Governor Deval Patrick to Be the Principal Speaker
At UMass Boston’s 2007 Commencement

By Ed Hayward

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick will deliver the principal address at the University of Massachusetts Boston’s 39th commencement on Friday, June 1, when nearly 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students receive their degrees, Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD has announced.

Governor Patrick, who will receive the Chancellor’s Medal, will be joined by fellow honorees Clementina (Tina) Chéry, the founder and president of the Boston-based Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, and Henri Termeer, president and CEO of Cambridge-based Genzyme Corporation.

“We are pleased to welcome Governor Patrick back to our campus for our 39th commencement ceremonies, where his presence will serve as a fitting honor for our new graduates,” Chancellor Collins said. “UMass Boston is further distinguished by the participation of Tina Chéry, Robert Kraft and Henri Termeer, all accomplished leaders who work daily to improve life in the Commonwealth and around the world.”

Governor Patrick will be honored for his leadership at the top levels of business, government, and the non-profit sector. His career began at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. In 1986, he joined the Boston law firm of Hill & Barlow. In 1994, President Clinton appointed Gov- ernor Patrick Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, the nation’s top civil rights post.

At the Justice Department, Governor Patrick worked on a wide range of issues, including prosecution of hate crimes, employment discrimination, and enforcement of fair-lending laws and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Clementina (Tina) M. Chéry will receive the Chancellor’s Medal for her work to end gun and gang violence in Boston. Chéry is president and CEO of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, founded in memory of her 15-year-old son, who was killed by an errant gunshot while walking near his home in 1993.

Under Chéry’s direction, the institute has forged a multi-level agenda, operating as a partner to the City of Boston, to the academic community, and to grassroots organizations. Annually, the institute serves more than 10,000 people with outreach services, school curricula, community events and training.

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Dorchester Community Activist and South Boston CEO Honored at UMass Boston’s 2007 Community Breakfast

By Ed Hayward
At UMass Boston’s 21st annual Community Breakfast, two local men were honored for their work to improve communities and organizations within the city.

Dorchester resident Philip Carver, president of the Pope’s Hill Neighborhood Association, received the Robert H. Quinn Award for Community Service from UMass Boston Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. The chancellor presented Mr. Carver with the award for his Longstanding Community Commitment and Service for the Pope’s Hill neighborhood, and beyond, as well as Ed Merritt’s emphasis on exemplary corporate citizenship, are richly deserving of our recognition and our thanks.

The Quinn Award, which honors individuals whose outstanding contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in the Greater Boston area, was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, who served as speaker of the House of Representatives, attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

Quinn joined Chancellor Collins in the presentation of the award to Carver. Thanks to Carver’s initiative, the Pope’s Hill neighborhood now enjoys a new campus for the Neighborhood House Charter School, as well as the addition of a new bank and a new grocery store. He also founded the Dorchester Support Our Soldiers program, which has sent supplies to more than 7,000 American soldiers.

Ed Merritt was appointed president and CEO of Mt. Washington Bank in 1999. Since that time, the bank has grown into a full-service financial institution with over $480 million in total assets, serving the communities of South Boston and Dorchester.

Merritt has overseen the expansion of the bank’s infrastructure from a two-branch operation to four, with a fifth branch scheduled to open in 2007 in Dorchester’s Codman Square neighborhood.

Merritt emphasizes community service in addition to customer service. Five years ago, the bank founded the Mt. Washington Charitable Foundation, where ten percent of the bank’s annual profits are dedicated to nonprofit organizations. Among the awards is an annual scholarship for a UMass Boston undergraduate student. In addition, Merritt is a member of the Board of Directors of the Caritas Carney Hospital Foundation, South Boston Community Health Center, and the Massachusetts Bankers Association.

“Mt. Washington Bank is committed to being a good corporate citizen and neighbor, so the bank established the Mt. Washington Charitable Foundation in 2002,” Merritt said. “In the past five years, the foundation has enabled the bank to increase our support for our communities by helping programs involving education, youth and the arts, and social service agencies.”

Lampas Society Celebrates Planned Giving to UMass Boston

By Kraig Ludensky
Giving to the university is a very personal decision. Many donors are accustomed to writing a check each year because that is what they feel they can afford.

Carolyn Flynn, an estate planning attorney who runs UMass Boston’s new Office of Planned Giving, wants donors to think differently.

“Why not consider leaving a life insurance policy, the value in a home, IRA, pension, 401(k), savings, stocks and bonds or a family business?” asks Flynn. “They may be marshaled to do some spectacular things for the university.”

The newly created Lampas Society thanks donors who give through life income gifts, bequests, and other estate intentions.

The society’s inaugural newsletter tells the story of Lola T. McGrail ‘35, who established a charitable gift annuity to help fund a scholarship for a student pursuing a career in teaching.

McGrail pursued her degree at Teachers College and went on to become a teacher of French and Spanish in the Boston Public Schools. “There was no tuition. Even the books were free!” says McGrail. Today, she takes satisfaction not only in having had a successful teaching career but also in the opportunity to help others do the same. A gift annuity provides McGrail with an income for her lifetime. She found the gift annuity rewarding enough to establish a second gift annuity to benefit the same scholarship.

McGrail’s story reflects her passion for assisting future teachers achieve their dreams, and she was able to do so in a way that fit her own personal and financial situation.

“The community needs to be aware that writing a check each year is not the only way to make a gift to the University,” Flynn explains. “The planned giving office provides estate and tax planning information and assistance for individuals interested in making a gift to UMass Boston.”

For more information, contact Flynn at 617-287-5336 or cflynn@umb.edu
A New Tradition: Spring Enrichment Week, April 23-28

By Ed Hayward

Building on the tradition established with last year’s inaugural week events, UMass Boston will unveil Spring Enrichment Week, April 22-28, presenting speakers, authors and performances to highlight the vibrant academic and cultural community on campus.

“Spring Enrichment Week is a chance for students, faculty, staff and friends of the university to acknowledge the expertise of our faculty, the dedication of our staff and the sophistication of our students,” said Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. “It’s also a chance to reconnect across the campus at both the academic and cultural level. It’s going to be a lot of fun.”

Spring Enrichment week, which kicks off Monday, April 23, will feature 18 major events — from films to speakers to roundtable discussions — culminating on Saturday, April 28, with the university’s Fourth Annual Scholarship Gala.

“The Annual Scholarship Gala gives the campus community and our friends and donors a chance to directly and positively impact the experiences of our students,” said Darrell Byers, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. “Proceeds from the gala go directly to student scholarships. It’s a great time.”

This year, the gala features a wine-tasting, a silent auction, dinner, and entertainment by Tony Award nominee and Lion King star Tsidi Le Loka.

The week’s events feature symposia presented by each college. On Monday, April 23, the McCormack Graduate School is sponsoring “No Margin for Error: Disadvantages and Success in the Immigrant Second Generation,” a lecture by Alejandro Portes of Princeton University, the graduate school’s Wood Visiting Professor.

On Tuesday, April 24, the College of Public and Community Service presents “The Death Penalty and Social Media: How Social Agents and Filmmakers Come Together,” a symposium including a documentary film on the Sacco and Vanzetti case. On Wednesday, April 25, the College of Liberal Arts brings back to campus “The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged,” a witty, improvisational compression of all 37 plays into one evening of theater, presented by the Performing Arts Department.

On Thursday, April 26, the College of Management offers a Master Class in Finance with Perry Traquina, president, CEO, and managing partner of Wellington Management Company LLP.

On Friday, April 27, the College of Liberal Arts presents the UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra, performing Beethoven’s Symphony No. 4 and works of Holst, Lisnè, and Vaughan Williams.

There’s also a service component to the week. On Friday, April 27, the university will take part in Good Neighbor Day by participating in day-long community service projects such as offering help painting shelters, planting gardens, preparing meals for AIDS patients, and sorting food for a food bank.

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Among the services provided are: The Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) program is dedicated to providing families of murdered victims with ongoing compassion, support, information, resources, education, and advocacy.

The institute also developed The Louis D. Brown Peace Curricular, which encourages the avoidance of violence by young people and creates activities that install values and enrich the lives of people living in the community.

Robert Kraft, founder of the Kraft Group and owner of the New England Patriots, will receive an honorary degree for his career as one of New England’s leading entrepreneurs and philanthropists. In 1972, the Brookline native founded International Forest Products, a trader of paper commodities that now does business in 82 countries around the world. In 1998, he founded the Kraft Group to serve as the holding company for the family’s varied business interests.

Over the past three decades, the Kraft family has been one of New England’s most philanthropic, donating millions of dollars in support of local charities and civic affairs.

Heni Termeer is president, CEO, and chairman of Genzyme Corp., a biotechnology company headquartered in Cambridge. Termeer will receive an honorary degree for leading his company from a modest entrepreneurial venture to one of the world’s leading biotechnology companies. He is recognized as a pioneer in developing and delivering treatments to patients with rare genetic diseases around the world. The company is diversified across medical areas including lysosomal storage disorders, kidney disease, orthopedics, cancer, transplant and immune diseases, and diagnostic testing. Widely acknowledged for his many contributions to the biotechnology industry and health care field, Termeer is active in the areas of humanitarian assistance, policy issues, and innovation in providing access to health care.

Commencement takes place at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 1, on the Campus Center lawn. For updates and additional information, see www.umb.edu.

Governor Trains Team at UMass Boston

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick addresses members of his transition team, senior cabinet, and staff at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Michael MacPhee

Taking time away from their newly hectic lives, 85 members of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick’s staff and senior cabinet officials convened at UMass Boston for a senior Executives Seminar.

Held March 2-3 and titled “The Opportunity We Face: Effective Grassroots Governing,” the session was coordinated by the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. Collaborating in the presentations was the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and the Center for Leadership and Public Life at Northeastern.

The sessions were the result of several months of work by Steve Crosby, Dean of the McCourmack School, and officials of the Patrick/Murray administration. Crosby, drawing on his experience as a former governor’s chief of staff and also a former Secretary of Administration and Finance, opened the sessions by saying: “All of us who have worked for a governor have a commitment to seeing our successors get off on the right foot. We are pleased that the McCormack School could host these important discussions.”

The first day was led by Marty Linsky, Kennedy School professor and a partner in Cambridge Leadership Associates, a private firm helping officials in organizations develop their leadership skills. Featuring panel presentations and small group discussions, participants focused on barriers and opportunities for change as performed in a clean and efficient office in grassroots government.

The second day of sessions dealt with such topics as Governor/Cabinet communications, Legislative Relations, and Media Relations. The panel consisted of former government officials, daily practitioners, and academics. Sessions concluded with a panel moderated by Governor Patrick and featuring Lt. Gov. Murray and Chief of Staff Joan Wallace Benjamin.

Governor Speaks at Commencement (cont.)

Monday, April 23, 5:30 PM “No Margin for Error: Disadvantage and Success in the Immigrant Second Generation,” a lecture by Alejandro Portes of Princeton University, Wood Visiting Professor at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

Tuesday, April 24, 2:30 PM “Redlining Race: Native American Identity in the Southeastern United States,” a lecture by Harvard historian Malinda Maynor Lowery (Lumbert), followed by a screening of her award-winning documentary “Real Indian.”

Tuesday, April 24, 4:00 PM “Sacco and Vanzetti,” a documentary film, followed by a symposium, “The Death Penalty and Social Media: How Social Agents and Filmmakers Come Together,” featuring the film’s producer, Peter Miller, sponsored by the College of Public and Community Service.

Wednesday, April 23, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM University Health Services Fair, offering information about a variety of national and complimentary approaches to health and wellness, from acupuncture to yoga. First floor terrace, Campus Center.

Wednesday, April 24, 4:00 PM “Raise Your Voice,” a town-meet-ing-style gathering in which Boston public high school students and adults, and local government officials, will discuss equality of access to higher education.

Wednesday, April 25, 7:00 PM “The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged,” a witty, improvisational compression of all 37 plays into one evening of theater, presented by the Performing Arts Department of the College of Liberal Arts. McCormack Theater, second floor, McCormack Hall.

Thursday, April 26, 12:00 PM “Vietnamese Water Puppets,” a presentation by Binh Huy Tran, showing the beauty of water puppetry as well as its history, featuring authentic marionettes, a source of Vietnamese art. Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach.

Friday, April 27 UMass Boston Good Neighbor Day. Help out the community by participating in day-long projects such as painting shelters, planting gardens, preparing meals for AIDS patients, and sorting food for a food bank.

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Saturday, April 28, 6:00 PM The Annual Scholarship Gala, with a wine-tasting, a silent auction, dinner, and entertainment by Tony Award nominee and Lion King star Tsidi Le Loka. For sponsorship and ticket information, call 617.287.5320. Unless otherwise indicated, all events will take place in the Campus Center Ballroom.
White House Initiative to Address Needs of Ethnic Entrepreneurs

By Lena Serpa

On April 17, the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and UMass Boston’s Center on Media and Society will co-sponsor Boston’s NEXT Regional Conference, which will be held in UMass Boston’s Campus Center.

The free conference will provide a forum for local ethnic entrepreneurs and activists to meet with top officials from Washington to discuss topics ranging from healthcare and affordable housing to small-business growth.

It promises to be an inclusive and non-partisan discussion on the concerns of small-business owners and community activists. Approached by Jimmy Lee of the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders as a possible host for a regional conference on Asian American businesses and federal grant-making, Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society, saw an opportunity to broaden the scope of the conference to include a more diverse ethnic group base.

“We’re very excited to have the conference at UMass because we’re so ethnically diverse here. We hope students, staff, and faculty will participate,” says Hume.

One of several conferences around the country that aim to establish working relationships with community-based organizations, governmental agencies, and corporations in an effort to target and serve minority communities more effectively, the event will bring together government officials from small-business, commerce, health, and housing agencies on discussion panels led by local officials and leaders.

“This event is about connecting the government with the people for an opportunity for networking and a useful exchange of ideas,” says Hume.

Federal officials in attendance will include Jennifer Korn, Assistant to President Bush, Dr. Garth Graham, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Minority Health, US Health and Human Services; and Darlene Williams, Assistant Secretary of US Housing and Urban Development. Local participants will include representatives from the for-profit as well as the non-profit sectors, along with governmental officials like Reverend Chang Imm Tan, head of the Boston Office of New Bosonians, and Larry Mayes, Director of Human Services for the City of Boston. Ethnic media representatives will include Jerry Villalves and Javier Marin of El Planeta newspaper.

The conference will also see the launch of a new project run by the Center on Media and Society called the New England Ethnic Newswire. The Newswire, online at http://go-newz.com, is a collection of weekly featured stories from the ethnic media and will be maintained by students from a communications studies course titled Local and Ethnic Journalism, which is taught by Hume.

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders saw its inception on May 13, 2004, when President George W. Bush signed an executive order aimed at increasing economic opportunities for and improving the quality of life of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders currently living in the United States.

The initiative, part of a continuing effort by the White House to serve the Asian American Community of approximately 40 million people, includes a previous Executive Order establishing the President’s Advisory Commission and a federal Interagency Working Group on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. That commission has conducted a series of site visits around the country.

The conference, an all-day series of panels and discussions, will include 350 entrepreneurs and community activists and is free and open to all who register at http://nextconference.org/registration.html.

Program Seeks Candidates to Teach Next Year

By Ed Hayward

UMass Boston’s Teach Next Year program allows motivated professionals to channel their knowledge and skills into rewarding careers in urban education. Qualified applicants can begin the program in July and, upon successful completion, be ready to teach next year.

Teach Next Year is an experimental, urban school-based route to earning a master’s degree in education (M.Ed.) and Massachusetts initial teacher licensure through the University of Massachusetts Boston in approximately 12 months.

The program features summer courses at the university, followed by integrated teaching and graduate study at site on the Academy of Public Service, the Noonan Business Academy, and TechBoston Academy, the three innovative schools that comprise the Boston Public Schools’ Dorchester Education Complex.

Most recently, Teach Next Year interns in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields have been supported by the National Science Foundation Noyce Scholarship program.

The Noyce project has allowed the program to work with the Hyde Park Education Complex and the John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science as Teach Next Year partner schools. Initiated in collaboration with the Treffler Foundation, Teach Next Year is currently supported by the university, the Treffler Foundation, the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, and the Noyce Scholarship Program. Past supporters include the Boston Public Schools.

For more information about the Teach Next Year Program, contact Lisa Gonsalves at 617-287-7642 or lisa.gonsalves@umb.edu.

International Women’s Day

By Kraig Ludensky

The campus marked International Women’s Day on March 8 with a panel of three women leaders in Massachusetts who spoke openly about their lives and shared with the audience the reasons they decided to serve in the public sector.

Governor Deval Patrick’s Chief of Staff, Joan Wallace-Benjamin, was joined by Chelsea District Court Judge Diana Maldonado and former Boston City Councilor and current Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Maura Henningan for a panel titled “Women of Substance: A Celebration of Women Leaders in Massachusetts.”

The three shared some of their struggles and the secrets of how they achieved their current positions.

“I have a sense of responsibility and obligation to give back to the community. My responsibility is to dignify what was achieved in the [civil rights] movement,” said Wallace-Benjamin, who previ-ously served as executive director of the New England Home for Little Wanderers. Recalling the moment she was invited to join Governor Patrick’s office, she said, “I had no intention to join the government, but the governor stirred a feeling of real responsibility for the population I have always worked for. Now I could help millions of families. The opportunity to be a part of history was irresistible.”

“We women are now moving forward, remaining attached to the communities that originally supported them. Just because they reached the top doesn’t mean they have to forget where they came from,” said Guisselle Abreu, outreach coordinator and program manager at the Gaston Institute.

Diana Maldonado recalled her family’s traveling from New York to see her when the stress of law school almost caused her to quit. She said it was their support which she will always remember and value.

Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Henningan spoke about the risks people said she took when she ran for Mayor of Boston.

“When you try to succeed in public service, you do it with the help from family and friends,” said Henningan, who was elected to her current post in November. “You have to believe in yourself. It doesn’t matter what your background is…once you decide you can do it, you make disbelievers into believers,” said Henningan.

Abreu said, “Students were able to connect with the panel and the experiences they were sharing.”

The forum was a collaboration of The William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, and The McCormick Graduate School’s Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

Good Manners, Smart Business

On March 6 and 7, students in the Management Achievement Program in the College of Management received lessons in business etiquette from Judith Boorman, CEO of Protocol Consultants International. Her articles on professional etiquette have appeared in Forbes, CFO magazine, CNN Everyday Money, and Self magazine. (Photo by Harry Brett)
UMass Boston’s Youth Movement: The Early Learning Center

By Colleen Lofgren

Many people do not realize that UMass Boston freshmen are not the youngest students on campus. That distinguished title belongs to the students who range from 15 months to 6 years in age and are currently enrolled at UMass Boston’s Early Learning Center, located in the Geiger Gibson Health Center near the Harbor Point Apartments on Mt. Vernon Street.

Available to students and employees of the university, as well as community members, the Early Learning Center provides an educational structure designed to maximize student success. Within its five classrooms—two toddler rooms, two preschool rooms, and one kindergarten room—the students are allowed the space and time they need to explore, create, and learn at their own pace and in their own way.

The center students come from a clientele that consists of UMass Boston students, faculty, and staff, as well as children from the surrounding community. Out of 61 children enrolled at the center, 31 families have a UMass Boston affiliation. Denise McNair, who works in the Human Resources Department, placed her four-year-old son, Tyler, at the center when he was 15 months old.

"Being a mother who had to return to work full-time, I looked at a few daycare centers," said McNair. "When I scheduled my tour at the center, I instantly got a warm feeling from both the teachers and the center. I also realized that the center had a structured curriculum in each of their classes."

Since its opening in 1972, the center has provided many students with the opportunity to discover the world around them, develop their self-esteem, and pursue their own interests. Individuality and diversity are valued and celebrated at the center, and the process of forming lasting relationships with both teachers and peers begins with the youngest of pupils. The director of the center, Sandra Bishamp-Parkin ’02, takes special pride in the center’s professional staff which has been selected for their knowledge of early-childhood education as well as their strong interpersonal skills. They are “the strength of the program,” she said. The professional teaching staff is also supplemented by work-study students from the UMass Boston campus.

“The most rewarding part of working with children is partnering with families to help the children grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively,” according to Bishamp-Parkin.

Parental involvement in the center includes attendance at monthly family/school partnership meetings, family workshops, and other activities planned throughout the year. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer in the classroom.

Proceeds from annual events such as the 5th Annual Beacon Dash, which was held on Sunday, April 1, also help to support the center’s Enrichment Fund and offset the cost of field trips and art and music supplies.

Tuition is based on a sliding fee scale according to family size and income. Subsidies are given to currently enrolled UMass Boston students and are available on a limited basis to staff and community members who are eligible.

“I would most definitely recommend the Early Learning Center,” said McNair. “It is a hidden jewel. More families need to know that they exist.”

A Testimony for Change

By Kraig Ludensky

Graduate College of Education Professor Arthur Eisenkraft testified before the Congressional Subcommittee on Research and Science Education on March 8 in support of a proposal to launch a pilot program to improve the quality of high school laboratories in American high schools.

Eisenkraft, the university’s Distinguished Professor of Science and Education, hopes his testimony will help secure funding for new ways to research and incorporate laboratory work in the nation’s high schools.

“It was a new experience for me,” Eisenkraft said. “It was a thrill to have a small part in U.S. history.”

Many of components of the bill H.R. 524: “To establish a Laboratory Science Pilot program at the National Science Foundation,” Eisenkraft addressed in the 2005 National Research Council’s America Lab Report, which he coauthored. The Council reported that laboratory work plays an integral role in the scientific learning process and an overhaul of the system is needed in order to ensure that American students remain competitive in the global arena.

“A serious agenda is required to build knowledge of how various types of laboratory (within the context of science education) may contribute to specific science learning outcomes,” Eisenkraft testified. “We must ensure that all students have equal access to labs regardless of their socioeconomic status.”

Eisenkraft, a longtime science educator in New York State, now directs the campus’s Center of Science and Math in Context (COSMIC). He is a past president of the National Science Teachers Association and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

“There was a lot of momentum going into this and I was pleased to hear that there was a lot of bipartisan support for the bill,” Eisenkraft said.

If passed, bill H.R. 524 will establish the pilot program Partnerships for Access to Laboratory Science (PALS) at the National Science Foundation. PALS will award grants to provide equipment, maintenance, and safety upgrades of laboratory facilities. The overriding goal is for American students to be better prepared to pursue post-secondary education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

“In addition to teaching students how to do science, laboratory work also creates a common experience that can be used to improve discussions and increase achievement,” Eisenkraft told Congress.

Joining Eisenkraft in testifying were Representative Ruben Hinojosa, Mrs. Linda Forschauer, president, National Science Association; and Dr. Jerry Mundell of Cleveland State University.

Green Exhibit Wins Silver at Boston Flower Show

Top photo: Interim Science and Mathematics Dean Bill Hagar, horticulturist James Allen, and Professor Jeffrey Duks of the Biology Department with the silver medal prize. Below: Visitors examine the UMass Boston exhibit. (Photos by Harry Brett)

Left photo: Graduate College of Education professor Arthur Eisenkraft testified before the March 8 Congressional Subcommittee on Research and Science Education. Right: Committee Chair, Congressman Brian Baird. (Photos courtesy of Professor Eisenkraft)

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Visit the Boston-Area Climate Experiment on Earth Day!

The Boston-Area Climate Experiment is opening its public exhibit at 240 Beaver Street in Waltham from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Earth Day, April 22, 2007. For more information on tours and lectures, please contact Meg Coward at: megcoward@communityfarms.org.

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PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

In February, Jalal Alamy, assistant professor of political science, presented “Confounding Representation with Revolution: The Myth of Islam’s Subversion of Democracy” at the annual convention of the International Studies Association in Chicago.

David S. Arford, assistant professor of art history, presented “The Image That Bleeds: The Interactive Wound of Christ” at the “Intersections of Intercultural and Material Culture” at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America in Miami on March 22.

Elsa Auerbach, professor of English, was an invited presenter at a colloquium in Aikin, Japan, on February 23 and 24. She also participated in a workshop with Japanese university faculty and high school teachers on teaching English to language learners, and was an invited member of the Resource Group on ESL of the National Commission on Adult Literacy, at the Board of Governors’ commission of the Council for the Advancement of Adult Literacy.

English department graduate student Kristen Bennett presented “Preposterior Translation: Ass-lore and Myth in A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at the CUNY 2nd Annual Medical Studies/Medievalists Interdisciplinary conference on March 16 at New York City.

Chris Bobel, assistant professor of women’s studies, presented “We are activists. We are artists: The Uses of the Aesthetic and the Body in Feminist Activism” as an invited lecture for Women’s History Month at SUNY Fredonia on March 14.

Ramon Borges-Mendez, assistant professor of public policy and public affairs participated in the National Latino Alliance for Economic Progress roundtable “Gangs” at Arizona State University on February 22-24, at Arizona State University’s College of Public Programs. He was also a panelist at the Impact on Workforce Development session at the Tough Choices Tough Times Conference held at UMass Boston in late February.

Carol Chandler-Rourke of the English Department presented “Massachusetts: Citizenship for New Americans” on February 18, 2007 at the Immigration Conference “Public Policy and the Roads to Integration,” sponsored by the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

Yung-Ping (Ibing) Chen, Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in the English Department presented “The Uses and Revision in John Lydgate’s “Reson and Sensualite” to the international conference of the journal Medievalia et Lugdunensia at the Sorbonne in March.

Erika Kates, research director at the Center for Education and Public Policy, presented the findings of a recently completed study on access to education for welfare recipients on March 29 at Northeastern University on March 10. Daphne Arman, former director of the UMB ARMS Center, and CPCU student Consuela Greene were copresenters.

In March, CPCS Professor Emerita Linda deBra presented “Oxapam, Resitoxic, Producia: Los Argentinos reconstruyen su economia desde abajo” at the Colegio de México and “The intersection of class, race and gender in the US women’s movement” at the Instituto Tecnologico Autónomo de Mexico. Her coauthored monthly blogs from Mexico can be found at www.dgocio.org/library.php and in Ability magazine in April.


Paul Camacho of the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences edited the special issue on veterans in the journal Armed Forces and Society, Vol. 33 No. 3, April 2007. In the same issue, Nina M. Silverstein, chair of the De-


In February, two articles by Professor Peter Taylor in the Critical and Creative Thinking Department appeared: “Honestability and Heterogeneity: The Irrelevance of Heritability in Explaining Differences Between Means for Different Human Groups or Generations” in Bioethical Theory, and “Guidelines for Developing That Educational Technology Are Used Only When There Is Significant Pedagogical Benefit” in the International Journal of Arts and Sciences.

Felicia Wilczenski, professor of counseling and school psychology, and UMass Boston alumna Susan Comoy coauthored A Practical Guide to Service Learning: Strategies for Positive Development in Human Groups or Generations "in the irrelevance of diversity on the full range of state curricula and instruction, was interviewed by WBZ-AM/1030 for a January 21 article on the subject in the Boston Globe.

PCPs lecturer Susan Eisenberg’s exhibit of photographs and poems, “Perpetual Care,” was on display at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health March 15-30, where she also gave a poetry reading at a Women’s History Month celebration. Her poems “Introduction to Asthma” and “Funnel Clouds” were among the 44 selections on exhibit at Boston City Hall from February 23 to April 23 as part of the Mayor’s Prose & Poetry Program.

On Tuesday, March 6 at the Campus Center Bookstore, UMass Boston alumna Chet Frederick read from her latest publication, Inland, and UMass Boston professor Patrick Barron read from his book The Selected Poetry and Prose of Andrea Zanzottio: A Bilingual Edition. Professor Erik Levine of the Art Department will exhibit new video and photography at Space Other in the South End on March 16. For more information, please call 7-5550.

On May 3, Padraig O’Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor for Peace and Reconciliation for the McCormick Graduate School of Policy Studies, will present the third Joseph Moakley Lecture: “All Has Changed, Changed Utterly: The Middle East After the U.S. Invasion.” On May 10, he will present the fourth lecture: “Sharing the Peace: Northern Ireland, South Africa, the Middle East.” For more information about these lectures, please call 7-5350.

In the News

Jalal Alaimr, assistant professor of political science, was invited on the political crisis in Bangladesh by New York’s WRLA Radio. Jim Campen, professor emeritus of economics and senior research associate for the Gaston Institute, was quoted by USA Today in its March 19, 2007, story on mortgage lending practices. The article referenced his report Borrowing Trouble VII, released in January.

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**Monday 2**

North Atlantic Right Whales: A Critically Endangered Species in Our Waters**

- **Date:** Mondays 7 p.m.
- **Venue:** The Whale and Dolphin Society and Stearns Whaling National Historical Park
- **Details:** The speakers are proud to present leading experts who will discuss ongoing efforts to protect right whales, biological and behavioral data, and conservation efforts to save this species from extinction.

For more information, please contact 7-8154 or email stellwa-gen@noaa.gov.

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**Friday 6**

**Conference on Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks**

- **Date:** April 6-7
- **Venue:** Small Science Library, Room 6. Presented by Dr. Deborah Estrin, Founding Director of the Center for Embedded Network Sensing at UCLA. In addition, Margaret Davidson, Director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center, will be moderating a panel discussion.

For more information, please contact Michele Campbell at 7-7302 or email michele.campbell@umb.edu.

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**Saturday 7**

**Dissertation Defense for Lindsey Baker, PhD Candidate**

- **Date:** 10 a.m.
- **Venue:** Wheeler Hall, 4th Floor, Room 138. Dissertation Title: Bridging the Gaps: The Effects of Level of Care, Duration of Care, Grandchild Characteristics and Parental Involvement on Depressive Symptoms among Grandparents. For more information, please contact Michele Campbell at 7-7302 or email michele.campbell@umb.edu.

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**Wednesday 11**

**Hispanic Studies Speakers Series Spring 2007:**

- **Date:** "War, Modernity and Remembrance: The Puerto Rican Soldier in the Korean War (1950-1953)"
- **Venue:** 4:00-5:00 p.m., Science Center, 2nd Floor, Slocum Auditorium. Professor Zinn is a historian, playwright, and social activist. Sponsored by The William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences. For more information, please contact Paul Camacho at 7-8383.

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**Thursday 15**

**A Lecture by Robert Dragoo:**

- **Date:** 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- **Venue:** Healey Library, 11th Floor. Drago is a historian whose work focuses on the migration of a working class community. For more information, please contact Paul Atwood at 7-8580 or email paul.atwood@umb.edu.

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**Friday 13**

**Conference on Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks**

- **Date:** April 12-13
- **Venue:** The first conference on Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks will feature a keynote address by Dr. Deborah Estrin, Founding Director of the Center for Embedded Network Sensing at UCLA. In addition, Margaret Davidson, Director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center, will be moderating a panel discussion.

For more information, please contact Kristin Malliek at 7-5570 or email kristin.malliek@umb.edu.

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**Friday 20**

**Biology Spring 2007 Seminar Series:**

- **Date:** "Sex in the Sea: Is Fertilization in Sea Urchins Limited by Sperm Availability?" 2:30-3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Small Science Lecture Hall, Room 6. A presentation by Dr. John Chan of the University of New England. For more information, call Teresa D’Anna at 7-3866 or email teresa@waterwatchonline.org.

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**Monday 30**

**Transportation Options for Older Adults:**

- **Date:** The Need for Multiple Strategies
- **Time:** 1:00-2:15 p.m.
- **Venue:** Wheeler Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 125. Barbara S. Robenek, RN, PhD, Nurse Scientist, Massachusetts General Hospital Yvonne Mann Nursing Research Center & Geriatric Nurse Practitioner, University of New England. For more information, call Michele Campbell at 7-7302 or email michele.campbell@umb.edu.

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**Miscellaneous**

**Department of Athletics and Facilities Information**

Please visit www.umb.edu/athletics for a complete listing of sporting events and information on athletics facilities hours, or call 7-7801.

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**March 28**

**Spring Enrichment Week Events**

Please see page 3 for a listing of Spring Enrichment Week Events or visit the www.umb.edu website for Fall 2007 Enrichment Week events.

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**April 23**

**Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks**

- **Date:** 2:30-4:00 p.m., Science Center, 3rd Floor, Room 15. Presentation by Dr. Zod Czarnecki, University of Connecticut. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Call 7-4600 for updates, or visit http://www.bio.umb.edu/events.

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**April 25**

**ECO-tours of UMass Boston**

- **Date:** 3:00-4:00 p.m., Science Center, 2nd Floor, just off walkway. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. RSVP by email or phone for individuals or groups. For more information, call umb.me@green@umb.edu.

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**April 27**

**Biology Spring 2007 Seminar Series:**

- **Date:** "Crops and Weeds: Insights from Plant Population Genomics"
- **Time:** 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Venue:** Science Center, 1st Floor, Small Science Lecture Hall, Room 6. Presented by Dr. Ana Caicedo of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Light refreshments will be served. Call 7-6600 for updates, or visit http://www.bio.umb.edu/events.

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**April 28**

**Gaston Institute Speakers Series:**

- **Date:** Latinas in New England
- **Time:** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Science Center, 3rd Floor, just off walkway. The speaker will be the director of the Gaston Institute Andre Torres. For more information, please contact the Gaston Institute at 7-5790.