraduate population, graduate students have some unique issues, Humes said. They tend to be older, juggling teaching duties and focused on the amount of one-on-one time they have working with their professors.

"I look forward to being part of the pioneering force that leads the GSA into the future as an outspoken graduate student representative council," he said.

Robb, 24, is from Niagara-on-the-Lake and is Brock's first Vanier Canada Scholarship recipient.

Humes, 27, is from Brockville and is an MSc student in Biotechnology. Ferdinand Reimmer, vice-president of finance, is 28, from Ghana and studying International Relations. Jeff Cornelissen, 22, is vice-president, communications. He is from Niagara Falls and studying in Political Science (International Relations).

Wellness conference has something for everyone

It's the 10th annual Brand New You Employee Wellness Conference, and organizers want it to be the biggest ever.

More than 30 Brock employees have answered the call to "share their passion," including several faculty members and three deans. That makes it a truly community event.

Topics will range from Mind Mapping to Bass Fishing to Chocolate Appreciation. There will be lectures, workshops, crafts, games and even a mini-triathlon. It will be full of opportunities to discover strengths, spark ideas, acquire skills, laugh together and enjoy health and well-being in action.

The day will begin with an opening plenary by Dr. Heather Lee Kilty, assistant

professor of Nursing and motivational speaker. Kilty was a popular plenary speaker at the 2000 and 2001 conferences and is delighted to be involved this year. She will challenge participants to stimulate both sides of their brain to be a Brand New You.

The lunch hour concert will also feature Brock talent — musicians Michael Chess, Vince Wilson and Terry Cockerline. Check out the program at www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference and register starting June 1 at 1 p.m. Many events will sell out within minutes, so know your first and second choices.

Donations are also needed for the annual Charity Penny Sale, and this year, a used book sale just in time for summer reading.

Ancient research gets modern grant

An American foundation has renewed its grant to a Brock University researcher intent on digging up the past in Ancient Greece.

The Institute for Aegean Prehistory (INSTAP) has renewed its grant for R. Angus Smith, an assistant professor in the Classics department. Smith co-directs the excavation of a Mycenaean cemetery at the site of Ayia Sotira, near the village of Ancient Nemea, Greece.

The excavation completed its third year of digging in the summer of 2008.

Undergraduate and graduate students from Brock have participated in it, as well as several Canadian, American and European institutions.

Earlier work involved the excavation of two partially robbed chamber tombs and three undisturbed ones from the Late Helladic III period (ca. 1400-1200 BC).

This year will bring a final season of museum work to finish the analysis, then the final publication of the fieldwork.

The illegal activities of looters first alerted the team to the presence of the cemetery, Smith said.

"Our most pressing initial goal was to save these tombs from this destruction," he said. "In order to do this, we have sought to recover the artifactual, skeletal, and architectural remains of these tombs, and to do so in a way that maximizes what we learn about the tombs' history."

The family tombs cover multiple burials over generations, and Smith's team is recovering as much information as possible about their use and re-use over time. The team is also analyzing the human skeletal remains to assess the diet, health and occupational activities of the occupants.

About 15 Brock students have participated in the dig, Smith said. Two are assisting this year.

When compared with information from the nearby Mycenaean settlement of Tsoungiza, the excavation gives an unprecedented picture of life and death in that area during that time period, Smith said.

His research interests focus on ethnic identity issues, processes of colonization and acculturation, and the rise and fall of complex societies.

Chancellor's Chair research awards granted

Brock Research is pleased to recognize the following faculty for their recent achievements.

Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence Award 2008 recipients are:

- Uwe Brand, Department of Earth Sciences, Faculty of Mathematics and Science
- Ryan Plummer, Department of Tourism and Environment, Faculty of Social Sciences
- Fereidoon Razavi, Physics Department, Faculty of Mathematics and Science
- Mark Spencer, Department of History, Faculty of Humanities

An autumn awards ceremony is being planned for these and other distinguished research-related awards, in order to offer the proper planning time for due recognition and maximize the potential exposure to a wide audience.

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. Recipients of the Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence can undertake a specific three-year program of research leading to a significant development in their scholarship.

Chair holders are Brock tenured or tenure-track faculty who have demonstrated promise of outstanding contributions to scholarship and/or have an established, exceptional track record of scholarly excellence. In compliance with the terms of the award, each Chancellor's Chair agrees to present a lecture to the University community.

Watch the Brock Research Opportunities e-bulletin, and Brock News for future announcements on the 2009 Chancellor's Chair for Research Excellence Award.

Hot Ticket members get televised exclusive

The annual sneak preview event for Hot Ticket members of the Centre for the Arts will be on local TV this week.

The performance May 21, which sold out in only two hours, will be on TVCogeco May 29 at 8 p.m. and May 31 at 9 p.m. TVCogeco is a Centre for the Arts media sponsor.

At the event, members were treated to showcases by artists from the upcoming 40th anniversary Hot Ticket season. There were also complimentary refreshments, gifts and prizes.

Tickets for the upcoming season are on sale now for Hot Ticket members only. Tickets go on sale for the general public Sept. 8. Hot

Ticket membership also means up to 20 per cent off ticket prices, complimentary parking, bring your "Friends for Free" and more.

This year, the Centre for the Arts celebrates 40 years as "Niagara's Cultural Treasure" with live music, dance, theatre, comedy and family entertainment. This season's lineup includes artists like Brent Butt, Boyz II Men, Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy, Joel Plaskett, Ron Sexsmith and Andre-Philippe Gannon.

For a full season listing and information about becoming a Hot Ticket member, please visit Arts.BrockU.ca or contact the box office at 905-688-5550, ext. 3257.

Brock Briefs

Some grad students accepted without GMAT

The Faculty of Business Graduate Programs Office is now willing to consider top applicants to the Brock Master of Business Administration program without a Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) score on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants who want to take advantage of this time and money-saving opportunity must hold an 80 per cent overall average or better in a Canadian four-year undergraduate degree from within the last seven years.

Please enquire at www.bus.brocku.ca/gradstudents or 905-688-5550, ext. 5936 for more details or to discuss your eligibility.

If your academic credentials don't allow you to take advantage of this new opportunity, please consider preparing for the challenging GMAT exam through Brock's own GMAT Prep Course offered on four consecutive Sundays this May and June. The sessions cost \$500 plus GST. For more information, visit www.bus.brocku.ca/gmatcourse

Career centres focus of recent symposium

Staff from a dozen Ontario universities came to Brock recently for a symposium about career centres.

Nearly 100 people attended the Inter-University Symposium for Career Centres on April 30. Attendees discussed best practices and current issues affecting university career centres.

Plenary discussion panel speakers were Trudy Parsons, executive director of the Niagara Workforce Planning Board; Cheryl Paradowski, Canadian Food Industry Council executive director; Kristen Angrilli, manager of recruitment and human resources solutions, Canadian Tire Financial Services and Kithio Mwanzia, policy co-ordinator of the St. Catharines-Thorold Chamber of Commerce.

The panelists discussed labour market information, opportunities for entrepreneurs and small to medium-sized businesses and the impact of the economy on hiring.

Afternoon breakout sessions focused on topics like best practices in marketing and

revenue generation, helping students with postgraduate studies and developing tailored "career curriculum" for academic departments.

Search is on for distinguished alumni

The Alumni Association needs nominees for the next Brock Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award.

The award is presented annually during Brock Days to a Brock graduate who makes exceptional contributions to his or her profession and community, and can be seen as an inspiration to Brock students.

If you know any Brock graduates who you feel exemplify these characteristics, please send us a name and a brief statement as to why you feel they deserve the award.

Suggestions can be sent to alumniassociation@brocku.ca, www.brockalumni.ca or by calling ext. 4502.

Math department hosts high school teachers

The Department of Mathematics hosted the Ontario Association for Mathematics Education Golden Section Annual Meeting on April 23.

The event brought together some 100 high school math teachers for presentations and

hands-on workshops around the theme "Mathematics a la carte."

Bill Ralph contributed a workshop entitled "A Hands-On Introduction to the Mathematics behind the Stock Market." Three Brock education students, Jessica Laird (BSc/BEd Maths), Amanda Sinclair, and Danya Lottridge, contributed a workshop entitled Grade 10 Academic Quadratic Relations Unit: 2010 Winter Olympics Theme.

This event reinforces the department's involvement in math education.

Board of Trustees staff representative election result

Congratulations to Kelly Veld on her election as a representative of the permanent staff to the Board of Trustees. Kelly will serve a three-year term, effective July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012 and joins continuing staff representatives Wanda Gilmore and Valerie Wolfe.

A special thanks to all who allowed their names to stand for election.

There is an opportunity each year for the election of a permanent staff representative to fill one of the staggered, three-year term vacancies.

Welcoming crew



PHOTO: KEVIN GROUT

Christina Zenchuck, left, and Andrew Natale are co-team leaders in the SMART Start program, which eases the transition to university for first-time students.

SMART Start kicking off for the season

Student co-team leaders are gearing up for another season of SMART (Students Making a Realistic Transition) Start, a program that gets future Brock students ready for their first day on campus.

Andrew Natale and Christina Zenchuck are preparing to guide about 2,600 new students through the registration process and make them feel at home this summer. The one-day SMART Start program eases students in their transition to university with campus tours, a presentation on finances and other orientation.

"We're all about trying to make those first days a little easier on campus," said Natale, 21, a fourth-year History and Great Books Liberal Studies student.

SMART Start runs Monday to Friday from June 22 to Aug. 7, as well as July 4, 11 and 18. There will be about 90 students per day, Zenchuck said.

Students are invited to bring their families as they are photographed for their student cards, see the dining hall and hear presentations from a professor about academic expectations, and the Brock University Students' Union.

About 80 per cent of new students attend SMART Start, Zenchuck said.

Both Natale and Zenchuck, who work with 19 team assistants, say SMART Start made their first days easier.

"I was uncomfortable with my surroundings and being away from home," said Natale, who hails from Bolton. "But I got here and thought, 'I've been here before.'"

I had a rolling head start on the year."

For Zenchuck, 21, of Etobicoke, SMART Start provided similar comfort.

"I'm personally glad I came through the program," she said. "When it came time for September, I felt like I had everything taken care of."

SMART Start staff are easily spotted in the halls of Brock. They are wearing, as the program website says, "a red golf shirt, a nametag and a smile."

For more information, visit www.brocku.ca/smartstart

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- Christina Zenchuck, SMART Start team leader

Researchers get Brock funding

Twenty-three Brock University researchers have received more than \$50,000 through two internal programs that help Brock faculty advance their programs of research.

Through the Brock University Advancement Fund (BUAF) and Brock SSHRC Institutional Grant (BSIG), researchers from all six faculties got funding that promotes their fields of research.

The BUAF helps Brock researchers complete preliminary research in preparation for a submission to an external granting agency.

With BUAF Research Seed Grants, faculty members develop a program of research that is innovative and worthy of funding by external research sponsors. This internal award also provides modest financial support, called Special Purpose Grants, for special pursuits related to research interests.

With the Brock SSHRC Institutional Grant (BSIG), a Research Seed Grant assists faculty members in developing an innovative program of research worthy of funding by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

The recipients of the BUAF for manuscript preparation include Allison Glazebrook, Classics, and Barry Grant, Communication, Popular Culture and Film.

The two recipients of the BUAF for subvention for scholarly conferences include

Keri Cronin, Visual Arts, and Frances Owen, Child and Youth Studies.

Research seed grants under BUAF were awarded to: Chris Fullerton, Geography; Evangelia Tsiani, Community Health Sciences; Tanya Martini, Psychology; Jeff Boggs, Geography; Hans Skott-Myhre, Child and Youth Studies; Tony Yan, Chemistry; Reena Yoogalingam, Finance, Operations and Information Systems; Kai-Yu Wang, Marketing, International Business and Strategy; and Kamini Jaipal-Jamani and Candace Figg, Teacher Education.

The BSIG recipients include Tim O'Connell, Recreation and Leisure Studies, Mohamed Ayadi, Finance, Operations and Information Systems; Anteneh Ayanso and Narongsak Thongpapanl, Faculty of Business; Hemantha Herath and Tejaswini Herath, Faculty of Business; Samir Trabelsi, Accounting; Chelsea Willness, Organizational Behaviour, Human Resources, Entrepreneurship and Ethics; Michael O'Sullivan, International Education, and Catherine Chaput, English Language and Literature; Linda Steer, Visual Arts; Tamari Kitossa and Katerina Deliovsky, Sociology, Tom O'Neill, Child and Youth Studies.

Brock Research holds two competitions each year for these internal awards, with deadlines of March 20 and Nov. 20.

For more on internal awards, visit www.brocku.ca/researchservices

Mediatalk People in the news

The *St. Catharines Standard* ran an obituary May 7 about Brock's second chancellor, **Dr. Charles Sankey**, who died April 29. In "Former Brock chancellor embraced the job," Sankey's son George King said his father was so deeply involved in the University he had an office here and knew many of the students by name.

Baoling Bork, senior laboratory demonstrator/coordinator/mentor, Computer Science, appeared in the *St. Catharines Standard's* video coverage of Scientifically Yours. The corresponding article — an interview with plenary speaker Mary Brindle — also appeared in the *Sault Star*.

Michael Armstrong, associate professor, Faculty of Business, was interviewed on May 12 by radio station *AM 680 Winnipeg* regarding the Country Of Origin Labeling (COOL) food law that recently came into effect in the U.S.A. His opinion piece "U.S. labelling law hurts Canadian exports" was also published in the May 15 issue of the *Edmonton Journal*.

Charles Burton, professor, Political Science, was interviewed in the May 12 *Globe and Mail* article "Harper enlists activist to help secure Celi's release." Burton commented on Prime Minister Stephen Harper getting help from businessman-turned-activist John Hamm in securing the release of Canadian prisoners. He also appeared in *Embassy* magazine

and on a Radio Canadian International Chinese Service broadcast.

David Hutchison, associate professor, Education, was interviewed for "Enrolment issue before board Tuesday," a May 11 article in the *St. Catharines Standard*. In it, Hutchison commented on the viability of small high schools.

Eric Dolansky, assistant professor, Faculty of Business, appeared in a May 13 *Canwest News Service* article entitled "Magical thinking drives many insurance sales." Dolansky discussed a study he co-authored, which showed that people purchase insurance thinking it will prevent accidents. The article appeared in the *Vancouver Sun*, among others.

Garth Stevenson, professor, Political Science, was quoted in the May 15 *Owen Sound Sun Times* article "Riding on May's radar," which said Green Party leader Elizabeth May is eyeing the Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound riding to run. Stevenson discussed star candidates.

Larry Savage, professor, Political Science, appeared in a May 20 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Twittering on the campaign trail." In the article about the impact of social media, Savage said elections are still won on the ground.

Barb Tatarnic, continuing education coordinator, the Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute was quoted in both the *St. Catharines Standard* and *Toronto's 24 Hours* in the May 19 article "Brock offering wine and spirits certification," about Brock offering certified Wine and Spirit Education Trust courses.

Chinese ethnic minority will be focus of visiting professor's talk

A visiting scholar will talk about a unique Turkic ethnic group living in China in the next instalment of the Brock International Speaker Series.



Memet

Professor Amangul Memet will discuss the Uighur people, who number 11 million in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region in western China. Memet will discuss Uighur history, language,

culture and tourist attractions in her talk, "Exploring Westernmost China: Uighur People, History and Culture."

Memet is a lecturer of English language

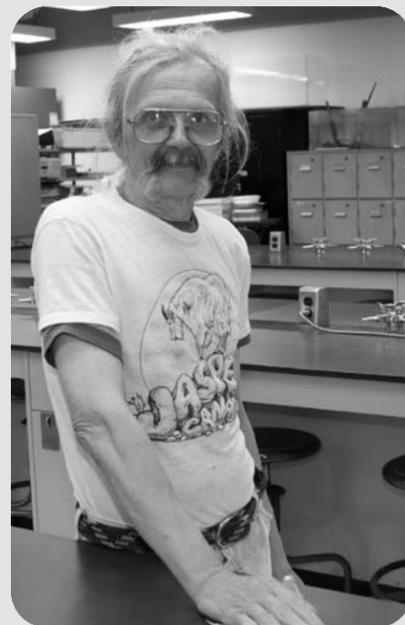
and literature at Xinjiang University. During her stay from September 2008 to August 2009, she is collaborating with Professor John Sivell in the Department of Applied Linguistics completing a research study about culturally appropriate materials.

The talk will be June 2 from noon to 1 p.m. at the International Workshop, Decew Residence 208. Traditional Chinese snacks will be served. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, contact lpark@brocku.ca

There are about 60 visiting scholars at Brock for the 2008/09 academic year. They represent more than 20 countries, the most common being China, France, South Korea, South Africa, Germany and U.S.A.

Three questions with... George Melvin



George Melvin was a freelance researcher when he applied to his alma mater, Brock University, to be a senior lab demonstrator. He figured he would do the job until the recession ended. That was 28 years ago. A Stevensville resident, Melvin, 62, works in the Department of Biological Sciences.

What do you like about your job?

You learn something new every day. Sometimes you learn a whole bunch of new things every day. It's the sort of job where you don't stop learning.

What do you do for fun?

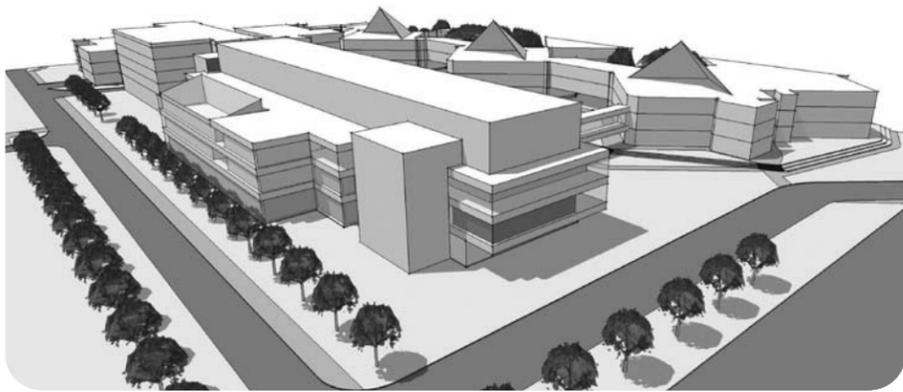
The workload now is so incredibly large that I don't get time to do anything. I go home, have supper, let the dogs out and go to bed.

Where do you go to relax?

I drive home on the back roads and take my time. I slow down to look for birds. I got pulled over last week because I was weaving on the road, looking for wild turkeys.

"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.

Future plans



An artist's rendering shows the new Niagara Health and Biosciences Research Complex, which will have a bridge link to the Mackenzie Chown complex.

Funding will help entire region: president

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Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, and the Faculty of Mathematics and Science. Among them are six Canada Research Chairs. It will also house an industry-led business incubator.

Brock president Jack Lightstone said the complex will benefit the entire Niagara Region and help diversify its economy.

"This facility will forge new economic partnerships between research and industry that will foster a new economic cluster in advanced health studies and biomanufacturing in Niagara," he said.

John Milloy, Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities joined Clement at Brock for the \$1-billion announcement. The province set aside \$780 million in its 2009 budget for college and university projects.

Niagara College will receive \$40 million from both levels of government for its new Applied Health Institute.

"I've been smiling for the last few days," Dan Patterson, Niagara College president, told the crowd. "This is the largest funding announcement for Niagara College since its inception."

Nominees needed for Brock Days Tribute award

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

Each year during Brock Days, the University celebrates, with a roast and toast, an individual whose achievements have been a positive reflection on Brock.

Tribute is open for any member of the Brock community (staff, faculty, alumni,

volunteer or friend of the University) who has 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.

The event will be Sept. 18. Please forward any nominations to Kristen Smith, kristen.smith@brocku.ca, by June 1.

Faculty and Staff

CLASSICS

Katharine T. von Stackelberg presented "The Art of Limitation: Framing the Villa Landscape" at the Classical Association of Canada annual meeting at the University of British Columbia on May 12.

COMMUNITY HEALTH SCIENCES

Dan Malleck presented a paper entitled "The Pliant [Semi-] Public Space: Liquor Licensing, Social Clubs and Rational Recreation in Post-Prohibition Ontario" at the Ontario Research Council on Leisure annual conference, University of Ottawa, May 1, 2009.

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Brian Ross presented an invited paper, "Multi-objective Genetic Programming and Stochastic Processes" at the 2009 Genetic Programming Theory and Practice workshop, in Ann Arbor, Mich., May 14 to 16.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Laurie Morrison was appointed to the position of Head, Liaison Services, effective March 1, 2009. Laurie previously served as Humanities Librarian and was the successful candidate for this newly created position following an external search.

POPULAR CULTURE

Jim Leach gave a keynote address at the the Canadian Literature Symposium, University of Ottawa, May 1 to 3. His paper was entitled: "Beyond the National-Realist Text: Imagining the Impossible Nation in Contemporary Canadian Cinema."

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Events

Community Connections

• Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion in support of spinal cord research — A wheelchair event hosted on Brock's campus Sunday, June 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

RECREATION SERVICES

Summer swim lesson registration

Registration begins on Monday, June 15 at 5 p.m. for summer swim lessons. You may register in person at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex or by phone at ext. 4060. Registration continues through the summer for the four swim lesson sessions.

Conditioning camp for young athletes

Camp staff (who are certified personal trainers) will guide 11 to 14 year olds through sport-specific training, both indoors and out. An individualized strengthening program will be developed for each athlete. Participants will also be introduced to stability and balance training using a variety of equipment. Athletes will develop a new sense of confidence while pushing themselves in foot speed, agility and sport-related challenges. Males aged 11 to 14 will be Aug. 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Females aged 11 to 14 will be Aug. 17 to 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Youth intro to fitness

An exciting way for youth to stay fit and

have fun! Experience the Zone (machines, free weights and resistance tubing) as instructed by a Certified Personal Trainer. Participants will also have the opportunity to use non-traditional apparatus such as stability balls and BOSUs. To round out the week, there will be basic boot camp for youth and a fun fitness kickboxing class. Classes for boys aged 11 to 14 are July 6 to 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Classes for girls aged 11 to 14 years will be July 13 to 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Recreational Leadership Camp

A high energy recreational team-building camp that involves experiencing and learning a variety of co-operative team games and activities, while developing leadership skills! Campers will learn how to develop their own programs, involving a combination of activities and games. Co-ed sessions for ages 11 to 14 will be July 6 to 10, July 13 to 17, Aug. 10 to 17 and Aug. 17 to 21.

Registration for all of the above classes will be at the Welcome Desk in the Walker Complex. For more information, contact Susan at ext. 3093.

Brock researcher part of provincewide project

A Brock University associate professor is part of a team researching how welcoming communities are to newcomers.

Dawn Zinga, Department of Child and Youth Studies, is part of the Welcoming Communities Initiative, a project recently awarded \$1 million from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Zinga and her co-investigators are looking at schools, medical facilities and other services to see how easy they are to use.

The project teams 16 Ontario universities with local governments, school boards and provincial and federal leaders, making it a "true partnership," Zinga said. Zinga is studying St. Catharines, Fort Erie and Niagara Falls, and expects to present some initial findings to local councils in the next year.

"It's quite an ambitious project, but if it's effective with the partnerships we have, it can really bring Ontario forward," she said.

The project leader is Victoria Esses from the University of Western Ontario. Zinga is a co-investigator, along with Audrey Kobayashi at Queen's University, Caroline Andrew at the University of Ottawa, Carl Nicholson at the Catholic Immigration Centre of Ottawa and Bruce Newbold at McMaster University. Universities from Windsor to Lakehead are also participating.

Eventually, the project could include training modules for community service providers, policy briefs for government, educational curricula, and toolkits to help community organizations, employers, and local institutions.

- Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life — An overnight 12-hour relay at Brock University from Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m. to Saturday, June 20 at 7 a.m.
- St. Catharines Museum Dragon Boat Festival — An all-day event on Saturday, July 25.

Rodman Hall Arts Centre

• **Catherine Heard: Theatrum Mundi** — On view until Nov. 1, 2009

• **Slightly Unbalanced**, June 12 – Aug. 21. Opening Reception: Thursday, June 11, 7 to 9 p.m. VERVE: Friday, June 19, 8 to 11 p.m. Slightly Unbalanced surveys works by artists who have repeatedly focused on neurosis of various kinds in their work, using themselves and the people around them as fodder for their investigations. Exploring the afflictions and quirks of functioning people, these artists question what constitutes normalcy and what qualifies as neurosis, inviting viewers to reconsider their own experiences and opinions and think about cultural assumptions pertaining to mental health and human behavior. Slightly Unbalanced is a travelling exhibition organized and circulated by iCI (Independent Curators International), New York. The curator of the exhibition is Susan Hapgood.

Youth University

Bring the family, neighbours and friends for an afternoon of climbing at our high ropes course on Brock University campus. No experience or athletic ability is needed. Let our friendly staff help you learn how to climb together safely. The family and friends climb is a great day of adventure for those looking to try something new together. Call 905-688-

5550, ext. 3120 to register today. Dates available are June 6, July 11, Aug. 8 or Sept. 19, 2009.

Classifieds

Brock faculty member seeking century or period home in Old Glenridge, downtown or in Port Dalhousie for a family of four. We have sold our home. If you are considering selling, please e-mail kbezanson@brocku.ca or call ext. 3457.

One bedroom apartment in Fonthill available July 1, 2009. Rent is \$600 per month, utilities included. Non-smoker required and no animals accepted. Please call 905-941-1993 after 6 p.m.

Independent, furnished one-bedroom apartment located in private home on the Niagara Escarpment in lovely, quiet neighbourhood within walking distance of the Pen Centre and all bus routes. Close to the University. Spacious bright apartment with large living/dining/kitchen area, large bedroom, upscale bathroom and access to garden. Contact jkoustas@brocku.ca for more details.

For sale: Whirlpool washer and dryer set. Excellent condition, approx. seven years old, include manuals. \$400 or best offer. Call 905-684-4982 for more information.

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