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Leaders of Divided Cities Sign Agreement of Union at McCormack School Conference

By Olesia Plokhii

Before leaving Boston to head back to the divided cities of Mitrovica, Nicosia, Kirkuk, and Derry/Londonderry, all 30 delegates who came to Padraig O'Malley's "Forum for Cities in Transition" conference at UMass Boston from April 14 through 16 signed an agreement to establish a permanent forum for dialogue.

O'Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, brought together Kurdish, Arabic, Turkmen, and Assyrian representatives from Kirkuk in Iraq; Unionist, Nationalist, and Republican delegates from Derry/Londonderry in Northern Ireland; Turkish-Cypriot and Greek-Cypriot representatives from Nicosia in Cyprus; and Albanian and Serbian delegates from Mitrovica in Kosovo in hopes of testing his now famous thesis for peace on a new group of divided cities.

The conference was just the latest chapter in Padraig O'Malley's efforts to bring together divided societies. (Photo by Harry Brett)

"People in divided societies are in the best position to help people from other divided societies," said O'Malley, who has helped with conflict resolution in Northern Ireland, South Africa, and Iraq. Despite their unique conflicts, O'Malley believes that each city shares ethnic, religious, or nationalist divisions—a commonality which he hoped all four delegations would use to their benefit by agreeing to establish a permanent forum for discussion on the last day of the conference.

The agreement, titled "Call to Action," states that participants from all cities affirm "to create a Forum for Cities in Transition, with those present becoming founding members, [....] that the Forum's purposes shall be to address common problems [....], [and] to deepen and broaden the network by taking ownership of the Forum's future, by one city assuming the Presidency of the Forum each year and planning to host future Forum annual events in their territories in conjunction with civil society and educational institutions."

As the single document was

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Did You Get the Message?

By Anne-Marie Kent

Just before 11 a.m. on April 8, cell phones began buzzing across campus as the university tested the UMass Boston Alert System, which simultaneously sent thousands of emails, text messages, and voice alerts to system subscribers. The message from "MassHigherEd" announced, "This is a test of the UMass Boston Alert System." Had it been a real emergency, the message—limited to 160 characters for text messages—would have offered concise critical information regarding the emergency, and if necessary, directions about how to access further information.

"In a life-threatening emergency, the UMass Boston Alert system will be one of many means by which the university plans to communicate critical information quickly," says Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Ellen O'Connor, who cochairs the university's safety committee with Vice Provost and CIO Anne

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Governor Patrick Meets with New England Ethnic Newswire Members

By Lissa Harris

There's power in numbers. Individually, the media outlets that cover Massachusetts's ethnic communities are small. But as a group, they represent a huge and diverse population, blanketing the state from Boston to the Berkshires.

The power of the ethnic press was on display at the State House on Friday, April 24, in a press conference with Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick organized by the New England Ethnic Newswire. In attendance were more than three dozen journalists from print, radio, online, and TV outlets, representing a rich array of languages and communities: Brazilian, Chinese, Japanese, Armenian, Haitian, African American, Latino, Indian, Korean, Portuguese, and Polish news organizations were there, many from outside greater Boston.

Meet the press: Governor Patrick addressed a packed conference room at the event, fielding questions ranging from immigration reform to commuter rail. (Photo by Harry Brett)

"I love this country. But it's the only country I've ever visited where speaking only one language is considered a good thing," he said in response to a question about bilingual education. "Everywhere else I've ever been, speaking multiple languages was, at a minimum, expected."

A project of the McCormack Graduate School's Center on Media and Society, the New England Ethnic Newswire serves as a hub to connect the more than 100 ethnic media outlets in Massachusetts, provides training for reporters, and recognizes outstanding ethnic journalism at an annual award ceremony. But the press conference was an indication of a new outreach effort which began this past winter, when officials from the U.S. Census Bureau, including the regional director,

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passed from delegate to delegate around the table, representatives from two cities announced a desire to host the next event in 2010.

"I fully support the paper and want to express our wish to host the next forum in Mitrovica," said Sadri Ferati, an ethnic Albanian who is the Minister of Local Governance in Mitrovica, a city with a majority of Serbs in the north and Kosovar Albanians in the south. "I hope everyone will agree to that."

Gerry Diver, mayor of Derry/Londonderry, said his delegation would happily defer hosting the first forum to make way for Mitrovica.

"I'm sure I'm speaking for all of the delegation [when I say] how moved we are by the leadership demonstrated by our colleague from Mitrovica," Diver said. "They have shown that the true value of the conference has taken root in work done over the last few days."

But getting members of the municipal opposition to sign on the dotted line wasn't without its obstacles. Eleni Mavrou, the Greek-Cypriot mayor of Nicosia Municipality, expressed a hesitancy to commit to the document on the spot.

"I think keeping this network alive is very useful and important, and I've learned a lot in the last three days, but being in the position to fulfill these obligations will depend on a number of parameters we are not prepared to make now," she said. "We could refer to the need or necessity or possibility [of the Forum] rather than sign on the dotted line."

Razgar Ali Hama-Jan, the Kurdish chairman of the Kirkuk Provincial Council, said none of his delegation would sign the document until errors in the Arabic translation were corrected and the word "divided" was substituted.

"The Arabic translation is not perfect; the insinuations and innuendos in the language are inaccurate," Hama-Jan said. "I don't agree to the term 'province divided,' even if this is agreed by government; as delegates, we are defending the real fact that we don't want to portray the wrong image in Kirkuk."

After the wording of the document was amended to reflect delegate concerns, however, every representative of the conference, including those from Nicosia and Kirkuk, signed on.

"What we learned from this conference was the problems and conflicts of other cities; we learned what the process was and how they solved their problems," said Abdullah Sami Assi, an Arab member of the Kirkuk Provincial Council. "These problems are common with ours and we can transfer the way they solved and implemented them as a model to solve our own problems."

Former Red Sox Goes Blue for a Day

Former pro baseball player Pumpsie Green, the first African American to play for the Boston Red Sox, stopped by the Quinn Building in April to chat with Chancellor Motley. During his visit to Boston, Green was also honored in a pregame ceremony by his former team, the last in the majors to integrate when Green joined the club in the summer of 1959. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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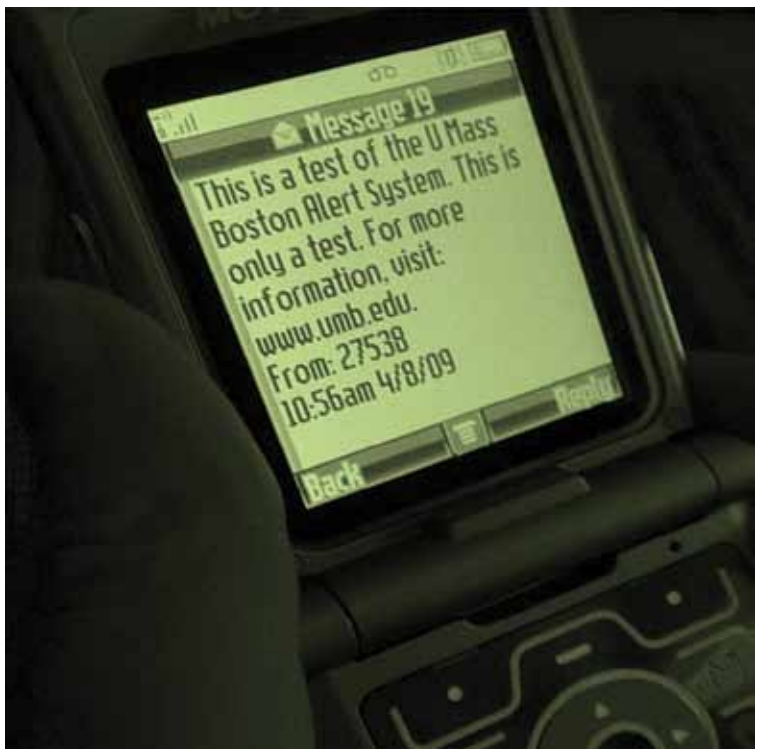

In the event of an emergency, subscribers to the UMass Boston Alert System receive text, email, and voice messages with instructions on how to stay safe. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Scrivener-Agee.

The test went well, but O'Connor and Agee share one concern: While everyone with an active UMass Boston email address is in the system, not everyone has entered cell phone information to receive text messages. The system is free, but normal text messaging costs apply. The university plans to use the system only for routine testing and critical emergency messages, so costs should be minimal.

"Adding your cell phone number into the system generally means you'll get quicker access to that information through texting or mobile email," says Agee. "Keep in mind that no system is foolproof—that's why we test the system and employ various means of emergency communications."

The system test itself and the efforts to promote it helped increase the number of cell phone contacts added to the system: After the test, cell phone participation jumped by 21% for students and 36% for faculty and staff.

"System tests, exercises and drills are all an important part of emergency preparedness at UMass Boston," says O'Connor. "We plan to test this system regularly to assess its performance and familiarize members of the campus community with it, and with safety awareness in general."

Other safety-related initiatives include a revamped Emergency Operations Plan, new automated external defibrillators located throughout campus, regular training and drills for key staff, and an upcoming year of outreach. Also, an outdoor siren and loudspeaker system may be added to augment notification capabilities.

Patrick Meets with Ethnic Media *(cont. from page 1)*

met with about 20 ethnic-media journalists in the Healey Library. Center director and Newswire editor Frank Herron hopes to expand on the success of the event by hosting regular meetings with newsmakers on the local, state, and even national levels.

"I look at this as a sort of editorial board get-together for the ethnic media of New England," he said. "We would like to have a monthly newsmaker series."

Despite the fact that he faces falling approval ratings and one of the worst state budget crises in memory, Patrick was in good spirits at the press conference, joking with reporters and circling the packed room to extend a welcoming handshake to each of the participants.

"This is your house," said Patrick. "I hope you have come to this meeting in that spirit. We want to have a partnership with you."

After Patrick's opening remarks, the reporters began lobbing an arsenal of questions, ranging from hot-button issues such as immigration reform and drivers' licenses for undocumented immigrants to more mainstream issues, such as the spending of recovery bill funds to a proposed commuter rail extension on the Stoughton line.

For the most part, Patrick was engaged and talkative—answering questions at length, allowing the conference to run over its scheduled time, and encouraging the reporters to schedule regular meetings in the future. Patrick also beseeched the reporters for help promoting a 10,000-job summer work initiative that his office is sponsoring.

For many of the reporters, it was their first trip to the State House, said Eduardo de Oliveira, the health reporter for the New England Ethnic Newswire.

"We don't have many ethnic media covering the State House and politics as often as the mainstream media," he said. "For them to have a chance to talk with the governor was really great."

The benefits of open communication go both ways, said Herron. It's also a way for politicians to engage communities they might not be able to reach through the mainstream press.

"This is all about access—access to the governor, but also vice versa. The governor and others need access to these professionals and the populations they represent," Herron said.

De Oliveira agrees. The political power of ethnic communities is on the rise, and politicians would be wise to take heed, he said.

"The election of Obama shows that the electoral map of America is changing rapidly," he said. "More and more, we are part of the political discussion in this country."

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UMass Boston Launches Live TV News Segment

By DeWayne Lehman

UMass Boston, in partnership with New England Cable News, last month launched a weekly TV news segment featuring university faculty and staff providing commentary on timely news issues.

Broadcast live from the university's studio in Healey Library, "Affairs of State" is aimed at covering a broad range of newsworthy subjects that relate to local, national, and international governmental issues. The intent of the weekly news segment is to enhance the exposure and reputation of UMass Boston faculty and staff as go-to media experts and provide them with experience in a live TV interview setting.

"This is a great opportunity for the university to showcase the talent and expertise of our faculty and staff and enter into important discussions of the day that affect us all," said Chancellor J. Keith Motley. "I look forward to seeing 'Affairs of State' become a weekly draw for NECN's newscast."

Assistant Professor of Political Science Maurice Cunningham speaks with NECN's Leslie Gaydos about Boston's mayoral race.

Work toward connecting UMass Boston's video studio in the Lower Level of Healey Library via a television-grade fiber-optic connection to media outlets began in December, around the same time that discussions began with NECN to develop a news segment from UMass Boston. The resulting "Affairs of State" premiered on NECN on April 2 and has had four successful installments, including: Associate professor Paul Watanabe on the political travails of the Patrick administration; New England Ethnic Newswire editor Frank Herron on the financial crisis facing the *Boston Globe*; McCormack School dean Steve Crosby on the House budget; Assistant Professor Maurice Cunningham on Mayor Menino's announcement that he is running for a historic fifth term; and Associate Professor Alan Clayton-Matthews on the state's worsening budget picture.

"As a 24/7 news organization, we see UMass Boston as a great partner and valuable resource providing additional insight and commentary to our news lineup," said NECN president and general manager Charles J. Kravetz. "The 'Affairs of State' segment gives viewers a unique, authoritative perspective from the Boston area's only public university."

The effort to provide UMass Boston faculty a platform for live TV exposure on NECN is one of several initiatives that the Office of Communications has undertaken recently to raise awareness around media coverage and issues, including organizing media panels and training and education sessions.

Older Workers Conference Brings International Expertise to National, Regional Problems

By Muna Killingback

People aged 55 and over, now one-quarter of the Massachusetts population, have longer periods of unemployment and often receive lower wages or are underemployed when they do find jobs, said Eleanor Shea-Delaney, interim secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs in her opening remarks at the UMass Boston symposium on older workers on April 24 and 25.

Coupled with an increasingly older population and large budget cuts for elderly services, Shea-Delaney urged participants to look for "innovative solutions."

"Older Workers and Social Policy in the 21st Century: International, National, and Regional Perspectives," a symposium organized by the Gerontology Institute in the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, brought together internationally renowned gerontology scholars to share the latest policy research from around the world.

UMass Boston Gerontology Institute director Maximiliane E. Szinovacz explained that despite the increasingly aging population, which means that there are more older workers, "there hasn't been that much policy research into the issue. The economy is globalized, and aging is a global issue. It is good to learn about what other countries are doing…The issues are slightly different and there are different approaches, but some of them are applicable here."

Philip Taylor, professor of employment policy at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, Australia, summed up the situation in many countries: "The virtues of older workers have been extolled in the face of population aging and stressed social security systems." He noted that until recently, public policy encouraged early retirement and "labor market policy aimed at tackling youth unemployment."

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) senior economist Mark Keese said that in fact, "Earlier retirement schemes don't help. Someone has to pay. Firms have to pay and have less money to hire younger workers." He pointed out that early-retirement schemes also discourage firms from investing in older workers since they believe they will soon leave.

Professor Taylor and other speakers highlighted the "disadvantaged status of older workers" who face lower new-hire rates, and despite a rate of job loss similar to that of younger workers, experience longer periods of unemployment as well as "large wage losses when re-employed."

Trends in the global economy also affect the plight of older workers, he said: "Labor shortages are forecast for the OECD countries, but global labor supply is expanding, especially in East Asia…Globalization can lead to insecurity in older workers."

Many researchers advised a "life course approach" to employment policy, which factors in demands of caregiving at varying times of life. A phased retirement in contrast to an abrupt exit from the labor force was also recommended; this could include greater flexibility and options to adjust hours or take on different types of work.

However, for some workers with health problems or lower educational levels, extending their working lives might be difficult or impossible. Several speakers expressed special concern for lower-wage workers, who often have the most difficulty finding employment at older ages.

Dr. Stephen McNair, director of the United Kingdom's Centre for Research into the Older Workforce, called for new approaches: "The current model of retirement is 30 years out of date." He noted that the life phase between ages 25 and 50 is one of "high stress" characterized by heavy demands of both work and caregiving, while the phase between ages 50 and 75 includes a complex labor market exit and, frequently, underuse of skills. "Should we not rethink the distribution of activity across the life course?" he asked.

Many emphasized that older workers are a diverse group and one policy will not fit all. Sally Bould, University of Delaware Professor Emerita of Sociology and fellow of the UMass Boston Gerontology Institute, said that "social policy must not be gender neutral or gender blind—data needs to be disaggregated." Several presenters looked at the impact of older women's greater caregiving and community engagement responsibilities on their employment options.

Quality, targeted training and more and better programs designed for older job seekers could increase their employability, it was generally agreed. Dr. Laura Romeu Gordo of the Deutsches Zentrum für Altersfragen (the German Centre for Gerontology) found that on-the-job training was more effective than classroom training in helping older workers find new jobs.

Looking at the U.S. context, Richard Johnson, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute, reported that a survey of job demands showed that physically demanding jobs had declined between 1992 and 2002, but other jobs, including very stressful ones and those requiring good eyesight, intense concentration, and dealing with others, had increased. Paradoxically, workers in worse health were most likely to have physically demanding jobs and those with cognitively rather than physically demanding jobs retire later. The survey also showed an increase of 121 percent in jobs "dealing with unpleasant people."

Professor Steve Sass, associate director for research at the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, found that many American employees believe they don't have enough money to retire, and baby boomers often want to work longer even if money isn't a concern. In the absence of mandatory retirement ages and an institutionalized process, retirement can be "disorderly and unpredictable," creating a lot of anxiety: "Employees don't know when they'll be let go, and employers don't know when these older employers will leave."

In addition to encouraging older workers to work longer, UMass Boston professor of gerontology Yung-Ping Chen, who holds the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar's Chair in Geronotology, believes that to stem the impending worker shortage due to baby boomer retirement, more workers will need to be drawn from among young people, women, and persons with disabilities. He and Andrea Tull, a PhD student in the Gerontology Program, advocated the concept of "Universal Design," which both increases access for persons with disabilities and improves conditions for all workers.

Both academics and policy makers took away new ideas from the symposium. "There were a lot of lessons learned that I think are very applicable to our public policy here," said Ruth Palombo of the Office of Program Planning and Management in the Commonwealth's Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Executive Office partners with the McCormack School on an initiative promoting the civic engagement and employment of older adults led by the National Governors Association.

Many graduate students in the Gerontology Institute, one of the largest programs in the country, also attended as well as members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UMass Boston, which offers a range of educational programs for adults age 50 and over.

Guatemalan Nobel Laureate Visits UMass Boston

By Olesia Plokhii

Rigoberta Menchú Tum, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992 for her work publicizing the plight of indigenous Guatemalans during that country's five-decade civil war, was warmly welcomed by an auditorium full of fans, students, scholars, faculty, and Hispanic groups at the Campus Center ballroom.

More than 500 people were on hand to hear the world renowned Menchú, who belongs to the Quiche-Maya ethnic group, recount the horrors of what she called the genocide of more than 160,000 indigenous people—83% of all those who were killed in the civil war, the majority by the Guatemalan military.

Menchú, who fled to Mexico in 1981 after her family was killed by the military, used her time on the podium vowing to "defend the text of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" and issued a call to action for Bostonians, especially lawyers, to do the same, because very few of the those responsible have been punished: Despite a 1999 UN Truth Commission report on the civil war documenting the military responsible for 93% of the human rights violations committed during the war and similar findings disclosed by the Catholic Church's independent truth commission Nunca Mas (Never Again), most military officers accused of committing war crimes were never tried and were granted amnesty instead. Menchú, who is also a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, pledged to dedicate her efforts to overturning that amnesty and bringing justice to Guatemalans.

Menchú stood larger than life on the stage of the Campus Center Ballroom. (Photo by Harry Brett)

"My entire life I will fight against impunity," a teary-eyed Menchú said in Spanish while an English translation was offered to those with headphones. "It's very important to know that although peace agreements say wonderful things, wonderful things were not done."

Menchú, who currently serves as the president of a Mexican pharmaceutical company whose mission is to offer inexpensive generic medicines, also spoke of the need to improve health policy in Guatemala.

"Children are suffering from chronic malnutrition and 95% of indigenous women are giving birth without any professional medical assistance," she said.

Perhaps the most anticipated part of the hour-and-a-half address was when Menchú answered public questions about her contentious autobiographical testimony, *I, Rigoberta Menchú,* and her disappointing 2007 Guatemalan presidential bid, which only garnered her three percent of the vote.

"I am honored to be a controversial person," Menchú said, before turning toward a more serious note. "Many people would have wanted me to die [already]."

Menchú took time out of yesterday's address to exonerate herself of accusations by American anthropologist David Stoll that she fabricated parts of her testimony.

"His skin is a little whiter than mine," Menchú joked less-than-cordially as she defended her written statements about the manner in which her mother, father, and brother died.

"What do you believe is better?" she asked. "To hear that your mother died after being thrown from a helicopter, or that her body was found shackled around a tree, tortured, and raped?"

Answering a question about her presidential bid, Menchú said her loss could be attributed to divisions in her inner circle, their lack of funds for campaigning, and the fact that she's a woman. Menchú also hinted at a possible run in the 2011 presidential elections.

"We were not a party, we were just a movement," she said of her bid in 2007 before announcing her intentions for the next election. "One thing is to participate, and another is to compete."

CM'S MBA Program Gets More High Marks in Global Rankings

By Andrea Goggin

The College of Management's Master's in Business Administration was recently selected for the QS Global 200 Business Schools 2009: The Employers' Choice, a list of top MBA programs in the world, ranking CM as the 58th overall in North America. In addition, the MBA program's information technology specialization received rankings of 29th in the world and 15th in North America.

The QS Global honor builds on the recognition recently by the Princeton Review, which recognized CM as a top business school for the first time last year and again this year in the 2009 edition of *The Best 296 Business Schools*. In the book's profile of CM, the editors say that the school offers the best "bang for the buck," and quote from students who call it "the most convenient part-time program and the best value in Boston."

"The recognition received by the College of Management of late is an important indicator of our growing stature and impact," said CM dean Philip Quaglieri. "Our strategy is to become one of the nation's top public metropolitan business schools, not just for the public relations, but because our students warrant the value represented by the recognition. Our rankings in QS and the Princeton Review attract the attention of corporate recruiters and this translates to significant payoffs for our students. We have an outstanding faculty and staff here in the College, and they continually push forward the success of our students and the overall quality of our programs."

CM is Boston's only public business school, with graduate programs offering mostly evening classes to allow working professionals the opportunity to pursue an advanced degree while still working full-time. CM offers five graduate-level programs: the Master's in Business Administration (MBA), Master of Science in Accounting (MSA), Master of Science in Finance (MSF), Master of Science in International Management (MSIM), and Master of Science in Information Technology (MSIT).

MBA students also have the option of choosing one or more specializations in accounting, finance, international management, marketing, Internet marketing, fundraising and non-profit management, human resources, healthcare management, environmental management, operations management, and information systems. All programs and specializations are designed to enhance students' knowledge and understanding of the business world and lead to successful professional careers.

The College of Management's MBA programs are internationally accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International), an organization which represents the highest standard of research, curriculum design, and teaching excellence of business schools worldwide, while the MSA, MSF, MSIM, and MSIT programs enjoy preliminary AACSB accreditation under the umbrella of the College of Management's accreditation.

With 545 students enrolled as of spring 2009, CM graduate programs continue to grow. Students enrolled in the MBA bring an average of five and a half years of work experience to the classroom, enabling CM's graduate students to learn from the wealth of diverse experience of their peers.

Professor Honored for Creativity in Physics Education

(Photo by Harry Brett)

By Danielle Shuckra

Distinguished Professor of Science Education Arthur Eisenkraft is the 2009 recipient of the Robert A. Millikan Medal, awarded by the American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) in recognition of his notable and creative contributions in physics education. Eisenkraft is director of the Center of Science and Math in Context (COSMIC) at UMass Boston. Throughout his career, Eisenkraft has been dedicated to addressing inequities that often prevent students from gaining access to a quality physics education.

One of his most significant contributions to AAPT and physics teaching was his development of the Active Physics Curriculum Project, which was funded by research grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The goal of the project was to make physics interesting to students from diverse backgrounds and help students understand how what they learn in the classroom applies to their daily lives.

"It is hard to reconcile the wave of humility and sheer exuberance that I am feeling at having received this honor. It is an extraordinary recognition of the important work that involved so many of my fellow physics teachers," says Eisenkraft.

The award will be presented at the AAPT's summer meeting, hosted by the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Welcome Day 2009 in Pictures

Hundreds of accepted students and their families flocked to Columbia Point on Saturday, April 4, for a preview of what they'll experience when they begin their studies at UMass Boston in September. University Photographer Harry Brett was there; here are just a few of our many favorite photos of the day.

Biology Professor's Plant Gene Project Wins NSF Grant

By Danielle Shuckra

The National Science Foundation recently funded the third stage of the Compositae Genome Project (CGP) for over $8 million. Biology professor Rick Kesseli is part of the collaborative project, along with Indiana University, the University of California, Davis, the University of Georgia, and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

The project addresses the problem of weeds and other invasive species in agriculture, which cost farmers $34 billion per year in the U.S. alone. Some of the most damaging plants such as thistles, knapweeds and dandelions, belong to the Compositae family, better known as the sunflower family of flowering plants, which includes both the invaders as well as plants used in food and medicine. To fight the damaging species while encouraging the useful ones, the CGP develops comprehensive gene catalogs and fully sequences genomes for both.

"The CGP has developed extensive resources for functional, comparative, and evolutionary genomics for species in the sunflower family," says Kesseli. "These resources include the recent submission of over three-quarters of a million gene sequences to the national Genbank. This work will aid efforts to improve crops and to manage invaders. These resources are also letting us dissect the genomic changes that led to the rapid evolution changes that produced some of these nasty invasive species."

The grant also includes extensive funding to support teacher education programs already in place at UMass Boston, and to support undergraduate research and internships on the campuses.

Mayor Menino Visits GoKids

Boston Mayor Tom Menino stopped by GoKids last month to meet with Chancellor Keith Motley and film a public service announcement about the dangers of violent video games. (Photo by Harry Brett)

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Professor of Philosophy **Lawrence Blum** presented a paper, "Confusions About 'Culture' in Explaining the Racial Achievement Gap," at the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association, in Vancouver, Canada.

Vice Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer **Anne Scrivener Agee** and Director of Communications and Infrastructure **Daryl Ford** gave a case study of "Rebuilding the Infrastructure for an Urban University" at the Storage and Networking Conference, held in Orlando, Florida, in April. They highlighted the university's efforts to improve the data center, wiring and networking, and data storage options at UMass Boston.

Vice Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer **Anne Scrivener Agee** participated in a panel discussion on assessment and information technology for the Northeast Regional Computing Program (NERCOMP) at UMass Amherst in March. She presented ideas on benchmarking and metrics and implementing data-driven decision making.

Professor of English **Elsa Auerbach** will be lecturing on "Globalization and Immigrant Language Learners" at the Centre for Research on Bilingualism at Stockholm University in Sweden on May 20. In addition, she will be an external examiner for a public doctoral dissertation defense on "Changing Conceptions of Literacies, Language and Development: Implications for the Provision of Adult Basic Education in South Africa" at Stockholm University on May 18.

In April, Assistant Professor **Billie Gastic** of the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs served on a panel, titled "Overcoming Barriers for Latinos Reaching Higher Education," as part of "Uniting Yale Latinos: From Nuestra Casa to Contributions around the World," a reunion of Yale Latinos held at Yale University in April.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **Jalal Alamgir** delivered a paper in a panel on "Explosions of Democracy" at the annual convention of the Association for Asian Studies, held in Chicago in March.

On February 13, Assistant Professor of American Studies **Lynnell Thomas** was the featured speaker for the Black History Month program at The Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter School in Hyde Park. Thomas also organized and chaired the panel "New Orleans Beyond Disciplinary Boundaries: Race, Hurricane Katrina and the Re-Imagining of an American City" at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians, held in Seattle, Washington, from March 26 through 29. She presented the paper "Constructions of Blackness in Tourist New Orleans."

Joan Garity, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented papers titled "Fostering Students' Use of Ethical Theory" and "Ethical Decision-Making Models" at the Oxford Round Table, Oxford University, England, ,on March 23, and at the first annual UMass 5-Campus PhD Nursing Student Forum, held in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, on April 13. She will also present a paper, titled "Alzheimer Family Care Giving: Past, Present, and Future Directions" at "A Map Through the Maze: Interdisciplinary Conference for Alzheimer Care Professionals," sponsored by the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Association and Hebrew Senior Life, in Marlborough, Massachusetts, on May 13.

Associate Professor **Eben Weitzman** of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution conducted a workshop on "Managing Organizational Conflict During Disasters" for the 2009 Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit, held in Dallas, Texas, in April.

MaryAnn Byrnes, associate professor in the Graduate College of Education, was an invited participant in Boston mayor Thomas Menino's Summit on Autism on April 3. She facilitated the strategy session in "Transition: Postsecondary Education and Employment."

Jack Wiggin, director of the Urban Harbors Institute, made a presentation on the theory and application of marine spatial planning in ocean management to the Massachusetts Ocean Advisory Commission on March 4, and at the New England Estuarine Research Society conference in Salem, Massachusetts, on April 2.

Glenn Gabbard, associate director of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE), was a featured panelist during one of four keynote sessions at the Achieving the Dream Strategy Institute, held in San Francisco in February. The session, titled "Putting Equity at the Heart of Achieving the Dream: A Case Study on Navigating the Challenges," focused on the uses of institutional data to create a robust campus-wide commitment to equity in a community college setting.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **C. Heike Schotten** presented her paper "Reading Nietzsche in the Wake of the 2008-09 War on Gaza" at the 2009 Nietzsche in New York conference, held April 30 through May 2. She will also give the plenary address at the first annual Nietzsche Workshop at the Centre for the Study of Theory and Social Criticism at the University of Western Ontario, Canada, on May 12. The title of her address will be "Reading Nietzsche in the Wake of the 2008-09 War on Gaza: On Masters, Slaves, and the Politics of Philosophical Consistency."

Assistant Professor of English **Scott Maisano** gave a talk, titled "Descartes avec Milton: The Automata in the Garden," at the Humanities Research Center at Rice University in Houston, Texas, on March 27. Maisano was also an invited participant at the Northeast Colloquium in Early Modern Studies, hosted by Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, on April 4, and he presented "Speculating on Shakespeare Futures: Science Fiction and Cultural Value" at the annual convention of the Shakespeare Association of America, on April 10 in Washington, D.C.

Graduate College of Education associate dean **Felicia Wilczenski** and lecturers **Robert Gracia**, **Katherine Gray**, and **Rebecca Shumacher** presented a paper titled "Urban Partnerships for Educational Equity: Networking for Successful Educational Transitions" at the annual meeting of the National Office of School Counseling Advocacy, sponsored by the College Board and held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Susan Moir, director of the Labor Resource Center, was a panelist at a forum on the gaming industry hosted by the Massachusetts AFL-CIO at the State Archives Building on March 19. Dr. Moir presented the LRC's recent study "Gaming in Massachusetts: Can Casinos Bring 'Good Jobs' to the Commonwealth?"

Melissa Pearrow, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, was a cochair of the convention committee of the National Association of School Psychologists, held in Boston in February. She also conducted two presentations with graduate students: "The School Psychologist as Researcher and Change Agent Using Participatory Action Research," and "Youth Empowerment Programs with Urban and High-Risk Youth."

Professor of Gerontology **Nina M. Silverstein** gave an invited presentation on older driver research at the 2009 Lifesavers National Conference on Highway Safety Priorities, held in Nashville, Tennessee on March 30. She also gave a speech titled "The Outcome Is Mobility: The Impact of Dementia on Driving and Community Mobility" at the 2009 American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) Annual Conference & Expo, held in Houston, Texas, from April 23 through 26.

Professor of Sociology **Siamak Movahedi** presented a paper, "Unconscious Re-enactment Through Language," at the 79th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore, Maryland on March 19.

Professor **Rona Flippo** of the Graduate College of Education and two of her graduate students, **John Fitzgerald** and **Kevin Trant**, gave a presentation titled "The Politics of Literacy" at the 40th Annual Conference of the Massachusetts Reading Association (MRA), held in Stur-

bridge, Massachusetts, April 2 and 3. She is also presenting "Really Listening to Literacy Stories: Windows to Individual, Family, Community, and Socio-Cultural Development," and is chairing, organizing, and presenting two papers at a symposium titled "College Reading and Study Strategies Research" at the International Reading Association (IRA) Annual Convention, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 3 and 4. Assistant Professors **Janna Jackson** and **Tara Parker** of the Graduate College of Education will also be presenting papers in this symposium.

Assistant Professor **Katherine Gibson** and Associate Professor **Brian White**, both of the Biology Department, and College of Science and Mathematics dean **Andrew Grosovsky** have been selected to participate in the 2009 National Academies Summer Institute on Undergraduate Education in Biology. The Institute will be held June 22 through 27 at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

On April 2, Center for Social Policy research director **Françoise Carré** gave a presentation at the Beacon Hill Seminars titled: "Continuity and Change in Low-Wage Work in Retail Trade." She also participated in meetings from March 16 through 20 on informal employment in Mexico, organized by the Cornell University Department of Applied Economics, the global research network WIEGO, and the Indian membership organization SEWA, and on March 10, she presented a coauthored paper titled "Working in Large Food Retailers: A France-United States Comparison" at MIT's Institute for Work and Employment Research seminar.

On April 1 and 16, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Ramon Borges**, associate professor **Donna Haig Friedman**, and lecturer **Theresa Roberts**, along with Dr. James Jennings of Tufts University, presented their research, "Immigrant Workers in the Massachusetts Health Care Industry: A Report on Status and Future Prospects," to community audiences in Lawrence and Worcester, Massachusetts. The research was commissioned by the Immigrant Learning Center.

Economics Department chair **Janis Kapler** delivered a "mini-lecture," titled "The Global Financial Crisis in Ten Easy (sort of) Steps," for accepted students and their parents on Welcome Day.

Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences assistant professor **John Duff** moderated a panel discussion, titled "International Law of the Sea," at the United Nations-Nippon Foundation Law of the Sea Fellowship Meeting, held in Tokyo, Japan on April 13. Duff also delivered a presentation on U.S. ocean policy at the meeting.

Interim associate dean of the College of Public and Community Service **Sylvia Mignon** presented "Children of Incarcerated Mothers: Searching for a Better Future" at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore in March 2009. The presentation was based on research completed with **Paige Ransford** of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

Professor of Psychology **Ed Tronick** recently presented "Relational Psychophysiology and Meaning Making in Therapy" at the Therapeutic Action of Psychodynamic Therapy conference, held at Harvard Medical School.

Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology **Gonzalo Bacigalupe** presented "Developing a Systems of Care Faculty Learning Community" at the Child Behavioral Health Initiative Intercollegiate Faculty-Student Conference, held at Northeastern University in April. He also copresented "Immigration, Resilience, and Trauma: 'It's Like an Earthquake'" and served as a moderator for a plenary session titled "Communities as a Resource for Healing" at the Multicultural Family Institute 187th annual Culture Conference, held in Piscataway, New Jersey.

Arthur MacEwan, professor emeritus in the Department of Economics and Senior Fellow in the Center for Social Policy, presented a paper titled "An End in Itself and a Means to Good Ends: Why Income Equality Is Important" at a conference on Employment, Growth, and Poverty Reduction in Developing Countries at the Political Economy Research Institute at UMass Amherst on March 27; addressed the Asociación Interamericana de Hombres de Empresas in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on "The Outlook for Puerto Rico and the United States in 2009"; and presented a talk at the Weill Cornell Medical School in New York City on "The Massachusetts Healthcare Reform and Its Implications for National Reform."

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy, was one of four featured speakers at the Amherst College Colloquium "Racial Politics in American Culture: A Continuing Constitutional Dilemma," held April 24 through 25. The topic of Hardy-Fanta's speech was "When Race and Gender Collide: Presidential Politics, the Constitution and America's Future."

PUBLICATIONS

Associate Professor **Jane Cloutterbuck** of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences recently coauthored an article, titled "The Application of the Cloutterbuck Minimum Data Matrix to a Community Health Nursing Course," which was published in the *Journal of Nursing Education*.

Associate Professor of Anthropology **Stephen Silliman** published an article, titled "Change and Continuity, Memory and Practice: Native American Persistence in Colonial New England" in the April issue of *American Antiquity*. The article was based on six years of research in a UMass Boston summer archaeological field course in Connecticut.

Interim chair of the Department of Nursing **Lois Haggerty** coauthored an article, titled "Adapting and Testing the Appraisal of Violent Situation Scales," for a recent issue of *Healthcare for Women International*, and another, titled "Doctorate in Nursing Practice: A Survey of Massachusetts Nurses," for the *Journal of Professional Nursing*.

Melissa Pearrow, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, published the article "Youth Empowerment in Oppressive Systems: Opportunities for School Consultants" as part of a special series on social justice in education in the *Journal of Educational and Psychological Consultation*.

Associate Professor **Xiaogang Deng** and Assistant Professor **Andrea Leverentz** of the Sociology Department contributed a chapter on China's land use policy and corruption to the book *China in an Era of Transition: Understanding Contemporary State and Society*, published by Palgrave Macmillan.

Assistant Professor of Family Therapy **Laurie L. Charles** published "Home-Based Family Therapy: A Case Illustration of Clinical Work with a Liberian Refugee" in the spring issue of *Journal of Systemic Therapies*.

A paper coauthored by Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance **James Grant**, titled "Active Investing in Strategic Acquirers Using an EVA Style Analysis," is the lead article in the spring issue of the *Journal of Investing*.

A paper coauthored by Assistant Professor of Accounting and Finance **Giorgio Gotti**, titled "The Effect on Financial Reporting Quality of an Exemption from the SEC Reporting Requirements for Foreign Private Issuers," has been accepted for presentation at the Illinois International Accounting Symposium, to be held in Catania, Italy. The paper will also be published in *The International Journal of Accounting*. Another coauthored paper, titled "Foreign Private Issuers Exempted from Filing with the SEC and Market Reactions," has been accepted for presentation at the 2009 annual AAA conference to be held in New York, and it will be published in the conference proceedings.

A paper coauthored by Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Christian Weller**, titled "Who Borrows from Payday Lenders? An Analysis of Available Data," was published on the website of the Center for American Progress in late March.

Heike Boeltzig and **Jaimie Timmons** of the Institute for Community Inclusion have conducted a review of existing research on public employment service delivery for people with disabilities in the U.S. and United Kingdom in an article titled "US and UK Routes to Employment: Strategies to Improve Integrated Service Delivery to People with Disabilities," which will be published by the IBM Center for the Business of the Government in Washington, D.C.

Associate Professor of Biology **Brian White** published a paper titled "Exploring the Diversity of Life with the Phylogenetic Collection Lab" in the March issue of *American Biology Teacher*.

The Institute for Community Inclusion's **Allison Cohen Hall** contributed an article to the April issue of *Job Training & Placement Report*. The piece was also featured on the front page of *JTPR*'s website.

David Hoff of the Institute for Community Inclusion contributed two articles, "Economic Stimulus: What It Means for Employment of People with Disabilities" and "USDOL Now Tracking Unemployment for People with Disabilities," to the March issue of *The APSE Advance*.

An article by the Institute for Community Inclusion's **Heike Boeltzig**, **Jennifer Sulewski**, and **Rooshey Hasnain** has been accepted for publication in the United Kingdom-based peer reviewed journal *Disability & Society*. Their article, "Career Development Among Young Disabled Artists," reports on the experiences of 47 young disabled artists and the interaction between disability, impairment, and the arts in their educational and career pathways.

American Studies Department lecturer **Phil Chassler** wrote an article, titled "Teaching: Work, Society, and Culture in Modern America," for the spring issue of the Labor and Working-Class History Association's (LAWCHA) newsletter.

Associate Professor **Wei Zhang** of the Chemistry Department published a paper titled "Synthesis and Applications of Light-Fluorous Glycosyl Donor" in the *Journal of Organic Chemistry*, coauthored with Professor Dennis Curran of the University of Pittsburgh and Professor Gang Liu from the Chinese Academy of Medical Science. Zhang also coauthored another paper, titled "Fluorous Parallel Synthesis of a Piperazinedione-fused Tricyclic Compound Library," for the *Journal of Combinatorial Chemistry*, coauthored with Curran and Professor Peter Wipf from the University of Pittsburgh.

Interim associate dean of the College of Public and Community Service **Sylvia Mignon** is the lead author of *Substance Use and Abuse: Exploring Alcohol and Drug Issues*, published by Lynne Rienner Publishers in April 2009.

Professor of Psychology **Ed Tronick** recently coauthored "Relational Psychophysiology: Lessons from Mother-Infant Physiology Research on Dyadically-Expanded States of Consciousness" for the journal *Psychotherapy Research*.

Professor **Randy Albelda** of the Economics Department and the Center for Social Policy was the coauthor of the report "Poverty in the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community," published by the Williams Institute at UCLA in March. She presented findings from the report at a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., hosted by the LBG Equity Congressional Caucus, on March 21. She also wrote an article, titled "Up with Women in the Downturn," about the impact of the recession and the stimulus package on women in a recent issue of *Ms.* magazine. This was also the topic of a talk she gave at the Women, Action and Media conference held at MIT in March. And she testified before the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives on April 28, in a hearing titled "Equal Pay for Equal Work? New Evidence on the Persistence of the Gender Pay Gap."

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

On April 2 UMass Boston's Department of Performing Arts and Roxbury Crossroads Theatre presented a staged reading of Africana Studies **Professor Robert Johnson Jr.**'s recent play *Cell Phone Blues* which he wrote while on sabbatical leave at the University of North Carolina Charlotte last academic year. The play will premier this September 12 at the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Adjunct Professor **Daniel Gidron** of the Department of Performing Arts is directing Steve Martin's *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* for the New Repertory Theatre at the Arsenal Center for the Arts Charles Mosesian Theater in Watertown, Massachusetts, from April 19 through May 10.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Michael Keating, associate director and senior fellow at the McCormack School's Center for Democracy and Development, addressed the audience at the installation of Dr. Emmet Dennis as the 13th president of the University of Liberia on March 23. The event was presided over by President Ellen Sirleaf and several prominent members of the diplomatic corps, including the Ambassadors of the United States and China. Earlier in the visit to Liberia, Keating and Professor Ken Harper from the Newhouse School at Syracuse presented to Dr. Dennis and the Department of Mass Communications at the University of Liberia approximately $20,000 worth of digital photographic equipment as well as two laptops.

Geography and GIS instructor **Helenmary Hotz** was awarded a Public Service Grant in the amount of $4,300 for "Integrating GPS and

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Friday 8

Executive Roundtable
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., University of Massachusetts Club, 33rd floor, 225 Franklin Street, Boston. Executive Roundtable on Carbon Leadership Strategies for the Financial Sector: Transatlantic Perspectives on Strategic Growth Opportunities. Organized by the College of Management. For more information, email cmevents@umb.edu.

Tuesday 12

Kickoff Celebration
5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Campus Center, U02-2550B and U02-2551. Celebrate the start of a new early childhood workforce program within the Graduate College of Education.

Monday 18

Training Symposium
10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Campus Center, 3rd floor. The Center for Social Policy is hosting the New England Regional Homeless Management Information Training and Policy Symposium. More information at www.nerhmis.org.

Monday 25

Memorial Day
University closed.

Friday 29

Commencement
9:30 a.m. – Noon, Campus Center Lawn. The University celebrates its 41st commencement. Individual college ceremonies will begin at 1 p.m. at other locations on campus.

CAMPUS NOTES

GIS to Develop a Geographic Education Model for Alternative High Schools." The team also includes EEOS professors **John Looney** and **Curtis Olsen** and PhD candidate **Jun Zhu.** GPS units will be provided through the Location in Education Program, sponsored by the Geospatial Information and Technology Association (GITA).

Assistant Professor of Computer Science **Wei Ding** is the co-principal investigator of a NASA grant-funded project, "Automatic Detection of Sub-Kilometer Craters in High Resolution Planetary Images."

Associate Professor **Wei Zhang** of the Chemistry Department received a Joseph P. Healey Grant for a proposal titled "Development of Green Techniques for Medicinal Chemistry Applications."

The College of Management and the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) have launched a new program which provides streamlined access to UMass Boston's MBA program for top graduates of MCPHS, to help address the growing need in the life science industry for professionals with expertise in both health care and business management.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Professor of History **Vincent Cannato** has been accepted as a 2009-10 Academic Fellow with the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies in Washington, D.C. As an FDD Fellow, he will participate in a unique educational program, to be held in Israel from May 30 through June 10, that focuses on the threat of terrorism to democracy.

Diann Simmons, research analyst in the Office of Institutional Research and Policy Studies, has been appointed as a Fellow of the 2009 National Summer Data Policy Institute, to be held in Potomac, Maryland, in June. The Institute is sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the National Center for Educational Statistics, and the Association for Institutional Research.

A partnership between the Graduate College of Education and Lesley University has been recognized by the advocacy group VSA arts with an "Outstanding Community Partner Award." VSA arts is a Washington, D.C.-based group which works to increase access to education and the arts for people with disabilities.

McCormack Graduate School dean **Stephen P. Crosby** has been appointed by Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick to lead a review of compensation packages of the Commonwealth's quasi-public agencies.

Hispanic Studies lecturer **Jean-Philippe Belleau** has been awarded a postdoctoral fellowship by the Humanities Center at Harvard University for academic year 2009-10. Belleau will use the fellowship year to advance his research on cultural border-crossing and identity in the Global South.

A product codeveloped by management and marketing lecturer **Paul Delvy** was recently awarded the "2009 North American Home Health Devices Product of the Year Award." The product, the *Intel Health Guide*, was designed to assist health care professionals who manage patients with chronic conditions.

Professor **Rona Flippo** of the Graduate College of Education has been appointed to the new International Reading Association (IRA) Literacy Assessment Committee. This is a two-year appointment.

EVENTS

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy held its 27th Women's Research Forum on March 24. The event included a screening of the film *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*, which chronicles the Liberian women's peace movement, followed by a moderated discussion with Assistant Professor of Women's Studies **Amani El Jack**. The event was cosponsored by the Office of the Chancellor, the Center for the Study of Gender, Security, and Human Rights, the African Students Union, and the Women's Studies Department.

Professor of Psychology **Ed Tronick** recently led the graduation of 30 fellows in the University of Massachusetts Infant-Parent Mental Health Certificate Program in Napa, California. The guest of honor was Dr. Louis Sander, a world-renowned researcher on infant mental health.

IN THE NEWS

Joan Garity, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was profiled as an alumnus in the Winter 2009 issue of Fontbonne University's *Fontbonne Newsletter.*

Professor **Pamela Jones** of the Art Department was interviewed for a BBC television program, *The Private Life of a Masterpiece: Caravaggio's "Taking of Christ*." The program aired in Great Britain in April and will be shown in the United States at a later date.

A book by professor **Rona Flippo** of the Graduate College of Education, *Preparing Students for Testing and Doing Better in School,* was reviewed in the winter issue of the journal *The Reading Professor*.

The Center for Social Policy report "Brokering Up: The Role of Temporary Staffing in Overcoming Labor Market Barriers" was mentioned and quoted in an article in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* on March 31. On April 29, Professor **Randy Albelda** of the Economics Department and the Center for Social Policy was a guest on *Action Speaks*, a live community forum and radio broadcast conducted by WRNI, a Rhode Island public radio station. The topic was "Growing the Green Economy."

The McCormack Graduate School's Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy was the subject of the lead story in the April 20 issue of *ElectWomen* magazine.

A study led by Associate Professor **Lisa Cosgrove** about financial ties between pharmaceutical companies and psychiatrists was referenced in the *Boston Globe* and the blogs of the *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*, as well as in the Fierce Pharma newsletter and on All Headline News.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Christian Weller** was interviewed by CNCS on March 3, March 26, April 1, and April 9 about the state of the U.S. and world economies; by the *BBC Business Journal* and *BBC News Hour*; quoted in the February 29 edition of *Investment Management Weekly* about public pension plans; and in the *Washington Post* and the Associated Press on March 31 in stories about the Social Security system.

Michael Keating, associate director and senior fellow at the McCormack School's Center for Democracy and Development, wrote a guest editorial for the *Liberian Journal* on April 1.

Professor of Psychology **Jean Rhodes**, coauthor of a book about Manny Ramirez, was quoted in an April 1 MLB.com article about Ramirez.

A trip to Haiti by CPCS professor **Adenrele Awotona** and State Representatives Marie St. Fleur and Marty Walsh was the subject of a feature article in the March 19 *Dorchester Reporter.*

A review of salaries and benefits at state agencies that is being led by McCormack School dean **Stephen Crosby** at the request of Governor Deval Patrick was the subject of a March 25 *Boston Globe* feature and quoted on the same topic in the April 14 *Boston Globe.* Crosby was also interviewed about the review on March 26 on WGBH's *Greater Boston with Emily Rooney.*

Associate Professor of Political Science and director of UMass Boston's Institute for Asian American Studies **Paul Watanabe** was quoted in a March 25 *Boston Globe* article about Boston city councilor and mayoral candidate Sam Yoon, and again in the April 15 *Boston Globe* in the article "Patrick Trims an Extra 750 Jobs."

Assistant Director of Career Services **Cathy Larson** was quoted in a March 25 *Boston Metro* article, "Students Wearily Eye Post-Graduation Life."

Gary Siperstein, director of the Center for Social Development and Education, was quoted in the April 1 *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* about a CSDE study which found that the Special Olympics had a positive impact on how intellectually disabled people are perceived by the general public.

Professor of Political Science **Thomas Ferguson** discussed the economic stimulus package in a March 26 Real News Network video clip.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Alan Clayton-Matthews** was quoted in March 26 *Boston Globe, Worcester Business Journal,* and *Arlington Advocate* stories about the state's economy, and in *North Shore Sunday* in an April 8 article titled "Experts Point to Nordstrom as Sign of Hope for North Shore economy."

"Divided Cities," a three-day conference convened by **Padraig O'Malley**, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, was the subject of stories in the *Boston Globe* and on CNN.com and Global Post.

Kenneth J. Cooper, editor of the William Monroe Trotter Institute's *Trotter Review*, contributed a commentary to the March 26 *Bay State Banner.*

A report coauthored by the Gastón Institute on problems with English-language immersion in Boston's public schools was the subject of a feature story and an editorial in the April 7 and 8 issues of the *Boston Globe*, as well as a story by WBUR.

Graduate College of Education dean **Carol Colbeck** was interviewed by WBZ-TV on April 7 about the coming wave of teacher retirements.

Associate Professor of Education **Jay Dee** was mentioned in an April 14 *Inside Higher Ed* article, "Can't We All Just Get Along?"

Connie Chan, chair of the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs at UMass Boston, was quoted in *BU Today* in an April 16 story, "Sexuality and Identity: An Intersection with East Asian Religious and Family Values."

The appointment of Gastón Institute researcher **Eileen de los Reyes** as director of English Language Learners for the Boston Public Schools was noted in the April 15 *Allston-Brighton Tab*.

Professor of Accounting and Finance **Eric Hayden** was interviewed about 401(k) accounts by MSNBC on April 17.