

# Psyched at Brock

## Message from the Chair

### IT'S A TIME OF CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY

We're PSYCHED at BROCK because we're hiring new Faculty! Can you feel the buzz around the department? One of the most exciting tasks of an academic department is hiring new Faculty. That's because new colleagues bring new ideas and energy, and opportunity for new collaborations and direction. In the last couple of years, we have faced considerable challenge with six Faculty retirements. We have said good-bye and celebrated the impactful careers of Drs. [Brudzynski](#), [Rose-Krasnor](#), [Hafer](#), [Segalowitz](#), [Belicki](#), and [Mitterer](#). The plan to re-build the department with new Faculty hires was a thoughtful and forward-looking one that was forged in a Department retreat in 2018. Recently, we welcomed two new Faculty in the social-personality area of the Department: [Sabrina Thai](#) (with expertise in social cognition) and [Will Hall](#) (studying diversity, inclusion, gender) [see Psyched at Brock issues [February 2019](#) and [October 2019](#) for their introductions]. We have just completed a round of interviews for a Canada Research Chair (CRC) in Biological Psychology specializing in epigenetics. This will be the 3rd CRC to join our Department. This term, we will hold interviews and hire Faculty in Biological Psychology and Community Psychology. The latter position is expected to expand links within the community and fits well within the University's strategic mandate plan through research on how the environment impacts (mental) health, with an emphasis on poverty, diversity, and/or Indigenous populations. That's a lot of change and a lot of reason to be excited. These new hires bring new courses for our undergraduates, expertise for our graduate students, and collaboration opportunities for Faculty. The Psychology Department is still smaller than we used to be, but we hope to soon add Faculty in the areas of social psychology of aging (targeting individuals who study social/emotional components of aging) and social neuroscience (targeting individuals who use neuroscience methods to investigate social psychology).



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## Welcome!



Welcome Carole Moss, our new Academic Advisor in Psychology! Carole comes with over 13 years of experience helping students in crises navigate complaints and inequitable experiences in several roles. She received her BA honours in Psychology from our very own program here at Brock in 2003 and is currently finishing her MA in Social Justice and Equity Studies examining how trans and gender diverse kids are revolutionizing the gender binary and entire family system #transisbeautiful. If you pop by her office for some academic advising you will see that her office is filled will plants and artwork from her two children (8

and 9 years old) who keep her very busy! When she isn't in the office she loves spending time with her family eating chicken curry (her favourite meal) at the Irish Harp in NOTL and heading to the Old Time Candy Store. She is a creative person at heart and uses photography as her outlet (and runs a small photography business on the side). She uses this passion to help others by volunteering with inpatient units at McMaster and Hospice to offer free family photos to those holding on. As a busy introvert, Carole agrees with Tom Ford's quote "Time and Silence are the most luxurious things today." If you are visiting Carole for some academic advice or just run into her in the hallway, be sure to welcome her to our department!

## Where Are They Now?



**Joshua Black** started as the volunteer coordinator at McNally House Hospice in Grimsby. This is where Joshua did his PhD Community Apprenticeship.

## Fun Faculty Facts

Dr. Cathy Mondloch earned her PhD at Indiana University in Animal Learning and Behaviour. 30 years later she put the principles she learned to good use with her dog Vicki. They passed Intermediate and Reality Recall training: 26 skills, including returning on command--even when in the midst of chasing a squirrel or deer. You never know when you'll put graduate-level training to good use!



## Message from the Graduate Program Director



It's recruitment season! On Friday February 14th the department will host our annual Psychology Graduate Program Open House. This event will see prospective graduate students spend the day with us to learn about our MA and PhD programs, tour our research labs and the Brock campus, and socialize with our faculty members and current students. I thank everyone, in advance, for helping us make this day a great success.

Recruitment season is also a great time to reflect on the many things that make our Psychology graduate program among the very best in Canada. For example, we recognize our grad student to faculty ratio. We celebrate our faculty members' external research funding and our graduate students' external awards. We applaud our faculty and graduate students for an ever-growing number of academic dissemination

activities, including presentations at national and international conferences, as well as peer-reviewed publications in top-tier journals. We also commend our faculty members who continue to win teaching awards as well as our graduate students for their outstanding work as dedicated Teaching Assistants in dozens of our undergraduate courses. It really is an amazing time to be part of our graduate program. Let's spread the word!

## Faculty and Staff Grants and Awards



◆Tim Murphy won the Don Ursino Award for Excellence in the Teaching of Large Classes.

<https://brocku.ca/pedagogical-innovation/awards-grants/faculty-awards/large-classes/don-ursino-award-for-excellence-in-the-teaching-of-large-classes-tim-murphy/>

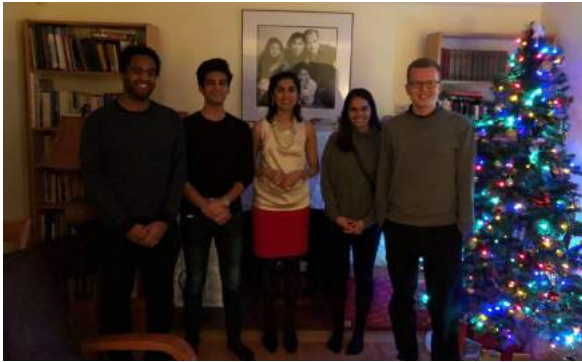
◆ Congratulations to **Joanne Boekestyn**, our Administrative Coordinator, on 35 years of service to the Department! Your dedication to the psychology department is incredible. We don't know what we would do without you!!! Be sure to thank Joanne for all she has done over the years when you see her around the department.



◆**Veena Dwivedi** was invited to be on the board of reviewers for the journal Cognitive Science, as well as Frontiers in Human Neuroscience.



## Lab Fun!



The Dwivedi Lab had a fun Christmas party in December including Dr. Dwivedi's RAs and TAs.

From left to right: Akif Eltahir (stats TA), Azaan Adnan, 'Dr D', Anushka Lalwani, Brent Dryczewycz (missing Avery Keith, PSYC 3P65 TA and now DLab member)

The BUCANL lab gathered donations to help a family over Christmas. This initiative was lead by Osama Chatta, a grad student in the BUCANL lab, and former president of the PSYC Society.



Festive chalk outline gingerbread cookie decorating by Dr. Book's Forensic Lab - When your research spills into all aspects of your life!

Congratulations to the Campbell Neurocognitive Aging Lab who completed the Walk for Alzheimers and raised over \$1400. What a great turn out!



## Taking Our Research Around the World

During his sabbatical Dr. Stephen Emrich was a visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin.

Dr. Sid Segalowitz gave a talk Nov 15, 2019, in the Distinguished Lecture Series of the Psychology Department at Queen's University in Kingston, ON, on the topic "Free Will, Agency, and Strategies for Building Developmental Neural Models"



## What's new in the Brock Library

I am filling in for Colleen MacKinnon who is currently on leave and is anticipated to return to Brock this coming Fall 2020 term. The Brock Library is busy with the release of Omni, which replaced our Catalogue and SuperSearch discovery layer. Omni is a brand new search interface integrated with 14 other Ontario universities (not UofT, but one day!). This database will eventually share book/ebook resources across all participating schools. Look for additional Omni services to be rolled out starting this winter 2020 term.



Consult the [Brock Library Psychology Research Guide](#) for a comprehensive list of resources, databases, services and ideas. Databases relatively new to the Library include [Microsoft Academic](#) (a rival for Google Scholar), [Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full Text](#), [CAB Abstracts with Fulltext](#) (international science), [Curio](#) (CBC streaming content), [DSM Library](#), [Knowledge Unlatched](#) (open access OER digital books), [On Sustainability](#) (books and papers), [LearnTechLib](#), and [SciVal](#) (benchmark journal metrics, ask for a demo).



Ever popular databases include [BASE](#) (OAI services/books), [Kanopy](#) (streaming video, simple awesome!), [Google Scholar](#), [Google Books](#) (select "Limited preview and full view" and "Books" for best results), [PsycARTICLES](#), [PsycBOOKS](#), [PsycTESTS](#), [PsycTHERAPY](#), and APA's [PsycINFO](#) / [PsycNET](#), [Ulrichsweb](#) (to view and download lists of journals by name, referee status, subject, context, indexing, language, format, etc.), and [WorldCat](#) (the world's library catalogue).

The Brock Library systematically subscribes to Springer, Harvard, Oxford and Cambridge University Press ebook packages, [Routledge Handbooks Online](#), [Oxford handbooks Online](#), and selectively acquires additional print and digital ebook content. Contact [me](#) directly if you'd like to evaluate certain collections, have a new title(s) for acquisition or wish to identify key resources, databases, journals, etc. Your input is essential!

Contact the [Library](#) to review and sign up for new workshops offered by the [Digital Scholarship Lab](#) (now with [Makerspace](#) in the new Rankin Pavilion), need to have [Course Reserve Services](#) add Brock proxy links to Sakai content, or wish to sit down and talk about your research, project or a nagging problem. Please make an appointment with me for a one-on-one conversation using the easy-to-use [Book a Consultation](#) service.

Hope to meet up with most of you this term either in the classroom or through an appointment.

Ian Gordon

Brock Library Liaison Librarian

## Our Research in the News

- ✦ **Dr. Michael Busseri's** research was highlighted in the Brock News. Read more here: <https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2019/09/brock-research-examines-how-people-perceive-their-lives-as-they-age/>
- ✦ Six of the 14 Brock Faculty Recognized in the Worlds most Impactful Researchers are from Psychology. Read more here: <https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2019/11/brock-faculty-recognized-in-worlds-most-impactful-researchers-list/>
- ✦ A recent article in The Conversation by PhD student **Alison O'Connor** and co-author **Dr. Angela Evans** examines the complexity of children's lie-telling and discusses how lying is a window into understanding social-cognitive development. Read more here: <https://theconversation.com/childrens-lies-are-deceptively-complex-121093fbclid=IwAR1UHBr7smnSrOtCnpRMRdnasp310XgFZrIB53yQuxrRmiyOdZP9OT902Es>
- ✦ **Dr. Angela Evans** was recently interviewed by Molly Bloom and kid co-host Elena about Lie Detection as part of the Brains On! podcast. Brains On! is a podcast for curious kids and adults from American Public Media. Take a listen: <https://www.brainson.org/shows/2019/10/01/why-do-we-lie>
- ✦ Check out this recent piece in The Conversation by **Dr. Caitlin Mahy** on children's ability to remember future intentions. [https://theconversation.com/your-preschoolers-forgetfulness-isnt-bad-behaviour-and-nagging-them-wont-help-123072?fbclid=IwAR04SGRovbjKxQATbxVBfczh\\_L8fsYi3lw2m4KiBu9pLQWpckDTBmFVga9s](https://theconversation.com/your-preschoolers-forgetfulness-isnt-bad-behaviour-and-nagging-them-wont-help-123072?fbclid=IwAR04SGRovbjKxQATbxVBfczh_L8fsYi3lw2m4KiBu9pLQWpckDTBmFVga9s)
- ✦ Find the answer with **Dr. Karen Campbell**.
  - ✦ Karen Campbell is a Canada Research Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience of Aging. She researches attention and memory and why explicit memory declines with age.
  - ✦ Learn more here: <https://youtu.be/i2xVcrWOq4A>
- ✦ Find the answer with **Dr. Angela Evans**.
  - ✦ When do children start lying? Learn more about the development of children's lie-telling from Associate Professor Angela Evans
  - ✦ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1A5J5UMqYo&feature=emb\\_logo&fbclid=IwAR1AlzVi2bR3Hsd6B3bcwkmW1dtjvqrHMdMhBOZGTSdEhR7V8v7bfQFCDA4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1A5J5UMqYo&feature=emb_logo&fbclid=IwAR1AlzVi2bR3Hsd6B3bcwkmW1dtjvqrHMdMhBOZGTSdEhR7V8v7bfQFCDA4)
- ✦ Find the answer with **Dr. Cheryl McCormick**.
  - ✦ Why do teenagers have raging hormones? Learn more from Professor Cheryl McCormick:
  - ✦ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fj-lj9xO4us>



The PSYC department has 3 active social media sites: Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter! So follow like and re-tweet us! Find and Follow us and don't forget to tag us in your photos: [@brockpsyc](https://twitter.com/brockpsyc) on twitter and [@brockpsychology](https://www.instagram.com/brockpsychology) on instagram #brockpsyc



# Making Community Connections

# B U R A

Brock University  
Retirees' Association

- ◆ Dr. Karen Campbell gave a community lecture to Brock University Retiree's Association in November entitled, "Healthy cognitive aging: What you should (and shouldn't) be doing".



- ◆ Thank you to all who joined Dr. Campbell's Neurocognitive Aging lab today for a coffee break ☕ Over \$400 was raised for the Alzheimers Society @ Brock University.

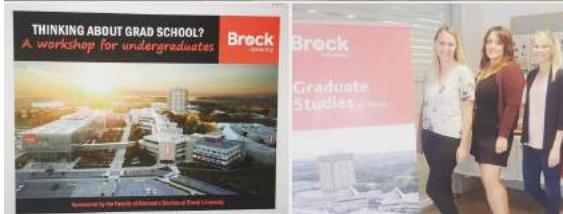
- ◆ Hannah Shahid, MA student, has been working to revitalize the previously inactive St. Catharines chapter of the Fight for \$15 & Fairness. They are currently based out of Brock University (looking to expand out into the St. Catharines community at large), aiming to

advocate for labour rights in the fight for decent work. If you are interested in joining checkout their Facebook group.

- ◆ A Halloween themed Paint Night was hosted by two of our graduate students, Dawn Ryan and Caitlyn Gallant, in support of the Kristen French Child Advocacy Centre Niagara @kristenfrenchcacn. They had a great turnout of 24 people and raised a total \$500!



- ◆ We had an incredible turnout of over 50 students attending the "Thinking about Grad School?" workshop. The workshop was organized by three of our very own grad students: Caitlyn Gallant, Dawn Ryan, and Taylor Heffer.



The workshop covered the graduate school application process, as well as Brock's graduate program and the faculty members' research interests. There were some excellent questions from both third- and fourth-year students.

A special thanks to @brockgradstudies for sponsoring the event!

## Have You Read Anything Good Lately?

### Check Out Some of Our Recent Publications

- Belicki, K., DeCourville, N., Kamble, S. V., Stewart, T. & Rubel, A. (2020). Reasons for forgiving: Individual differences and emotional outcomes. *Sage Open, January-March, 1-14*. doi: 10.1177/25824402092084.
- Daly, O., & Willoughby, T. (in press). A longitudinal person-centred examination of affinity for aloneness among children and adolescents. *Child Development*.
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- Mulligan, B., Segalowitz, S.J., Hofer, S., Smart, Colette (in press) A multi-timescale, multi-method perspective on older adult neurocognitive adaptability. *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*.
- Naisani Samani, M., & Busseri, M. A. (2019). Examining the link between mindfulness and temporal perspective. *Mindfulness, 10*, 2647-2660.
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