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ShoreLines

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Special

MSPCC DONATES ARCHIVES TO LIBRARY

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) has donated papers from its founding in 1878 to 1920 to UMB's Library. The documents include many valuable photographs and thousands of case records of alleged child neglect or abuse.

Library Director Walter Grossmann says, "The Society, a pioneer in the field, had the foresight to save its records. Now, we will be able to store the documents and protect them from fire and deterioration. Here, with the Society's permission, they will be available to scholars." As the records contain confidential information, MSPCC will retain the right to limit access.

The MSPCC papers were donated to UMB as a result of research being done by Dr Linda Gordon, Associate Professor of History, on the history of family violence in Boston. Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, Gordon and a team of investigators are examining the records of several agencies including those of the MSPCC. Gordon, the first historian to study the agency's records, says they are a major source of historical documentation.

"The MSPCC was one of the first organizations of its kind," says Gordon. "Its founding in 1878 marks the beginning of public awareness of child abuse as a crime. The Society's records are invaluable as a source of information for scholars concerned with family violence. They will also be an important source for those interested in the development of the family, of social work agencies and of other social problems such as alcoholism, delinquency, changing sexual norms and the integration of immigrants into American culture."

The subject of Gordon's historical research is 80 years of sexual and family violence in metropolitan Boston. She began the study last year. It is supported by a three-year grant of \$150,000 from the National Institute of Mental Health. Gordon expects to release preliminary conclusions in mid-1981.

The author of Woman's Body, Woman's Right, Gordon is analyzing case records of several Boston agencies at 10 year intervals beginning in 1880. She is also examining cases from the four stressful years 1893, 1917, 1933 and 1944. Some questions Gordon hopes her study will answer are: Have changes in family structure affected violence? Have patterns of violence changed? Have the circumstances provoking violence changed?

Gordon says she groups rape, incest, child-abuse and wife-beating together because they relate to changes in social norms between the sexes and among the generations. She is analyzing variables such as family size and structure, occupation, and marriage both quantitatively and qualitatively.

The MSPCC acquisition marks the beginning of UMB's planned development of an archives of social history. The Library recently received a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to survey 19th century social welfare and private charitable institutions, as well as contemporary community-based voluntary groups, to determine the need for collecting and preserving their papers for research purposes.

The social history archives will also contribute to the University's Master's Degree Program in History and Archival Methods. Introduced in 1978, this ranks as one of very few such programs in the nation. Graduate student interns have access to many archival collections in Greater Boston including those in the adjacent JFK Library. The Mass State Archives is also slated to be built near the Harbor Campus.

PUBLISHING

SUSAN C SCHNEIDER, Associate Professor of History and Director of Latin American Studies, recently had her book Port Wine: Development and Underdevelopment in 18th Century Portugal published in Portugal.

JOHN C PAPAGEORGIOU, CMPS Professor and Chairman of the Management Sciences Department, has had his biography included in Who's Who in the World.

HONORED

THOMAS E KELLY, Director of the Dorchester Field Office, is the first Dorchester resident to receive the National Commander Award of the Disabled Veterans Association. Kelly was cited for his work with disabled Vietnam veterans. His outreach program is one of the most successful in the nation.

APPOINTED

DAISY TAGLIACOZZO, CAS Professor of Sociology, has been appointed Chairperson of the Advisory Panel to the Technology and the Handicapped study being done by the Technology Assessment Board of the Office of Technology Assessment of the U S Congress.

LAURA COOPER, Acting Director of the Institute for Learning and Teaching, was recently appointed to a state-wide Study Committee on American History and Citizenship by the Massachusetts Board of Education. The committee is charged with developing ways of increasing knowledge of American history and of the rights and responsibilities of citizens among public school students in the Commonwealth. It will recommend to the Commissioner and the Board of Education general approaches to, as well as specific strategies for, instruction in the area of citizenship education.

D LEO MONAHAN, sportswriter at the Boston Herald American, has been named Sports Information Director. He is a correspondent for Sports Illustrated and writes a column for The Sporting News.

JEANETTE HYATT has been appointed Administrative Assistant to Charlie Titus, Athletic Director. She has been in athletic administration for many years, serving with the Roxbury Basketball Association and the National Football League Players Association.

EMILY MEYER, CAS Academic Support Services, has been promoted to Staff Associate. She will be the Coordinator of the Writing Proficiency Course and will continue to serve as a Skills Consultant and part-time Lecturer in English.

RICHARD YARDE has been appointed Associate Professor of Art. A native Bostonian, Yarde taught at Mass College of Art from 1979-1980. Last year he served on the faculty of Mt Holyoke College. Museums which have Yarde's paintings in their collections include the Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists, Boston's Museum of Fine Arts and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

SPEAKING

FRANK J NISETICH, CAS Associate Professor and Chairman of Classics, gave a lecture entitled "From Ode to Poem: Problems in Translating Pindar" at Mount Holyoke College last month.

JONATHAN F BARD, CMPS Assistant Professor of Management Sciences, presented a paper entitled "A Separable Programming Approach to the Linear Complementarity Problem" at the annual TIMS/ORSA Conference held in Colorado Springs.

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MARVIN M ANTONOFF, CAS Professor of Physics, lectured at the Worcester Polytechnic Institute on his research about phase transitions in magnetic metals.

FREDERICK C GAMST, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and CAS Professor of Anthropology, was invited to deliver his paper, "Considerations for an Anthropology of Work," at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association held in Dec in Washington, D.C. He also served as discussant at the special session on the Anthropology of Work and on the planning committee for the Society for the Anthropology of Work.

JOHN C PAPAGEORGIOU, CMPS Professor and Chairman of the Management Sciences Department, attended the 1980 National Meeting of the American Institute for Decision Sciences in Las Vegas in Nov and participated in planning for next year's meeting in Boston. He is Local Arrangements Coordinator for the Institute.

JACK WALSH, CPCS Visiting Associate Professor, participated in a three-day conference at Harvard called "The Campaign Managers Speak -- Decision Makers Review the 1980 Election." Other participants included Bill Casey, Lyn Nofziger and Richard Wirthlin of President-elect Reagan's campaign, pollster Pat Caddell, former Kennedy aide Paul Kirk, and John Anderson. The moderators were Adam Clymer of the N Y Times, Al Hunt of the Wall Street Journal, Katherine Mackin of A B C, Martin Nolan of the Boston Globe and David Broder of the Washington Post. The sponsor was the Kennedy Institute of Politics in the School of Government at Harvard U.

JOHN ROBINSON, Director and Chief Clinical Psychologist, University Counseling Center, conducted a seminar for the Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, in Dec on the topic, "Ethics and the Professional Practice of Psychology."

PSA GENERAL MEETING SET FOR JAN 21

The Professional Staff Association has scheduled a general meeting on Wed 21 Jan 9:30 am-noon in the Lounge F1-3 Build II. The agenda will include a talk about professional development and a presentation about the structure of professional staff at Boston State College by their representatives.

ASSEMBLY ACTION

At its Dec meeting, the Assembly established a Standing Committee on Athletics, passed the academic calendar for 1981-82 and approved a new graduate course in Italian. On 15 Dec, as a Committee of the Whole, members discussed faculty-administration relations and plans to reorganize higher education in the Boston area.

LISTING EVENTS IN EXTERNAL MEDIA

The Office of Public Information (OPI) will distribute information about campus events which are open to the public, such as films, theatre, exhibits and workshops, to the external media every two months. To include events in this listing, please let OPI know about those scheduled for Feb and Mar by 15 Jan. The issues are scheduled to be released on the following dates: 27 Jan, 10 & 24 Feb, 10 & 24 Mar, 14 & 28 April and 12 & 26 May.

ShoreLines deadlines for next term are: 19 Jan, 2 & 13 Feb, 2 & 16 Mar, 6 & 17 April and 4 & 18 May.

Information about April & May events to be listed & distributed to the external media will be due in OPI by 13 Mar.

CAR-POOL OPPORTUNITY

To participate in the Mass Dept of Public Works new car-pool program, commuters can register and pick up information at campus Info booths and in the Transportation Office 15-30 Jan and 2-13 Feb. As an aid to future planning, the DPW hopes all commuters will register whether or not they plan to car-pool.

Calendar

 1/13-1/26

● TUE 1/13

EXHIBIT/Calligraphy by Paul Fowler F1-10 Library through 16 Jan.

CPCS ADMISSIONS SEMINAR/Information Session Rm 419 Downtown every Tue 9am & 6pm Free.

CONSIDERING RETURN TO COLLEGE SEMINAR/for adults every Tue noon Rm 419 Downtown & 6pm Admissions Office Harbor Campus. For details 287-8100. Free.

● THUR 1/15

HOLIDAY/Martin Luther King Day.

BASKETBALL/Women's with Holy Cross @ home 7pm.
Men's with Fitchburg @ home 9pm.

● SAT 1/17

HOCKEY/@ Franklin Pierce 8pm.

● MON 1/19

CLASSES BEGIN.

DEADLINE/ShoreLines.

● TUE 1/20

CPCS ADMISSIONS/Repeat 1/13.

CONSIDERING RETURN TO COLLEGE SEMINAR/Repeat 1/13.

BASKETBALL/Women's with Roger Williams @ home 5:30.

HOCKEY/with Amherst @ home 7:30pm.

● WED 1/21

MEETING/Professional Staff Association General Meeting Build II Student Lounge 9:30am-noon.

● THUR 1/22

BASKETBALL/Women's @ Pace 6pm.
Men's @ Pace 8pm.

HOCKEY/with NH College @ home 8pm.

● SAT 1/24

BASKETBALL/Men's with Eastern Nazarene @ home 8pm.

HOCKEY/with Fitchburg 8pm.

● MON 1/26

HOCKEY/with U of New England @ home 7:30pm.

● ● FUTURES

2/8 Dedication Catherine Forbes Clark Athletic and Recreation Center.

2/15 Concert of Unity with UMB and Howard U choruses at Symphony Hall.

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