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NEW FELLOWSHIPS 1979-80 & 1980-81

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships are being offered in three categories for 1979-80 and 1980-81.

Category A fellowships are for independent study and research for scholars, teachers and others whose work seems likely to lead to significant contributions to humanistic thought and knowledge. The application deadline for this category is: 1980-81 program: June 1, 1979. Fellowships will not be offered in this category in 1979-80. Awards will be announced in late November 1979.

Category B fellowships are for independent study and research for persons engaged primarily in undergraduate teaching. The fellowship work should enhance their abilities as teachers and make important contributions to humanistic thought and knowledge. Application deadlines are: 1979-80 program: Oct. 30, 1978; 1980-81 program: June 1, 1979. Awards will be announced for 1979-80 program in late November 1979.

Category C fellowships provide opportunities to undergraduate college teachers to participate in seminars directed by distinguished scholars at designated universities and to undertake research and study of their own choosing beyond the work of the seminars. These fellowships enable college teachers to work in a library suitable for advanced study and to discuss their work with the seminar director and with other teachers from diverse institutions. Application deadlines are: 1979-80 program: Nov. 12, 1979. Awards for 1979-80 program will be announced in mid-March 1979 and for the 1980-81 program in mid-March 1980.

Application procedures, eligibility, selection criteria and other information can be obtained by writing: Division of Fellowships, Stop 101, NEH, 806 15th St, NW Washington, DC 20606.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Dr. Frederick C. Gamst is scheduled to be the first speaker of the new academic year in UMB's Distinguished Lecture Series. The anthropologist will discuss: "The Rifle and the Passing of the Great Herd: The Ecological Plight of the Wayto of Ethiopia" at 2 p.m., Monday, Oct 23, in the Faculty Lounge, 11th floor, Library.

Gamst, director of UMB's Office of Graduate Studies, says the lecture is open to all faculty, students and staff.

EDA GRANT AWARDED

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) will provide a \$100,000 grant to UMass to help continue the university's job and business development program, according to U.S. Rep. Silvio O. Conte of Massachusetts. The grant will be used to pay in part the costs of the university's economic development program being conducted by the Environmental Institute at Amherst and will allow the establishment of a unit of the program at the UMass-Boston campus.

UMass will provide \$78,243 to complete the \$178,243 total cost of continuing the program for another year.

ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

The Accreditation team for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges was on the UMB campus Oct. 15-18 to determine how well the university is moving toward the attainment of its mission, goals and objectives, as defined in its self-study report. A formal written report will be submitted at a later date. Upon receipt of the university's response, to the Accrediting Agency, a confidential recommendation will be presented to the Commission on Institutions of Higher Learning. The outcome of the recommendation and the length of the accrediting period will become known next spring.

PHYSICIST AT FRENCH CONCLAVE

Prof. Paul Keyes, Physics, delivered two papers this summer during the 7th international Liquid Crystals Conference in Bordeaux, France. His papers were entitled: "The Nematic-Isotropic Transition at High Pressure I: The P-V-T Equation of State" and "Dynamics of the Isotropic-Cholestric Transition: Differences Between the Normal and Blue Cholestric Phases."

NEW CPCS FACULTY MEMBERS WELCOMED

The university community extends a warm welcome to the following new CPCS faculty members, both full and part-time, who are listed by their Centers:

Essential Skills -- Marilyn Frankenstein, Debora Sherman (new Center head), Sally Jacobsen and Bonnie Herlihy.

General Center - Fred Mangrum, Alan O'Hare and Ormond Smythe.

Legal Education Services - Maggie Barmack and Bonnie Davis.

Community Change and Housing - Joseph Brevard, Iris Concepcion and Mania Seferi.

Human Growth and Development - Roberto Garofalo, Reginald Avery, Janet Morris and Molly Meade.

RECALLING HISTORY OF PHOTOGRAPHY

James McQuaid, a new photography instructor in the Art Dept., has been involved in a key project during the past several years to tape the recollections of noted photographers in an effort to preserve the history of that art. He undertook the project while associated with the International Museum of Photography at George Eastman House in Rochester, NY. The Eastman House sponsored the project and funds totalling some \$50,000 were forthcoming from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

He was motivated by the knowledge that "approximately half of the whole history of photography is within the memory of living people," but that wasn't always going to be the case. To capture some of those early days of photography before it was too late he began taping the "verbal memoirs" of a group of photographers including Berenice Abbott, Brett Weston and the late Arthur Siegel. When the project is completed he says it will be up to historians to digest the tapes and draw their conclusions.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION HEAD IN LOS ANGELES

Robert C. Johnson, UMB's director of Affirmative Action, was in Los Angeles during the past week to attend conferences of the National Association of Community Health Centers and the American Public Health Association. He participated in the sessions in his capacity as a board delegate from the Roxbury Comprehensive Health Center -- the largest organization of its type in Massachusetts.

WELCOME TO NEW CAS FACULTY

The following full-time CAS faculty members are extended a warm welcome to UMB:

Suzanne Spencer-Wood, James McQuaid, Paul Tucker, George Pottinger, Mary J. Schultz, Louis Ferlegar, Jonathan Chu, Michael Chesson, Robert Morris, Kenneth Newman, Karen Fisher, Paul Watanabe, Carol L. Smith, Alan Orenstein, Ann Cordilia, Geoffrey Andrews, Elizabeth Resnikoff, Lorna Porras, Jonathan Pressler, Vincent Murphy and Jeremiah Russell.

Similar greetings also go to these new part-time faculty members at CAS:

Charlotte Ikels, Frances Lewitter, Lynda MaGinnis, Martha Laferriere, David Jacobson, Ellen Rothenberg, John L. Scott, Kingsley Ogedengbe, Marcos Namashulua, Dwight T. Kincaid, John Hurley, Norman A. Michaud, David Thaler, Mary J. Vrooman, William R. Hart, Paula Voos, Anita Reiner, Christopher Harding, Agnes O'Donnell, Doris Snow, Margaret Storch, Susan Case, Kathleen Potter, John Swan, Emily Joselson, Marlene Rubin, Anna M. Mancini, Camille Vapi-Sanders, Grace Giso, Michael Howard, Robert Frankel, Melissa Howe, Charles Edmunson, Christine Hoff, Eugene Valentine, Stephen Cavrak, Peter B. Natchez, Martin Linsky, Stephanie Page, Sharon L. Rosen, John Gibbs, Michael Milburn, Steven Berglas, David Helm, Timothy McDonough, Anne Tolbert, Robert J. Doyle, Theodore E. Moran, Michael Lafargue, Joanne Cordaro, Janet Khattab and Ivan Mimica.

EXPERIMENTAL HOURS

College supply begins on Oct. 23 to experiment with late closings to accommodate the offices open for the Extended Day program. Walk-in business (no deliveries) will be accommodated until 6 p.m. The service will be discontinued if demand does not warrant it.

BOSTON ELDERS REPORT

Dr. Laurence G. Branch, Center for Survey Research, recently gave a presentation sponsored by the Commission on the Affairs of the Elderly. Members of the elderly health care and social service network were present to discuss the findings contained in the report by Dr. Branch--entitled Boston Elders - Survey of needs 1978. The purpose of the meeting was to give the audience an opportunity to ask questions about the report and its implications.

UMB PROFS NAMED TO API LEADERSHIP

Prof. Arnold Olenick, CPS, has been named president of the Massachusetts Accountants for Public Issues, Inc. Additionally CPS Prof. Mary Newman was elected to API's Board of Directors at its annual meeting.

Mass.API is a non-profit organization of accountants who volunteer their professional services to the community to help citizen and consumer groups analyze and research public policy issues in order to promote rational debate and resolution of problems.

Prof. Olenick joined the UMB faculty in 1976 after a long career in the New York area as a practicing CPA and as a member of the City University of New York faculty. He is a past president of organizations concerned with civil and human rights. He is also the author of Managing the Company Tax Function and numerous journal articles on accounting topics.

Prof. Mary Newman brings a distinguished record of public service in Massachusetts to her role as Mass API director. She was a Cambridge representative in the state legislature for 15 years, and as Secretary of Manpower Affairs she was the first woman in the state to hold a cabinet level position. She also held the post of Regional Director of the U.S. Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare at one time.

GRAD NAMED HOLY CROSS INSTRUCTOR

Patricia E. Hanratty, '75 CAS grad, has been named an instructor of Political Science at Holy Cross College in Worcester. She is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science at MIT.

FULBRIGHTERS MEET IN WASHINGTON, DC

Members of the newly formed Fulbright Alumni Association held their first annual meeting in Washington, DC, on Sept. 15-17 and heard addresses by both American and foreign leaders, including U.S. Sen. William Fulbright.

Prof. Richard Robbins, Sociology Dept., delivered a paper on continuities in international educational exchange, focused on the way in which returning Fulbrighters make further use of the Fulbright experience after their return from abroad.

As part of the on-going study Prof. Robbins requests that any UMB faculty member who has had such a grant to please contact him at ext. 2667 or the Dept. of Sociology at ext. 2782. Eventually there will be a full-scale study based on a random sample of returned Fulbrighters, he says.

PROF ON ASA PROGRAM FOR 10TH YEAR

Prof. James E. Blackwell, Sociology, presented a paper at the 73rd annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA) which was held in San Francisco last month. The presentation of his paper on "Minority Presence in Graduate and Professional Schools: Issues, Trends and Strategies for Change" marked the tenth consecutive year that Prof. Blackwell has been an active participant on ASA's annual program.

In addition, he served as a member of the DuBois-Johnson-Frazier Award Selection Committee of the ASA, as a panelist for the Association of Black Sociologists and attended sessions of the Society for the Study of Social Programs which also met in San Francisco during the same period.

PROF ATTENDS APA SESSION IN TORONTO

Dr. Barbara Ross, Psychology, participated in the 86th annual convention of the American Psychological Association (APA) in Toronto late this summer. She chaired a session on William James and presented a paper entitled "A Recurrent Problem: The Reviewing Process" at a symposium sponsored by the APA Publication and Communications Board. Prof. Ross is editor of the Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences.

GREETINGS TO NEW CPS FACULTY MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended by the university family to these new faculty members at CPS:

Profs. Joseph Byrnes, Richard Nielsen, Daniel Shimshak and Leslie MacLeod.

Instructors Peter Bouvier, Candace Hetzner, and Diane McKinney.

Lecturers William Seltz, Whitney Thompson, Gary Young, Gerritt deVos, Patrick McNally, Barbara Woodyard, Vivien Schmidt and Michael Brice.

IWW SPONSORS FREE SEMINAR-WORKSHOP

The University Without Walls at the downtown Center announces that it will conduct a free seminar/workshop on "Massachusetts State and Local Government" at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24, Room 908, in the Center at 100 Arlington St.

The lecturers will be Ed Phelan, Kathi Raftery and Helen Sinatra--each of whom has held key administrative positions at the State House for more than 15 years. The trio will provide unique insiders' viewpoints and present a variety of well known speakers from the political sector.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

David L. Stockton, director of Health Service, notes that his department no longer operates a mental health section. Referrals for the usual psychological counseling services should be made now to the new Counseling Center. However, Health Service will continue to counsel and advise students with respect to physical problems and concerns they may have regarding health care generally.

Dr. John Robinson serves as director and chief psychologist of the new Counseling Center which is also located in the Administration Building.

DESMOND PROMOTED

Charles Desmond has been promoted to assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs, but retains his responsibilities as director of Pre-Freshman Programs. Desmond came to UMB in 1972 as project director of Upward Bound.

CPCS PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT

Groundbreaking ceremonies were held late in September for one of the public service projects nurtured since 1973 by CPCS Prof. Philip Hart. The project involves the construction of a \$2.9-million plant by Digital Equipment Corp. in Boston's Crosstown Industrial Park. It is scheduled to employ 300 persons when completed.

Prof. Hart says Boston's Economic Development and Industrial Corp. and the Community Development Corp. of Boston are the co-developers of the park which covers 40 acres and will employ some 3,000 persons when all its tenants are in place.

Prof. Hart is also completing work on a project funded by UMB to determine alternatives to transportation control methods currently mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency. He was selected for this project because of his extensive involvement in earlier transportation control studies.

BOOK NOMINATED FOR AWARD

Louisiana State University Press has announced publication of Grass-Roots Socialism: Radical Movements in the Southwest, 1895-1943 by Prof. James R. Green of the General Education Center at CPCS. Based on Green's Ph.D. dissertation at Yale University, the book examines the little known history of socialism in rural America. It was nominated this year for the Frederick Jackson Turner Award of the Organization of American Historians.

Prof. Green, who taught history at Brandeis before coming to CPCS, is also the author of two books about Boston: The South End: A Neighborhood History, published by Boston 200, and Boston's Workers: A Labor History soon to be published by the Boston Public Library.

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