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UMB Alert: New Emergency Notification System for UMass Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

This month, UMass Boston unveils the new UMB Alert emergency notification system, which will be used to provide critical information to faculty, students, and staff when university officials perceive a significant threat to their safety. Public safety officials and university administrators will have the ability to send alerts in response to situations such as criminal acts, fires, explosions, chemical accidents, severe storms, or any local incidents that are seen to pose a threat to the safety of the community.

In addition to text messaging, the university will use other message and information systems such as alarm systems, loudspeakers, electronic messaging systems such as the lobby TVs, and WUMB radio as well as local media contacts.

The security and health of all our students, faculty, staff, visitors, and neighbors remain the single highest priority of this university," said Chancellor Keith Motley, who last month praised the efforts of the University-Wide Safety Planning Committee.

Daryl Ford, Director of Communications and Infrastructure Services, going over emergency notification plans with Ellen O'Connor, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance. (Photo by Harry Brett)

"While the events of September 11 powerfully illustrated the need for effective communication in an emergency event, the tragedies at Virginia Tech, LSU, and NIU demonstrated this need all too clearly in a university setting," said Public Safety Program Manager Richard Lee, who is also a certified National Incident Management Systems/Incident Command System trainer for the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators. Pointing to *The Virginia Tech Report* as well as the Governor's Commission on Campus Public Safety from Florida and Wisconsin, Lee stated that fast, efficient emergency notification is key to campus safety efforts.

The UMB Alert system relies on technology from Dialogic Communications Corporation (DCC), a company contracted by the University of Massachusetts President's Office to serve all five UMass campuses. Its clients include other large universities, including Harvard, Columbia, and Vanderbilt, as well as other Massachusetts state institutions.

"This is not just an email system. It is a multi-tiered emergency notification system that uses email, text messaging, and phone calls as one part of a larger emergency operational plan," explained Chief Information Officer Anne Scrivener Agee, who is also co-chair of the university-wide Safety Planning Committee. "The concept is to contact all members of our university community to the best of our ability using a variety of means, including email and text messaging."

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Indonesian Educational and Civic Leaders Sign Memorandum of Understanding with UMass Boston

By Will Kilburn

A high-level delegation from Indonesia visited UMass Boston on February 29 to meet with the dean and faculty of the College of Public and Community Service, as well as Chancellor Keith Motley and Provost Paul Fonteyn. The delegation included Dr. Tutty Alawiyah, the Rector of the University of As-Syafi'iyah and a former Minister for Women's Affairs in two previous governments in Indonesia, Dr. Ferdy Firdaus, the University's Vice Rector, and Dr. Dewi Motik Pramono, Chairwoman of the Indonesian Women's Alliance for Sustainable Development.

University of As-Syafi'iyah Rector Tutty Alawiyah meets Chancellor Keith Motley as CPCS Dean Adenrele Awotona looks on. (Photo by Harry Brett)

During their visit, possible areas of collaboration between the two universities were discussed, along with plans for an upcoming conference, "Rebuilding Sustainable Communities for Children and Their Families After Disasters," which will be held at UMass Boston later this year. The visit also included a public presentation by Firdaus and Alawiyah, titled "Rebuilding Sustainable Communities for Children Orphaned by the Asian Tsunami in Indonesia." Following the presentation, the delegation met with Chancellor Motley in the Quinn Building, where a memorandum of understanding between UMass Boston and the University of As-Syafi'iyah was signed.

"We're looking forward to building a relationship with the University of As-Syafi'iyah," said UMass Boston Chancellor Keith Motley. "Like UMass Boston, the University of As-Syafi'iyah strongly believes in service to the community around it, and although our surroundings and the challenges

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"The implementation of a system such as this as part of our overall emergency preparedness planning is a reflection of how seriously and aggressively we seek out the best options to maintain our community's safety in these times of heightened awareness and concern," said Administration and Finance Vice Chancellor Ellen O'Connor, committee co-chair.

Agee, who also chairs the Safety Awareness subcommittee, added that a major awareness effort later this month will help members of the university community better understand emergency preparedness and campus safety. Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Kelly Meehan and Assistant Dean of Students Joyce Morgan are spearheading this effort with the assistance of Richard Lee and student Michael Metzger.

"The implementation of an emergency notification system is another important tool in our efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment for our community," said Morgan. "While it is regrettable we need such systems, we will do all that we can to use this new technology as part of our overall efforts to keep our students safe."

Meehan explained that the rollout effort will include opportunities for those who have not yet signed up for the UMB Alert system to do so via laptops provided at tables in the University Terrace. Visitors to the system portal are given options to designate cell phone numbers, alternate email addresses, or text messaging numbers where they wish to be contacted in an emergency situation. Students who sign up at this time may be eligible to win one of a number of prizes.

"The publicity effort will spotlight not only the emergency notification system, but also the new safety Web site and other safety-related efforts underway," said Meehan.

Led by the university-wide Safety Planning Committee, the system includes the Web site, a revised emergency operations plan, continuity of operations plans, a new emergency response guide, special Incident Command training for key university employees, flu-prevention efforts, and the introduction of special interventions for "distressed and distressing" individuals.

"UMass Boston has always explored different methods of developing, implementing, and maintaining a safe and secure campus environment," said Lee. "The emergency notification system is just one part of a larger all-hazards plan of emergency preparedness designed to provide a multi-tiered level of protection using people, technology, and planning to maintain the safety of our campus."

Lee added that safety is everyone's business. "If an emergency message is ever broadcast, community members should notify people around them of the messages and the directions given. This is a community-wide effort in which everyone should accept the responsibility of helping their fellow community members. We all need to be part of the effort for it to be effective."

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Black History Month at UMass Boston

Top left: Arthur Jones of The Spirituals Project sang for part of his presentation, "Negro Spiritual & Slave Songs: What Did They Mean?," in the Alumni Room. Top right: At the Harbor Gallery, a staged reading of August Wilson's play Fences. *Bottom left: Documentary photographer LeRoy Henderson took a Harbor Gallery audience through four decades of history, from the 1960s through today. Bottom right: Barry Gaither, head of the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists in Roxbury, delivers a lecture on African-American artists at the Harbor Gallery. Events at the Harbor Gallery were part of the Trotter Institute's Black History Month celebration, titled "Changing History on the Blackside: Yesterday and Tomorrow in Music, Photography, Art, and Drama." (Photos by Harry Brett)*

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Native American Heritage, Identity Examined at Symposium

By Danielle Dreilinger

You could say UMass Boston sits on Harbor Point in a major city. But you could just as accurately say it sits on the homeland of Native tribes. About 50 people gathered in the Ryan Lounge on February 12 for "Engaging Indigenous Critiques: Reconsidering 'Race,' Gender and Politics in New England Native History." The symposium underlined the fact that local Native American cultures still thrive, addressing far deeper issues than casinos.

The symposium was one of a series of Native American events on campus. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The event, organized by anthropology professor Amy Den Ouden, was "part of an effort to build an ongoing relationship with Native American communities in the area," said Den Ouden. UMass Boston and its Native American Student Society co-sponsored the event, along with Plimoth Plantation and the Harvard University Native American Program.

The university doesn't have a formal Native American studies program, but Den Ouden said there's significant demand for the courses. Both sections of her introductory class fill consistently, and a spring 2006 event with Winona LaDuke drew "several hundred people."

"I think we've done a lot of consciousness-raising," she said. "In order for all of us to be responsible citizens, we need to have a grasp of the complexity of our history."

In addition, students are building social connections on campus and outside. Founded in 2003, the Native American Student Society currently has about 15 core members, Den Ouden said, and held a well-attended powwow in the fall. She praised president Jonathan Ramones's hard work "to create a forum in which Native issues can be heard" and combat isolation. "Native American students are out there, and they need our support," she said.

Marge Bruchac, an Abenaki scholar at Tufts, commended the progress UMass Boston has already made, adding that she and others are working toward a long-term goal of "not just teaching about Native communities but teaching *with* native communities," she said. In general, continued Bruchac, people focus on either contemporary issues or history, failing to draw connections between the two.

The February 12 event aimed to do that. Harvard professor Lisa Brooks, an Abenaki native, moderated a panel of Bruchac; Den Ouden; Maurice Foxx, the Mashpee Wampanoag chair of the state Commission on Indian Affairs; Daniel Mandell, history faculty at Truman State University; and David Wilkins, a visiting Harvard professor and member of the Lumbee nation.

As Mandell ran through a series of portraits he'd found depicting Native people in New England history, an audience member chastised him: "You're treating these people as history—she's my relative. I grew up hearing about her."

The panelists discussed ways historical treatment of Native Americans—broken treaties, religion, intermarriage—affected Natives today, including who even gets to be considered "Indian."

"Who is 'indigenous'?" Wilkins asked. "I could sit you down with five different Lumbees and they all have a different definition." The census counted about 38,000 Native Americans in the state two years ago, but that's only a piece, he said. "We have Natives from all over the country here.... We need to create a situation where we can bring our people back."

Foxx said, "This idea of a full-blooded Indian is a modern concept, a modern construct," adding later, "I personally am 'too dark' to be a Native. I've been told that."

Moderator Brooks underlined the different ways Native people and European colonists/American officials have defined "Native American" identity, with scholar and Mashpee Wampanoag Anne Foxx (Maurice's relative) questioning the psychological effects.

Bruchac knew some of that impact firsthand through her mother's difficulties growing up between cultures. "I often say that all the work I do is dedicated to telling the stories I was not told," she said, choking up. She started learning the Abenaki language by learning how to pray.

All in all, the evening was one step to "make UMass Boston the kind of place that reflects the diversity it's committed to," Den Ouden said. The next? Kevin Gover, Executive Director of the National Museum of the American Indian and former head of the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, will speak on April 28.

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our neighboring communities face are very different, I believe that by working together, we can find important commonalities, and through those commonalities, develop creative solutions to the challenges."

"This will provide a unique opportunity for the faculty at UMass Boston to work collaboratively with their counterparts in Indonesia to develop programs that will assist the survivors of the December 26, 2004, tsunami to rebuild their communities in a sustainable and holistic manner," said CPCS Dean Adenrele Awotona. "It will also encourage the exchange of faculty and students; promote the development of specialized exchange study programs at both sites; advance cooperative academic research initiatives; specify mechanisms for jointly organizing workshops and conferences on rebuilding sustainable communities for children and their families post-tsunami; and support the exchange and sharing of teaching and academic research-related information and materials."

In particular, UMass Boston's Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters will seek to work closely with Indonesia's leaders, non-governmental organizations, researchers and grassroots associations in the longer-term reconstruction process. This will be done within the context of the government of Indonesia's comprehensive strategy, which was developed to guide the reconstruction process. The five central objectives of the strategy are: Restoring people's lives, restoring the economy, restoring livelihoods in communities, rebuilding local governance and government, and designing a regional development plan.

CPCS Dean Adenrele Awotona with University of As-Syafi'iyah Rector Tutty Alawiyah, Dr. Ferdy Firdaus, the University's Vice Rector, and Dr. Dewi Motik Pramono, Chairwoman of the Indonesian Women's Alliance for Sustainable Development. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The 2004 tsunami was the worst natural disaster in the history of Indonesia, causing heavy loss of life and great destruction in Aceh. It killed over 110,000 people (including 45,000 students and 1,870 teachers), internally displaced an estimated 700,000 persons in 95 locations (including at least 100,000 children), orphaned many, destroyed or damaged 1,962 schools in Aceh, and rendered 20 percent of the Acehnese population homeless. Total damage was estimated at between $4.5 and $5 billion.

According to a technical report which was prepared by Indonesia's National Development Planning Agency and the international donor community in January 2005, "The sectors most impacted were primarily private-sector-dominated assets and activities that relate directly to the personal livelihoods of the affected urban and rural communities: housing, commerce, agriculture, and fisheries, and transport vehicles and services ($2.8 billion, or 63% of total damage and losses)." The report also noted that "the biggest public sector damages were to infrastructure, the social sectors, and government administration ($1.1 billion, or 25% of total damage and losses). Monetized environmental damages are also significant ($0.55 billion, or 12% of total damage and losses)..."

The exchange between the two institutions is getting off to a quick start: Following the meeting, UMass Boston junior Michelle Tracchia was invited by the Indonesian delegation to come to Jakarta this June to observe and assist operations at the university and an orphanage associated with it. Tracchia, a social psychology major in the College of Liberal Arts, says she hopes the experience will provide a unique perspective at the November conference.

The conference, which is being organized by the Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities After Disasters, will run from November 16 through 19, 2008, and is designed to build on last July's highly successful "Rebuilding Sustainable Communities in Iraq" conference, but with a worldwide focus on helping those affected by both man-made and natural disasters. For more information, go to www.cpcs.umb.edu/rsccfd.

UMass Boston, Middle Schools Promote Science Education

By Kaushik Prakash

Through its Graduate College of Education, UMass Boston is partnering with three local school districts to address a critical need in education: Increasing the interest and awareness of working sciences. The initiative, called the Watershed-Integrated Sciences Partnership (WISP), is a collaboration between UMass Boston, Boston Public Schools, Milton Public Schools, and the Dedham Public Schools, in which ten graduate students will be placed with ten teachers each year.

WISP is a part of the Boston Science Partnership (BSP), a joint initiative involving Boston College, Boston University, Harvard University, Northeastern University, Tufts University, and UMass Boston. The initiative began in September 2004 and is funded by a five-year $12.5 million Math Science Partnership grant from the National Science Foundation. The BSP offers several different opportunities for learning, teaching, and service to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) faculty at UMass Boston and Northeastern University. The BSP also offers programs for Boston Public School students, administrators, and teachers.

Francesco Peri of the EEOS Department introduces some local students to the principles of electronic circuits. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The initiative is aimed at recruiting more middle school students into science careers and at creating lifelong connections and experiences for graduate students with K-12 education. The program's outdoor "classroom" will be the Neponset River Watershed, which runs through all three communities and will provide the common thread to contextualize curriculum content derived from existing science instructional systems. Using the watershed as an integrating theme, WISP will demonstrate to students that communities of diverse socio-economic backgrounds have many commonalities and natural connections.

"UMass Boston is devoted towards the cause of enhancing the quality of urban education in the U.S., and WISP is an extension of this effort," said UMass Boston Chancellor J. Keith Motley. "Our graduate students will gain excellent educational experiences by igniting the interests within these young minds. UMass Boston has constantly laid emphasis on this, and is proud to establish partnerships with other institutions in the region that recognize and nurture the talents of their students."

As part of this effort, in February the Graduate College of Education hosted 63 students from Sarah Greenwood School in Dorchester and Tucker Elementary School in Milton. Students participated in a variety of workshops, ranging from an introduction to electronic circuits to familiarizing themselves with the tools of oceanography to collect and study plankton.

In the latter exercise, the students were thrilled to be given hands-on exposure to using water test kits and were able to differentiate samples of water based on their color, composition of nitrates, and oxygen content. Students were also engrossed in the lesson about electronic snap circuits, in which UMass Boston graduate students guided the middle schoolers to use educational test kits to switch light bulbs on and off.

WISP is being coordinated by the Dean of the Graduate College of Education, Carol Colbeck, and Professors Robert F. Chen, Adan Colon-Carmona, Arthur Eisenkraft, Hannah Sevian, and Marilyn Decker of the Boston Public Schools.

"It was great to see these diverse sets of aspiring children getting to see a major research university for the first time," said Chen, principal investigator of WISP at UMass Boston. "It was an energizing experience to see the young minds' enthusiasm, curiosity, and interest in science education. Most of them were excited to be on campus and were even considering careers in science."

Leading the cohort in a closing exercise, Marilyn Decker, also a principal investigator of the project and the director of science for Boston Middle Schools, asked the crowd if this was their first visit to a university. More than half nodded. When she asked how many would like to come back someday to UMass Boston, each and every hand soared high into the air.

Community Activist, Founder of Multi-Service Center, and CEO of Community Health Center to Be Honored at Community Breakfast

By Kaushik Prakash

William Walczak, founder of the Codman Square Health Center, and Frederica Williams, CEO of Whittier Street Health Center, will be honored on March 20 at the University of Massachusetts Boston's nineteenth annual Community Breakfast for their work to improve communities and organizations within the city. Boston Globe Foundation director Leah P. Bailey will also be recognized at the event for her exceptional service to the communities of Boston.

Walczak, a Savin Hill resident, will receive the Robert H. Quinn Award for Community Service from UMass Boston Chancellor J. Keith Motley and Robert H Quinn himself. The award will also be presented to Williams for longstanding community commitment and service for her work transforming community-based institutions.

The Quinn Award, which honors individuals whose contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in the Greater Boston area, was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, who served the Commonwealth as speaker of the House of Representatives, attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees. He is still actively involved with the welfare of the university, and is a practicing attorney and founding partner of Quinn and Morris, LLP.

"UMass Boston is proud each year to recognize the commitment of the residents and business leaders of Boston to building stronger communities," Chancellor Motley said. "Bill Walczak's dedication to the Codman Square Health Center and beyond, as well as Frederica Williams's and Leah Bailey's emphasis on exemplary corporate citizenship are richly deserving of our recognition and our thanks."

Dedicated to strengthening medical and other clinical services to local communities, the Codman Square Health Center has seen significant neighborhood development under Walczak's leadership. Thanks to his initiative, the health center has more than 100,000 visits annually with a budget of more than $17 million.

Walczak's activism has stretched beyond community welfare into the efficient management and networking of non-profits in Massachusetts. He is the founding chairman of the Massachusetts Non Profit Network. Walczak, a UMass Boston graduate, is also the vice chairman of the UMass Boston Alumni Association.

Frederica Williams was appointed president and CEO of Whittier Street Health Center in 2002. Since that time, the center has grown in revenues by over 60 percent, and has expanded its range of services to the community regardless of clients' ability to pay. Williams has overseen the expansion of the center's infrastructure in terms of improvements in operations, diversification of funding sources, and the development of entrepreneurial activities. She serves as a board of trustees member for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers.

Williams is actively engaged in supporting improvements in the health of diverse immigrant populations living in Massachusetts by promoting access to quality, culturally competent health and social services enhanced through education, research, and community partnerships. She also participates on several community initiatives focused on providing high-quality, reliable, and accessible health care and support services to the elderly, disabled, immigrants, children, and the uninsured and underinsured.

Leah P. Bailey is Executive Director of Community Affairs at the Boston Globe Foundation. She joined the Globe in 2002 and is responsible for overseeing the distribution of nearly $2 million annually in Foundation grants and corporate sponsorships in greater Boston.

She has addressed several local and national organizations, including the 2006 Hands On Network National Conference, the 2004 National Conference on Community Volunteering and National Service (Points of Light Foundation), as well as conferences for the Connecticut Council on Philanthropy, the National Conference on Educational Leadership and Associated Grantmakers of Massachusetts. She was a founding member and director of The Aurora Women and Girls Foundation in Hartford, Connecticut, and served two elected terms on the Wethersfield, Connecticut Town Council.

McCormack Fellow Hopes to Bring Diversity to Local Leadership

By Geoffrey Kula

Having spent 42 years as a *Boston Globe* reporter and editor covering everything from former Massachusetts state representative Mel King's activism and his two runs for mayor to Boston's busing conflict, 64-year-old Robert Turner has seen the good, the bad, and the ugly of Boston's past. Now, as the first Boston Globe Fellow at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, he faces his biggest challenge yet: trying to ensure a more equitable future for the city and its residents.

According to McCormack Graduate School Dean Steve Crosby, Turner's primary role is to serve as director of the Commonwealth Compact, a leadership group undertaking diversity initiatives in Boston-area business and civic organizations. Crosby calls the Compact "one of the single most important initiatives I've undertaken since coming to the university."

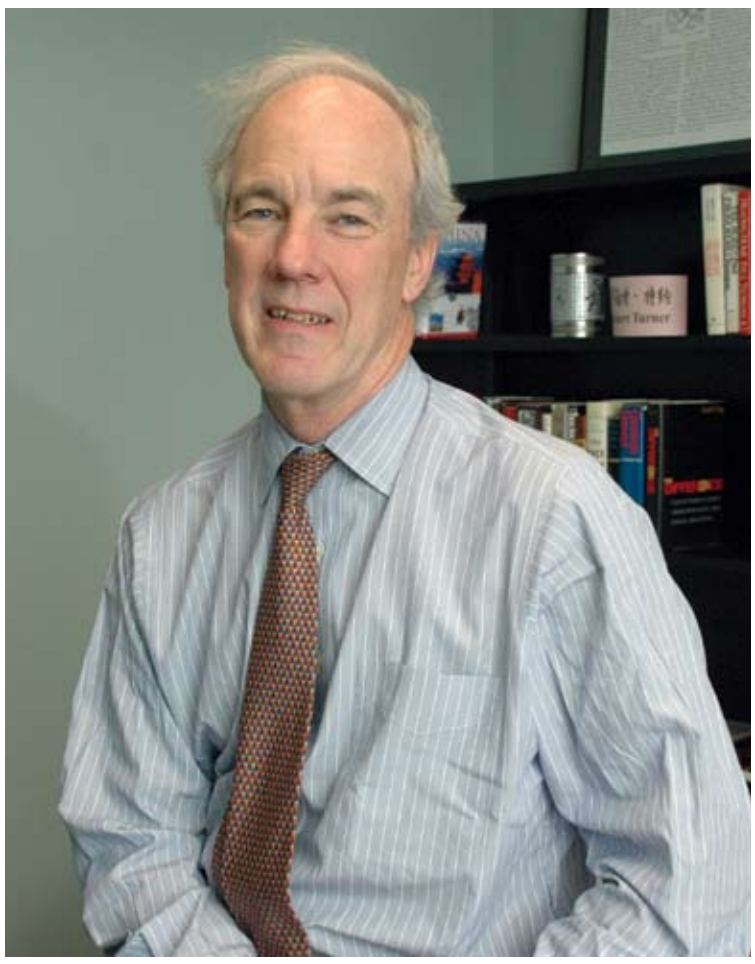
Crosby says that after UMass Boston conducted a survey of racial and ethnic attitudes revealed "a tremendous disparity" between the ethnic and gender makeup of the Boston-area population and its leadership boards, he and Turner conceived "in broad brushes" a plan to remedy this imbalance. Their ideas, along with input from *Boston Globe* publisher Steve Ainsley, evolved into the Commonwealth Compact.

The Compact, Turner says, has two primary goals: to illustrate that racial attitudes have and are continuing to improve in Boston, and at the same time to recognize there are still serious problems that need to be addressed.

"There's a real frustration around the country that Boston has a reputation of being hostile to outsiders and people of color," Turner says, recalling the words of NBA All-Star Kevin Garnett when the Celtics acquired him from the Minnesota Timberwolves in 2004: "I want to play for the Celtics, but do I want to live in Boston?"

"The reputation isn't as deserved as it once was – since busing and the Charles Stuart affair," Turner adds, citing Deval Patrick's election as governor as an example of the state's improving race relations. "But Boston still deserves part of that reputation, and we're working to change that."

To do this, the Compact has convened a group of approximately 50 civic and business leaders who helped create a series of diversity benchmarks for organizations to meet voluntarily. The advisory panel members are also on board to recruit organizations to join the Compact. "Once we get a dozen or so [organizations to join], we plan to go public with it," Turner says, predicting that the press will cover this achievement in the coming months.



Boston Globe Fellow Robert Turner. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Turner doesn't think the Compact's proposal will be a hard sell. "Most people understand diversity is good for business, not just as a do-good impulse, but because with more diverse people making and implementing decisions, there will be more options to choose from" and businesses will see an improved bottom line as a result.

"Historically, how has Boston kept its status as a center of the nation's economy?" Turner asks. "Innovation has been the key." He lists the shipping, textile, and footwear industries as just a few of the many breakthroughs that have kept the Boston-area economy thriving, noting that about half were conceived by women or people of color. "If we want to remain vital, we need to tap all our available resources," he asserts.

Perhaps understandably, some organizations have questions about how the information provided to the Compact will be used. "People wonder if it will come back to haunt them if they don't score well on the benchmarks," he admits. "Absolutely not. This information will be kept strictly private." Additionally, Turner hopes enough organizations join the Compact so results can be aggregated by sector and any one organization can see how it ranks against others in its field.

Turner already has goals for the UMass Boston resources at his disposal. Following the lead of the Massachusetts Government Appointment Project – a coalition of women's organizations whose purpose is to increase the number of women appointed to senior-level cabinet positions by any new governor – he plans to assemble a database of minority job seekers and allow organizations to access it to find qualified candidates for open positions, envisioning members enlisted from area technical schools, minority business school graduate organizations, and other professional/social institutions. Having this database readily available, he says, will solve the problem of those who have told him: "We can't find the right person."

"One of the benefits of having the Commonwealth Compact at UMass Boston is that the school represents the common ground of the city," he says. "The student body points to the direction of where organizations should be headed, more so than the crowd at Fenway."

Hockey, Basketball Teams Go "Pink" to Promote Cancer Awareness

By Alan Wickstrom

The University of Massachusetts Boston Athletics Department recently held a pair of events to promote cancer awareness. Both the women's and men's ice hockey programs promoted awareness on February 15, sporting pink bandannas, pink laces, and pink stick and sock tape for their home games against New England College and Williams College through the "Pink at the Rink" initiative, while the women's and men's basketball programs did the same with pink laces and warm-up shirts at their February 19 home doubleheader against UMass Dartmouth as part of the "Think Pink" initiative. Prior to the start of the games, the names of friends, family members or members of the UMass Boston athletic family who have been affected by cancer were read in tribute and remembrance.

"I think it was a very important cause for our team to get behind," said women's ice hockey head coach Maura Crowell. "I'm happy that we were able to participate in this year's Pink at the Rink event. Our players were decked out in pink that day and clearly were behind the event. They had a great game that night and played like it was an important event. It was a great night and I hope to do it again, even bigger and better, next year."

Fans, coaches and administrators also got into the spirit, donning pink shirts, scarves, bracelets, sweaters, ties, and even wigs, while being educated with cancer statistics through announcements made during the games. At the hockey games, Karen Burns-White of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute was on hand to provide information in addition to a table stocked with educational information, while during the basketball games, Dana-Farber's Blum Family Resource Center Mobile Van made the trip and was stationed adjacent to the Clark Athletic Center in the parking lot, where RN Erica Proto educated people about cancer awareness.

"I think it was an incredibly successful event," said Charlie Titus, Vice Chancellor of Athletics & Recreation, Special Programs and Projects and head men's basketball coach. "It certainly put our students in the frame of mind of awareness about breast cancer and some of the things that they can do to help fight it. I think it's always a tremendous opportunity to put students in that position. It also allowed us to enhance our relationship with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, which is an extension of the relationship that the university has with them as well."

Also during the events, the Athletic Department raised $700 for cancer research through 50/50 raffles, and close to 1,000 fans were educated about cancer awareness, prevention, and treatment. The "Think Pink" campaign originated at the NCAA level with the Women's College Basketball Association, and is now a global, unified effort for the WBCA's nation of coaches to assist in raising breast cancer awareness on the court, across campuses, in communities, and beyond.

(Photo by Harry Brett)

"It's an important event for us to have, because it raises awareness for breast cancer," said women's basketball head coach Shawn Renee Polk. "It's something that could eventually affect us all, and us supporting it and bringing more awareness to it is huge. Our team support was great, and they were excited about it all week."

A Hunger for More: Fuld Trust Scholarships Make Second Careers in Nursing Possible

By Nanette Cormier

While Jean McGinty captured awards as a pastry chef and Jon Debach developed software, Salley Burkart balanced corporate books. Around the same time, all three of them hungered for something more. The College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) at the University of Massachusetts Boston embraced these three career-changers, and the Helene Fuld Scholarship Program is now making their professional goal of a nursing career possible.

Jean, Jon, and Salley were three of the ten 2007 Helen Fuld Health Trust Scholarship recipients, all students pursuing a BS in nursing, honored last month at a CNHS luncheon. Selected from a pool of 121 applicants, the recipients are chosen for academic excellence and contributions to community service. They are the "cream of the crop," says CNHS Dean Greer Glazer.

Provost Fonteyn lauded the recipients and the College of Nursing and Health Sciences for landing this prestigious funding. "The Fuld Health Scholarship Program substantiates the quality of our nursing program, of our students," said Fonteyn. "We know that the success of patients is directly proportional to the quality of care given by nurses," he added, noting admiringly that his wife is a PhD nurse at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Provost Paul Fonteyn with 2008 Fuld Trust Scholarship recipients Shamsher Bam, Theresa Covell, Evelyne Malfroy-Camine, Tiffini Martins, Berenis Morgado, Jean McGinty, Jon D. Debach, Sara Stankiewicz, Salley Burkart and CNHS Dean Greer Glazer. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The Fuld Scholarships are available to those seeking second degrees, unlike most financial aid, says John Mascetta, student affairs specialist. The common theme among this year's awardees is their desire to work with the underprivileged on local or international levels. "Our scholars have rich experience and community service, which they bring to their studies. They set the bar high and deepen learning for everybody," Mascetta adds.

"A calling comes to you at different times," says recipient Salley Burkart. Hers came during an internship at the Brockton YMCA working with overweight teens as part of a CNHS-sponsored health science study. Salley says she learned how to "really listen to people from many different backgrounds," and that skill helped them to change habits and prompted her interest in nursing. A breast cancer diagnosis and successful recovery only furthered Salley's commitment to emulate the clinicians who "went beyond themselves in providing care for me."

"UMass Boston understands non-traditional students and sees their promise," says Jon Debach. "There is a tremendous attitude of empathy here," adds this former anthropology major and future RN who hopes to become a nurse practitioner or to teach nursing.

Fuld Scholar Sara Stankiewicz was joined by her parents, including mother Linda Stankiewicz (MA '99), also a nurse. Sara and her mother remember the lunch when Sara, a 2004 graduate of Providence College in political science, admitted she wasn't sure why she selected that major. As Sara refined her career interest, her mother's stories of profound patient appreciation were a motivating factor. Now, soon to graduate, Sara is already making a difference in global health. She has just returned from a month providing healthcare in Kenya as part of a non-profit she and other UMass Boston students have started. "Sara is precisely the type of student the Fuld Program wants to support," says Prof. Deborah Mahony, CNHS director of student and academic affairs.

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PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

On February 13, **Robert Weiner**, Graduate Program Director of International Relations, McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, presented a seminar on "The Transdniestrian Conundrum and Moldovan-Russian Relations," at the Comparative Economics Center at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University.

Virginia Harvey of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology in the Graduate College of Education made three presentations at the annual conference of the National Association of School Psychologists in New Orleans, Louisiana. These included a professional development workshop, titled "Empowering Learning Through Study Skills and Self-regulation," and two papers in a symposium on supervision: "Professional Development and Supervision of School Psychologists" and "School Psychology Internships: To Pay or Not to Pay?" Harvey will also deliver a keynote presentation at the New Hampshire Association of School Psychologists Winter Meeting in Concord, New Hampshire, titled "Contemporary Ethical Dilemmas and Decision Making."

College of Public and Community Service gerontology professor **Nina M. Silverstein** presented "Teaching Transportation & Aging (Resource Exchange)" at the 34th Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, held February 21 through 24 in Baltimore, Maryland, and at the same conference was also a symposium coordinator and presenter of "When Life Exceeds Driving Expectancy: Implications for Gerontology and Geriatrics Education."

Assistant Professor of Sociology **Mohammad H. Tamdgidi** made one rountable and two panel presentations at the February 2008 annual conference of Eastern Sociological Society. The presentations were titled "Beyond Ourselves?: Knowing the Globe Through the Self-Reflective Mode," "The Sociology of Meditation: A Critical Autoethnography of a Strange 10-Day Vipassana Meditation Experience," and "The Engaged Buddhism of Thich Nhat Hanh (Thay): The Globally Transformative Mode of 'Interbeing' of a Meditative Man."

Gerontology professor **Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen** presented a paper, "Re-Envisioning Social Insurance: The Case of Medicare," at the International Industrial Relations Association (Study Group #9) meetings, held January 4 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

In February, Professor **Jennifer Radden** of the Philosophy Department spoke at a workshop on personal identity, multiple personality and responsibility at the University of Dortmund in Germany.

On February 10, 2008, as an invited panelist at a Massachusetts Chapter of the Fulbright Association event, "2008 American Elections in Perspective," Center for Social Policy director **Donna Haig Friedman** compared the policy positions of the leading presidential candidates on poverty alleviation in the U.S.

On February 14, Center for Social Policy Research Director **Françoise Carré** gave testimony about CSP research on independent contractor misclassification to the Vermont State Senate's Committee on Economic Development, Housing, and General Affairs.

Christian Weller, an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, gave a presentation on the future of defined benefit pensions to the joint annual employee benefits conference of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractor Association in Maui, Hawaii, in February, spoke on a panel on public sector pension plans at the annual meetings of the Labor and Employment Relations Association in New Orleans on January 3, and presented a paper on the professional management of public sector pension plans at the annual meetings of the Union of Radical Political Economics in New Orleans on January 4. Weller also presented his thoughts on credit card debt and chaired a panel on credit card debt and policies to the Center for American Progress on February 25.

Assistant Professor **Melissa Pearrow** of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology and the Center for Social Development and Education presented "Empowering Youth in School and Community Settings," and also conducted a mini skills workshop titled "Early Onset Schizophrenia: Diagnosis, Assessment, and Treatment" at the annual convention of the National Association of School Psychologists in New Orleans on February 6.

Professor of music **Jon C. Mitchell** presented the address "Unknown Works by Gustav Holst" on February 22 at the College Orchestra Directors Association national conference, held at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Associate Professor of Mathematics **Maura Mast** gave a presentation titled "Mathematics and Voting" to the Association for Women in Mathematics chapter at Dartmouth College on February 4, and on February 22 took part in a panel discussion titled "Cultivating General Education Outcomes: Perspectives of the Disciplinary Societies" at an Association of American Colleges and Universities conference in Boston titled "Integrative Designs for General Education and Assessment."

In February, Professor of Education and Director of the Asian American Studies Program **Peter Kiang** was an invited panelist at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he spoke on the topic "From Monolithic to Authentic: Challenging One-Dimensional Views of Race and Ethnicity."

English Department lecturer **Carol Chandler-Rourke** presented "Building Alliances with Other Ethnic Community-Based Organizations" on February 20 at the joint annual International Rescue Committee/Office for Refugee Resettlement's "Innovative Partnerships for Refugee Integration" conference, held in Washington, D.C.

In January, College of Public and Community Service professor **Carroy U. "Cuf" Ferguson** presented at the Association for Humanistic Psychology Professional Conference in Cancun, Mexico, on the topic "The Human Synergistic Movement: A New Humanistic Movement For Our Individual and Collective Life Spaces."

Shirley Tang, assistant professor of American Studies and Asian

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American Studies, moderated a panel, "Breaking Asian American Stereotypes," at the 14th Annual Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy, held at Harvard University February 29 through March 1.

Joyce Peseroff, director of the Creative Writing Program, served on the panel "Literary Boston in the 20th and 21st Century" at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference, held in New York City on February 2.

PUBLICATIONS

Julia Tripp, constituent coordinator at the Center for Social Policy at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, coauthored *Consumer Integration and Self-Determination in Homelessness Research, Policy, Planning and Services*, recently issued by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Christian Weller, an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, wrote a review of Clyde Prestowitz's book *Three Billion New Capitalists* in the February edition of the *Journal of Socio-Economics*, and an article, titled "The Erosion of Middle-Class Economic Security after 2001," in the January/February issue of *Challenge* magazine. Weller also coauthored an article with Dr. Heather Boushey from the Center for Economic and Policy Research, titled "Has Growing Inequality Contributed to Rising Household Distress?" in the *Review of Political Economy*, and co-authored a report on credit card debt, titled "House of Cards,"with Tim Westrich from the Center for American Progress.

Frederick S. Troy Professor of English **Lloyd Schwartz** contributed a chapter on his ten literary influences to the book *Poet's Bookshelf II: Contemporary Poets on Books That Shaped Their Art*, published by Barnwood Press.

Associate Professor **Michael Johnson** of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies coauthored an article, titled "Community-Based Operations Research: Opportunities Abound To 'Do Good with Good O.R.,'" in the current issue of *Operations Research Management Science Today*.

Associate Professor of Management Science and Information Systems **Pratyush Bharati** coauthored a chapter, titled "Effective Product Customization on the Web: An Information Systems Success Approach," in *Innovative Technologies for Information Resources Management*, published by IGI Global. Bharati's coauthor was **Abhijit Chaudhury**, a former UMass Boston faculty member now with Bryant University.

Join the Book Club!

Do you spend your commute to UMass Boston "lost" in a good book? Have you thought of joining a book group but can't find time in your schedule for it? The newly forming UMass Boston Book Club is for you! The Book Club is open to all members of the community – staff, faculty, and students. Together, we'll choose books to read and gather together monthly on campus to discuss them over lunch. If you're interested, please contact Ellen Fleming at ellen.fleming@umb.edu or at 7-5327.

Assistant Professor of Family Therapy **Laurie L. Charles** has written her second book, a qualitative study of a hostage negotiation, titled *When the Shooting Stopped: Crisis Negotiation at Jefferson High School,* published by Rowman & Littlefield.

College of Public and Community Service professor emerita **Marie Kennedy** and UMass Lowell professor Chris Tilly coauthored the article "Making Sense of Latin America's Third Left" in the Winter 2008 issue of *New Politics*.

Robert I. Lublin, assistant professor of performing arts, published "'Whosoever Loves Not Picture, Is Injurious to Truth': Costumes and the Stuart Masque" in *Styling Texts: Dress and Fashion in Literature*, published by Cambria Press.

Pepi Leistyna of Applied Linguistics had his article "Working Hard to Entertain You: The Discovery Channel Looks at Labor" published in the spring edition of the *New Labor Forum*, and also had his chapter "Youth Activism" published in *Battleground Schools: An Encyclopedia of Conflict and Controversy*, published by Greenwood Press.

Assistant Professor of Sociology **Mohammad H. Tamdgidi** published a book chapter titled "From Utopistics to Utopystics: Integrative Reflections on Potential Contributions of Mysticism to World-Systems Analyses and Praxes of Historical Alternatives" in the Political Economy of World-System Annuals Vol. XXIX edited collection *Islam and the Orientalist World-System*, published by Paradigm.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences professor **Jacqueline Fawcett**'s article "A Comment on Integrating Nursing and Health Policy," appeared in the journal *Nursing Outlook*, while a letter to the editor appeared in *Nursing Science Quarterly*.

College of Public and Community Service professor of gerontology **Nina Silverstein** coauthored the article "Gender Differences in Contributory Behaviors Among the Oldest-Old Chinese in Shanghai" in the journal *Ageing International*.

Associate Professor of English **Askold Melnyczuk**'s book of fiction *The House of Widows* is being published this month.

Virginia Harvey of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology in the Graduate College of Education has published a chapter titled "Best Practices in Teaching Study Skills" in *Best Practices in School Psychology V,* published by the National Association of School Psychologists.

An article written by Assistant Professor of Economics **Arjun Jayadev**, titled "Reforms Fail to Put an End to Agrarian Distress," appeared in the February 9 *Economic Times*.

Recently, Jim Allen of the Biology Department hosted students from the South Boston Boys and Girls Club's photography class in the universitie's rooftop greenhouses. (Photo by Harry Duvall)

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

Assistant Professor of English **Patrick Barron**, in company with Irish poet Mary O'Donoghue, gave a reading of recent work at the Blacksmith House Poetry Series in Cambridge on February 11.

Associate Professor of English **Askold Melnyczuk** did two panel presentations at the AWP (Associated Writing Programs) Conference in New York City, titled "Literary Boston: The 20th & 21st Centuries" and "The Role of the Public University in Fostering Contemporary Literature."

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

In February, **Jim Campen**, professor emeritus of economics and senior research associate at the Gastón Institute, prepared a report on mortgage lending patterns for the Massachusetts Community & Banking Council (MCBC). The report, titled "Changing Patterns XIV: Mortgage Lending to Traditionally Underserved Borrowers & Neighborhoods in Boston, Greater Boston and Massachusetts, 2006," shows that loan shares for black and Latino borrowers at all income levels are substantially higher than the loan shares for white borrowers.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

In January, College of Public and Community Service professor **Carroy U. "Cuf" Ferguson** was elected to an unprecedented third term as president of the Association for Humanistic Psychology (AHP).

On February 28, **John McGah** of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies was honored for his work with the Give US Your Poor campaign as one of five "Angels of Hope" honored at a black-tie gala in New York City during a celebration of the Jericho Project's 25-year anniversary.

A segment from the pilot episode of *As I Am*, a radio newsmagazine program produced by the Institute for Asian American Studies, won an American Women in Radio and Television (AWRT) Gracie Award for Outstanding Special Program.

Christian Weller, an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, has joined the board of the Labor and Employment Relations Association, one of the country's largest and oldest professional associations in the fields of labor and industrial relations.

Professor of music **Jon C. Mitchell** received an award for his work as founding editor of the *CODA Journal* at the College Orchestra Directors Association national conference, held at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, in February.

In January, the city manager of Cambridge appointed **Charles F. Cnudde**, professor of political science and senior fellow of the Center for Democracy and Development in the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, to a new joint task force composed of city officials and residents to deal with city-wide problems of refuse, rodents, infrastructure, and related issues.

Professor **Nancy Stieber** of the Art Department has begun a five-month fellowship at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, where she is writing a history of modern Dutch architecture commissioned by Reaktion Books of London.

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On February 7, the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy held a forum, titled "Gender, Race and Presidential Politics: From Iowa to Super Tuesday." The forum featured *Boston Globe* columnist Joan Vennochi.

On February 20, the Center for Coastal Environmental Sensor Networks (CESN) convened a workshop on Coastal Inundation Modeling and Sending. The workshop was attended by approximately fifty scientists, students, and environmental managers, including representatives from city, state, and federal agencies. EEOS professor **Bob Chen** delivered a presentation titled "Boston Harbor and Massachusetts Bay Circulation and Sea Level Modeling," which detailed UMass Boston's efforts to improve short-term storm surge and circulation forecasts for the coastal waters of Massachusetts Bay and Boston Harbor.

IN THE NEWS

Emerging Leaders program director **Pat Neilson** and three Emerging Leaders participants were interviewed on WHDH television's *Urban Update* program on March 2.

On February 20, **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the McCormack Graduate School's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was interviewed on CNN's *The Situation Room* for a story on Hillary Clinton's decreasing support among women voters, and was interviewed by Univision TV on February 25 for a story on the impact of Ralph Nader's announcement that he is running for president as an independent, and also appeared on WGBH's *Greater Boston* television program and on *NewsNight* on New England Cable News. Hardy-Fanta was also quoted in a February 6 *Lowell Sun* article titled, "Experts: Clinton Win Could Boost

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of Marketing and Communications. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus, dial (617) 28 and the last five digits listed below each event.

Monday 10

"Mockingbird Under Glass"
7 a.m. – 7 p.m. All week, UMass Boston Dining Services will serve "Mockingbird Under Glass" and other southern delicacies each day as part of "The Big Read," a celebration of Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Reader's guides and other *Mockingbird* materials will be displayed.

Poetry Celebration
4 p.m., Wheatley, 6th floor, room 47. A celebration of the work of poet Elizabeth Bishop, led by English Department faculty and featuring former poet laureate Robert Pinsky.

Self-Defense for Women
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Beacon Fitness Center. Free training in the R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) System. Sponsored by University Health Services, UMass Boston Public Safety, and the Beacon Fitness Center. To register, go to www.umbwellness.org/RAD_Pop.htm.

Tuesday 11

Deliberative Dialogue
Noon – 2 p.m., Campus Center, Founders Room. Part of "We Need to Talk," a series of free, topical discussion forums. Topic: "Violent Kids: Can We Change the Trend?" Organized by the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution and Public Collaboration (MODR). For more information, contact Courtney.breese@umb.edu.

Reception and Panel Discussion
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom. Reception followed by a panel discussion, "Making History, Meeting Challenges: Women Serving as Mayors in Massachusetts." A celebration of the 25th Women's Research Forum held by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, part of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

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Wednesday 12

Harper Lee biographer interview
10 a.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge. As part of WUMB's "Big Read" initiative in celebration of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the program *Commonwealth Journal* will be conducting a live interview in front of a studio audience with Charles Shields, biographer of the book's author Harper Lee. Reservations are required; please call 7-6900.

Harper Lee biographer lecture
1 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom. As part of WUMB's "Big Read" initiative, Harper Lee biographer Charles Shields will discuss Lee's life, from her childhood up to and after the publication of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Seating will be limited; reservations can be made at 7-6900.

Monday 17

Evacuation Day
University closed.

Tuesday 25

Business Workshop
6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Copley Square Library, 700 Boylston Street, Boston. Topic: Sales Marketing Basics. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network. To register, go to www.sbdc.umb.edu/training or call 7-7750.

Lecture
1 – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom C. Topic: "Industry Partnering: How Researchers Become Innovators." Sponsored by the Venture Development Center.

Thursday 27

Deliberative Dialogue
4 p.m. – 6 p.m., Campus Center, Founders Room. Part of "We Need to Talk," a series of free, topical discussion forums. Topic: "Racial and Ethnic Tensions: What Should We Do?" Organized by the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution and Public Collaboration (MODR). For more information, contact Courtney.breese@umb.edu.

Friday 28

Conference
2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., Healey Library, 11th floor, room 0011B. "Gender and Cultural Diversity," sponsored by the Research Center for Urban Cultural History.

Monday 31

Gerontology Colloquium
1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley, 3rd floor, room 125. Topic: "Elder Substance Abuse," led by Douglas M. Ziedonis of University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Reading
4 p.m., Campus Center Bookstore. Fiction writer Nicholas Delbanco reads from his latest novel, *Spring and Fall*.

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Women Candidates in Mass.," in a February 19 *Boston Globe* article titled "Clinton's Struggle Vexes Feminists," and in a February 7 *Worcester Telegram* article about Clinton's win over Barack Obama in the Massachusetts primary.

In February, **Christian Weller**, an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, was quoted in the Brazilian newspaper *O Estado de S.Paulo* and in the magazine *Better Homes & Gardens*, was interviewed on Bloomberg television for their United Kingdom channel, was quoted in a *USA Today* front-page story and interviewed on CBS radio on the use of credit card debt instead of mortgages to make ends meet, and was interviewed live on CNBC on the U.S. dollar. Also, a report coauthored by Weller was cited on the *NBC Nightly News*.

Frederick S. Troy Professor of English **Lloyd Schwartz** appeared on the *MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour*, where he spoke about a book he co-edited, *Elizabeth Bishop: Poems, Prose, and Letters*, recently published by the Library of America.

Women's Studies chair **Jean Humez**, author of *Harriet Tubman: The Life and the Life Stories*, was mentioned on the History News Network for contributing to a "richer and more authentic understanding of the woman behind the iconic symbol."

Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction **Lusa Lo** was quoted in a February 9 *Boston Globe* article, "Asian Students Come Up Short on Special Education."

A songwriting contest being run by WUMB as part of its Mockingbird Festival was noted in the books section of the February 24 *Boston Globe*, while the station's format shift was covered in another *Globe* article, "WUMB Goes electric: Format Change to Add 'A Little Kick,'" on February 28.

A $2.1 million grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation was the subject of a January 31 article in *Mass High Tech*.

The Trotter Institute's work with the Safe Neighborhood Initiative was mentioned in a Feburary 1 *Dorchester Reporter* article.

Political Science Assistant Professor **Maurice Cunningham** was quoted in a February 3 *Providence Journal* article about the Super Tuesday primaries.

McCormack School dean **Steve Crosby** was quoted in a February 4 *Brockton Enterprise* article about a proposed pay raise for state judges.

Gerontology Institute director **Maximiliane Szinovacz** was quoted in a February 4 *U.S. News & World Report* guide to saving for retirement.

Political Science Professor **Paul Watanabe** was quoted in the February 5 New London, Connecticut, newspaper *The Day* in a story about how a substantial turnout of independent voters could affect the outcome on Super Tuesday, and in a February 27 *Boston Globe* article about interactions between Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick and House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi.

A study co-conducted by UMass Boston and the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation was cited in the February 5 edition of *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*.

Associate Professor **Alan Clayton-Matthews** was quoted in a February 10 *Boston Globe* article and in a February 11 *Boston Herald* article about how the Massachusetts economy would be affected by a recession.

In February, a study authored by **Jim Campen**, professor emeritus of economics and senior research associate at the Gastón Institute, was featured in a February 27 *Boston Globe* story, "Study Finds Minorities Paid More for Loans."

A study about the risks of heart failure treatments coauthored by **Lois Biener** of the Center for Survey Research was cited in the Web journal *Science Centric*.

Professor and CSDE director **Gary Siperstein**'s receipt of the President's Public Service Award was featured in the February 15 *Dorchester Reporter*.

Nantucket Field Station managing director **Sarah Oktay** was quoted in a February 19 *Boston Globe* article about the commercial bay scallop season.

A study of Brazilian immigrants conducted by the Gastón Institute was the subject of a feature story in the February 20 *Salem News*.

Gastón Institute director **Miren Uriarte** was quoted in a February *Ceylon Daily News* story about the transfer of power of Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Retired faculty member **William Worthy** was the subject of a February 22 column by the *Boston Globe*'s Adrian Walker.

Mitchell Silver, a senior lecturer in the Philosophy Department, was quoted in the *Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles* on February 22.

A Show of Support for NIU

Many students, staff, and faculty signed a banner of support for the people of Northern Illinois University following last month's deadly shooting. (Photo by Harry Brett)