

# BrockNews

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

## Rudi Kroeker is new board chair

Brock's Board of Trustees has a new chair. Rudi Kroeker has taken the helm for a three-year term that began July 1. It ends June 30, 2012.

Kroeker is the president and CEO of Whiting Equipment Canada Inc., diversified designers and manufacturers of heavy industrial equipment. The company is based in Welland. He has been a member of the board since 2001.

Kroeker succeeds David Howes, president and CEO of Lincoln Fabrics Ltd. Howes will continue on the board as immediate past chair for a three-year term.

Howes is also chair of General Brock's October Soirée and chair of the President's Golf Tournament, which raises funds for athletic bursaries and scholarships.

Kroeker's other community work

includes past vice-chair of the Welland Development Commission, past chair of the Niagara Economic Development Corporation, past vice-chair of the World Trade Centre, Buffalo Niagara and served on the Canada-Korea Business Council.

Maureen Sabia, chair of the board, Canadian Tire Corporation, was elected to the board as a trustee for a three-year term ending June 30, 2012.

Re-elected to the board for three-year terms were Dr. Valerie Jaeger, Medical Director of Student Health Services at Brock; Roelof G. Makken, a Brock graduate and Principal of Tern Analytics Inc.; William Rickers, Chartered Accountant/Partner, Crawford, Smith and Swallow Chartered Accountants, LLP; Joseph Robertson, Chairman, Henry Schein Ash Arcona; Joy Rogers, Mental Health Consultant, Centre for Addiction & Mental Health, Toronto, Ont. (retired); John Suk, President and CEO, Nycomed Canada Inc.; and Mary Turner, Vice-President, Credit Risk Management and Chief Operating Officer of Canadian Tire Bank.

Leaving the Board is longtime member and benefactor to the University Dr. Norris Walker, Director of Walker Industries Holdings Limited, who served as Chair from 2003 to 2006. Dr. Walker has been a member of the Brock Board of Trustees since 1993.



David S. Howes



## Pay it forward

Peruvian children get their first toothbrushes during a Brock University trip through the Solidarity Experiences Abroad program earlier this year. A group of Brock nursing students will head to Peru again in August. Another student delegation just returned from Namibia.

## Peru, Namibia benefit from Brock trips

Alison Mahoney was barely into her twenties when she first spotted a poster in a hallway at Brock.

The poster advertised Solidarity Experiences Abroad, a program through Campus Ministries.

"Come volunteer!" it said, promising international adventure in Peru, Brazil and Namibia.

Mahoney, then a first-year Child Health student in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, was living in Alan Earp residence at the time. She signed up because the prospect of travel appealed to her. A year later, she landed in Peru with a crate full of toothbrushes and 35 fellow students. They held dental hygiene clinics for children in a Peruvian shanty town, distributing some of the first toothbrushes the children had ever owned.

They also built 70 metres of stairs over the otherwise dusty ground. Mahoney, a Cornwall native, will never forget it.

"It's a very spiritual experience," she said. "I grew as a person."

Mahoney, 21, is now a volunteer publicist for the program, which has had a busy year. A group of students, including Mahoney, travelled to Namibia for three weeks April 28 to

May 21. That was followed by trips to Peru May 14 to 27, Brazil May 29 to June 10 and Peru and Brazil from May 14 to June 10. On Aug. 17, a group of Brock nursing students will land in Peru again for a two-week stay. There, they will share their compassion and medical expertise.

The outreach is in the name of respect for the impoverished communities. Volunteers learn just as much from the cultural exchange as the people they are helping, said Mahoney, now a fourth-year student.

"It's not just, 'Oh, let's go help the poor people in Africa,'" she said. "We talk to them and hear their stories and we take so much more from them than we could ever leave."

Solidarity Experiences Abroad began in 2004. More than 400 students have participated in the program, which provides a unique form of out-of-classroom education. It is a joint project of Campus Ministries and International Services. Students from any or no religious background can participate. Respect for the beliefs of others is required.

The trips also require Latin American or African culture classes

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## Record your teaching

Is there a part of your teaching that is so great that everyone wants to hear it again?

Is a large portion of one of your courses focused on re-explaining one element?

Is there a part of your teaching that can only be explained by you?

The Centre for Teaching, Learning and Educational Technologies (CTLET) would like to record you teaching and give you a copy for your portfolio, Isaak/Sakai site, DVD, or your own podcast, and we'd do it all at no cost to you! We'd like to record your voice, your computer screen, or you in front of a Brock University classroom teaching what only you can teach.

Here are the requirements:

- It must be under 30 minutes (per instructor)
- You must allow it to be distributed broadly via our "Teaching Worth Repeating Podcast"
- You must be available during the spring or summer of 2009 to record your teaching

If you are interested please contact Matt Clare at [matt.clare@brocku.ca](mailto:matt.clare@brocku.ca)

## Campus store adopts modified summer hours

Summer hours have taken effect at the Campus Store, with Saturday service offered at the new Footnotes store.

The Campus Store is open Monday to Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Footnotes will be available for printing, copying, document finishers and more. It is open Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Badger Shop is closed for the summer and will re-open in September.

Visit the Campus Store website ([www.campusstore.brocku.ca](http://www.campusstore.brocku.ca)) and sign up for the eNewsletter. For more information, contact Brian Kroeker, communications, marketing and public relations co-ordinator, at Brock Campus Stores, ext. 4577, or [bkroeker@brocku.ca](mailto:bkroeker@brocku.ca)

## Vice-president, Research, granted award for long-term service to botanical association

During the annual meeting of the Canadian Botanical Association (CBA/ABC), Liette Vasseur, vice-president Research, was given the Mary Elliott Service Award for meritorious service to the organization.

Vasseur, who has been at Brock since January, has a research program mainly in climate change, sustainable development, community-based ecosystem management and conservation ecology.

Her projects are currently on climate change, sustainable ecosystem management, ecosystem restoration,

conservation, biodiversity assessment, sustainable development and community-based management.

Projects have been or are carried out in Canada or other countries such as China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Panama, Brazil, and currently in Burkina Faso, in Africa and Mexico.

She currently co-chairs the Ecology and Conservation sections of the CBA/ABC, and has served in the past as president-elect, president, and past-president, as well as secretary for two years, and as a director on the executive committee prior to that.

Mary Elliott was a plant pathologist and mycologist who spent 28 years with Agriculture Canada at the Central Experimental Farm in Ottawa.

She had just completed four consecutive years of service on the CBA/ABC board of directors when she was the victim of a homicide in 1976. The award was started in 1978 to honour her memory.

Vasseur received the award at the association's recent annual meeting.



Rodger Evans, Canadian Botanical Association president, presents Liette Vasseur, vice-president Research at Brock, with the Mary Elliott Service Award.

## Brock Briefs

### THESIS DEFENCES

• **Patrick Reuvekamp**, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, will present his thesis defence July 8 at 1:30 p.m. in TH240. The title of his thesis is "Magnetic and Transport Properties of (Ba<sub>1-x</sub>K<sub>x</sub>)Fe<sub>2</sub>As<sub>2</sub>." Thesis supervisor: Dr. F. Razavi; external examiner: Dr. L. Goncharova, Department of Physics, University of Western Ontario; committee members: Dr. D. Crandles, T. Harroun; chair: TBD. All are welcome.

• **Colin Pybus**, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present his thesis defence on Thursday, July 9 at 1 p.m. in WC204B. The title of his thesis is "Participation Factors in Optional High School Health and Physical Education." Thesis supervisor: Dr. Ken Lodewyk; external examiner: Dr. Ellen Singleton, University of Western Ontario; committee members: Phil Wilson and James Mandigo; chair: Nancy Francis. All are welcome.

• **Jonathan Howard**, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences, will present his thesis on Wednesday, July 22 at 10 a.m. in WC204B. The title of his thesis is "Decreased Motor Unit Firing Rate in the Potential Tibialis Anterior." Thesis supervisor: Dr. Rene Vandenboom; external examiner: Dr. Charles Rice, University of Western Ontario; committee members: Dr. David Gabriel and Greig Inglis; chair: TBA. All are welcome.

• **Emily Dunford**, Faculty of Applied Health

Sciences, will present her thesis on Friday, July 24 at 10 a.m. in WC204B. The title is "Pyruvate dehydrogenase activity in response to skeletal muscle contraction at two stimulation frequencies in pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase 2 knockout mice." Thesis supervisor: Dr. Sandra Peters; external examiner: Dr. David Dyck, University of Western Guelph; committee members: Drs. Rene Vandenboom and Paul LeBlanc; chair: TBA. All are welcome.

### United Way plans underway

Brock University's United Way volunteer committee has been meeting regularly ahead of this fall's campaign, building on the momentum of an overwhelmingly successful 2008 campaign.

Having topped the \$100,000 fundraising mark last year, the committee is looking again to build on the positive outcome from last year, and to continue building awareness of the need in our community. The committee is looking for widespread participation again to make the 2009 goal a reality.

Planned events include the scrumptious soup luncheon, the popular Halloween decorating contest and — new this year — a trivia night.

The six-week campaign officially kicks off Oct. 19, but there will be plenty of opportunity ahead of that date to get involved, through presentations and special events.

For more information and event descriptions and dates, visit the website at [www.brocku.ca/unitedway](http://www.brocku.ca/unitedway)

## Gymnastics on the go



Nota Klentrou, chair of the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology, recently returned from Namibia, where she taught new coaches the theory of rhythmic gymnastics.

## Brock professor teaches gymnastics in Africa

As a young athlete in her native Greece, Nota Klentrou couldn't have guessed that a painful dismount would one day lead her to Namibia.

At age 12, Klentrou had a promising future in artistic gymnastics. She had the strong, slight physique, but not, as she learned, the nerves of steel.

She injured her ankle, but proceeded to compete on the asymmetric bars anyway. Despite her dismount, which sent her tumbling injured to the floor, she gave valuable points to her team but missed the individual medal.

But it was the feeling of fear when performing on the balance beam that made her switch discipline. In fact, she was among the first in Greece to practice a new sort of gymnastics — one just as challenging, but with ropes, hoops and ribbons. She became one of the Greece's international rhythmic gymnasts.

Children around the world are now benefiting from Klentrou's expertise in the sport. With input from her peers, the Brock professor and chair of the Department of Physical Education and Kinesiology has developed the curriculum, technical manual and recourse CD for the International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) Coaching Academy and Age Development program. The materials teach rhythmic gymnastics coaching

in developing countries.

Klentrou's most recent trip abroad with the FIG's International Coaching Academy was to Namibia. From June 6 to 15, she helped train about 23 coaches who will establish rhythmic gymnastics programs in their home communities. In developing countries, many of the children who benefit from athletics are orphans or come from large single-parent families. Many suffer from physical ailments.

Physical activity improves a child's self esteem and wellbeing. Rhythmic gymnastics is particularly beneficial, Klentrou said.

"It can be used as an intense-intermittent or continuous activity, and it is an excellent way to develop children's fine motor co-ordination, hand/eye co-ordination and spacial awareness," she said. "It's a sport that involves and trains more than just muscles."

The program has taken Klentrou and her peers to Italy and Malaysia to test the method, which pays special attention to a child's healthy growth and development.

Klentrou has hung up her coaching hat, but her expertise remains in demand. In 2004, she acted as the results supervisor for all gymnastic disciplines at the Olympic Games in Athens.

Her research is in the area of pediatric exercise physiology with a focus on the healthy development of young athletes.



Students receive rhythmic gymnastics training in Namibia.



A little boy smiles for Alison Mahoney's camera on her recent trip to Namibia.

## 'I grew as a person': student

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provided before departure, participating in Solidarity Experiences Abroad's social justice campaign that year, and the completion of 10 hours of community work during the trip.

In Namibia, Mahoney did painting in schools, volunteered at day cares and a women's shelter and taught HIV/AIDS awareness. She also visited Swakopmund, which is a town popular with tourists, as well as a safari and whale watching.

The nursing students will work in hospital maternity wards in Peru in August, as well as assist with blood pressure and nutrition campaigns, said Larry Shuttleworth, trip co-ordinator and fourth-year English Literature student. The goal is to provide students with an interesting experience, but also one related to their career path.

About 23 students will head to Lima as the first full nursing group to go abroad, he said.

Shuttleworth has been on an international trip, and it is "a really beautiful experience," he said. He also sees it as an example of Brock's "both

sides of the brain" learning.

"As a participant, you learn that with a positive mindset and a determined focus, you can create beautiful communities and make a difference," he said. "And you learn so much about the culture of Peru, and through that get a better idea of what it means to be Canadian."

"The reality is there is a lot of pain and injustice in the world. Rather than get frustrated, we try to put people in a position where they can make a difference."

The goal of the growing program is to explore social justice, spirituality and community development. Potential trips in 2010 include Ecuador, Botswana, South Africa and Costa Rica. The program is recruiting.

Trip costs vary depending on program length, but two-week programs to South America cost \$2,750. The three-week program to Namibia costs \$3,400. That includes airfare, accommodation, meals, transportation, and insurance.

For more information, e-mail [SEA@brocku.ca](mailto:SEA@brocku.ca) or visit [www.brocku.ca/campusministries/solidarity](http://www.brocku.ca/campusministries/solidarity)

## Three questions with... Linda Klop



As textbook course material supervisor, Linda Klop stocks the shelves of the Campus Store with the books students need for learning. She has been at Brock for 23 years. A Port Robinson resident, she is married to a retired police officer and has two grown children. Each year, she organizes the University's craft and penny sale for the United Way.

### What do you like about your job?

Basically, it's dealing with the faculty and staff and administrative assistants. Brock is full of lovely people.

### What do you do for fun?

I'm a crafter. I do a lot of woodworking. I'm also a fisherman and a golfer. And if it's warm, I like taking a drive in my Miata.

### What's the last good book you read?

I'm reading the Twilight series right now. It's actually quite interesting.

"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](mailto:campusnews@brocku.ca) or by calling ext. 4420.

## Great Big Sea will launch new arts season

The Centre for the Arts is kicking off its upcoming season with a show by Great Big Sea.

The band known for hits like "Sea of No Cares" and "End of the World" will start the 40th anniversary season with a newly added show. The performance is part of the band's nationwide tour of amphitheatres and arenas.

The tour supports the Newfoundland band's ninth studio album, *Fortune's Favour*, which was released last month.

The Hot Ticket event will be Sept. 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sean O'Sullivan Theatre. Tickets are \$59 plus GST. To order, call the box office at ext. 3257.

Other scheduled Hot Ticket performances include André-Philippe Gagnon (Oct. 7), Natalie MacMaster and Donnell Leahy (Oct. 8) and Joel

Plaskett (Oct. 16). For a full listing, visit [www.arts.brocku.ca](http://www.arts.brocku.ca)



Great Big Sea will play a show at Brock in September.

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## Up, up and away

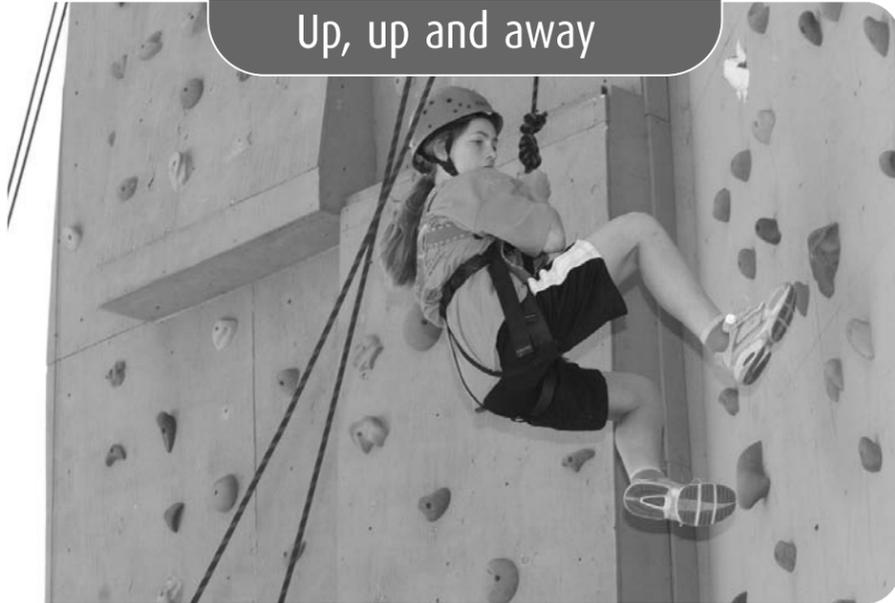


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Ashley Mawby of Keswick Public School tackled the climbing wall at Youth University recently. Youth University's school year program is an end-of-year destination for many Ontario schools in June. Youth enrichment summer camps started June 29 and run until Aug. 21. Topics include Junior Animal Grossology, CSI Youth University, Robo Tech, Cartooning Around and Game Design Pro. For more information, visit [www.youthuniversity.ca](http://www.youthuniversity.ca)

## Basketball schedule has 18 home games

Brock University men's basketball head coach Ken Murray is pleased to announce their schedule for the 2009-10 season.

The Badgers will play a school record 18 home games at the Bob Davis Gymnasium starting with the 2009 NCAA Division II Champions University of Findlay on Oct. 10 at 2 p.m.

"We have put together a very balanced schedule for the upcoming 2009-10 season," said head coach Ken Murray.

"It is important for our young team to get as much experience prior to the start of the OUA regular season which opens Nov. 6 and 7 at home when we host the Ottawa GeeGees and the defending CIS National Champion Carleton Ravens."

The Badgers have CIS non-conference games versus St FX, St. Mary's, Dalhousie, Winnipeg, Ryerson, UQAM, McGill and Brandon. Brock will also host NCAA opponents Findlay, Franklin College and Point Park College.

With one of the top recruiting classes in school history and a strong core of returning young players led by 2009 CIS Rookie of the Year Didi Mukendi, the Badgers could be one of the top young athletic teams in the country.

### 2009-10 Schedule

- Oct. 10 - University of Findlay - 2 p.m.
- Oct. 16-17 - at Laurier Tournament
- Oct. 23 - Franklin College - 7 p.m.
- Oct. 24 - St. Francis Xavier - 7 p.m.
- Oct. 26 - St. Mary's - 7 p.m.
- Oct. 31 - Ryerson - 2 p.m.
- Nov. 01 - Point Park College - 2 p.m.
- Nov. 06 - Ottawa - 8 p.m.
- Nov. 07 - Carleton - 8 p.m.
- Nov. 13 - at Laurentian - 8 p.m.
- Nov. 14 - at York - 8 p.m.
- Nov. 20 - Toronto - 8 p.m.
- Nov. 21 - Ryerson - 4 p.m.
- Nov. 27 - at RMC - 8 p.m.
- Nov. 28 - at Queen's - 8 p.m.
- Dec. 28-30 - at UQAM Tournament
- Jan. 06 - Waterloo - 8 p.m.
- Jan. 09 - at Windsor - 8 p.m.
- Jan. 13 - at McMaster - 8 p.m.
- Jan. 16 - at Western - 3 p.m.
- Jan. 20 - at Waterloo - 8 p.m.
- Jan. 23 - Windsor - 3 p.m.
- Jan. 27 - Laurier - 8 p.m.
- Jan. 30 - at Guelph - 3 p.m.
- Feb. 03 - Western - 8 p.m.
- Feb. 06 - McMaster - 3 p.m.
- Feb. 12 - Lakehead - 8 p.m.
- Feb. 13 - Lakehead - 8 p.m.
- Feb. 17 - at Laurier - 8 p.m.
- Feb. 20 - Guelph - 3 p.m.

## Mediataalk

### People in the news

**Thad Herroun**, assistant professor, Physics, appeared in the June 20 edition of the *Globe and Mail* in an article entitled "Nuclear inaction puts half-century of innovation at risk," in which he talks about the isotope shortage.

**Tim Conley**, assistant professor, English Language and Literature, was interviewed on the radio arts program "The More the Merrier" on CIUT 89.5 FM May 30 about the reading and enjoyment of poetry.

**Kelly Lockwood**, associate professor, Physical Education and Kinesiology, was cited in the June 23 *New York Times* article "Science takes to the ice." She was also interviewed on Global TV, which aired June 24, about her research on skating mechanics and the Flat Bottom V sharpening. She also co-authored an article, "Hockey off season," in the June/July issue of *Chill Magazine*.

**Gary Pickering**, professor, Wine Science, appeared in the June 19 issue of the *St. Catharines Standard* in the article "Twist caps, Tetra Paks have their merits, study finds." He also appeared in *The Economist*, on TVCogeco and in the *Globe and Mail* article "Bottle of wine taste like asparagus? You should have bought a box."

**Anthony Volk**, assistant professor, Child and Youth Studies, appeared in the June 14 *Vancouver Sun* article "New campaign promotes healthy treats to encourage kids." He is quoted discussing his involvement with a Kinder campaign to develop healthier treats for children.

**Michael Armstrong**, associate professor, Business, spoke with radio station AM 1070 CFAX in Victoria about food quality and U.S. country of origin labeling (COOL) laws on June 25.

**Scott Henderson**, associate professor, Popular Culture, was quoted in the June 27 *St. Catharines Standard* article "His music will live on" about the death of pop star Michael Jackson. Henderson said the singer's music was at times tainted by his bizarre behaviour. The story also appeared in the *Welland Tribune*.

**Dawn Zinga**, associate professor, Child and Youth Studies, was quoted in the *St. Catharines Standard* June 27 in the article "A welcome mat for new Canadians." Zinga discussed the Welcoming Communities Initiative, a project conducted by 16 Ontario universities.

**Hichem Ben-El-Mechaiekh**, professor, Mathematics, appeared in the June 26 article "Brock math camp at risk" about his search for Niagara students to participate in the Canadian Mathematical Society Brock Mathematics Camp. The story also ran in the *Welland Tribune*.

**Charles Burton**, professor, Political Science, appeared in the June 22 edition of the *Epoch Times*. In the article "Former Chinese ambassador to Canada describes efforts to influence Conservatives' stance on China," Burton discusses dialogue between Canada and China. He appeared in the same publication two days later in the article "Canadian reporter barred from luncheon with visiting Chinese official."

**Jim Bilotta**, athletic therapist, was quoted in the June 27 issue of the *St. Catharines Standard*. He answered a "Search Engine" question about muscle spasms.

## Brock students, alumni tear up The Fringe

Brock is well represented at Toronto's largest theatre festival this month.

The Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival is hosting more than 150 theatre companies from around the globe, with more than 29 venues and 800 artists. Among them are 15 Brock alumni from the Department of Dramatic Arts. They are participating in four productions, three of which are original.

Current student Jordan Imray is participating, as are graduated students Jonathan van Ekelburg, Steven James, Kyle Waterman, Ryan Brownlee, Nick Aiello, Donia Sawwan, Stephanie Lalonde, Amy Teetzel, Chris Penney, Tara Matthews, Heather Couch, Graham Shaw, Kyle Villeneuve and Roy Gokay-Wol.

*Imray* will star as Adam in *Returning to Lilit*, a play by van Ekelburg. The play portrays Adam as married to Lilit prior to Eve, only to have him remarry after Lilit leaves him. Eons later, Lilit returns to Adam, who is now an undertaker, and wants him back. Sawwan directs the play.

*Worlds End*, a play by Paul Sellar, is directed by Teetzel and stars Penney, Matthews, Couch and Shaw. *Quarter Life Calamity* is presented by Aiello and stars Waterman, Brownlee, Aiello, Villeneuve and Gokay-Wol. Alumni are also involved in *After the Crash*: a play about brain injury.

The Fringe festival runs July 1 to 12 in Toronto. For more information, visit [www.fringetoronto.com](http://www.fringetoronto.com)

## Tour guide

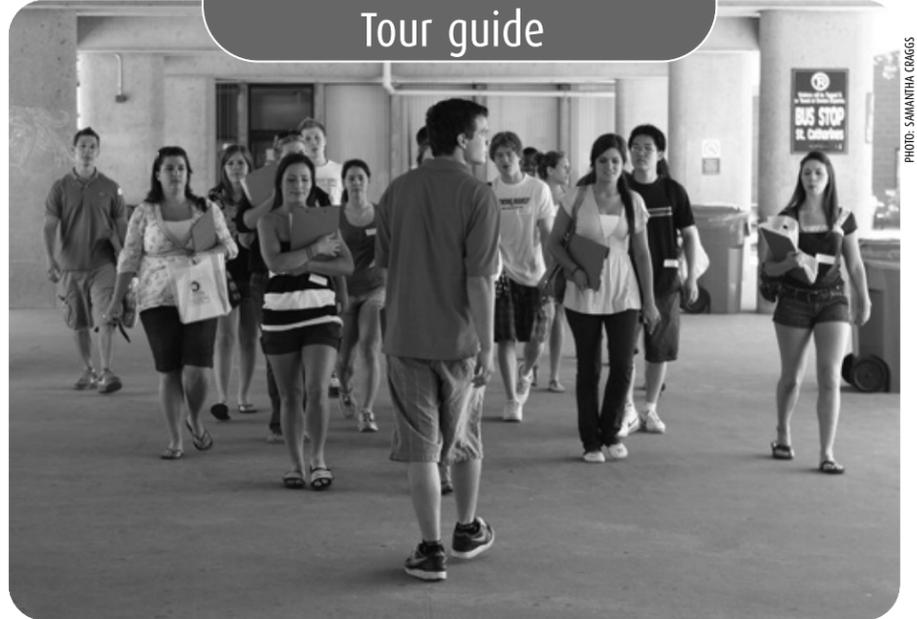


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SMART Start guides like Nick Slowinski can be seen throughout campus this month, walking backward to lead tours of students and parents. SMART (Students Making a Realistic Transition) Start gives students a preview of university life before they start at Brock in the fall. Until Aug. 7, SMART Start will introduce about 90 students a day, plus their parents and friends, to campus life.

## Faculty and Staff

### APPLIED LINGUISTICS

**Hedy McGarrell** presented "Sustainability in Prewriting Discussion: Face-to-face or CMC?" at the Computers and Writing 2009 conference at the University of California, Davis, Calif., June 18 to 21.

### CLASSICS

**Allison Glazebrook** presented the paper "Prostitution and the Law in Classical Athens" at the annual meeting in May of the Classical Association of Canada, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

### CHEMISTRY

**Paul Zelisko** presented, with Mark B. Frampton and Razvan Simionescu, "Enzyme Mediated Sol-Gel Processing of Alkoxysilanes: Synthesis and Kinetics" at the 92nd Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition in Hamilton on May 30 to June 3. He also presented "Online Quizzes as a means of Evaluating Comprehension and Allotting Study Time in Second-Year Organic Chemistry" at that same conference. He made the poster presentations "Using Green Methods in Silicon Chemistry as a Means of Preventing Cork Taint in Wine" with Ivan Bartakovik and "Enzyme Mediated Synthesis of Silsesquioxanes" with Simionescu and Frampton.

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

**Robert Alexander** presented "Staying New: Stereotype, Secrecy, and the Literariness of Literary Journalism" at the annual meeting of the American Comparative Literature Association, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. on March 27. He also presented "Every journalist . . . knows . . .": Janet Malcolm and the Journalistic Unconscious" at the Fourth International Conference for Literary Journalism Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. on May 15.

**Gregory Betts** delivered an invited guest lecture entitled "Wyndham Lewis and Canadian Modernism" at the Lion and the Fox: Wyndham Lewis Symposium at the University of Victoria on April 2. He delivered an invited public lecture for the Earls Court Historical Society in Toronto entitled "Lawren Harris, North of the City" on May 13. He also presented a paper entitled "Dialogic Phantasy in Three Adaptations by Bruce McDonald" for the Canadian Literature Symposium at the University of Ottawa on May 1 to 3. He presented a paper entitled "Into the Vortex of (a) Canadian Futurism: Wyndham Lewis's Role in Canadian Writing" at the ACCUTE portion of Congress in Ottawa on May 23 to 26. He presented a paper entitled "Perpetual War may well be our next civilization: The Transnational Agenda of the Avant-Garde" at the Language, Geography, Translation conference at the University of Uppsala, Sweden on May 10 to 13.

**Tim Conley** presented "Non Serviam Non Sequitur: Joyce's 'Sequentiality of Improbable Possibles,'" at Eire on the Erie: the North American James Joyce Conference at SUNY Buffalo. He was also part of the workshop "Working with the Making of Ulysses" at the conference.

### LIBRARY

**Linda Lowry** presented a poster entitled "Accounting students and information competence: evidence from course syllabi and professional accounting association competency maps" at the Special Libraries Association's Business and Finance Division Poster Session on June 15. The poster session was held during the annual conference of the Special Libraries Association in Washington, D.C.

### MATHEMATICS

**Chantal Buteau** delivered two papers entitled "A Systemic Integration of A Computer Algebra System in University Mathematics Education at Brock University" and (with Neil Marshall, Daniel Jarvis and Zsolt Lavicza)

"Integrating Computer Algebra Systems in Post-Secondary Mathematics Education — Preliminary Results of A Literature Review" at the Applications of Computer Algebra 2009 meeting in Montreal on June 25 to 28.

**Eric Muller** (Emeritus) was a plenary speaker at the Bridging from Mathematics to Mathematics Education pre-CMESG (Canadian Mathematics Education Study Group) conference day at York University on June 5. His presentation addressed the question "What can mathematicians contribute to the mathematics education community?"

**Thomas Wolf** attended the international conference ACA 2009 (Applications of Computer Algebra) in Montreal on June 25 to 28. He gave two talks: "Applications of the package CRACK to simplify large systems" and "A hybrid discrete-polynomial dynamical system modeling board positions in the game of go."

### NURSING

**Dawn Prentice** and **Linda Ritchie** presented the paper entitled "What works and what doesn't? Nurses perceptions of best practice guideline implementation" at the Canadian Gerontological Nurses' Association 15th Annual Conference Making Moments Matter in Banff, May 27 to 30.

**Linda Ritchie** represented former colleagues from the Comox Valley Health Centre, Courtenay, B.C. June 19 in Kingston at a UNESCO Conference where the Centre was acknowledged as a "Gift for a Culture of Peace."

### PHILOSOPHY

**Christine Daigle** presented the paper "Beauvoir's Politics of Ambiguity" at the annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association on May 29 at Carleton University.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Livianna Tossutti** presented "Canadian cities and international migration: comparing local responses to diversity" at the 81st annual general meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association in Ottawa on May 27 to 29.

### POPULAR CULTURE

Two representatives from the Interdisciplinary MA in Popular Culture attended the annual International Association for the Study of Popular Music — Canada conference "Going Coastal: Peripheries and Centres in Popular Music" at Dalhousie University in June. Professor **Scott Henderson** presented a paper entitled "I Don't Want to Be Friends With You': Rethinking Subculture in the Digital Age." Candidate **Marlie Centawer** presented "All Things Change: Billy Corgan and TheFutureEmbrace (2005)." Centawer was interviewed by music blogger Ryan McNutt, which attracted the maintainers of the Smashing Pumpkins official website, who conducted a follow-up interview at [www.smashingpumpkins.com/pages/articles/billy-goes-to-college-sort](http://www.smashingpumpkins.com/pages/articles/billy-goes-to-college-sort)

**Bohdan Nebesio** presented a paper entitled "Incompetent Propaganda: Word and Image in the Silent Films of Alexander Dovzhenko," at the Canadian Association of Slavists Annual Meeting, 78th Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Carleton University in Ottawa on May 23 to 25.

**Bohdan Nebesio** has also been appointed to the editorial board of *Studies in Eastern European Cinema*, a new film journal published by Intellect in Great Britain.

### RESEARCH

**Liette Vasseur**, vice-president, Research, co-chaired the panel discussions "Life after graduation: the various paths for botanists" and "Defining critical habitats under SARA" at the Canadian Botanical Association annual meeting at Acadia University, Wolfville, N.C. in May. She also presented "Germination

variation between exotic and native species in various conditions" at the meeting.

## Publications

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## Events

### Brock International

The We Welcome the World reception, summer 2009, will formally recognize this term's newest visiting international professors, scholars and university mentorship participants. Participants are from China, Egypt, France, South Korea, Spain, Tunisia and United Arab Emirates. The event will be July 9 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Pont Inlet. RSVP to Liv Park at [lpark@brocku.ca](mailto:lpark@brocku.ca)

### Community Connections

Community Connections invites you to join their dragonboat team. On Saturday, July 25, get your game faces on as we race from Henley Island located in Port Dalhousie. There are many different teams with all skill levels so don't be afraid to come out and participate. Proceeds from the event support Wellspring Niagara and the St. Catharines Museum. The idea is to have fun, and show the positive impact that Brock can make on the Niagara community through supporting two great causes. If interested contact Jessica Christopher at [jc06cn@brocku.ca](mailto:jc06cn@brocku.ca) for more details.

## Classifieds

**For sale:** Singer sewing machine (used for upholstery), model 211g 156 and various

threads and extras; asking \$500. Call 905-935-3175

**For sale:** Yamaha G3J, purchased in 1983. Size: six feet with an ebony finish. Professionally maintained. Purchased new and only used by owner. Asking \$11,500. Serious inquiries only please. Contact Graham at 905-687-1925, ext. 21, or evenings and weekends, 905-892-0155, or [info@grassroots.ca](mailto:info@grassroots.ca)



## Wellness Conference was a hit

Thanks to the 650 Brock faculty and staff who invested their time and energy to participate and grow at Brand New You.

It was a day of fun, challenges, learning and laughter. The "hum" of happy voices was truly energizing. Keep up the momentum by accessing many of the great opportunities that Brock has on offer to continually nurture both sides of your brain.

The day was truly enriched by record (40+) participation of faculty, staff and administrators as presenters and (performers) to whom we owe great thanks. Responding to the call to share their passion, they helped make the 10th anniversary of Brock's Employee Wellness Conference a resounding success. Without their generosity, talent and commitment, such a diversity and opportunity of workshops and entertainment would not have been possible.

The Employee Wellness Conference is made possible because of the contribution of so many people. Many thanks to all who worked so hard in the background to ensure a successful and positive experience for their colleagues and co-workers. Among them were University Marketing and Communications, Research Support and Web Services, Printing Services, Custodial Services, Recreation Services, Telecommunications and Network Services, Community and Conference Services, Food Services, Centre for the Arts, Facilities Management, Parking Services and Human Resources and Environment, Health and Safety.

Finally, thank you to all who participated in (and donated to) the Charity Penny Sale, making it the biggest one ever. We really will "share our wealth", with \$2,319 raised to be donated to Community Care, the Humane Society, Women's Place and the Niagara Native Centre. The inaugural Book Sale raised \$343 for Literacy Niagara and a Gift of Reading.

Brock Cares volunteers also made a significant difference at the Niagara Falls St. John's Ambulance.

Congratulations to all Penny Sale winners (check your number at [www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference](http://www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference)) plus Jackie Bering of HR/EHS, winner of this year's Greenshield Bike draw!

Relive the excitement and fun of the day by viewing the photos at [www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference](http://www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference) and remember, we're building a Bold New Brock with each Brand New You!