Advocate for Haitian Women, Local Banker Honored at 2009 Quinn Community Breakfast

By Anne-Marie Kent

Two activists—one local leader, and another whose good works are both local and global—were honored last week by UMass Boston's extended community at the annual Robert H. Quinn Community Breakfast, a longtime university tradition. Honored during the ceremony at the Campus Center Ballroom were Carline Desire, executive director of the Association of Haitian Women in Boston, who received the Robert H. Quinn Award, and George A. Russell Jr., executive vice president and director of community affairs for State Street Corporation, who received the Chancellor's Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service.

"UMass Boston is proud each year to recognize the commitment of those who are working to build stronger communities," said Chancellor Keith Motley to the assembled crowd of community activists, friends, and family, including Desire, Russell, and past Quinn Award winners Father George Carrigg, Joe Chaisson, Bob and Dan Ferrara, Isaura Mendes, and Joyce Stanley.

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Camp Shriver Campers, Counselors Reunite

By Karen J. Friedman

Although it was a 40-degree day in February, one young girl stood in the Clark Center amid piles of winter coats with summer on her mind. Wearing a bathing suit top, she made her way through tables filled with kids and parents, walked up to the director of Camp Shriver, and asked, “When do we swim?”

For the past three summers, Camp Shriver at UMass Boston has touched the lives of hundreds of campers with and without intellectual disabilities from low-income, inner-city neighborhoods. For many, it is their first experience at summer camp and their first experience visiting the UMass Boston campus, although most live in Boston, Brockton, and Quincy.

What sets Camp Shriver apart from other recreational opportunities is its unique commitment to creating an inclusive, sports-oriented day camp experience at no cost, in which children with and without intellectual disabilities play and learn together. Campers are provided transportation to and from camp, breakfast and lunch, and camp gear. While at camp, children receive instruction in a variety of sports (soccer, basketball, swimming) and participate in field trips. Not only do the campers learn new sports skills at Camp Shriver, they also build new friendships.

The strength of the friendships formed at Camp Shriver were revealed as campers and their families came together for the Camp Shriver Reunion on February 21. Campers eagerly recon- nected with old friends, sharing stories from past summers and making plans for new adventures this year.

After a pizza lunch and slide show of pictures from last summer, the families headed to the pool. Interestingly, unlike a typical day at camp, instead of counselors leading the way to the pool, campers led their parents and siblings, with the counselors looking on in approval. Campers took it upon themselves to explain—even especially to their younger siblings—the rules that they came to know all too well over the summer: no running, stay with your team, and listen to the counselors.

Everyone was met in the pool by Camp Director Mark Spaldiero, Mark, usually overseeing the camp with whistle and clipboard in hand, was instead in the pool waiting to greet the campers and their families. For some campers, it was the first opportunity to show off their new swimming skills to their parents. Parents were quite impressed with the comfort, ease, and ability of their children in the pool.

At the end of the day, families took applications for the coming summer, with a number of families completing and submitting theirs right on the spot. Aware of the long waiting list for Camp Shriver each summer, and with budget cuts looming in school systems, after-school programs, and community programs, families were anxious to submit applications in order to ensure their children’s summers would still include playing sports, making friends, and having fun.

Camp Shriver will be held on the campus of UMass Boston this summer, expanding (as it has every year) to serve over 100 campers. For more information about Camp Shriver, contact the Center for Social Development and Education (www.csde.umb.edu) at 617-287-7290.
Eastern Bank and Doug Flutie Celebrate Urban Scholars

By Nanette L. Cormier

On March 24, UMass Boston hosted representatives from more than 40 Eastern Massachusetts charities at Eastern Bank’s fifth annual Community Quarterback Awards in the Campus Center. The event, which pays tribute to the organizations which received grants from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, also honored the university’s Urban Scholars Program as one of its grant recipients.

In welcoming the guests, Chancellor Keith Motley spoke to the significance of the bank’s charitable giving during the current economic recession. “Your contributions to our community are a ‘Hail Mary’ pass,” he said, referencing the bank spokesperson and former Boston College, NFL, CFL, and USFL quarterback Doug Flutie, who was on hand for the award presentations.

UMass Vice Provost Joan Becker, cofounder of the Urban Scholars Program, adeptly caught a “Flutie Pass” from the legendary Heisman Trophy winner. This years marks the pre-collegiate program’s 25th anniversary of preparing 1,500 high-achieving Boston Public Schools students, predominantly from minority and low-income backgrounds, for the life-changing opportunity of a college education.

Each year Eastern Bank selects one of its grant recipients as the site to showcase the importance of community philanthropy. Eastern Bank Chairman and CEO Richard Holbrook said that the charities represented are all “quarterbacks” in the community, especially during a recession when people are hurting. “They rely more and more on the agencies in the room to give them a leg up on the future.”

The ever-youthful Flutie said that the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, a key sponsor of the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, mirrors his family’s own commitment. Now ten years old, the foundation raises over $1 million a year to provide families with a place to turn when they are in need of support and autism resources. Flutie Jr., now seventeen, was diagnosed with autism at the age of three.

Each of the participating charities, either “caught” or more safely “received” their Flutie pass and posed with the football star and CEO Holbrook. Diane Portroy, founder of the immigrant learning center in Malden, was one of them. Eastern Bank’s support allows her organization to offer free English classes to immigrants and refugees. Portroy arrived on Ellis Island at the age of three as a Holocaust refugee.

Special Olympics Massachusetts Board Chair Geoffrey Notchdale received a football with his son, Jay, who has Down syndrome. Jay, grinning with his football, stepped up to the mike and shared that he is an international goal medalist in sailing.

Retired minister Dick Coleman, a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, was honored for his organization’s work to build homes in Massachusetts, Louisiana, and El Salvador. “I’ve spent my life focused on ‘words’ and I’m never certain that my words are making a difference. Habitat gives me a concrete chance to help someone.”

Chancellor Motley captured the spirit of the event. “Some folks say that this is not the time to invest in our community. We say charitable contributions are more vital than ever.”

For more information about Urban Scholars, go to www.umb.edu/ua/urban_scholars.

McCormack School, Moakley Chair to Host Mayors and Other Officials from “Divided Cities”

By Will Killburn

Building on his successes at bringing together leaders from divided societies in South Africa, Northern Ireland, and Iraq, Padraig O’Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, is convening a meeting of leaders from places where the dividing lines run straight down city streets.

Called the “Forum for Cities in Transition” (FCT), the conference, to be held April 14 through 16, will bring together leaders and representatives from Kirkuk, Iraq; Mitrovica in Serbia and Mitrovica in Kosovo; Belfast and Derry/Londonderry in Northern Ireland; and Nicosis, Cyprus.

Conceptually, the conference builds on O’Malley’s long-held belief that people from divided societies are the best people to help others in divided societies.

“In most cases, these cities bore the brunt of the conflicts in their societies, and sometimes they are left to deal with the residuals even when some kind of settlement is reached,” says O’Malley. “The transition in these cities is emblematic of the larger transformation that is taking place in their societies.”

“This conference is precisely the kind of creative reconciliation work that Joe Moakley envisioned for the UMass Boston chair in his name,” said McCormack School dean Stephen Crosby. “It is particularly fitting to have this conference in Boston, a city which has itself struggled with racial and ethnic divisions.

We will learn from the international delegates, as I hope they will learn from one another.”

In addition to dealing with issues such as race, ethnicity, religion, and political ideology, as well as the geographical flashpoints within each city where different sides clash, conferences will also discuss, in smaller groups, nonpartisan topics such as electricity, water, and sewer systems—seemingly mundane topics, but topics about which O’Malley believes opposing parties can find common ground, and then work toward a greater understanding.

Ultimately, says O’Malley, the hope is that the representatives will agree to form a “club” of divided cities—annual meetings with each of the participating cities hosting the others on a rotating basis. For now, though, O’Malley just hopes to bring the group together, show them their common ground, and let the participants take it from there, including the setting of each day’s agenda.

“If they say, ‘Where’s the agenda?’ my response will be ‘There is no agenda, because this conference is yours,’” says O’Malley, “and you, as people from divided cities, have a far better idea of what you should be talking about to each other than I do. This conference is yours, not ours. We are here to serve you, not to impose on you.’”

The conference will end with a public panel discussion on Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at UMass Boston’s Campus Center, titled “Divided Cities: Common and Uncommon.”

The conference is being created through a partnership with the American Ireland Fund, with sponsorship from Robert and JoAnn Bendetson, the Connors Family Fund, the Doubtfire Hotel Bayside, the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University, the John Joseph Moakley Archive and Institute at Suffolk University, the Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences at UMass Boston, the University of Massachusetts system, the University of Massachusetts Boston, the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and the William Monroe Trotter Institute at UMass Boston.

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Transfers (cont. from page 1)

The new Web portal streamlines everything from learning about the campus to finding out how to transfer credits.

ing articulation agreements with our community college partners, the electronic transfer of transcripts and evaluation of credit, and implementation of a prospective student planning tool called u.select.

Because students who lose credit in the transfer process are at a high risk for dropping out before they finish their degree, the new u.select online program will now allow students to find out how courses they have taken or plan to take at other schools will transfer to UMass Boston. It will also help students become familiar with UMass Boston course requirements and the degree audit process.

“This is crucial,” said Joan Becker, vice provost for Academic Support Services and the principal investigator on the project. “The trend now is not that students go to one place for four to six years and graduate. By making transfers a priority, we can make the process more seamless and clear and reduce credit loss.”

Using u.select, a Bunker Hill Community College student, for example, could look up which of her courses will transfer here as accounting and finance courses. Or the student and her advisor could plug in which courses she has already taken and create a plan on how to finish her degree at UMass Boston. But because grades are self-reported, u.select results are not official and cannot take the place of a university-conducted transfer credit evaluation, Becker said.

Lisa Johnson, associate vice chancellor for Enrollment Management, and staff in the offices of undergraduate admissions and the registrar are working to roll out many of the services to targeted community colleges this spring. By spring 2016, undergraduate admissions will also begin using ConnectEDU to electronically exchange and evaluate transcripts, saving time and money. The targeted schools are Bunker Hill, Mass Bay, Massachusetts, and Roxbury Community Colleges, and Quincy College, which have been identified as major “feeder schools” because so many UMass Boston students transfer from them.

A newly hired transfer affairs associate in the office of undergrad admissions, Kata Fournier, will train community college counselors to use u.select and to train their students to do so. Students will also be able to utilize a new Transfer Center in the Admissions Office, where counselors specializing in transfer issues can help them navigate admissions and enrollment. Johnson’s staff is working to reorganize the transfer admission operation and reconfigure space specifically to serve transfer students.

Another part of the grant is the development of a Web portal for transfer students. Currently being created by a team in the Web Services Division of Information Technology, the portal will include content on admissions and financial aid, as well as academic highlights, profiles of students, and information on campus activities and events. Web designer Lisa Link said the portal is designed to be light and uncluttered, with a focus on content so students can easily find what they need. Link said the portal will also feature a modular design with Web 2.0 capabilities and will serve as a pilot for mobile Web design that users can access by cell phone.

Additionally, former vice provost for academic services Patricia Davidson has returned post-retirement to work with faculty from both UMass Boston and the community colleges to better align courses at each. Staff members from Institutional Research are also looking into other factors that may affect transfer graduation and retention rates, such as the preparedness of students when they arrive at UMass Boston. With this comprehensive Title III project, campus administrators hope to increase not only enrollment, but retention and graduation rates for transfer students as well.

By Emily Sullivan

The correlation between sports programs and youth development has long been recognized in the United States, but in developing countries such as Senegal, the benefits of such programs are still being discovered. A group of educators from UMass Boston is helping that process along through the International Sports Programming Initiative, which recently received a $174,763 grant from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs.

This initiative is a collaborative effort between UMass Boston’s Center for African, Caribbean and Community Development (CACCDD), and the Division of Athletics, Recreation and Special Projects under the direction of Professor Jamari Desramat. The goal is to train community college counselors and president of the University of California, Berkeley, Jemadari Benin. The goal is to create an increased long-term capacity for helping boys and girls use sports as a tool for personal maturation, economic well-being, educational growth, and health.

“Building up an interest in youth development in the country helps lay the foundation for larger development,” explains Titus. But despite YES with Africa’s success, there have been several hurdles Kamara now hopes to clear: “We’ve usually had a limited amount of time to work on staff training and development in Senegal. This initiative will allow us to actually show them how we do things here.”

The initiative began with Kamara traveling to Senegal in December 2008 to work with key sports federation representatives, community groups, and athletics organizations to design future workshops. A delegation of six Senegalese teachers and educators then came to UMass Boston in February, taking part in workshops designed to enhance their skills in coaching, project organization and management, and meeting with other public and private athletic and economic development institutions in the greater Boston area, such as the Boston Celtics and the Kraft Group.

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UMass Boston Gets YouTube Channel

By Nanette. L. Cormier

If only you could see Barack Obama’s 2006 commencement speech one more time, or the one by Tim Russert. Or maybe you want to hear Sarah Palin’s 2008 keynote address. That’s where the University of Massachusetts at Boston’s YouTube channel comes in. The free channel, University Advancement also collaborated with IT on the effort.

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development of the channel was led by the IT Department’s Lisa Link while she was looking for a place on YouTube to post a video in honor of the Scholars Program’s 25th anniversary (an interview by current Scholars with program cofounder Charlie Desmond). After finding a number of unrelated UMass Boston videos but no cohesive home for them, Link, a Web designer, contacted the UMass Boston’s owner Google as well as a generous peer at the University of California, Berkeley, who together helped UMass Boston secure its “enhanced,” ad-free channel.

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To suggest a video posting, contact Director of Communications DeWayne Lehman at 7-5302 or Lisa Link at 7-5301.
By Danielle Shuckara

How do oil-drilling rigs affect ocean life? What are the consequences of climate change on polar bear habitats?

Those are questions that Professor of Biology Michael Rex hopes to help answer, both in his research and through his service to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), a division of the Department of the Interior which is charged with finding ways to develop offshore natural resources—chiefly oil and deep-sea minerals—in an environmentally safe manner.

Appointed by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt in 2001, Rex was reappointed two more times, serving for eight years before stepping down last fall due to term limits. All through this time, Rex, who has now been with the Biology Department for 37 years, continued his teaching and research, which focuses on patterns of biodiversity of deep-sea communities and how it varies with depth (for which he received the Chancellor’s Distinguished Scholarship Award in 2002), and publishing extensively, including in the journals Science, Nature, and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Last fall, Rex received a prestigious award from the MMS to honor his hard work and length of service—six years longer, in fact, than the typical MMS appointee. Rex, who continues to serve on the MMS’s Deepwater Subcommission, values time on the main committee, and says he believes in the vital role the committee plays to protect the environment.

“Since I have been involved with MMS, they have funded around 100 environmental studies to better safeguard the marine environment,” said Rex. The studies, he explained, vary from analysis of seafloor life in the Gulf of Mexico to the conservation of deep-sea coral reefs. Socioeconomic studies also are conducted to determine the effects of the oil industry on coastal towns, and examine the impact of offshore oil production on marine life which native populations in Alaska depend on for survival.

Driven by the need to find alternative energy resources, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 gave the MMS new responsibilities over federal offshore oil and gas leases, including the potential use of ocean currents and wave energy to generate power, and, more immediately, wind farm projects.

“I enjoyed my eight years of service on the OCS Committee,” said Rex. “It was a chance to shape marine conservation efforts at a very high level in the federal government, and to work with first-rate scientists and policymakers to develop an integrated approach to environmental protection.”

Biology Professor Honored for Dedication to the Environment

Randall Lutbi, director of the Minerals Management Service, presenting an award for service to Professor of Biology Michael Rex at the agency’s annual meeting last fall. (Photo by James A. Bennett)

By Sue Dwyer

The energy needed to run the state of Maine this year could come from the sun, according to a new study in Science. The energy, which is 89% of Maine’s current energy needs, would be generated by a large solar farm that is being planned for the city of Portland.

The study was conducted by Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Julia von Klebelsberg, who joined the faculty at the University of Maine in 2005.

The study found that a solar farm located in the Portland area could generate enough energy to power the entire state of Maine, with an estimated cost of $2 billion. The study was funded by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), which is a federal laboratory that conducts research on renewable energy sources.

The study also noted that the solar farm would have a significant environmental impact, as it would reduce carbon emissions by 89% compared to traditional fossil fuel power plants.

The study was presented at the annual conference of the American Solar Energy Society in Portland, Maine, and was featured in the April issue of Renewable Energy.

The results of the study are significant, as they show that renewable energy sources can provide a significant portion of the energy needed to run a state, and that solar energy in particular can be a cost-effective and environmentally friendly option.

The study also highlights the importance of further research on renewable energy sources, as more efficient and cost-effective technologies are developed.

Professor von Klebelsberg is currently working on a method to further improve the efficiency of solar panels, which could lead to even lower costs for renewable energy.

The study was published in the journal Renewable Energy, and is available for download on the NREL website.

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By Kelly Hickey

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Professor of Sociology Samak Mo-valadi was one of four invited speakers for a national conference, “Sex and PSYCH,” organized by the New York Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies and was one of invited speaker at the Paul Roazen Group on the History of Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis at Harvard University.

In March, Donna Friedman and Jon Cohen facilitated a co-analysis process last week as part of academic consultation and support CSP is providing to a non-profit leadership development program in Israel.

Assistant Professor of Biology Alexey Veraksa and student Marla Tipping participated in the 30th An-nual Conference on Invertebrates, held in Chicago from March 4 through 8. Veraksa organized a workshop on drosophila proteomics at the meeting and gave a talk on his research in this area, while Tipping presented a poster on her research related to the signaling functions of beta-arrestin protein in the fly.

Maurice T. Cunningham, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science at Hofstra, published a paper titled “No Contest,” an inquiry into why so few individuals challenge incum-bents in congressional elections, while Tipping published his forth-coming paper in the Journal of Healthcare Management.


Economics Department chair Janis Kapler published the article “The Sovereign and the Subordinated: Negotiations, Competition, and the Transnational Corporation” in Competition and Change. She will also present her paper “Gender, Market Orientation and Integration” at the Conference on Offshoring and Outsourcing: The Organizational and Geographical Relocation of High-Value-Function in April in Milan, Italy.

Assistant Professor of Economics Marcia Ken contributed an article, “Women of Color and Double Dis-crimination,” to the September 2008 issue of American Prospect.

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Assistant Professor of Public Policy

Heather Macdougal received a Jo-

sph P. Healey Grant for her project “Funding the Social Safety Net: Learning Lessons for Challenging Economic Times,” which will use cross-sectional data on public and private funding to nonprofit human service organizations.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

UMass Lowell chancellor Marty Meechan has appointed Padraig O’Malley, the John Joseph Moukley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormick Graduate School of Policy Studies, as the 2009 Gereely Scholar for Peace Studies. As the Gereely Scholar, O'Malley will participate in COP15, a program by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Massachusetts, in recognition of the John Joseph Moukley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation.

Julia Tripp, constituent coordina-
tor of the Center for Social Policy, has been appointed to participate in COP15, a program by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Massachusetts, in recognition of the basic leadership skills among emerging community leaders and activists in the greater Boston area.

EEOS associate professor Robert Bowen has been appointed as a member of the Plymouth Marine Laboratory Science Advisory Council (PACSI). Plymouth Marine Laboratory is the primary marine research facility in the United Kingdom.

EVENTS

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy partnered with the National Archives to publish a call for papers titled “Do Big Strides, Diverse Women’s Journeys to Political Leadership,” on March 24 at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The forum featured a panel that included U.S. Congresswomen Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), and Martha Schmickel (R-TN), as well as former Governor Madeleine Kunin (D-VT) and former Governor Jennifer Granholm (D-MI), to discuss key issues for which a new CIO must prepare for the future.

An interview with Chris Bolin, asso-

associated professor and chair of Women’s and Gender Studies, was featured on the blog of the Boston Women’s Health Book Collective. The interview focused on Bolin’s forthcoming book, New Blood. Third Wave Feminism and the Politics of Menstruation.

The North Shore Community Health Center, for which CNHS dean Jean Winfrey serves as president, was cited in the New York Times on March 5 for its key role in the Massachusetts health care reform. The Center has been awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Community Health Planning and Development (OCHP).

The Frank J. Manning Certificate in Gerontology received the Program of Merit Designation for the Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontology from the Association for Gerontol-

O'Malley will open the spring series of talks and take part in various forums on campus and in the region during April and May. The Gereely Scholar will also address the UMass Arts and Culture Initiatives, held in collaboration with the Greater Boston Cultural Council. Professors Brian L. Wright and Madeleine Kunin (D-VT) attended the event.

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Friday 3
Lecture 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, room 1313. Professor Gary Herfield of the University of Pennsylvania presents “The Internal Sense in the Medievals and in Descartes.” Sponsored by the Philosophy Department.

Saturday 4
Welcome Day 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., campuswide. Welcome day for accepted students, featuring tours, information booths, and workshops. Volunteer at www.umb.edu/welcome.

Monday 6
Nobelist Speech 9 a.m. – Noon, Campus Center, third floor, Ballroom. Appearance and speech by Indian rights activist, 1992 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and UNESCO Goodwill Ambas- sador Rigoberta Menchú. RSVP to Gosnell.Airee-Rodriguez@umb.edu.

Tuesday 7
Lecture 5:30 p.m., Campus Center, conference room 3545. Professor emerita Ruth Butler discusses her Tuesday 7 “The Subversive Summons of Ecol- second floor, room 209. Lecturer in Philosophy Department. Gissell Abreu-Rodriguez at 7-7132 1992 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, third floor, Ballroom. Appearance in Descartes.” Sponsored by the Philosophy Department.

Wednesday 8
Frank J. Manning Certificate Program, the certificate in gero- nontology social policy, the under- graduate and graduate programs, professional organizations, Honor graduate and graduate programs, and co-sponsored by the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Develop- ment Corporation and the Kirsten Business Library and the Copley Square Library’s Social Sci- ences Department. To register, go to www.sbdc.umb.edu/training or call 7-7750.

Workshop: Sales and Marketing Basics 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Copley Square Library, conference room 05/06. This workshop provides an overview and orientation to basic marketing concepts, strategies and tactics, organized by the Mass. Small Business Development Center Network and co-sponsored by the Kirsten Business Library and the Copley Square Library’s Social Sciences Department. To register, go to www.sbdc.umb.edu/training or call 7-7750.

Wednesday 15
Financiando Su Negocio en Tiem- pos de Crisis 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Julia Martin House, 90 Bickford St., Jamaica Plain. Workshop on financing businesses in times of crisis, taught entirely in Spanish. Brought to you by the Mass. Small Business Development Center Network and co-sponsored by the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Develop- ment Corporation and the Kirsten Business Library. To register, go to www.sbdc.umb.edu/training or call 7-7750.

Thursday 16

New Faculty Seminar 4 p.m. – 5 p.m., Campus Center, conference room 3545. Assistant Professor of Biology Katherine Gibson presents “A Novel Bacterial Regulator of Cell Cycle Progression and Chronic Host Colonization.” More information at 7-5727.

Panel Discussion 7:30 p.m., Campus Center Ball- room. Topic: “Cities Divided: Common and Uncommon,” with representatives from divided cities in Northern Ireland, Iraq, Kosovo/Serbia, and Cyprus. Part of the McCormack Graduate School’s Forum for Cities in Transition.

Friday 24
Symposium 9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., McCormack Building, third floor, Ryan Lounge and McCormack Caffeine Room. Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. “Older Workers and Social Policy in the 21st Century: International, National and Regional Perspectives,” sponsored by the Gerontology Institute at McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

Tuesday 28
Lecture 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom. Annual Robert C. Wood Professorship Lecture, featuring Barbara J. Nelson, Profes- sor of Public Policy at the UCLA School of Public Affairs.

Getting Started in Business 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., The Multicultural Banking Center, at HarborOne Credit Union, 68 Legion Parkway, Brockton. Workshop provides a complete overview of business start-up and planning consider- ations, oriented to those planning a venture as well as existing small- businesses in times of crisis, organized by the Mass. Small Business Development Center Network and co-sponsored by the HarborOne Credit Union. To register, go to www.sbdc.umb. edu/training or call 7-7750.

Wednesday 22
Celebration Noon – 5 p.m., Campus Center. “Hidden Treasure: Celebrating the Achievements of Non-Tenure-Track Faculty.” Hosted by CLA’s Non- Tenure-Track Faculty.


Thursday 23
Speaker: Empowering Literacies 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, conference room 3545. Associate Professor of Sociology Lorrie Rivera discusses her research on adult literacy programs in Greater Boston. Organized by the Gaston Institute. More information at 7-3791.

Thursday 29
Workshop Noon – 1:30 p.m., Healey Library, 10th floor. Assistant Professor of Management and Marketing Marc- eau Scally presents her research on the logic of inequality, the forms of grassroots dissent, and the mechanisms of change in corporate settings. Part of the Spring 2009 Qualitative Research Workshop Series.

Seminar 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., Wheatley, third floor, Venture Development Center. Video interview with Haitian-born author Edgibre Dantant, author of Breath, Eyes, Memory, moder- ated by Barbara Lewis, director of the Trerotonda Center. Part of WUMB's “Big Read” project. Space is lim- ited, so please RSVP in advance to 7-6900 or bigread@umb.edu.

Governor Deval Patrick held a press conference at the Campus Center on March 24, at which he announced that $162 million in federal stimulus funds will go to public colleges in Massachusetts. His speech is one of many videos onUMass Boston’s new YouTube Channel (story, page 4). (Photo by Harry Brett)