May has arrived. The hallways are quieter, the gardens on campus are flourishing, and the general pace has slowed down a bit. Talk of golfing and bikes is intermingled with talk of conferences and new data analyses. Summer students are developing new lab skills and manuscripts are being written. This contrasts with the extremely busy and exciting winter term we just completed in Psychology. Two activities stand out as especially significant. First, we created our Get Psyched at Brock Video to showcase what our program offers to undergraduate students. Thank you to the students and faculty who participated in its creation! To see the video click here. Second, faculty members were joined by two facilitators in an all-day retreat focusing on excellence in Graduate education. We spent the day discussing the challenges faced by graduate students—challenges that are augmented in a competitive job market; we developed strategies to enhance our ability to support students and each other as we train and mentor students along their career paths. These discussions were certainly timely as we prepare to welcome 9 new MA and 3 new PhD students in September.

The highlight of the term was the arrival of Thomas Nelson, a new staff member in our department. Psychology was awarded a full-time IT support staff member effective April; this unique position at Brock was in acknowledgement of the sheer volume and the complexity of our research technology (e.g., eye trackers, EEG systems, 3D camera) in conjunction with our exceptional research productivity. Faculty and graduate students alike are already appreciating the value of having someone nearby with the expertise to optimize our systems and rescue us when a system goes down. Welcome Tom!

Enjoy this issue of Psyched at Brock. The impact of our faculty and students is certainly evident in publications, grants & scholarships received, and media presence. We anticipate convocation in a few weeks—an especially strong and rewarding reflection of our role in students’ learning and career development. This is an exciting place to be!
Congratulations to our 2016 student award winners!

**CIHR Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships – Master’s**
- Braden Alcock
- Caitlyn Gallant

**NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship – Doctoral**
- Christine Salahub
- Kari Lustig (Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship)

**SSHRC**
- Kiana LaPierre (MA)
- Elliott MacDonell (MA)
- Laura Murray (MA)
- Alison O’Connor (MA)
- Jordan Power (MA)
- Elvira Prusaczyk (MA)
- Breanne Wylie (MA)
- Nathalie Gauthier (PhD)
- Tabitha Jones (PhD)

**Ontario Graduate Scholarships**
- Kristen Baker (MA)
- Megan Earle (MA)
- Taylor Heffer (MA)
- Holly Lockhart (MA)
- Claire Matthews (MA)
- Tessa Mazachowsky (MA)
- Matthew Green (PhD)
- Mark Hoffarth (PhD)
- Ashley Hosker-Field (PhD)
- Sean Robb (PhD)

**Bluma Appel Graduate Entrance Scholarship for Excellence - Faculty of Social Sciences**
- Elvira Prusaczyk

**Dr. Raymond & Mrs. Sachi Moriyama Graduate Fellowship - Faculty of Social Sciences**
- Megan Earle

**Faculty of Graduate Studies Spring Fellowships**
- Cari Drolet
- Nathalie Gauthier
- Kevin Mulvihill

**Harrison Thompson Bursary Trust Award - Faculty of Social Sciences**
- Megan Earle

**Jack M. Miller Excellence in Research Awards**
- Megan Earle (MA)
- Shawn Geniole (PhD)

**Vice President of Research Award**
- Mark Hoffarth

**Match of Minds**
- Jennett Baumbach
- Kathryn Bunda
- Lindsey Gerrard
- Cody Gogo

**Travel Award**
- Kari Lustig was awarded 1 of 4 National travel awards from the Canadian Sleep and Circadian Network (CSCN) Travel award to present at Gordon Research Conference on Sleep Regulation and Function, Galveston, Texas, March 13-18, 2016

**USRA (Summer NSERC)**
- Emily Davis

**Research Ventures**
- Allan Campopiano
Student News

Allan Campopiano

Allan Campopiano, the Electrophysiology Technician-Analyst in the Cognitive and Affective Neuroscience lab, has written a statistical software package called STATSLAB: A MATLAB Toolbox for Performing the Percentile Bootstrap Test on Electroencephalographic Data. A tutorial and information on how to obtain the software can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U0lukdVDrY&feature=youtu.be

Where Are They Now?

✦ Justin Carre (PhD, Prof at Nipissing U) has received the Chancellor’s Distinguished Researcher Award from Nipissing U.
✦ Shawn Geniole is receiving a SSHRC Banting PDF, which he will take to Chris Eisenegger’s lab in Austria.
✦ Chloe Hamza is now an Assistant Professor in the Applied Psychology and Human Development Department of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.
✦ Danielle Molnar is now an Assistant Professor in the Child and Youth Studies Department at Brock University.
✦ Royette Tavernier is now an Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department at Wesleyan University
✦ Stefon van Noordt was awarded an NSERC postdoc and will be going to the Child Study Center at Yale University, to work with Dr. Michael Crowley.
✦ Reno Zheng has accepted an ILTA position to start in our department this fall.
✦ Iva Zovkic (PhD, Prof at U of T) is a new homeowner and expecting a baby in August!

Wendy Murphy Memorial Golf Tournament

The 20th annual Wendy Murphy Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday Sept 10 2016. We have a few surprises in mind to celebrate the 20th so be sure to mark your calendar and watch for future emails with more details from Tim Murphy.

The Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association conference

The Southern Ontario Neuroscience Association conference was held in Waterloo this year (next year it will be held at Brock). Psychology Honours student Blayne Smith and Neuroscience Honours students Jessica Callegari and Osama Chattha presented their thesis results at the SONA meeting. Additionally, undergraduate student, Jennet Baumach, presented research she conducted with graduate student Travis Hodges and Professor Cheryl McCormick.

Jennet Baumbach, excited after a successful day presenting her research at the SONA conference in Waterloo this May.
Annual Ontario Psychology Undergraduate Thesis Conference

This year the Annual Ontario Psychology Undergraduate Thesis Conference was held in Waterloo at Wilfrid Laurier University. Brock University had 17 students present (11 talks and 6 posters) representing about 25% of all oral presentations! Congratulations to all 2016 Honours Psychology graduates.

The Honours Thesis Experience by Lindsey Gerrard

Completing an honours thesis was one of the most enjoyable experiences in my entire academic career! It gave me the opportunity to apply the skills that I had learned from my earlier years at Brock such as critical thinking, writing clearly, and data analysis, to a research topic that I am passionate about! I loved being involved with collecting my own data. I had the opportunity to test children 3-7-years-old and it was so much fun to work with them! I also enjoyed partnering with my thesis advisor. Completing a thesis provided me with an amazing opportunity to be mentored by someone with so much knowledge and expertise in my area of interest. Weekly meetings and guidance made the process very enjoyable and helped me to learn and grow immensely!”

Faculty Grants/Awards:

Michael Busseri was awarded a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) - Insight Grant: “On the belief that life gets better and better, or worse and worse over time: Causes and consequences across the lifespan.”

A recent publication by Gordon Hodson received the 2015 Wiley Prize. Onraet, Van Hiel, Dhont, Hodson, Schittekatte, & de Pauw (2015, European Journal of Personality).

Caitlin Mahy was awarded a BSIG award for a project on the development of a parent questionnaire on children’s future thinking.

Cheryl McCormick’s NSERC Discovery grant was funded and she received a prestigious Discovery Accelerator Supplement.

Cathy Mondloch received a NSERC Discovery Grant: Expert Face Recognition: The Influence of Experience, $195,000.
@brockpsychology

Our undergraduate program now has an Instagram page! Two senior undergraduate psychology students at Brock, Alexandra and Krenare, manage the page and post content geared specifically toward current undergraduates and incoming students. The Instagram page @brockpsychology highlights the best of what our department has to offer – posts include current events, notable students and professors, and the work being carried out in some of our research labs. The Instagram page also started a series of posts tagged #wherearetheynow that focus on alumni from our undergraduate program, and all of the interesting things that you can do with a psychology degree.

Over the coming months, we are hoping to get more students — especially those in first and second year — involved in this effort so that we can ensure a diversity of posts and some continuity of leadership from year to year. So, if you have something you’d like featured on the page please let us know! Some of the things that we’d like to hear about include ongoing research projects, undergraduate alumni, interesting labs, presentations, demonstrations, or topics that you’re covering in your undergraduate classes.

To suggest a post, please contact either Alexandra Cvetich (ac12hj@brocku.ca) or Krenare Laci (kl12am@brocku.ca), and don’t forget to follow us on Instagram @brockpsychology

Taking Our Research Around the World

Kimberly Cote and two graduate students, Kari Lustig and Kevin MacDonald, attended the Gordon Research Conference on Sleep Regulation and Function in Galveston, Texas, March 13-18, 2016. Three poster presentations were made and much was learned about the latest research in the sleep field. However, we can’t tell you the details since what happens at the Gordon conference, stays at the Gordon conference. There are no abstracts published and attendees agree to keep all information confidential; this fosters exchange of new ideas and cutting-edge unpublished research. Gordon conferences have been organized in various fields of science since 1920.

In October, Cathy Mondloch and PhD student Xiaomei Zhou travelled to Germany to participate in the Person Perception Workshop hosted by the the University of Jena. In addition to enjoying the Onion Festival (see photo), they spent time participating in the workshop and working with Professors Stefan Schweinberger and Jurgen Kaufmann as well PhD student Marlena Itz developing a series of studies investigating the roles of face shape vs. texture in face learning and recognition.
In May, the **Face Perception** lab reunited with past members (Lindsey Short, Redeemer University; Nicole Nelson, University of Queensland; Sarah Laurence, Keele University) and friends from Jena and Perth for the week-long Vision Sciences Society meeting in **St. Pete Beach, Florida**. Kristen Baker, Claire Matthews, Xiaomei Zhou, Sarah Laurence, Valentina Proietti, and Abbie Coy all presented posters.

**BREW TAPS Speaker Series by Stephen Emrich**

This year marked the beginning of **BREW TAPS**, a new internal speaker series in the department. BREW TAPS (which stands for Brock Revolutionary Experimental Workshops (in) Topics Affiliated (with) Psychological Science), covered a range of talks by faculty, post-docs and graduate students. The series brought together many from the department for great talks, interesting conversation, and tasty (and occasionally fermented) treats. It even included a number of beer-themed talks, including a talk on a Hard-Earned Thirst (an Australian beer ad) from Carolyn Hafer, and an analogy between sour beer and behavioural analysis from Stephen Emrich. Post-doctoral fellow Valentina Proietti gave a great talk discussing her path to her post-doc and what she accomplished during her post-doc. The highlights of the year, though, were probably the two Data Blitz days (coined Data “Shots” by Mark Hoffarth) - a series of 11 short talks of interesting findings by 9 different graduate students (including a double-shot from Mark!), plus one from the Chair herself. Overall the series was a great success, and we’ll hopefully see a second round of BREWS in 2016-2017!

**Our Research in the News**


✦ **Tessa Mazachowsky**’s MA thesis examining parent’s ability to rate their children’s memory was featured in Brock News [https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2016/04/brock-researchers-to-study-how-parents-rate-their-kids-memory/](https://brocku.ca/brock-news/2016/04/brock-researchers-to-study-how-parents-rate-their-kids-memory/)
Our Research in the News

Joshua Black, a PhD student in our department, has recently received media attention around his research on grief and dreams. Joshua gave radio interviews to 93.3 CHFU and 610 CKTB and Hamilton Mountain News and Niagara This Week wrote articles on his research. Joshua has also co-produced 3 podcast episodes on his Grief Dreams Podcast. Additionally, he has set up a website on grief dreams (www.griefdreams.ca) and a Grief Dreams Facebook Group. The hope is that all of it will help normalize dreams after loss.

Kimberly Cote has given several interviews this year including an interview to the APA monitor in April on the Science of Naps and Global TV’s National Current Affairs (by Carolyn Jarvis) for an episode on The Cost of Sleep (http://globalnews.ca/national/program/16x9). Additionally, Kimberly wrote an article for Media Planet Sleep Quality Campaign, entitled, Why do We Need to Get Sleep Anyway.

Mark Hoffarth and Gordon Hodson’s article “Green on the outside, red on the inside: Perceived environmentalist threat as a factor explaining political polarization of climate change.” is currently one of the Top 25 most read articles in the Journal of Environmental Psychology. It also has the 7th highest Altmetric score (an indicator of media attention) in the journal over the past 6 months. Mark and Gordon were recently interviewed by Brock Press about the article.

Angela Evans’ recent publication on parents’ ability to detect their own children’s lies has received some media attention from a number of outlets including CHCH News, The Brock News, The Telegraph, The Boston Globe, Parents Canada, and the BBC Newsday.

Sid Segalowitz had a publication highlighted in MINDFULNESS RESEARCH MONTHLY (May 2016 issue) — https://goamra.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/MRM_v7n5_may.pdf

Gordon Hodson has recently written several articles for Psychology Today including Political polarization on climate change, Being Anti-Racist (not Non-Racist), and Meta-Dehumanization (They Think We Are Animals).
Making Community Connections

Joshua Black, a PhD student in our department, gave a series of talks in Ontario and Nova Scotia which included invited talks from Hulse and English Funeral Home, VON Durham Hospice, Morse & Son Funeral Home, Bereaved Families of Ontario, Dermody’s Funeral Home, Angelfest 2016, Hospice Halifax, and the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology Conference.

Fun Faculty Member Fact

Did you know that Tim Murphy plays in a Bagpipe Band!? In 1987 his band played a concert in Ireland and three days later won the world championship in Ireland (the first non-Scottish band to ever win the worlds). Recently, some of the original band members were reunited to recreate their original 1987 concert (you can view it here http://www.liveinireland87.com/) along with several of the top players in the world. The concert sold out with people from all over Canada, the US and Europe flying in to see it. You can watch the trailer for the concert here (watch for Tim at about the 44 second mark) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqwKLs18ykU) or it is available for purchase at https://vimeo.com/ondemand/liveinireland87

Projects in the Works

Dr. Stefan Brudzynski has accepted the position of editor of the next volume of the Handbook of Behavioral Neuroscience. This is a series of over 20 volumes being published by Elsevier/ Academic Press for a number of the last years. The title of the current volume (#27) is "Handbook of Ultrasonic Vocalization. A Window into Brain Mechanisms of Emotion and Motivation". It is a larger project containing over 60 chapters written by contributors from 14 countries. Its publication is planned for January 2018.
Have You Read Anything Good Lately?
Check Out Some of Our Recent Publications


Joshua Black self published a children’s picture book titled Dreaming of Owl. Dreaming of Owl is a story about two foxes and their grief journey after their friend Mr. Owl passes away. Orange Fox has a comforting dream of Mr. Owl, but Red Fox does not. The story follows Red Fox’s journey learning that he doesn’t need a dream of Mr. Owl to heal. Joshua’s hope is that this will raise awareness on the topic and help normalize the experience for children and parents. You can purchase a copy at: [http://www.griefdreams.ca/new-page/](http://www.griefdreams.ca/new-page/)


✦ Earle, M., & Hodson, G. (under review). Seeing lots of “them” and being threatened by that estimate: The role of numerical ability and right-wing adherence.

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