

FOSS REVIEW

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A message from the Dean

We have much to celebrate in the Faculty of Social Sciences – innovative approaches to research and scholarship, community-engaged teaching and learning, and a commitment to providing students with multiple opportunities to develop career and life skills. This annual review highlights only a few of the many accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff and alumni. They inspire us with their dedication to leading positive change in the world. Join me in congratulating them on their numerous successes.

A warm welcome to new faculty, staff and students who join us in our ongoing pursuit of excellence and student success. To departed colleagues, heartfelt thanks for your significant and lasting contributions.

Ingrid Makus, Dean
Faculty of Social Sciences, Brock University

ABOUT THE COVER:

On a series of field trips, students in the *Sustainability Science and Society* graduate program see how sustainability science is implemented on campus and in the wider Niagara community.

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Faculty updates 2018-19

5,165 students

4,836* undergraduate

329* graduate
(including 50 post-graduate)

158 faculty members

*full-time equivalent

Welcome to FOSS!

New faculty

Naomi Andrews, Child and Youth Studies

Alison Cox, Applied Disability Studies

William Hall, Psychology

Charlotte Henay, Women's and Gender Studies

Qian Liu, Economics

Trent Newmeyer, Sociology

New Limited Term Appointments (faculty)

Paul Gray, Labour Studies

Albert Malkin, Applied Disability Studies

Laura Mullins, Applied Disability Studies

Opeyemi Akanbi, Communication Popular Culture and Film

Katrin Roots, Sociology

Farewell, with our thanks!

Departing faculty

Scott Henderson, Professor, Communication, Popular Culture and Film

Ana Isla, Professor, Centre for Women's and Gender Studies

David Siegel, Professor Emeritus, Political Science

Anthony Ward, Associate Professor, Economics

The Faculty of Social Sciences and the wider Brock community were saddened by the passing of long-time employee **Dorothy Krynicki** (BA '13). Throughout her 18 years at Brock, she held positions with several departments, including Political Science, where she had worked as an administrative assistant since 2008.

New permanent and interim staff

Arlene Arch, Administrative Assistant, Applied Linguistics

Lindsay Cramp, Student Facilitator, Child and Youth Studies

Erin Daly, Coordinator, Environmental Sustainability Research Centre

Indra Hardeen, Undergraduate Academic Advisor, Economics

Ferdinand Reimmer, Graduate Administrative Coordinator, Social Justice and Equity Studies



When it comes to science, **Alan Nursall's** passion and enthusiasm is contagious.

With over 30 years of experience in the science center and museum community, this Brock alumnus and Edmonton native has developed world-class exhibits, programs, education theatres and operations. It is no surprise he earned the title of President and CEO of the TELUS World of Science – Edmonton in 2014 where he continues to make waves in the science community.

Earlier in his career, Nursall was a member of the leadership team at Science North in Sudbury, Ontario where he helped launch the science centre in 1984 and remained involved in the growth of the programming and organization. Through hard work and dedication, he helped make Science North one of the most influential and respected science centres in the world, renowned for taking an innovative approach to science education and integrating well-trained staff into the visitor experience. From 1999 to 2007, Nursall served as Science Director and was responsible for the entire

visitor experience at Science North and its companion facility, Dynamic Earth.

Following his 23-year career at Science North, Nursall started his own company, NEXT Exhibits + Creative Communication, Inc., in 2007. The firm specialized in creating exhibits, shows and other experiences for science centres and museums, including projects led by Nursall involving the Smithsonian Institution and the Canadian Space Agency, among others.

Nursall is a skilled presenter known for delivering engaging live presentations. His weekly science segment, The Alan Nursall Experience, that aired on Discovery Canada for several years featured Nursall engaging the public in learning science through experiments.

It is with great enthusiasm that we present Alan Nursall with the 2019 Faculty of Social Sciences Distinguished Graduate Award to recognize the impact of his contagious passion for science and learning in his field.

Alumnus profile

Alan Nursall
(BA '79)

2019 Faculty of Social Sciences Distinguished Graduate Award



Research highlights

Canada Foundation for Innovation's John R. Evans Leaders Fund

Canada Research Chair in Cognitive Neuroscience of Aging and Assistant Professor of Psychology Karen Campbell examines brain scans as part of her research on age differences in attentional control.



Psychology Professor Karen Campbell used a grant from the Canada Foundation for Innovation's John R. Evans Leaders Fund to purchase research equipment.

Rebecca Raby is a Professor in the Department of Child and Youth Studies, a member of the MA programs in Sociology and in Social Justice and Equity Studies, and the Director of Brock's Social Justice Research Institute.

Raby's work has included looking at school rules, dress codes, sex education, gender and academic achievement in high school, teen vlogging and first jobs.



The Faculty's own Council for Research in the Social Sciences (CRISS) Awards funded

19 research projects

7 research-related events

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)

SSHRC Insight Grants

Charles Conteh, Political Science

Kendra Coulter, Labour Studies

Veena Dwivedi, Psychology

Angela Evans, Psychology

Insight Development Grant

Jessica Blythe, Environmental Sustainability Research Centre

Andrew Dickens, Economics

Hijin Park, Sociology

Sabrina Thai, Psychology

Natural Sciences and Engineering Council (NSERC)

NSERC Discovery Grant

Kimberly Cote, Psychology

Stephen Emrich, Psychology

Research Tools and Instruments Grant

Cheryl McCormick, Psychology

Faculty of Social Sciences Research Awards, 2019

Distinguished Researcher Award

Rebecca Raby, Child and Youth Studies

Untenured Researcher Award

Nicole Goodman, Political Science



A travelling conference in Pakistan gave **Ron Thomson**, Graduate Program Director and Professor of Applied Linguistics, an opportunity to share his insights into issues of language, pronunciation and identity.



Research by Political Science Assistant Professor **Nicole Goodman** indicates that a majority of voters, candidates and administrators want to see online voting implemented for elections in Canada.

"CRISS funding is playing an essential role in my ongoing research studying the decline of inter-provincial migration in Canada. Access to the data for this project can only be accessed on site at Statistics Canada offices in Ottawa.

CRISS funding will provide the means for me to hire a research assistant and travel to Ottawa to work on the data."

Miguel Cardoso,
Assistant Professor of Economics
2018 CRISS recipient

Faculty recognition



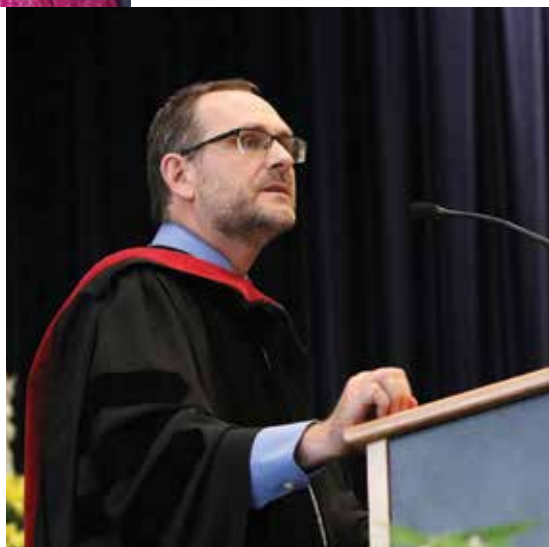
Teaching Excellence

Associate Professor of Geography and Tourism Studies **Chris Fullerton** and Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies **Robyn Bourgeois** received 2019 Brock University Chancellor's Chair for Teaching Excellence awards.

Each year, the Faculty of Social Sciences recognizes the accomplishments of faculty, staff and students at the annual Celebration of Excellence.

Chris Fullerton, Associate Professor from the Department of Geography and Tourism Studies is committed to enriching student learning through experiential learning.

"I want my students to see the world, to experience the world and to become more sympathetic, empathetic and compassionate people," he says.



In addition to journal articles and specialized publications, several faculty members produced or contributed to books this year, including:

Simon Black, Labour Studies

Nick Baxter-Moore, Communication, Popular Culture and Film

David Butz, Geography and Tourism Studies

Nancy Cook, Sociology

Kendra Coulter, Labour Studies

Robert Dimand, Economics

Tom Farrell, Applied Linguistics

Margot Francis, Women's and Gender Studies

Chris Fullerton, Geography and Tourism Studies

Paul Gray, Labour Studies

Anthony Kinik, Communication, Popular Culture and Film

Nicole Luke, Applied Disability Studies

Catherine Jean Nash, Geography and Tourism Studies

Michael Pisaric, Geography and Tourism Studies

Rebecca Raby, Child and Youth Studies

Mary Beth Raddon, Sociology

Mike Ripmeester, Geography and Tourism Studies

Dennis Soron, Sociology

Kendra Thomson, Applied Disability Studies



Economics Professor **Robert Dimand** (left) doesn't just write about women economists, he also mentors them. Former student **Lola Fowler** (BA '12, MBE '16) (right) and he co-authored a chapter in *The Routledge Handbook of the History of Women's Economic Thought*, a volume Dimand co-edited. He co-authored a second chapter in that book with another former student, **Talia Yousef** (BA '16).

Cheryl McCormick, Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean of Mathematics and Science, was named editor-in-chief of *Hormones and Behavior*, becoming the first Canadian to hold the position.



Robyn Bourgeois, Assistant Professor in the Centre for Women and Gender Studies, frames her teaching philosophy around the role of Trickster figures in many Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures.

"I am a trickster teacher and my ultimate educational goal is to affect transformative social change," she says.



Kendra Coulter, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Labour Studies, has been named a Fellow of the *Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics* for her outstanding contributions to the field.



Student success



Research by Applied Disability Studies master's student **Sarah Davis** (right) with Associate Professor **Kendra Thomson** confirmed the most effective ways to train volunteers. The information will be important for supervisors and managers of volunteer-supported programs designed for children with special needs.



Child and Youth Studies PhD candidate **Nabin Maharjan** (right) presented a paper on transdisciplinary child and youth studies with Professor **Richard Mitchell** at the Transdisciplinary Graduate Symposium's Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya.

Faculty of Social Sciences Awards for Students

Student Research Awards

FOSS Student Research Awards were presented to 33 students from ten departments.

Student Travel Awards

FOSS Student Travel Awards were presented to 27 students from eight departments.

Graduate Student Writing Award

Four graduate students in the Social Sciences were recognized for excellence in writing:

Best Paper in a Graduate Course:
Jennica Giesbrecht (Geography)

Best Graduate Major Research Paper:
Emmanuel Akowuah (Geography)

Best MA Thesis:
Elvira Prusaczyk (Psychology)

Best PhD Thesis:
Caroline Drolet (Psychology)



This year, two international exchange students from Germany joined the Brain and Language Lab of **Veena Dwivedi**, Associate Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience.



Joana Frieske (left) and Amelie Backes (right) demonstrate EEG equipment with the help of fellow student Brent Dryczewycz.



Communication, Popular Culture and Film student **Stephanie Lasica** completed an eight-month experiential education internship in event planning, digital marketing initiatives, desktop publishing and branding. She also won the University's Experiential Education Student of the Year award from Education at Work Ontario for her efforts in co-op and work-integrated learning.

Providing diverse opportunities to link students with the community is a key focus of the University's Experiential Education team.



Geography graduate student **Stephanie Murray** spent two months travelling 50,000 km in her van conducting research for her master's thesis, "Mobile 'Homes': An Ethnographic Study with American Vanlifers."

Aboriginal Student Services presented Nick Printup (left) and Lyn Trudeau with 2019 Aboriginal Achievement Awards.

Haudenosaunee and Anishinabe Media and Communications Student, **Nick Printup**, won a 2019 Aboriginal Achievement Award.

Printup is a published author and accomplished filmmaker who specializes in telling important stories of Indigenous peoples.

In the community



Master of Sustainability students (left to right) **Brooke Kapeller**, **Angela Mallette** and **Alicia Goddard** took part in public information sessions on the Excellence in Environmental Stewardship Initiative.

The partnership brings together Brock's Environmental Sustainability Research Centre and the Niagara Parks Commission.



Psychology Professor **Tanya Martini** was one of six Brock University employees who volunteered with Habitat for Humanity Niagara this year.

Associate Professor of public policy and management in the Department of Political Science, **Charles Conteh** (right) is the Director of the Niagara Community Observatory (NCO). The public policy think tank works in partnership with the Niagara community to foster, produce and disseminate research on current and emerging issues.



Research from the Niagara Community Observatory urges the region's agribusiness sector to collaborate more closely with other sectors. (Photo courtesy of Niagara Region)

Margot Francis, Associate Professor in the Centre for Women's and Gender Studies and the Department of Sociology, secured financial support from the Six Nations Community Development Trust and the Ontario Arts Council Indigenous Artists in Communities Fund to establish *Kontiya'taseha: Youth Photographs about Body Sovereignty & Land Sovereignty in Six Nations of the Grand River*.



Margot Francis and **Sherri Vansickle**, a lecturer in the Tecumseh Centre for Aboriginal Research and Education, hold a copy of *Kontiya'taseha*, the resulting book of photography produced by local Indigenous youth.



Photos by participants in last year's Body/Land/ Sovereignty project were displayed at this year's REDress Project event.

For over a decade, Brock students and staff have been helping local kids through the Learning Disabilities Association of Niagara Region (LDANR). In April, LDANR presented Brock with the Outstanding Contributor Award to formally recognize the University's role in the organization's success.



Brock student and volunteer tutor **Zuha Ather** (right) plays a sight-word board game in a *Reading Rocks* session with a local participant.



Brock University has partnered with the Niagara Region to evaluate the implementation and impact of the Niagara Prosperity Initiative (NPI).

The transdisciplinary research team, led by **Jeff Boggs** (Geography and Tourism Studies) and including **Michael Busseri** (Psychology), **Kevin Gosine** (Sociology), **Felice Martinello** (Economics), and **Dennis Soron** (Sociology), is evaluating the services offered to those in poverty in Niagara.

Events around Brock

A powerful REDress event on campus focused attention on the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. The gathering was a testament to the strength and resilience of Indigenous women in Canada.



Members of the women's drum group from the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre accompanied the speakers at the REDress event.



Conference organizers and master's students, Keely Grossman (with guide dog Izzy), Kevin Hobbs, Sarah Hurme and Anella Bieteru, were pleased with the turnout at the inaugural Ability Empowerment Day.

Social Justice and Equity Studies master's student **Keely Grossman** helped to organize Brock's inaugural Ability Empowerment Day.

More than 40 students from high schools across southern Ontario enjoyed a variety of activities, presentations and workshops from various academic departments, all designed to show teens with disabilities that university life is a viable option for them.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Brock University is situated on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement.

Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples and acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

Faculty of Social Sciences

Departments and Centres

Applied Disability Studies

Applied Linguistics

Child and Youth Studies

Communication, Popular Culture and Film

Economics

Environmental Sustainability Research Centre

Geography and Tourism Studies

Labour Studies

Political Science

Psychology

Sociology

Social Justice and Equity Studies

Women's and Gender Studies

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