

# BrockNews

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

## Student's tenacity results in \$16,500 scholarship

Brock student Colleen Sword has achieved a North American level of recognition and more than \$16,000 in scholarship money – all because she took the time to fill out a form.

The Welland resident recently received the Soroptimist International (SI) of the Americas Women's Opportunity Award.

She applied for the local SI award through the Stoney Creek-Niagara club, and ended up being awarded \$1,000. Her name was then submitted to the Eastern Canada Region, where she won and was awarded \$5,500. Finally, as one of 28 first-place recipients representing all the clubs in Soroptimist International of the Americas, Sword again came out on top, earning an additional \$10,000, for a total of \$16,500 for her education.

"You don't know how much this means to me. I could never say thank you enough," an emotional Sword told local and regional SI representatives during a recent presentation at Brock. "This will most certainly help me to keep going."

Each year, Soroptimist clubs assist women in overcoming personal difficulties and bettering their lives through education and skills training. Eligible applicants must be women who provide the primary financial support for their families, and who are enrolled in or have been accepted to a vocational/skills training program or an undergraduate degree program.

Sword fits the bill on every level; a single mother of four, Sword deals with several challenges in her home life. Not only does she deal with her own epilepsy, her children also have serious health challenges: three of her four children have seizures, with one actually being diagnosed with epilepsy. Two of her children have autism, and one has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. She is currently studying in the four-year combined Honours Psychology and Behavioural Science Technology Program, with hopes of graduating in 2010. Sword also has ambitious plans to attend teacher's college in the fall of 2010, while continuing her studies in the Applied Disabilities Studies master's program.



Margaret MacRae, representing Soroptimist International, offers an SI pin to Colleen Sword.



## Arts funding

The Centre for the Arts will be able to present its Professional Entertainment Series for 2008-09, thanks in part to a recent investment by the Government of Canada. St. Catharines MP Rick Dykstra, right, visited the Centre for the Arts July 9 to present \$60,000 in funding from the Arts Presentation Canada program. Joining him for the announcement were, from left, Steven Pillar, Vice-President, Finance and Administration; Rosemary Hale, Dean of Humanities, and Debbie Slade, Director of the Centre for the Arts.

## Accessibility changes visible around campus

Of all the books, binders and documents lining her shelves, Margaret Sanderson looks to one particular blue binder when addressing accessibility issues at Brock.

As the University Accessibilities Co-ordinator, Sanderson works diligently alongside staff, faculty, alumni, students and community agencies to break down physical barriers on campus.

More specifically, she works with the Brock Barrier Free Working Group, chaired by Geography Professor Jeff Boggs and mature student Marie Belliveau, and Facilities Management to implement changes that have been identified and tallied in that blue binder.

"They really are a great group who deserve some recognition for all their hard work," Sanderson noted.

The thick volume contains the findings of an extensive Accessibility Audit, completed in 2007. The working group and Facilities Management work to prioritize what work should be done, as well as what work can be done within the allotted funding.

"Door operators was one of the first things we said we wanted changed this year," she noted.

"The key door was the (Schmon) Tower entrance. It's just old and temperamental, and it's a key place."

Replacing or installing 12 automatic door openers was completed this spring in several places on campus, including the

Walker Complex, Mackenzie Chown A block and Taro Hall, to the tune of \$40,000.

A total of \$200,000 was allocated from the Facilities Renewal Program for accessibility upgrades for 2007-08, while the same amount will be available for 2008-09 projects.

According to Scott Walker, Manager, Campus Planning Design and Construction, Facilities Management, this year's funding also includes \$50,000 for renovations to various campus washrooms; \$100,000 for handrails in the Thistle lecture halls and the David. S. Howes Theatre; and \$10,000 for a washroom redesign study for a Thistle corridor washroom.

The working group, which meets usually once a month, is currently prioritizing the project list for next year's funds.

Walker and Tom St. Ivany, also from Facilities Management, work with Sanderson to vet the wish list of the working group, which includes representatives from the Student Development Centre – Services for Students with disABILITIES, the community group Niagara Centre for Independent Living, and the St. Catharines Accessibility Advisory Committee.

"I consider this a crucial part of my service work at Brock," noted Boggs. "Everybody that we interact with, whether it's Facilities Management, the Library, or any other unit or group within the University, has been by

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## New ITS director joins staff

Dr. Philip Wright joined the Brock community last month as the new Executive Director, Information Technology Services.

Wright, who reports jointly to the Vice-President, Academic and Provost Terry Boak and the Vice-President, Finance and Administration Steven Pillar, comes to Brock from the University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus, where he was Director, Information and Instructional Technology Services.

He was responsible for planning and providing technology solutions and services, including multimedia and application development, client services and desktop support, research computing, systems development and instructional technology support.

Wright enjoys creating client-centred teams and services aimed at improving institutional core missions, streamlining and increasing communications, simplifying administration, and increasing opportunities for new initiatives.

He brings 20 years' experience in industry and higher education; he replaces Dr. Jim Kerr who has been serving as Interim, Executive Director, ITS for the University since February 2007.

"I'm very pleased and proud to be a member of the Brock

community. I'm looking forward to working with staff, faculty, and students to develop a sustainable vision for strong and reliable IT services at the university."



Dr. Philip Wright

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## Sainty takes post of Interim Dean, Faculty of Business

The Faculty of Business has named Barbara Sainty Interim Dean, effective July 1. Sainty succeeds Martin Kusy, who has served as Dean of the Faculty since 1998.

"We are extremely gratified with the selection of Barbara Sainty, a gifted educator and highly respected teacher and administrator," said Kusy. "Her diverse experiences over a 13-year career in post-secondary education, including five years in administrative roles as Chair of the Accounting Department and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs, will certainly serve the Faculty well."

Sainty received her PhD and Master of Arts (Accounting) from Ohio State University. Prior to that, she graduated from the University of Regina with a degree in Administration. Her research includes corporate governance and corporate social responsibility and professional judgment.

## Brock Briefs

### MEd Thesis Defence

Sandra Styres, Master of Education student, will present her thesis defence on Monday, July 21 at 10 a.m. in WH 147 (Welch Hall). The title of the thesis is "Language Shifting Among the Hudenosaunee of Southern Ontario: Edwaenagé: tsgó - Shogwaya>díhs> oh nidwawenó:de: shogwaá:wi: tsáhohwejáda:t." External examiner: Pamela Toulouse, Laurentian University; thesis supervisor: Michael Manley-Casimir; committee members: Merle Richards and Lorenzo Cherubini; chair of the examining committee: TBA. All are welcome to attend.

### Brock student one of Top 20 Marias

Samantha Walkes has spent part of her break from school touring London in the company of Andrew Lloyd Webber. The 19-year-old Brock English and drama student from Hamilton was one of 20 candidates who got to sing in England as part of the CBC-TV program *How Do You Solve A Problem like Maria?* While she wasn't one of the 10 chosen by Webber to continue in the quest to play Maria von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* at The Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto, her last appearance ended with Webber telling her "you are quite seriously, wonderfully talented." The show was originally taped in April at the London Palladium.

The eventual winner of the program airing this summer will star in the Toronto production, opening this fall.

### Winemaker earns gold - seven times over

Winemaker and Brock graduate Gina Haverstock took home an impressive seven gold medals this season, five at the All-Canadian wine championships and another pair at the Tasters Guild International competition. The Port Hawkesbury native works at the Gaspereau Vineyards in Nova Scotia.

Judging for the All-Canadian championships was done in Windsor. This year, 152 wineries across the country submitted more than 1,000 wines for consideration.

### United Way campaign needs volunteers

The Brock University Employee United Way Campaign Committee is now planning for this year's campaign. We are looking for caring and dedicated people who can contribute some of their time to help. Any and all help would be welcome and appreciated. If you would like to join Brock's United Way team and help with the campaign, contact Kevin Lawr at ext. 3511 or e-mail [unitedway@brocku.ca](mailto:unitedway@brocku.ca)

## Wellness Conference



A bit of drizzling rain didn't dampen the spirits of attendees for the 2008 Wellness Conference as they took in such outdoor sessions as Bass Fishing (above), and Get to the Point... into the Target!, a pointed lesson in archery.

## Wellness Conference attracts record attendance

Without a doubt, YOU ʀROCK! Attendance at Brock's ninth annual Employee Wellness Conference on June 19 reached record numbers. In addition, money raised from the Penny Sale totalled an impressive \$1,505, which will be shared equally among Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold, Conservation Council of Ontario and Hospice Niagara. Thanks to all of you for your participation and generous support. Congratulations to Greenshield Bike draw winner, John Rynberk, from Facilities Management. Nadia Shaver and Dorothy Krynicki won Earth Ball Consolation prizes.

While attendance and participation at this event were key to its success, many individuals, units and departments worked together to provide a positive and energy-filled day of well-being for all Brock employees. Special thanks go out to Custodial Services, Research Support and Web Services, Centre for the Arts, Tele-Communication and Network Services, Recreation Services, Printing Services, Community and Conference Services, Food Services, Parking Services, Facilities Management and the Health and Well-being Committee.

We hope you will be able to incorporate many of the skills,

techniques and knowledge acquired at YOU ʀROCK into your life at home and work to optimize your health and well-being. Of course, this year's "green" theme also stressed the need to focus on the health of something we all share - the Earth. Now we need to carry forward all that we learned about conservation and commit to doing everything we can to meet the environmental challenges ahead.

Several great suggestions about conserving at Brock were received, including prizewinners (I Conserve T-shirts): developing an animal husbandry credit program in association with raising sheep, goats and cows to "mow" the lawn (by Linda Buys of the Registrar's Office) and harnessing the energy from spin classes at the Zone (by Cathy Angelone of the University Secretariat). Thanks to all who contributed their ideas. They will be saved and reviewed by an Environment and Sustainability Committee to be struck in the next few months.

View photos that capture the excitement and fun of the day plus thought-provoking Greener Brock suggestions at

[www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference](http://www.brocku.ca/wellnessconference)

- Conference organizers



More than 20 staff spent their Wellness Conference time volunteering as part of Brock Cares Day of Service, by doing general yard work outside and brightening up the children's bereavement room with a fresh coat of paint at Hospice Niagara's Stabler Centre.

## Library entrance shifts during next phase of Learning Commons construction

The construction of the Learning Commons within the James A. Gibson Library has moved into the next phase, which involves the existing Library entrance/exit and the Circulation Desk. To help ensure the timely completion of the project, the following measures are in effect for the duration of construction:

- The check out of books, borrower registration, holds pickup, interlibrary loan pickup and drop off, payment of fees and fines, and change will be provided at the desk located inside Room 211, near the elevators
- Two photocopiers and a cash card manager machine that dispenses copy/print cards will be available for use on the main floor
- The existing east entrance and exit will be completely closed
- All persons will enter and exit the Library through the door located by the elevators
- All library material leaving the Library will be verified by a staff member to ensure that it is properly charged out
- All bags will be checked upon exit. While we understand that this may cause some inconvenience, the check is intended to ensure that all library material leaving the Library is properly signed out. It is important to understand that if you come into the Library with a bag, you are consenting to the bag check on your departure. If you do not wish to have your bag checked, please do not bring it into the Library.

Thank you for bearing with us. Your patience and co-operation are appreciated.

- Library Staff

## Aquatics Manager says thanks for the memories

To the Brock University community, As I prepare to retire from Brock University as Aquatics Manager and former swimming coach, I would like to thank you all the faculty and staff I have had a chance to collaborate with on various University issues of business over the past 28 years.

Although it's time to go, I appreciate all the help and advice from all sectors and the talented people at the University.

I should add, I probably won't be too far away and with a lifetime membership to the Walker Complex, I'll be sure to see many of you there.

Thanks for a great 28 years and believe me, Brock University has been a great institution for my family and me in every way, especially the people who make it so.

Best regards,  
Herb de Bray

## Cancer ride team raised more than \$15,000 in successful bike event

Team Brock University members each successfully completed the 211-kilometre ride from Toronto to Niagara Falls in the inaugural Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting Princess Margaret Hospital on June 21 and 22. Together we raised more than \$15,000 toward curing cancer in our lifetime and the Ride raised more than \$14 million! Thanks to all in the Brock community who supported us and followed our progress.

- Ian, Elna, Lynne, Judy and Gillian

## Summer issues of Brock News will be published:

- July 30
- August 13
- August 27

Deadline: Friday after publication for the next issue.



PHOTO: CAROLYN MILLIN

Marie Belliveau, left, and Jeff Boggs, centre, are the co-chairs of Brock's Barrier Free Working Group. Along with Margaret Sanderson, Accessibility Co-ordinator, they were eager to test the new automatic door openers at the main entrance of the Schmon Tower.

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and large quite gracious and respectful of our concerns. We are fortunate enough to be building on the work started by others who were and still are active in the Brock community, such as Judith Brooder."

Each project brings Brock one step closer to the provincial mandate of complete accessibility, according to the Accessibility for Ontarians with

Disabilities Act. The government has set a target date of Jan. 1, 2025 for businesses and institutions to comply with the legislation.

"Everyone is moving towards it, they are just approaching it in different ways," Sanderson noted.

"The smart ones are doing the work a little at a time, so it doesn't cost so much all at once."

## Changing the face of Food Services, one meeting at a time

Chris Roberts has taken on what may seem like a tough mission to some: the new Director of Food Services with Sodexo wants to change the overall perception associated with the University's food service provider.

Roberts has already met with a few Brock groups in the months since his arrival on campus, but he says he will meet with every group, one meeting at a time, if necessary.

"I would like to offer every department the opportunity to forward me an e-mail with a few availability dates for a meeting in their department. I will arrange my schedule to be there and we can discuss a list of their concerns," he noted recently after a meeting with staff from Student Development.

Roberts noted that meeting offered a chance for staff to air their issues with food service. He addressed each concern, noting any changes that could be made, but also explaining the reasoning and history

behind things which could not be changed at this time.

"At the end of the meeting, I believe they were genuinely happy that they knew their concerns could be voiced and heard with someone

from Food Services in a face-to-face meeting. It helped them understand why certain things were done the way they were and the past history behind certain decisions. I was thrilled about the meeting and took away a number of ideas from their comments."

The success of the meeting put Roberts on his current path of reaching out to others. He suggested someone from each department pass around a sheet to allow people to list comments on it before meeting him in person.

"It's a tall order, but one that I am very excited about doing. I really want to change the face of Food Services one meeting at a time."

To contact Roberts, call ext. 3747 or send an e-mail to [Chris.Roberts@sodexo.com](mailto:Chris.Roberts@sodexo.com)



Chris Roberts



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Visiting students dissect owl pellets in Youth University's Natural Science Program.

## Mediatalk People in the news

**Ellen Faulkner**, Assistant Professor, Sociology, was interviewed for a June 10 article in the *Ottawa Citizen* entitled "Ottawa's high rate of hate crime reflects strong police efforts," in which she explained the role of proactive policing measures in ensuring increased hate crime reporting. Faulkner was interviewed for a June 10 article in the *Kingston Whig Standard* entitled "Hate crime stats misleading: police," in which she explained why gay and lesbian victims of violence seldom report hate crimes to police. She was also interviewed by CBC Radio Regina, Sask. for a segment of *Blue Sky*, regarding the findings in the Statistics Canada Report, "Hate Crime in Canada."

**Kate Cassidy**, Director of Youth University, was interviewed June 27 on the morning show of 105.1 The River regarding Youth University's summer enrichment programs.

**Deborah O'Leary**, Director, and **Carma Lynne Wylie**, Manager, Brock University Heart Institute, were interviewed for a June 16 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock Institute is all heart," in which they discussed the new facility.

**Joe Kenny**, Manager, Don Lorimer Athletic Therapy Clinic, was interviewed for a June 17 article in *Metro* entitled "Start running for your life," in which he talked about the health benefits of running.

**Isabelle Lesschaeve**, Associate Professor, Cool Climate Oenology and Viticulture Institute, was interviewed for a June 20 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Riesling's long-awaited return to greatness becoming reality." Lesschaeve was also interviewed for a June 10 article by the Canadian Press entitled "A change is brewing, stats show," in which she discussed the move of Canadians away from beer and towards wine consumption.

**Jack Lightstone**, President, was interviewed for a June 21 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "City, Brock to work together on arts complex," in which he outlined the significance of the newly signed Memorandum of Understanding between the University and the City of St. Catharines.

**Iain Glass**, Conference Services, was interviewed for a June 24 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Brock University going green with new farmers' market." **Kristen Smith**, Community Services Co-ordinator, was interviewed on the same topic in the July 2 edition of *Niagara This Week* for an article entitled "Brock farmers market growing."

**Cathy Van Ingen**, Assistant Professor, was interviewed for a June 19 article in the *Toronto Star* entitled "Club helps transform lives by teaching women to box," in which she described the success of the Toronto NewsGirls Boxing Club.

**John Hay**, Professor, Community Health Sciences, was interviewed for a June 19 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Obese? Check activity meter," in which he discussed a Statistics Canada report linking increased television viewing with obesity. The article also appeared in the *Niagara Falls Review*.

**Joe Engemann**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, was interviewed for a June 12 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Test results show gender gap," in which he discussed the impact of standardized testing at the elementary school level. The story also appeared in the *Welland Tribune* and the *Niagara Falls Review*.

**John Dick**, Grounds Team Manager, Facilities Management, was interviewed for a June 26 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Green thumbs tackle historical garden," in which he talked about the upgrades to the Walker Botanical Garden near Rodman Hall.

**Ron McTavish**, former Dean, Faculty of Business, was interviewed for a June 28 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Book aimed at helping business conquer world," in which he talked about his contributions to the business book *Global Marketing*.

**Larry Savage**, Assistant Professor, Labour Studies and Political Science, appeared as a guest pundit on the CTS program *On the Line with Christine Williams* on July 3.

**Lynn McCleary**, Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, was interviewed for a July 3 article in the *St. Catharines Standard* entitled "Staff crunch blamed for nursing home woes," in which she discussed the resource challenges of Niagara nursing homes.

## Youth University welcomed more than 3,500 students this spring

The course of a person's educational future begins at a young age. Family income level, educational attainment of parents, neighbourhood location, educational ambitions of parents for their children, and the educational goals of a child's peers are some of the factors shown to effect the aspirations of Canadian youth for higher education.

Youth University is a unique centre at Brock dedicated to helping young people meet their greatest potential and establish a path of lifelong learning through helping each child identify unique abilities, develop social skills, and become curious about the world.

During the past six weeks, 3,556 young people in grades 5 to 8 stayed at Brock as part of Youth University's spring programs. For most of these young visitors, it was their first glimpse into the world of post-secondary education. They took part in science, natural science or leadership programs and had the experience of living in University residence, learning in classes

and labs, and eating in the dining hall. Many enjoyed Brock's Olympic-sized pool and tried our ropes course as well. More than 40 Brock students from all Faculties acted as instructors and mentors for these youth, leading them through learning adventures in small groups of 10 to 15.

When asked if they had fun at Youth University, more than half of the young visitors gave Youth University a five out of five rating! Research conducted in 2007 found having fun at Youth University was positively correlated with students who planned to attend university in the future and thought that they would enjoy university.

This valuable and exciting program would not have been possible without the support and assistance of the Brock community.

The organizers noted many individuals, Faculties, and departments were part of making a positive and memorable experience for the young visitors.

## Faculty and Staff

### APPLIED LINGUISTICS

**Veena D. Dwivedi** presented the talk "The neurophysiology of scope ambiguity" in collaboration with N. A. Phillips, S. Einagel and S. Baumat, at the Canadian Linguistic Association, which held its 2008 conference as part of the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. on May 31. Dwivedi also presented the paper "Logical semantics in language processing: An ERP study" with colleagues John Drury and Karsten Steinhauer of McGill University at the 15th Annual Cognitive Neuroscience Meeting in San Francisco, Calif., on April 15.

**Hedy McGarrell** presented a paper entitled "Small-group interaction in two types of environments" at the Canadian Association of Applied Linguistics Conference during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Vancouver, B.C., June 3 to 7.

### BUSINESS

**Don Cyr**, with **M. Kusy** and **A. Shaw**, presented the paper "The Potential Use of Weather Derivatives to Hedge Harvest Rainfall Risk: An Application" at Wine in the World: Markets, Tourism and Globalisation, the Third International Conference on Economics, Management Sciences and History of Wine, in Bordeaux, France, June 5 to 7.

### CHEMISTRY

**Georgii Nikonov** made the presentation "Diversity of Interligand Si-H Interactions in Half-Sandwich Complexes of Group 8 Metals" at the University of Tsukuba, Japan, on May 29, and at the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan, on May 30.

### CLASSICS

**Katharine T. von Stackelberg** presented a paper titled "Garden Hybrids: Hermaphrodite Space in the Roman House" at Feminism and the Classics V, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., on May 10.

### EARTH SCIENCES

**Dan McCarthy** recently presented two workshops, "Identification of lichens in the mixed hardwood forest," and "Use of arboreal lichens to monitor air quality, at the Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystem Monitoring Protocols Workshop, hosted by the Ecological Monitoring and Assessment Network Co-ordinating Office (EMAN CO), Ontario Ministry of Environment, Parks Canada, and Bird Studies Canada.

### ECONOMICS

Four members of the Department of Economics presented papers at the annual meeting of the Canadian Economics Association, held June 6 to 8 at the University of British Columbia in conjunction with the Humanities and Social Sciences Congress: **Marilyn Cottrell** presented "A Complementary Technique for Reinforcing Basic Microeconomic Principles by Utilizing Animated Vignettes;" **Robert Dimand** organized seven sessions (a "Keynes at 125" mini-conference marking the 125th anniversary of the birth of John Maynard Keynes) and presented "The Roots of the Present are in the Past: The Relation of Postwar Developments in Macroeconomics to Interwar Business Cycle and Monetary Theory;" **Hasan Imam** presented "Implications of Tax Expenditures on the Progressiveness of the Canadian Tax Structure;" and **Felice Martinello** presented "The Effects of University Characteristics and Academic Regulations on Degree Completion and Time to Degree." **Dimand** also co-authored two papers at the HOPE 2008 conference at Duke University, April 25 to 27: "Trevor Swan and the Neoclassical Growth Model" (National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper 13950) with Barbara J. Spencer of UBC; and "James Tobin and Growth Theory: Financial Factors and Long Run Growth" with Steven Durlauf of the University of Wisconsin.

### GEOGRAPHY

**Alun Hughes** presented a paper entitled "Mapping the Great Swivel Link" at the Joint Annual Meeting of the Canadian Cartographic Association and Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives at the University of British Columbia. He delivered two keynote addresses: "Laura Secord: Seeking the Truth Beneath the Chocolate Coating" at the Annual Meeting of Heritage Niagara, and "The Origin and Naming of St. Catharines" at the 120th Anniversary Celebration of St. Catharines Public Library. In addition, he presented the following papers: "Terrorist Attacks on the Welland Canal," at the Brock Wellness Conference, "How Onguiaahra became Niagara (and the Mountain became an Escarpment)," at the Thorold and Beaverdams Historical Society, and "Lord Simcoe, Lady Godiva and the Naming of Niagara's Townships" at the Historical Society of St. Catharines.

Honours student **Emily Watt** placed first in the 2008 Canadian Cartographic Association's President's Prize competition for

student map-making. Her map, entitled "The European Union in the Golden Years," was produced as part of GEOG 4P03, Advanced Cartography. Emily is continuing her studies in geography as a master's student at the University of Toronto.

### HISTORY

**R. Andrew McDonald** presented a paper on "The Isle of Man under its late Norse kings as a maritime society" at an international conference on Maritime Societies of the Viking and Medieval World at Kirkwall, Orkney, Scotland, on June 3.

### MATHEMATICS

**Chantal Buteau** delivered the paper "Encourager la créativité mathématique et l'indépendance intellectuelle des étudiants universitaires par l'utilisation de la technologie: une implémentation à Brock University" in the Mathematics Education session at the Second Canada-France Congress at Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), in Montreal, June 1 to 5.

**Thomas Wolf** gave the talk "Hyperdeterminants as integrable 3D difference equations" at the SIDE 8 International Conference (Symmetries and Integrability of Difference Equations) in Ste-Adèle, Québec, June 26.

### MODERN LANGUAGES, LITERATURES AND CULTURES

**Felipe Ruan** presented a paper entitled "Giovanni Della Casa's *Galateo* refashioned into *Galateo español*" at the joint Convention of the American Association of Italian Studies and the American Association of Teachers of Italian, in Giardini Naxos, Italy, May 22 to 25.

### MUSIC

**Harris Loewen's** composition *Peaceful Niagara*, a setting of the poem *Niagara in 1882* by John Macdonald, received its premiere performance June 14 in St. Catharines. The work was commissioned and performed by the Niagara Men's Chorus in celebration of its 20th anniversary. The occasion was an NMC-hosted joint concert entitled "Ontario Sings," involving five ensembles from, and sponsored by, the Associated Male Chorus of Ontario.

### NURSING

**Lynn McCleary** presented as part of two panels on evaluation of nursing best practice guideline implementation at the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) Best Practice Guidelines Summer Institute: Leading and Shaping Clinical Excellence, in Alliston, Ont., June 11 to 13.

### POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Matthew Hennigar** presented two papers to the Canadian Political Science Association at the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences in Vancouver, June 4-6. The first was entitled "Judicial Activism or Compliance? Federal Government Concessions in Charter of Rights Cases," and the second, with Lori Hausegger and Troy Riddell, "Exploring the Links Between Party and Appointment: Canadian Federal Judicial Appointments from 1989 to 2003."

**Leah Bradshaw** presented the paper "Empire, Polis, Republic" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association, Humanities and Social Sciences Congress, Vancouver, B.C., June 4.

### PRE-SERVICE, FACULTY OF EDUCATION

**Lorenzo Cherubini** and **Julian Kitchen** presented the paper, "New teachers' leadership capacity in the context of a teacher induction project" at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Society for the Study of Education, in Vancouver, B. C. in May.

### RECREATION AND LEISURE STUDIES

**Erin Sharpe**, **Trent Newmeyer**, and **Martha Barnes** presented "CD on the down-low: Institutionalizing community development in public recreation," at the 12th Canadian Congress on Leisure Research, in Montreal, May 13 to 16.

### SOCIOLOGY

**Mary-Beth Raddon** organized a session, "Focus Groups: Methodological and Epistemological Issues," at which she also presented the paper "Sleuthing the Layered Text: A Learning Object on Qualitative Coding" at the Canadian Sociological Association conference at the University of British Columbia on June 6.

**Michael Palamarek** organized a panel entitled "Critical Theory, Materialism, and Commodity Aesthetics," where he presented his paper "Working with Adorno," at the first North American Historical Materialism conference, held at York University, Toronto, April 24 to 26.

### VISUAL ARTS

**Duncan MacDonald** recently installed a new site-specific artwork at the Grimsby Public Art Gallery entitled "White picket sound fence." The work, running until Aug. 14, is a sonic graph charting annual rainfall levels in the Grimsby area

from 1930 to the present. An art catalogue will also be published in conjunction with this exhibition. MacDonald is currently exhibiting a video artwork at Gairloch Gardens (Oakville Galleries) in a group exhibition entitled "Mnemonic Devices." The show, curated by Matthew Hyland, runs until Aug. 31. See [www.oakvillegalleries.com](http://www.oakvillegalleries.com)

## Publications

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## Library transforms Social Sciences, Humanities research with digital files

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With the Library's new digital collections, Brock researchers will have online access to a wealth of scholarly materials, ranging from books, letters and historical documents to music scores, maps, artworks and visual materials.

These latest acquisitions are the result of Brock's membership in the Canadian Research Knowledge Network (CRKN), a partnership of Canadian universities, dedicated to expanding digital content for the academic research enterprise in Canada.

In 2008, a joint \$47-million investment by the Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI), eight provinces, and 67 universities, allowed CRKN to negotiate major research collections, including:

- Adam Matthew Digital Collections (China: Trade, Politics and Culture, 1793-1980; Defining Gender, 1450-1910 Online; Eighteenth Century Journals I; Eighteenth Century Journals II; Empire Online; Mass Observation Online; Medieval Travel Writing; and Slavery Abolition and Social Justice, 1490-2007)

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disciplines

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- Canadian Publishers Collection – 8,100 English and French e-book titles from 44 Canadian publishers (including major Canadian university presses)
- New JSTOR Collections – Arts and Sciences IV and V
- Periodicals Archive Online – access to 19th and 20th-century scholarly journals
- ALPSP Learned Journals Collection – 696 journal titles by 52 publishers
- Oxford University Press e-books
- Cambridge University Press e-books
- Taylor and Francis e-books

"The sheer volume of digital materials and the interdisciplinary nature of the collections translate into exciting new opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and student engagement with scholarly resources," noted Margaret Grove, University Librarian.

Many of these resources are available now through the Library's website at [www.library.brocku.ca/dbinfo/crkn.php](http://www.library.brocku.ca/dbinfo/crkn.php) and access to all collections will be available by the fall.

For more information, contact Pamela Jacobs, Associate University Librarian for Collections, at ext. 3961, or e-mail [pjacobs@brocku.ca](mailto:pjacobs@brocku.ca)

## Try a Tri



Eighteen athletes participated in the recent second annual Try a Tri event at Brock. The triathlon was won by Ian Young in a time of 33:51. Next year's swim, bike and run event will be held in conjunction with the Wellness Conference. Start training now!



Margo Carter, left, Human Resources, purchases strawberries from Sarah and Kim Duffin of Duffin's Appleworks during a recent Friday Farmers' Market in Jubilee Court. The market continues every Friday throughout the summer.

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Present to the scholarship announcement are, from left, Marilyn Rose, Dean, Graduate Studies; David C. Murray, donor; Elizabeth Surtees, donor; Rosemary Hale, Dean, Humanities; and David Schimmelpenninck, Chair, Department of History.

## Niagara history focus of scholarship

Shedding some light on Niagara history could earn a Brock graduate student a financial reward, thanks to a new award established by David C. Murray and Elizabeth Surtees of Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The duo recently made a significant donation to Brock to establish a graduate award for students studying the history of Niagara. Entitled the David C. Murray and Elizabeth Surtees Niagara Historical Society Post-Graduate Scholarship in the History of Niagara, a donation of \$56,000 was made to establish the award. The

Ontario government's Ontario Graduate Fellowship Program will match their funds with \$56,000, bringing the total value of the graduate student award to \$112,000.

The students who receive this award should be in a graduate history program at Brock and carrying out their major research paper on a Niagara local history subject, focusing on such topics as the political, economic, social, industrial, agricultural, maritime, or related history of the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake or former township of Niagara.

## Grant's 37-year teaching career at Brock wasn't intentional – at first

After 37 years of service to Brock University, Brian Grant retired at the end of June from his post as Co-ordinator of Experiential Learning/Co-op for the Oenology and Viticulture (OEVI) program.

At a recent retirement party, Joffre Mercier, Acting Dean, Faculty of Mathematics and Science, spoke on behalf of Brock to thank him for his contributions and wish him well.

"We wish you the best of retirements. We will miss you, Brian," said Mercier.

Grant started at Brock in 1971 as a senior lab demonstrator in the Department of Geology. He was eventually asked to be a geology lecturer in the summer session, and later for evening lectures in the fall and winter semesters.

"I hadn't planned to become a teacher; it just sort of happened," Grant said.

In January 1997, Grant officially joined CCOVI, though he'd been involved with the Institute since fall 1996.

On top of his regular duties, Grant often played the part of unofficial photographer at CCOVI, capturing special events and the lives of students, staff and faculty at the Institute. He says he plans to further develop this skill in retirement.

"It's been great to work with the

dedicated group of people who've made CCOVI what it is today," said Grant.

"He has been a wonderful colleague, friend and teacher to so many, and a CCOVI fixture since its inception," said Barb Tatarnic, Co-ordinator of Continuing Education and Wine Education Events, who has worked with Grant since CCOVI was established.

Cara Boese, Senior Relationship Manager, Co-op Programs Office, will assume Grant's responsibilities in handling co-op and experiential learning for OEVI students. Gail Higenell, Senior Lab Demonstrator, OEVI program, will take over his academic and admissions advising for the undergrad program.



Brian Grant, right, celebrates his retirement with, from left: Linda Bramble, CCOVI Professional Affiliate, Debbie Inglis, CCOVI Researcher, and Barclay Robinson, Oenology and Viticulture student.

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