
BURA Newsletter

Brock University Retirees' Association

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<https://brocku.ca/retirees-association>

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Upcoming Events

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November 23, 2023

December 5, 2023

Member News



In Memoriam



In sorrow, and with respect, BURA observes the passing of the following members:

David Jordan, June 23, 2023
Divino Mucciante, August 10, 2023

Know of any major events in the lives of our BURA colleagues and friends?

PLEASE let our membership facilitator know of any major life changes you wish to share. Contact: Pat Cane buramembership@outlook.com

New BURA Members

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Pamela Bradley, *International, ESL, SAFA*
Douglas Bruce, *Biological Sciences*
Gregory Finn, *Earth Sciences, and Associate Vice-President, Academic*
Raoul Masseur, *Faith and Life Centre*
Patricia McDonnell, *Information Technology Services*
Hedy McGarrell, *Applied Linguistics*
Sid Segalowitz, *Psychology*
Donna Thomson, *Library/Brock Health Clinic*
Linda Tremblay, *CCOVI/Facilities Management*

Avoid missing out on BURA Newsletters and Event Notices

MAKE sure we are kept apprised of any revisions to your e-mail or home address. Please email any changes to: Pat Cane buramembership@outlook.com

The Writings Of Barbara J. Bucknall

by Barbara Bucknall

ONLY now that I have reached the age of ninety am I going online to let my colleagues know about my publications. This is very late, but, since I came to this form of communication very late, I did not know how to do it before. I am chiefly known as a critic of Marcel Proust and his great novel, "A la recherche du temps perdu", so I shall concentrate on that.

I first came across his work in 1960 as a graduate student at the University of Illinois where I studied with the celebrated Proust critic, Philip Kolb. I was enchanted, particularly by the things Proust had to say about the creative arts, which struck me as positively mystical. I was already inclined to think that way because of enthusiasm for art in my family and so, I wrote my doctoral thesis for Northwestern University on the subject of "The Religion of Art in Proust". It was published by the University of Illinois Press in 1969. Philip Kolb agreed with me but many people did not because most people saw Proust's interests as sexual rather than religious. A few people recently, though, have begun to agree with me.

I was not discouraged by this initial lack of enthusiasm because I am quite convinced that Proust fully intended to be read differently by different people. He indicates this towards the end of his novel where he assigns to himself the role of an optometrist asking his readers "Does this lens help you to see?"

When I went to Paris on sabbatical from Brock, Philip Kolb put me in touch with Henri Bonnet who had just founded the Society of "Amis de Marcel Proust" and was surrounded by young disciples. These two gentlemen invited me to invite critical essays from these

young people, which I did allowing them a lot of scope. From this emerged my edition, "Critical Essays on Marcel Proust", published in 1987 by G.K. Hall of Boston.

I was invited to write my third book on Proust by Twayne Publishers who wanted a simple little introduction and gave me a great deal of scope, allowing me to write something not strictly academic but of interest to the general public. I took full advantage of this, not being in the least concerned whether established Proust critics would agree with me or not. To my great surprise it was a great success, completely turning the tide of Proust criticism in North America and attracting attention overseas. This is not generally known at Brock because I was too unaware of the internet to let people know. In any case I was not brought up to be encouraged to boast. But I am telling you now. This book appeared in 1992 and I have not felt the need to add anything to it.

What accounts for its success is that it had been established as a dogma that there is no dramatic irony in the presentation of Proust's narrator, but I was able to show that there is a great deal of it. Where the dramatic irony lurks is in the mind of the author who has cleverly disguised himself to appear to be identical with the narrator. But I only had to point it out for it to become evident. Since then people have really gone to town in unmasking the narrator. One eminent critic has even asserted that the narrator is a male lesbian.

My other books are less well known. Since I agree with so many others in admiring the fantasy of Ursula Le Guin, I published a short introduction to her work in 1959.

Past Events

Brock Update

with *Lesley Rigg*

LESLEY Rigg is Brock's President and Vice-Chancellor and provided us with an update.

Brock will be one of only three Canadian universities offering Integrated Engineering programs at the undergraduate level.

She also spoke about the Brock-Niagara Validation, Prototyping and Manufacturing Institute which is connecting Brock researchers and students with industry partners.

Her presentation was followed by a tour of the Rankin Family Pavilion and the Canada Games Park.



Lesley Rigg

Annual General Meeting

THE Executive Slate had a few changes: Renée Kuchapski confirmed as Communications Coordinator, Nicolas Baxter-Moore and Howard Bell as councillors. Subsequent to the AGM, Nicolas Baxter-Moore has accepted the role of BURA Treasurer.

Niagara Power Station Tour



BURA Members



Niagara Power Station Tunnel

Upcoming Events

Lunch and the Shaw Festival

Brock University Retirees' Eighth Autumn Outing in Niagara-on-the-Lake

September 12, 2023

Lunch at the Zees Grill and

Matinee Performance of *Gypsy* at the Shaw Festival Theatre

Starry-eyed and blindingly ambitious, Momma Rose pushes her daughters onto vaudeville stages in this landmark Broadway musical.

Gypsy Rose Lee was the world's most famous striptease artist. Momma Rose was the ultimate stage mother. Follow their extraordinary story in Stephen Sondheim's timeless musical about sex, power and longing. With legendary songs, including "Let Me Entertain You" and "Everything's Coming up Roses," Gypsy remains the greatest American musical.

We are offering an optional lunch at Zees Grill, in the Shaw Club Hotel opposite the Shaw Festival Theatre prior to attending the Shaw matinee performance.

We have taken advantage again of the Special Matinee Seniors Group rate available to the end of January and have reserved 40 of the best Festival Theatre seats possible at time of booking. This outing has been a popular event with BURA members over the years. We hope that those who have participated in the past and those who haven't will consider joining us in the future.

Registration must have been completed by July 22, 2023 on BURA's website.

These tickets were allocated as per request and as reservations and payments were received. Full payment was due by July 29, 2023.

Event Details:

Time : 11:30 am for lunch at noon

Venue: *Zees Grill, Shaw Club Hotel*, 92 Picton Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Cost : \$40.00 per person

Time : 2:00 pm

Venue: *Shaw Festival Theatre*, 10 Queen's Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Cost : \$55.00 per person

October 11, 2023

“Going Out: Leisure, community, scenic travel”

with the *Joan Nicks*

at the *Niagara Falls History Museum - Sherman Zavitz Theatre*

AN illustrated talk on the public role of movie theatres in early 20th century Niagara Falls, the artful road guides driving post-war travel, and the vernacular design of the iconic roadside motel. Joan will have copies of her books available for sale at the event.

Event Details:

Time : 11:30am for lunch at noon. Presentation and tour of the new Cultural Hub to follow the lunch.

Venue: *Niagara Falls History Museum*, 5810 Ferry Street, Niagara Falls

November 16, 2023

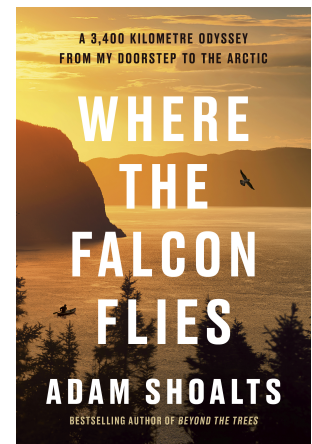
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with *Adam Shoalts*

at the *Holiday Inn*

ADAM Shoalts is a professional adventurer, best-selling author, and Westaway Explorer-in-Residence at the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. His expeditions range from mapping rivers to archaeological projects, but Shoalts is best known for his long solo wilderness journeys, including crossing alone nearly 4,000 km of Canada's Arctic. Named one of the “greatest living explorers” by CBC and even declared “Canada's Indiana Jones” by the Toronto Star, Shoalts is a frequent guest on TV and radio.

His books include *Alone Against the North*, *A History of Canada in 10 Maps*, and *Beyond the Trees: A Journey Alone Across Canada's Arctic*, and *The Whisper on the Night Wind*, all of them national bestsellers. He has a PhD from McMaster University in history, and in his free time, enjoys long walks in the woods.



Adam Shoalts

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Time : 11:30am for lunch at noon

Venue: *Holiday Inn*, 327 Ontario St, St. Catharines

December 14, 2023
BURA Holiday Celebration
with *Don Cyr and Sophia DeLuca*
at the *Club Roma*

WE are encouraging BURA members to invite non-members to this event and/or to pass the invitation along to non-members.

Event Details:

Time : 11:30am for lunch at noon

Venue: *Club Roma* 125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines, ON

BURA Coffee Club

at *Domenic's On 20*

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following dates at the *Perkins Family Restaurant*

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November 23, 2023

December 05, 2023

GOOD news! The monthly coffee club will continue to be in-person gatherings this fall at *Perkins Family Restaurant*, 89 Meadowvale Drive, St. Catharines, starting at 9:30am. New this year: The September 28th meeting is at *Domenic's On 20*, 219 Highway 20 East, Fonthill, also starting at 9:30am. Please save the above dates. We hope to see you there!

Contribute to the BURA Newsletter!

THE BURA Newsletter continues to publish three times a year — the first week of September, December and April. Your contributions may include reports, notices of events, travelogues and photos, humour, poetry, and other information of interest to members. Send your submissions to: Ronald Ogawa rbgabadh@gmail.com

Other Events

Historical Society of St. Catharines

Celebrating the history of St. Catharines and its vicinity

Presentations – September to November 2023

THE Society was founded in 1927 and maintains its mission to increase the knowledge and appreciation of the history of St. Catharines and vicinity.

September 21, 2023 7:30 pm – *Nancy Cameron, “Tow Horses and Tow Men of the Early Welland Canals”.*

There will be different invitations to these meetings posted in the coming months. More information can be found at the following link:

<https://stcatharineshistory.ca>



LLN – Fall Lecture Series 2023

Lectures will be held from 10 am to noon. These three lectures will be via Zoom webinars. More information can be found at: <https://llniagara.ca>

October 17th – (Zoom) **Why has NATO endured? Understanding NATO’s long history, from the Cold War to the Russian Invasion of Ukraine,**

Dr. Tim Sayle, Associate Professor of History, Director of International Relations Program, University of Toronto,

NATO was established after the Second World War to prevent the world from falling back into general war. This lecture will examine the historical connections between NATO’s Cold War and the crises of today, and offer an explanation why NATO endures.

October 24th – (Zoom) **Preparing for the Next Pandemic: What do we need to do?**

Dr. Gerry Wright, Director of Global Nexus for Pandemics and Biological Threats, McMaster University; Professor, Department of Biochemistry and Biomedical Sciences; Michael G. DeGroote Chair in Infection and Anti-Infective Research,

Pandemics, epidemics, and outbreaks of infectious diseases will continue to occur in the future. Going forward from COVID-19, we must find ways to link clinical and biomedical advances with social and community networks to address infectious disease threats rapidly.

October 31st – (Zoom) **Climate Change Near You: What happens when it’s out of control?,**
(Note: This lecture starts at 9:30 am)

Dr. Liette Vasseur, Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Brock University,

Are we confused between the terms climate and weather? Can we blame everything on climate change? This presentation will explore these issues and look at what is happening in the Niagara region, what is expected and what we can do about it.