Message from Dr. Benedicta Egbo  
Program Director

Another academic year has ended and once again, it’s time to take stock. I am happy to report that the Joint PhD Program is doing well. The Secretariat and the three partner institutions recently concluded the 2010 admissions’ exercise and, we are looking forward to welcoming both new and returning students to this year’s summer session which will hold at Brock University in July.

Judging from the level of preparation by all involved, a very productive and engaging summer session awaits our Doctoral Seminars I and II students. I am particularly pleased to announce that Dr. Henry A. Giroux will give the Keynote address as part of the opening day activities. A renowned scholar, researcher and author, Dr. Giroux holds the Global TV Network Chair Professorship at McMaster University in the English and Cultural Studies Department. His primary research areas are: cultural studies, youth studies, critical pedagogy, popular culture, media studies, social theory, and the politics of higher and public education. In 2002, he was named as one of the top fifty educational thinkers of the modern period in “Fifty Modern Thinkers on Education: From Piaget” to the Present as part of Routledge’s Key Guides Publication Series. We are indeed looking forward to Dr. Giroux’s address.

Speaking of the summer session, a big thank you to the following instructors who will teach the Doctoral Seminars: Doctoral Seminar 1: Drs. Michael Kompf (Brock) and Gerald Walton (Lakehead). Doctoral Seminar 2: Drs Xiaoban Li (Brock) and George Zhou (Windsor).

As in the past, the Joint PhD Program hosted a Wine and Cheese Reception at the recently concluded CSSE Conference at Concordia University in Montreal. The reception was well attended by students, Faculty, and others who have some interest in the program. Congratulations to all the students who delivered papers at the conference. I encourage those of you who were not able to consider participating next year. Conference attendance, participation and presentations, contribute to our growth as a scholars, researchers and practitioners in very important ways. I look forward to seeing some of you at Brock University.

Have a great summer!

Benedicta Egbo, PhD
Recent Graduates

- **Hilary Brown** (Brock University, 2003)
  On March 4, 2010 Hilary successfully defended her PhD dissertation “I must Walk Through the Gate: An Ontological Necessity”. Supervisor: Dr. Susan Drake.

- **Jenni Donohoo** (University of Windsor, 2005)

- **Kevin Ker** (Brock University, 2003)

- **Thinan Nakaprasit** (Brock University, 2002)
  On November 13, 2009 Thinan successfully defended her PhD dissertation “Identifying Language Needs of ESL Students in a Canadian University Based English Language Program”. Supervisor: Dr. Merle Richards.

- **Sonya Pancucci** (Brock University, 2002)
  On April 21, 2010 Sonya successfully defended her PhD dissertation “The Expression and Development of Teachers’ Capacities Within Two Learning Communities: A Participant-Observer Case Study”. Supervisor: Dr. Coral Mitchell.

Current Student News

Portfolio & Dissertation Proposal Defenses

- **Brendan Browne** (Brock University, 2007)
  On November 26, 2009 Brendan successfully defended his Comprehensive Portfolio entitled, “A PhD Portfolio: Reflections on Experience”. Brendan’s supervisor is Dr. John Novak.

- **Ismal Gonzalez** (Lakehead University, 2007)
  On October 16, 2009 Ismal successfully defended his Comprehensive Portfolio entitled, “Rethinking modern languages and cultures instruction as decolonizing pedagogy”. Ismal’s supervisor is Dr. Mary Clare Courtland.

- **Snezana Ratković** (Brock University, 2007)
  On February 16, 2010 Snezana successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio entitled, “Charting a Roadmap to Critical Consciousness: The Comprehensive Portfolio”. Snezana’s supervisor is Dr. Susan Tilley.

- **Michelle Turan** (University of Windsor, 2007)
  On May 3, 2010 Michelle successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio. Michelle’s supervisor is Dr. Elizabeth Starr.

- **Georgann Watson** (Brock University, 2007)
  On April 6, 2010 Georgann successfully defended her Comprehensive Portfolio entitled, “Developing My Understanding: The Comprehensive Portfolio”. Georgann’s supervisor is Dr. Renee Kuchapski.
May Al-Fartousi (Brock University, 2008)

Andrea Chisholm (Brock University, 2009)

Rebecca Codack (Brock University, 2010)

Jenni Donohoo (University of Windsor, 2005)
Donohoo, J. (in press [2010]). Learning how to learn: Cornell Notes as an example. *Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy.*

Ismal Gonzalez (Lakehead University, 2007)

Anoop Gupta (University of Windsor, 2007)

Maureen Harris (University of Windsor, 2010)

Jana Miller (Lakehead University, 2010)

Jan Oakley (Lakehead University, 2007)

Karen Roland, Dr (University of Windsor, 2003 – PhD Graduate, 2009)

Christina Skorobohacz (Brock University, 2008)

Presentations

May Al-Fartousi (Brock University, 2008)
Al-Fartousi, M. (2010). Negotiating the Experiences of Minority Female Muslim Shia Graduate Students in Ontario: A Proposed Plan of Study. Brock’s Fifth Annual Graduate Student & Faculty Research Conference: Mapping the New Knowledge 2010. Brock University, St.Catharines, ON.

Andrea Chisholm (Brock University, 2009)


Pamela Cook (University of Windsor, 2004)

Jenni Donohoo (University of Windsor, 2005)


Ismal Gonzalez (Lakehead University, 2007)

Maureen Harris (University of Windsor, 2010)


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Elizabeth Keating (University of Windsor, 2008)

Keating, E. (2010). *Brain-based Teaching and Learning: Strategies for Enhancing Student Motivation and Engagement.* Presented at the Student Engagement, the Fourth Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning at Oakland University on May 19, 2010.


George Lamoureux (Brock University, 2005)


Catherine Longboat (Brock University, 2008)


Monique Mallet-Boucher (Brock University, 2009)


Jana Miller (Lakehead University, 2010)


Jan Oakley (Lakehead University, 2007)


Sonya Pancucci, Dr (Brock University, 2002 – PhD Graduate, 2010)

Krista Pearson (Lakehead University, 2007)
Pearson, K. (2010). Exploring institutionalized racism in higher education. Paper accepted for presentation in June at the annual general meeting of NAFFSA (international educators), Kansas City, KS. Available at www.nafsa.org


Karen Roland, Dr (University of Windsor, 2003 – PhD Graduate, 2009)


Christina Skorobohacz (Brock University, 2008)


Adam Stibbards (Lakehead University, 2009)

Stibbards, A. (2010). Play and learning in higher education. Round Table presentation at the 38th Annual Conference: Canadian Society for the Study of Education. Concordia University, Montreal, Canada in May.


Michelle Turan (University of Windsor, 2007)


Moroz, L., Croteau, N.P., & Turan, M.K. (2010, May). The individual effects of error correction strategies on rate of skill acquisition. Poster presented at the International Association for Behavior Analysis, San Antonio, TX, USA.

**Deidre Wilson** (University of Windsor, 2009)

### Grants & Awards

**May Al-Fartousi** (Brock University, 2008)
May has been awarded the 2010 Dean’s Award at Brock University as well, she is the recipient of an Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Award for 2010-2011.

**Pamela Cook** (University of Windsor, 2004)
On April 23, 2010 Pam was the recipient of the “Excellence Teaching Award, USA.

**Maureen Harris** (University of Windsor, 2010)
Maureen was the recipient of the Hugheen Ferguson – Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award from the Canadian Federation of Music Teachers. Maureen has also been awarded the Prime Minister of Canada Award – Recipient of the Excellence in Teaching Award.

**Catherine Longboat** (Brock University, 2008)
Catherine has been awarded the Assembly of First Nations Heroes of our Time (HOOT), Freda Ahenakew Education Award for demonstrated academic abilities, involved and shown commitment to extra-curricular / volunteer activities.

### Other News

**George Lamoureux** (Brock University, 2005)
George is currently serving as the Past President of the Ontario Teachers’ Federation which represents 155,000 teachers in publicly funded schools in Ontario.

**Krista Pearson** (Lakehead University, 2007)

Proud parents Krista Pearson (Lakehead University, 2007) and husband Tim, are expecting their second child in early fall to join big brother, Kai (2yrs.)

*Congratulations!*
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