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UMass and Chinese Officials Launch The University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute

By Ed Hayward

On November 20, the University of Massachusetts and China's Ministry of Education launched the University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute located at UMass Boston, a non-profit public institute to promote the teaching and understanding of Chinese language and culture and support Chinese-language education in Massachusetts.

"UMass Boston has nearly a dozen academic partnerships with Chinese institutions and has developed programs that allow our students and the business community to connect with China and the many opportunities it presents," said Chancellor Michael Collins. "This partnership



The Dong-Fang Performance Arts Group performed at reception celebrating the launch of the Confucius Institute, a nonprofit institute founded to promote the teaching and understanding of Chinese language and culture and to support Chinese-language education in Massachusetts. (Photo by Harry Brett)

with Hanban and the Confucius Institute's focus on Chinese language and culture will make our existing relationships stronger

and present many new opportunities to serve our students and the Boston area."

The Confucius Institute is the

seventh established in the United States and the first in New England. The institute will provide programs and services including teaching the Chinese language, the training of Chinese teachers, curriculum development, and cultural events. It will also provide learning opportunities for the community, a clearinghouse of Chinese-language and cultural materials, and a platform for research into Chinese language and culture.

The Confucius Institute will draw upon resources from throughout the university system, including the Boston campus, where the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, East Asian Studies,

Graduate College of Education, China Program Center, International Student Services, and Study Abroad Program will contribute their expertise.

China plans to create 1,000 Confucius Institutes worldwide by 2010 to encourage better understanding of Chinese language and culture. The institutes are developed by Hanban, the office of the Chinese Language Council International.

"The University of Massachusetts plays an important role in the economic and cultural life of the state," said Xu Lin, Hanban's director general. "Already, UMass is engaged in partnerships with universities and other institutions in China and is providing much-

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Mapping the Present and Future of Dorchester's Business Sector: UMass Boston Creates Visual Analysis of a Dynamic Community

By Ed Hayward

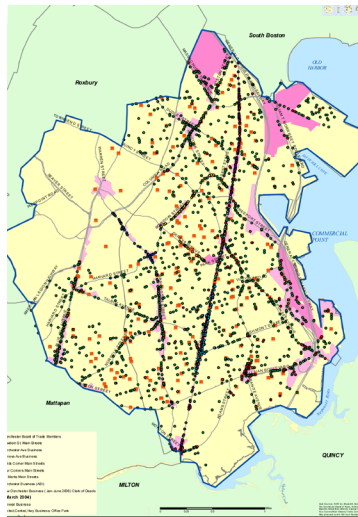
Nearly 350 businesses opened their doors in Dorchester during the first six months of 2006, adding to a dynamic neighborhood commercial sector that boasts nearly 3,000 businesses, according to the results of a UMass Boston analysis that uses the latest in geographic information systems (GIS) technology.

The findings are highlighted using the sophisticated mapping software programs and expertise provided by the university's GIS Core Research Facility, which prepared the analysis for the Dorchester Board of Trade through a

partnership created by the Office of Community Relations.

"Lending the university's technical assistance to the Dorchester Board of Trade marks a deepening of UMass Boston's commitment to the community," said Gail Hobin, assistant vice chancellor for community relations. "The mapping of Dorchester's business community will help the Board of Trade reach more businesses in the neighborhood and enhance the ongoing planning efforts of the city and neighborhood groups."

The project began nine months ago in order to help the 174-member Dorchester Board of Trade bet-



The GIS Core Research Facility provided mapping analysis, like the above, of area businesses for the Dorchester Board of Trade.

ter understand the neighborhood's commercial sector and launch new membership-building initiatives, said Mary Truong, president of the Board of Trade.

"Seeing is believing, and what I see through the GIS is a vibrant business sector that can get stronger when its participants are connected," said Truong. "The GIS mapping results give us a number of important tools, but start by allowing people to see the business community as a whole, rather than just names on a list."

Directed by Joan N. Gardner, the university's GIS Core Research Facility was opened by the

university's chief academic officer earlier this year to make GIS resources available to scholars and staff working across all disciplines and areas of the university. The Dorchester mapping project produced the following results:

- A comprehensive snapshot of Dorchester's dynamic business sector.
- Presented for the first time in a visual manner a range of publicly available business data.
- Enhanced the ongoing discussion about business development between the city and neighborhood businesses.
- Developed GIS images that

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Years of Service Event Celebrates UMass Boston Employees

By Anne-Marie Kent

"This is the best event we have all year," said a longtime university staffer standing near one of the many elaborate food displays at the annual Years of Service Celebration in the Campus Center Ballroom. "It's a nice event with no agenda other than to celebrate each other and our time at the campus."

Food choices included an array of hot hors d'oeuvres as well as layer cake and pumpkin cheesecake. Before the speaking program began, there was much milling about as Chancellor Michael Collins and his wife Maryellen greeted staff and faculty in the standing-room-only crowd.

"As we celebrate Thanksgiving as a university community, Maryellen and I would like to thank each of you for your work



With Chancellor Collins (back center) seven staffers celebrated 40 years of service to UMass Boston: (front row) Kathleen Beauchamp, Kenneth Cerny, and Edward Ginsberg; (second row) John Lutts, Leverett Zompah, and Geza Schay, who recently retired after 39 years but continues to teach as an adjunct. Esther Kingston-Mann, not pictured, was among the group honored. (Photo by Harry Brett)

on behalf of the university," said Chancellor Collins. "UMass Boston is much more than bricks and mortar on Columbia Point.

UMass Boston relies on the strength of its faculty and staff to be Boston's great public university. Thank you for your years of service."

Chancellor Collins offered special thanks to the six employees celebrating forty years of service. They are: Kathleen Beauchamp from the Mailroom, Kenneth Cerny from the Chemistry Department, Edward Ginsberg from the Physics Department, Esther Kingston-Mann from the American Studies Department, John Lutts from the Mathematics Department, and Leverett Zompah from the Chemistry Department.

He also recognized Geza Schay, who retired in June of this year after 39 years of service but has continued teaching in an adjunct capacity in the Mathematics Department.

Fourteen employees celebrated 35 years of service. Twelve celebrated 30 years of service. Another 12 celebrated 25 years of service. Thirty-three celebrated 20 years of service. Twenty-three celebrated 15 years of service, and 41 celebrated ten years of service.

"This year, we had a record number of longtime employees marking 40 years of service," said Mark Preble, assistant vice chancellor for human resources, who presented employees with their gifts, which included items such as umbrellas, picture frames, and blankets.

An avid jogger, Ginsberg requested, instead of the traditional forty-year gift of a globe, to receive a UMass Boston sweat suit for his regular laps around University Drive.

CLA Faculty Observes Nicaraguan Elections for Carter Center

By Leigh DuPuy

Fresh from monitoring the Nicaraguan elections on November 5, UMass Boston's Jack Spence thinks we have something to learn from that polling process. Still carrying his rolling suitcase from his trip, Spence arrived at his hometown polling center and was dismayed by the lack of privacy in casting his large and clearly visible ballot. "It's not a secret ballot," he says. "It would not pass muster in Nicaragua."

Spence, who is associate dean of the university's College of Liberal Arts, was invited by the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, to join a fifty-person team to monitor elections in Nicaragua. The Carter Center, at the behest of the Nicaraguan government, has observed elections in that country since 1989 to promote free and fair elections.

Spence, an expert in elections, diplomacy, and conflict in Central America, has been traveling to Nicaragua for 16 years as part of the Hemisphere Initiatives, a Boston-based organization of which he is president.

His was one of 19 teams that fanned out across the country; he worked in rural areas and small cities near Boaco. "It is really cowboy territory," he describes,

"a place where a lot of the civil war in the 1980s was fought." Cars, Spence recalls, while not wholly unusual, were far outnumbered in most areas by people riding horses, walking by foot, or riding the occasional bicycle to the polls.

"We drove around and looked at voting places within the small city and into the countryside," says Spence. "We observed the process and reported to the Carter Center on problems or complaints about voting."

To vote in the election, citizens are required to present an I.D. card and then cast color-coded ballots on each of four races: president; a slate of candidates from their department for the national legislature; another slate of a "national list" of candidates for the legislature; and delegates to the Central American Parliament. Polling centers open at 7:00 a.m. and stay open until 6:00 p.m. Officials count ballots by hand and the process runs deep into the night.

"It's quite a formal process," says Spence. Two voting officials at each polling place (with some 400 voters per place) sign each color-coded ballot and instruct voters to fold each and place it in a cardboard box with a stripe



(From left to right) Laurie Cole, analyst for The Canadian Foundation for the Americas, President Jimmy Carter, and Jack Spence, associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts, together in Nicaragua. Cole worked with Spence to observe the election process in cities and towns north of Boaco, Guatemala. (Photo by Deborah Hakes/The Carter Center)

of the corresponding color. The ballots for president include their photographs and a logo of their party so that "illiterate voters can cast an intelligent ballot," he says.

Spence is very impressed by the dedication and hard work of those who work the polls. In a country roughly the size of the Boston metropolitan area, there are on average nine people working at each of the 11,500 polling places. "Each voting table has three electoral officials, four or five party-nominated

poll watchers who observe from inside the polling place, and one electoral policeman," says Spence. He calculates that for roughly 3.3 million voters, there are 100,000 working for three days straight, not including the pre-training, on the electoral process.

"They sit at the polling place all day to make sure that the election is fair and that everyone is following procedure," says Spence.

While the elections went smoothly, Spence did witness a verbal fight that broke out at a

polling station. One party representative had accused another of handing the results out the window to get a quick count of the returns.

Spence has traveled to Nicaragua at least two dozen times since 1983 to observe the nation's war and peace process, politics, democracy, and elections. He is impressed by the Carter delegation, from its training sessions, where "they prepared you on everything from how to wash your hands to what to do in case of an ambush," to its organization of a sophisticated group of participants, 40 percent of whom were not from the United States.

Spence even ran into two former UMass Boston students of his, Dennis Young, for whom Spence provided a recommendation to observe elections for the Carter Center, and Pablo Galarce '96, whom he met by accident in Managua. Galarce is now regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean for a nonprofit named IFES. "It was quite a pleasure to meet them both," says Spence.

Spence and his counterparts filled out reports and summaries on each polling center they visited, and their observances will be included in a larger report to be issued by the Carter Center.

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University Community Honors Beacons Basketball Champions

By Athletics Communications

On December 2, the university community showed its support for one of the Athletic Department's proudest moments as last year's men's basketball team was honored for winning its first-ever Little East Conference championship.

More than 1,200 UMass Boston fans turned out for the women's and men's basketball games, as well as men's ice hockey game at the Clark Athletic Center. The gym was rocking with an electric crowd, armed with complimentary thundersticks and mini-megaphones to voice their support for the home team.

The day began with a thrilling 93-86 overtime victory over Eastern Connecticut State University by the women's basketball team. The women's team had not beat-



Scenes from Beacons basketball and the ring ceremony for the 2006 Little East Conference champions. (Photos by Harry Brett)

en the Warriors in over 12 years. The good feelings continued when a crowd of over 700 looked on as Chancellor Michael Collins presented each member of last year's men's championship team with commemorative rings.

The chancellor was also presented with a ring by the team's captains in appreciation of his support throughout last season. He addressed those in attendance prior to the ceremony, noting the great accomplishments of the team and praising the support the athletics teams received. He also remarked on how good it felt to dance on the basketball court following last year's memorable win over Keene State University, which vaulted the Beacons into the NCAA tournament for the first time in 23 years.

There was more revelry at

halftime of the men's basketball game as four contestants, the top competitors in a week-long "pop-shot" tournament held in the Campus Center, participated in a shoot-out for prizes. Each contestant was charged with scoring as many points as they could in a 30-second time frame while the *Mission Impossible* theme played in the background. UMass Boston student and men's soccer team member Henry Marin was the top shooter and was awarded an authentic UMass Boston men's basketball warm-up suit.

The Beacons trailed for most of the second half, but fueled by its "sixth man" and with the crowd behind them, they regained the lead with just over five minutes to play. Despite their tenacious play, they were not able to hang on for the win.

Boston State College Friends Celebrate History at Reunion



BSC celebrants: Sarah Stanley Cummings-Grant, Jennie Lovett, Miller Lovett, and Gladreca Quarles. (Photo by Harry Brett)

On November 2, a dynamic community of educators, learners, and achievers celebrated Boston State College (BSC)'s storied tradition at a reunion reception, held at the UMass Club and hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations and the 2006-2007 Boston State

College Steering Committee. "Boston State College is an integral part of UMass Boston's spirit and history of excellence," said Darrell Byers, vice chancellor for university advancement. "It's such a pleasure to get to know BSC alumni and hear their

favorite memories of a place that meant so much to them in achieving their goals."

More than 180 alumni, faculty, and staff from BSC programs such as nursing, education, law enforcement, and athletics attended.

"The wonderful present and the great future of the University of Massachusetts Boston would not be possible without the extraordinary foundation that is Boston State College. ... You have given all of us who are the keepers of your legacy so much of which we can be proud," said Deputy Chancellor Drew O'Brien.

Some of the attendees included Peter J. Berlandi '69, Bingham Consulting; Susan Davis '83 and

current UMass Boston staff; Lorraine Downey '74; former BSC faculty Joan and John Moon, Carole C. Remick, and Edward A. Zaleskas '53; the Honorable Anne M. (Looney) Paulsen '61; Daniel J. Rea '70, CBS 4; professor Carole C. Remick BSC faculty; and MacDaniel "Mac" Singleton, former BSC athletics coach.

"It is still fun to work with the young, the old, the interested and interesting. Many view this experience and education as a passport to a successful future," said Jack Looney, a 13-year faculty member at Boston State College, a 25-year UMass Boston faculty member, and a graduate of BSC in 1960, who welcomed many former

students at the event.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the merger of the two schools, UMass Boston will be hosting a second reunion gala reception on January 24 in the Campus Center ballroom that will include the screening of a tribute video to Boston State College that features alumni, faculty, and staff. The Boston State College Steering Committee is also planning a third spring event.

A new Boston State website (www.umb.edu/bsc) was launched in the beginning of November that features a story board on which Boston State alumni, faculty, and staff can share their most memorable moments spent at the college.

UMass Confucius Institute Established at UMass Boston

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needed assistance to the Massachusetts business community exploring potential opportunities in China. Massachusetts is also taking a leadership role in Chinese-language instruction in its public schools. These strong ties to Chinese institutions, culture, and language will support a vibrant UMass Confucius Institute located at UMass Boston."

Chancellor Collins also thanked Kathleen Teehan, vice chancellor for enrollment management, and Dirk Messelaar, dean of the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, for their key contributions in pursuing the opportunity to bring the Confucius Institute to the UMass Boston campus.

In May, University of Massachusetts President Jack M. Wilson signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tsinghua University



Standing by the new Confucius Institute are Kathleen Teehan, vice chancellor for enrollment management; Dirk Messelaar, dean of the division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education; Xu Lin, director general, Hanban; Chancellor Michael Collins; and Lin Pengzhi, principal, Renmin University of China Affiliated High School. (Photo by Harry Brett)

in China. In late September, President Wilson led a delegation to China to meet with senior Chinese officials, and political and business leaders on a range of issues.

"This new partnership that we recognize today is an extension of

the university's long-standing efforts to facilitate educational and cultural exchanges throughout the world. Clearly, in an increasingly interconnected world, it is essential that we prepare our students to compete successfully

in the global marketplace," said President Wilson.

UMass Boston, which will integrate the University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute with the China Program Center in the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, has signed cooperative agreements with 11 Chinese academic partners in recent years to promote academic exchanges, foreign-study opportunities, and management training.

The institute's focus on language-educator training will serve a unique need for teachers in Massachusetts, which has more Mandarin courses in its public and private schools (55) than does any other state in the United States—nearly 20 percent of all K-12 Mandarin courses in the country. Collaborating with the Chinese Language Association of Second-

ary and Elementary Schools and the Massachusetts Department of Education, the University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute located at UMass Boston will develop a Mandarin teacher licensure program that incorporates best practices from China and the United States.

The campuses of the UMass system are engaged in a range of research and training programs focused on Chinese-language and culture. The UMass Amherst campus offers a Chinese-language teacher-preparation program. UMass Lowell education professor David Lustick has conducted research into early learning at dual-language schools for the U.S.-China Center for Educational Excellence. UMass Dartmouth history professor Linsun Chen is editing a four-volume encyclopedia of China.

Gerontologist Examines Trust, Health Care, and Aging Minorities

By Leigh DuPuy

UMass Boston's Jan Mutchler is examining a significant barrier for aging minorities in accessing health care: a critical lack of trust in their physicians. She is leading a study to explore whether trust influences cancer screening. Specifically, her research team will evaluate whether African American breast cancer survivors' receipt of follow-up mammography screenings is influenced by their levels of trust in their physicians and the medical system. Her work is part of an exciting new collaborative center that focuses on improving the health of older adults.

Mutchler is one of three principal investigators for the Rosalie Wolf Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center, jointly established by UMass Boston and the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS). With colleagues Jerry Gurwitz and Kathleen Miller, Mutchler will advance research



Jan Mutchler, a co-principal investigator for the new Rosalie Wolf Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center, is launching a new study on how trust influences cancer screenings in older minorities. (Photo by Harry Brett)

in areas of aging and improve the health of older adults. The center is funded by a \$200,000 grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation in association with

the RAND Corporation.

"Interdisciplinary research is key in evaluating and improving health care. If we are looking at care settings, quality of care, and communications, we need both a medical and social science perspective. Interdisciplinary research is key in evaluating medicine and health care," she says of the first formal collaboration between UMass Boston's Gerontology Institute and UMMS's Graduate School of Nursing and School of Medicine's Division of Geriatric Medicine. "It's great to have partnerships with researchers who are tuned in to these critical issues in health care."

In Mutchler's first pilot study for the center, she will work with colleagues to launch cutting-edge research on how issues of trust affect the health care of older people. "Older minority populations have less trust in their physicians and it is a significant barrier to receiving quality care," she said.

It is not her first foray into questions of trust and medicine. Mutchler is professor of gerontology and associate director of social and demographic research at the Gerontology Institute and studies race and ethnicity, disability, self-described health, and the social demography of aging populations. She recently completed a study with a National Institute of Aging grant with UMass Boston colleague Gonzalo Bacigalupe that led to startling results.

The study examined the barriers older Latinos face in accessing and using medications. "We conducted focus groups and interviews to discuss possible obstacles in using medications," says Mutchler. "I thought we would find that language barriers impacted their interactions with the pharmacists and thus affected their medication use. Instead, we found that their relationships with their physicians was the larger factor."

If they trusted their physicians,

they were able to overcome language barriers and felt that they were receiving quality health care, which affected their medication use. "It was really exciting to uncover this," says Mutchler.

The pilot study is just one of many that will be a part of the new center, which is composed of faculty from a multitude of disciplines, including geriatric medicine, gerontologic nursing, social gerontology, economics, family medicine, human development, preventive and behavioral health, psychology, social welfare, sociology, and urban planning.

The center focuses on improving the quality of health care for seniors through research in three key areas: patient medication safety, chronic disease, and patient communication and health literacy. The center's first seminar will be held as part of the Gerontology Department's colloquium series on December 11 (see calendar).

Actors Shine in Shakespeare Improvisation

By Leigh DuPuy

In November, the Performing Arts Department's Laura Schrader-Johnson and a cast of six made a witty send-up their own with six performances of *The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged*. The performances by UMass Boston students and alumni also garnered nominations for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival XXXIX competition.

"The original production was an innovative, improvisational approach to Shakespeare," says Schrader-Johnson, who is the technical director of theatre arts. "The creators wanted to get people 'fired up' about Shakespeare, so they found a way to compress all 37 plays into 90 minutes of



Students Michael Franco as Romeo and Eric Barriere as Juliet in the Performing Arts Department's *The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged*. The set is based on Shakespeare's *Globe Theatre in London*. (Photo by Harry Brett)

experimental, almost *Saturday-Night-Live*-type skits."

Schrader-Johnson and her students expanded the original troupe of three to six and incor-

porated their own improvisation, music, special effects, and props into a production that included the actors telling the story of Hamlet in reverse and rapping

about Othello's struggles.

The cast included Amy Hanley, Eric Barriere, Laura Kain, Michael Franco, Paul Norton, and Stephanie Rogers. Some members of the stage crew were alumni returning to campus to participate on the production as volunteers, such as Laura Freitas, who was stage manager, and Laura Kain, who did the light design.

The performance was adjudicated by an American College Theater Festival representative, James Fallon, for possible nomination for the Irene Ryan Actor Scholarships, which take place at the regional festival every year.

"The adjudication was glowing—the best we've ever had," says Schrader-Johnson. Two nominees, Hanley and Barriere, will

represent UMass Boston at the festival in January, competing for national scholarships to study abroad, with Franco and Rogers selected as alternates.

The Performing Arts Department's next production is *How I Learned to Drive*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paula Vogel that will be directed by senior Lauren Clarke. The play will run December 7 through 9 at 8:00 p.m., with special matinee performances on December 12 and 13 at 6:00 p.m. The department is also working on the production of an original play, to be directed by Robert Lublin in the spring in collaboration with the new Research Center for Urban Cultural History. Please call the Performing Arts Department at 617-287-5640 for more details.

GIS Mapping (cont.)

profile businesses who are members of neighborhood associations, including the Dorchester Board of Trade, Bowdoin Street Main Streets, Fields Corner Main Streets, Four Corners Main Streets, and St. Marks Main Streets.

•Developed a visual presentation that will allow businesses and planners to see businesses by a range of categories, including existing businesses, new businesses, businesses by civic association, and businesses by location.

"The spatial representations GIS technology delivers will give the Board of Trade more specific information about how and where businesses are developing in Dorchester," said Gardner, who was assisted by Senior GIS Analyst

Ellen Carney. "For instance, we know there are 466 businesses along Dorchester Avenue. Seeing business locations and business types can add great value to strategic planning efforts on many fronts."

Truong said the findings will mesh well with Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino's Dorchester Avenue Initiative, a five-year, \$5 million inter-agency effort directed by an 18-member task force to undertake improvements and upgrades to the central neighborhood avenue.

Officials with the city's Department of Neighborhood Development have assisted with data collection and are examining the GIS project to determine its potential

use in future neighborhood business development planning.

UMass Boston and the Dorchester Board of Trade are looking at potential mechanisms and resources to keep data current and improve GIS features, as well as how to use the data to make connections between business groups in the neighborhood.

"The university is engaged in more than 400 public service initiatives throughout the city," said Hobin, who also sits on the business group's board of directors. "Our connections to the community encompass many facets of civic life and we're proud to partner with the Dorchester Board of Trade on this exciting initiative."

Local Veterans Honored



On November 9, a group of students and alumni attended the annual Welcome Home Celebration dinner that honors returning campus veterans and their families. The event was organized by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences. (From left to right) First row: Sean Lunde, Amy Au, Marcia Renken, Shawn McCarthy, David Wong, and James Miller. Second row: Adam Tuzzo, Danny Hernandez, Jenise Copeland, Becky Arevelo, Chancellor Michael Collins, Socrates Joseph, Jonathan DaCruz, Deena Cummings, Michael Mui, and Mark Baez. Third row: David Cowing, Martha Kelly, Ron Harris, Karland Barrett, Christopher Aragoa, Simon Budzisz, Peter MacDonald, and Patrick Doherty. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Political Analyst Develops Framework for United Nations Group

By Leigh DuPuy

Jalal Alamgir likes to spend his summers applying his research to real-world problems. So when he found out about an opportunity to help the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA) increase the effectiveness of its projects, he applied and was selected to develop a general framework for evaluating the socio-political landscape of developing countries.

Alamgir, an assistant professor of political science who specializes in globalization and democratic politics, has been working on the project "Environmental Scanning and Analysis" for UNPFA since July 2006.

UNPFA seeks to reduce poverty and support sustainable development by helping countries analyze demographic trends, understand the link between population and development, and promote human rights and reproductive health, explains Alamgir.

The organization focuses specifically on the link between



Political science professor Jalal Alamgir developed an analytical framework for the United Nations Population Fund to evaluate the socio-political landscape of the countries they advise. (Photo by Harry Brett)

sustainable development and reproductive health and gender equality. "A lot of these projects involve some very culturally and politically sensitive issues and they can provide big challenges to their work," says Alamgir.

For example, he explains, the UNPFA has found that they are very successful in responding to problems technically, with their world-class expertise. If disease

breaks out among refugees, they know how many doctors or what kind of medical kits they need and how to get the resources there quickly, he says. Unfortunately, sometimes programs and their desired outcomes can fall short of success due to unforeseen challenges that are not technical in nature.

"They may have the funds and the technological expertise to

help or advise a country, but if they've underestimated the power of vested political interests in a particular area, they may not be able to achieve all their project goals in a sustainable way," says Alamgir.

Alamgir developed a sophisticated but user-friendly framework that will give field staff a quick yet structured understanding of the socio-political landscape of a given country. "It can provide ways to analyze the important socio-political factors, such as political parties, institutions, influential social groups, important religious groups, and help to identify allies and to be better prepared for changes in society," he says.

"UNPFA also wanted to have a predictive model so they could forecast what kinds of changes might impact the landscape in the future," says Alamgir.

UNPFA is currently piloting parts of the framework in eight different countries in Africa, Asia, and Central and Latin America. While

all these countries are developing countries, they vary in terms of levels of development, human rights issues, political institutions, cultural norms, and other factors that affect sustainable development.

"The UNPFA project was basically a great case of applied political science. It allowed me to blend my academic work with my prior consulting experience," says Alamgir, who came to teach at UMass Boston in January 2004. Previously, he had worked for four years as a strategy consultant in the private sector. Alamgir served as associate editor of *International Studies Review* and held research appointments at the Watson Institute for International Studies at Brown University, the Southern Asian Institute at Columbia University, and the Center for Policy Research, New Delhi.

Alamgir plans to introduce his work in his graduate MSPA course in the fall, when he will lead students through policy analysis on globalization and development.

University Thanks Staff for Hard Work through Parking Changes



Linda O'Brien, Diane D'Arrigo, Marie Malloy, Carol DeSouza, and Marcia Porro were some of the staff praised for their commitment through parking changes this summer. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

Frontline employees who helped transform a potential crisis in parking into a university success story were thanked at a Campus Center luncheon sponsored by Administration and Finance Vice Chancellor Ellen O'Connor and

Chancellor Michael Collins.

The university administration permanently closed the garage in July 2006, a decision that was preceded by months of study and a final conviction that the decision could be delayed no further, said Chancellor Collins. "I knew that

this group of people could pull it off," he said to the 150 staff that attended the lunch. "I was quite confident of your commitment and willingness to extend yourself to make things happen. As a result, the university remained open and we could accommodate parking."

Vice Chancellor Ellen O'Connor praised the work of the many staff members from the Parking and Transportation, Facilities, Public Safety, Customer Service Center, Campus Center, Information Technology, Institutional Services, Central Reprographics, Athletics, and Communications areas. "Thank you for all the great work that you do—it is your efforts that make this a wonderful place for people and you make it a better place for students."

Departments were complimented for their collaboration and long hours. "We're proud of their contribution to the campus," says Steve Martinson, director of Parking and Transportation, of his staff. "They displayed extraordinary efforts to expedite traffic into and out of our new parking configuration. They were very visible, very customer focused, and worked extremely well with all departments to ensure a smooth beginning to a new semester."

"UMass Boston staff put all 'hands on deck' for the start of classes. Their collaboration, communication, and incredible dedication to making the new parking situation work was amazing," said Diane D'Arrigo, assistant vice chancellor of campus services.

In addition, D'Arrigo, feels that

changes in parking have changed UMass Boston's campus for the better. "While I understand the changes have been difficult for some, there are far more people walking on the plaza, coming onto the upper level of the campus center, and out and about," she said.

Plans are under way to pave outdoor lots in anticipation of snow. The university is also embarking on a strategic/master planning process that will articulate the long-term academic and institutional goals of UMass Boston and center on the physical reconstruction of the campus

"Together we are a hot school, our numbers our up, attitudes are changing, and we can win at everything we do. This room is full of winners today," said Chancellor Collins.

University Bake Sale Supports Community Servings

By Leigh DuPuy

In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, the Beacons men's and women's ice hockey teams sold 82 pies for the annual pie sale to benefit Community Servings, Boston's only free, home-delivered meals program for individuals and families ill with life-threatening diseases. The project, a partnership among the hockey teams, the Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach (OSLCO), and the Campus Center, helped to raise \$2,050, enough money to feed a Community Servings client for more than a year.

Community Servings is an organization that delivers 3,175

lunches and 3,175 dinners every week. During their annual Pie in the Sky event, volunteers help to sell four different kinds of pies—apple, pecan, pumpkin, and sweet potato. More than 150 local restaurants and bakeries donated 13,000 pies for the drive.

"Our student athletes know how important it is to get out there and help out as much as we can," said Maura Crowell, head coach for the women's ice hockey team. She worked with men's head coach Peter Belisle and OSLCO coordinator Jain Ruvich-Higgins to find a project for the teams to get involved in.

Ruvich-Higgins knew that



Jain Ruvich-Higgins, Geoff Combs, and the Beacons men's and women's ice hockey teams with their coaches and Maura Crowell and Peter Belisle, partnered to raise \$2,050 for Community Servings' Pie in the Sky fundraiser. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Geoff Combs, director of the Campus Center, was involved with Community Servings and had arranged for pie sales at the university for the third year running. Combs was looking to part-

ner with a campus-based student group to increase visibility and participation.

"This is the first time that Community Servings has had this kind of partnership with a university

where students adopted the project," said Ruvich-Higgins. "I think they are looking at this as a model for future partnerships. Sales were great."

Combs, director of the Campus Center, serves on the planning and implementation committee of the fundraiser, having worked with Pie in the Sky for a number of years. He arranged for UMass Boston to be one of 38 locations around the greater Boston area where people picked up their pies before Thanksgiving.

"The Pie in the Sky project raises thousands for persons with critical illnesses," says Combs. "It's such a great cause."

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Jalal Alamgir, assistant professor of political science, presented the paper “The Continuity of a Secular Narrative in US Foreign Policy” at a panel on U.S. foreign policy and chaired the panel “Transnational Social Movements” at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

CPCS Professor **Luis Aponte-Parés** moderated the panel “Race and Place” at the 7th Biennial Meeting of the Puerto Rican Studies Association, held at Cornell University. The conference theme was “Speaking the Unspoken: Race and Its Intersections in Puerto Rican Experience.”

Jennifer Norins Bardon, research coordinator at the Center for Social Development and Education, presented “Attitudes as a Barrier to the Full Inclusion of People with Intellectual Disabilities” at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition.

Professor **Fiora Bassanese** of the Modern Languages Program presented the paper “Pirandello’s Magna Grecia and ‘Il capretto nero’” in October at the “Italy, the Mediterranean and Beyond” conference, held at the University of Connecticut–Storrs.

Ramon Borges-Mendez of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy and the Gastón Institute gave the keynote at the first Latino Workforce Development Conference and participated in a Cambridge Forum debate with Institute for Asian American Studies director **Paul Watanabe** on issues of immigration and entrepreneurship.

Mary Brady and **James Leffert** of the Center for Social Development and Education presented “Three Steps to a Social Skills Learning-Enriched Classroom” and “Social Thinking Skills for Teenagers and Young Adults with Learning Disabilities” at the World Congress on Learning Disabilities, held on October 28.

Jennifer Brown, director of Institutional Research, was a panel member for the AIR Higher Education Data Policy Committee at Work at the North East Association for Institutional Research 33rd Annual Conference, held in November.

Laurie L. Charlés, assistant professor of family therapy in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, presented “Making Room for Marginalized Voices in MFT Supervision” to 80 supervisors-in-training at the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Annual Conference, held in October.

Jay R. Dee, associate professor, and **Cheryl J. Daly**, lecturer in the Department of Leadership in Education, presented two papers, “Faculty Growth and Development: The Importance of Autonomy, Competence, and Relatedness” and “Community College Faculty Turnover Intentions: Demographic, Work Environment, and External Environment Variables,” at the Association for the Study of Higher Education’s annual meeting.

Carol Hall Ellenbecker, associate professor and director of the Ph.D. Program in Nursing, gave a distinguished faculty presentation, “Evidence-Based Management: Understanding the Research to Address Home Healthcare Nurse Job Satisfaction and Retention,” with co-presenters **Linda Samia** and **Peg Cushman** at the National Association for Home Care and Hospice 25th Annual Meeting.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), presented “How Nurses Use Their Own Practice for Research: You Can Do It, Too!” at the First Nursing Research Day at Winchester Hospital on October 20. She also presented the paper “Nursing Theory-Guided Practice and Health Policy” at the American Academy of Nursing Annual Meeting.

On October 24, **Donna Haig Friedman**, director of the Center for Social Policy, facilitated a day-long workshop on support for families in shelters, based on the themes in her book *Parenting in Public*, for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She also chaired the panel “Focusing a Community on Housing First” for the “Housing First in Policy and Practice” conference, sponsored by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance, One Family, Inc., and the United Way of Massachusetts Bay.

Phillip Granberry, Ph.D. candidate in the Public Policy Program, presented a paper on the link between participation in civic organizations and Mexican men’s and women’s wages at the Southern Demographic Association’s annual meeting in November. Granberry’s paper was selected as the outstanding graduate student paper.

On October 18, **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, presented results from the “Racial/Ethnic Minority Women in the Healthcare Workforce Project” as part of a panel at the New England Rural Health Symposium.

In November, **Erika Kates**, research director at the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, presented the paper “Declining Resources: A Comparison of Access to Postsecondary Education for Welfare Recipients in Ten States, 1993-2003” at the American Public Policy and Management Conference. She gave the presentation “Participatory Evaluation Research” for the Associated Grant Makers in Boston.

In November, **Marie Kennedy**, CPCS professor emeritus, gave two lectures: “Occupy, Resist, Produce: Argentineans Rebuild their Economy from the Bottom Up,” for Columbia University’s “Lectures in Planning” series; and “From Advocacy Planning to Transformative Community Planning” for the inaugural forum of Hunter College’s Center for Community Planning and Development.

Donaldo Macedo, distinguished professor of liberal arts and education, was keynote speaker at the Border Pedagogy Conference in Mexico. He was also invited speaker at the International Educational Conference, held in Athens, Greece.

Lauren Mayhew, health educator for stress management and resiliency with University Health Services, presented “Meditation on College Campuses” at the New England College Health Association’s annual conference.

On November 6, **Tatjana Meschede**, Senior Research Associate at the Center for Social Policy, presented “Housing as a Critical Factor in the Health and Health Care of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness” at the 134th annual American Public Health Association conference. Her presentation focused on the health outcomes of 25 chronically homeless persons housed in a Housing First model in Quincy.

In October, **Sylvia Mignon**, director of the Master of Science in Human Services Program, delivered the keynote address at the Integrating Services for Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Mental Health Conference and presented on policy issues related to the death penalty following the pre-release screening of the Sacco and Vanzetti film directed by **Peter Miller**.

Ruth Miller, assistant professor of history, presented the talk “On Freedom and Feeding Tubes: Reviving Terri Schiavo and Trying Saddam Hussein” at the Cardozo Law School in New York on October 29.

Kevin B. Murphy, associate director of institutional research, presented the paper “Identifying the Different Behaviors and Needs of Immigrant and Language Minority Students at Public Four-Year Higher Education Institutions” at the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities 12th Annual Conference.

Melissa Pearrow, research associate with the Center for Social Development and Education and assistant professor, led a roundtable discussion on the topic “Community Partnerships in Addressing Youth Violence” at the American Public Health Association’s annual convention. Two research graduate students, **Brian Irwin** and **Sheila Desai**, also participated in the presentation.

Alexia Pollack, associate professor of biology, presented the abstract “D1- and D2-Mediated Behavioral Lesioned Rats: Effects on Prepro-dynorphin and Preproenkephalin mRNA Expression in the Striatum” at the Society for Neuroscience meeting, held in Atlanta on October 17. UMass Boston undergraduates **Alexa MacPherson**, **Colleen West**, and **Eric Cedargren** were co-authors.

Marc Prou, associate professor of Africana studies, was invited by the Kelly Writers House at the University of Pennsylvania to present the paper “Ecology, Culture and Identity Politics: Reframing the Attitude in Rural Haiti” to coincide with their month-long photo exhibit “Life in Fondwa: Daily Struggle, Eternal Hope.”

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy’s **Paige Ransford**, research associate, and director **Carol Hardy-Fanta** presented the paper “The Intersection of Gender and Race in Women’s Descriptive Representation: A Comparison of Six New England States” at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, held on November 9.

Professor **Lorna Rivera** of the College of Public and Community Service presented the workshop “Assessing Working Conditions in the Adult Basic Education Field” at the Massachusetts Adult Education conference Network 2006, held in October.

Edward J. Romar of the College of Management’s Department of Management and Marketing presented “Nobel Markets: The Master/Slave Ethics in Hayek’s Free Market Capitalism” at the 13th Annual International Conference Promoting Business Ethics, held in October.

On November 13, **Russell Schutt**, professor of sociology, gave the opening address at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Case Management Training Conference. Schutt shared the methods and findings from his 2005 evaluation with professor **Jacqueline Fawcett** of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Women’s Health Network with state case management coordinators.

On October 24, **Maureen Scully**, assistant professor of management, gave the keynote “Tempered Radicalism as a Strategy for Change” at the annual summit of Innoversity, an organization dedicated to making the media and cultural sector of Canada inclusive, diverse, and reflective of a multicultural society. She was also interviewed on the topic for ROBTV’s nightly “Workopolis” program on November 7.

Stephen Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, gave an invited plenary talk on decolonizing archaeology at the Chacmool Archaeology Conference, held in Calgary, Canada, on November 11.

Institutional Research’s **Diann F. Simmons** and **Kevin B. Murphy** co-presented the paper “Who Are Our Students? Using CIRP to Develop a Better Understanding of Student Diversity” at the North East Association for Institutional Research 33rd Annual Conference.

Nancy Stieber, associate professor of art, delivered the keynote address at the conference “Histories of British Architecture: Where Next?” at the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art at Yale University on November 2. She also chaired the session “Definitions, Boundaries, Paradigms” at the IXth International Docomomo Conference “Other Modernisms.”

Peter Taylor of the Critical and Creative Thinking Graduate Program spoke on “Revisiting Scientific and Social Debates about Heritability in Light of the Under-Recognized Implications of Heterogeneity” at a session he organized at the meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science, held in Vancouver.

Julia Tripp, constituent coordinator for the Center for Social Policy, presented on constituent involvement and peer involvement at the National State PATH Contact Conference in Maryland, sponsored by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

Julie Winch, professor of history, presented the paper “‘The Mark Unmistakably Fixed Upon Their Brows’: A Free Family of Color in America’s Borderlands” at the Conference on Comparative Perspectives on North American Borderlands, organized by the Filson Historical Society.

PUBLICATIONS

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, associate professor and director of the Master of Science Program in Family Therapy, published the coauthored article “The Gluten-Free Way: Diet Adherence” in *The Healthy Villi Newsletter*.

François Carré, research director of the Center for Social Policy, published the cowritten article “Strength in Numbers: Employment Rights and Co-Ordination” in the *British Journal of Industrial Relations*’ special issue “New Actors in Industrial Relations.”

Arthur Eisenkraft, Distinguished Professor of Science Education and Director of the Center of Science and Math in Context, published the paper “Artist as Chemist” in *The Science Teacher*.

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Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, published the chapter “A Profile in Practice” in J.L. Creasia’s and B.J. Parker’s *Conceptual Foundations: The Bridge to Professional Nursing Practice*. She also published the article “Commentary: Finding Patterns of Knowing in the Work of Florence Nightingale” in *Nursing Outlook*.

Marie Kennedy, CPCS professor emerita, edited the *Progressive Planning*’s fall 2006 issue “Water and Social Justice” and wrote the editorial “Israel’s War for Water.”

Andrea Leverentz, assistant professor of sociology, published the article “The Love of a Good Man? Romantic Relationships as a Source of Support or Hindrance for Female Ex-offenders” in *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Maura Mast of the Mathematics Department and **Mark Pawlak** of Academic Support Programs co-authored the article “Quantitative Reasoning at the University of Massachusetts Boston,” which appears in *Current Practices in Quantitative Literacy* for the MAA Notes series, published by the Mathematical Association of America.

Kathleen Golden McAndrew, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, executive director of health services, and assistant clinical CNHS professor, coauthored the chapter “Workplace Substance Abuse” in *Medical-Legal Aspects of Drugs*.

Dirk Messelaar, dean of the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, published the article “UMass Boston’s China Trade in the New World” in the fall ’06 edition of Harvard University’s *Continuing Higher Education Review*. The article details CCDE’s role in establishing UMass Boston as a leader in forging groundbreaking U.S.–China relationships.

Ruth Miller, assistant professor of history, published the article “The Missionary Narrative as Coercive Interrogation: Seduction, Confession, and Self-Presentation in Women’s Letters Home” in *Women’s History Review*.

Thomas O’Grady of the English Department has a poem, “The Odyssey,” in the latest issue of *North American Review* and a short story, “Christmas in Killarney,” in the latest issue of *Crab Orchard Review*.

Lisa Rivera, assistant professor of philosophy, published the paper “Pluralism, Imagination and Estrangement” in the November issue of the journal *Philosophical Papers*.

Mohammad H. Tamdgidi, assistant professor of sociology, published two articles, “Abu Ghraib as a Microcosm: The Strange Face of Empire as a Lived Prison” in *Sociological Spectrum* and “Toward a Dialectical Conception of Imperiality: The Transitory (Heuristic) Nature of the Primacy of Analyses of Economies in World-Historical Social Science” in *REVIEW* (Journal of the Fernand Braudel Center).

Julia Tripp, constituent coordinator for the Center for Social Policy, coauthored a paper on the state of consumer involvement for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

Askold Melnyczuk, assistant professor of English, traveled to Germany and Austria for a book tour, giving readings in five cities: Vienna, Salzburg, Stuttgart, Berlin, and Passau. On December 2, Melnyczuk’s Arrowsmith Press held a publication party and a reading with Father Daniel Berrigan, Jason Shinder, Gail Mazur, and Liam Rector.

Michael Milburn, professor of psychology, showed his watercolor and Japanese calligraphy paintings at the “Art and the Spirit of Nature” art show at the West Newton Cinema through December 2006.

Mark Pawlak of Academic Support Programs gave a reading of his original poetry at the Poetry Project event, held at St. Mark’s Church in the Bowery, in New York on December 13.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

In November, the Center for Social Policy released an evaluation of the Massachusetts homeless prevention legislation, Residential Assistance to Families in Transition. The report, coauthored by the Center for Social Policy’s **Donna Haig Friedman** and **Jennifer Raymond**, is located at www.mccormack.umb.edu/csp.

William Holmes, faculty in the Graduate Program in Human Services at the College of Public and Community Service, completed an evaluation report for family support programs at Children’s Friend and Service in Providence, Rhode Island. The evaluation report includes a review of an Early Head Start program.

Hannah Sevian, associate professor of curriculum and instruction and chemistry and associate director of the Center of Science and Math in Context, received a three-year grant of \$711,000 from the National Science Foundation to expand the work of the Boston Science Partnership to include Bunker Hill and Roxbury Community Colleges. Professors **Bob Chen** and **Arthur Eisenkraft** are coprincipal investigators.

Gordon T. Wallace, associate professor in the Department of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences, received \$302,517 to develop an ion sensor to detect toxic metals in aquatic systems for the Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology.

Robert Weiner, graduate program director of international relations, was a peer reviewer on an evaluation of corruption in Romania for Global Integrity, a Washington-based NGO. The results of the survey will be presented to the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the banking and investment communities in New York.

In November, the Center for Social Policy was awarded \$200,000 from the Stoneman Family Foundation for the “Bridging the Gaps” project. A collaboration between the center and the Center for Economic and Policy Research, the project explores gaps between resources and costs concerning low-wage workers, their families, and the programs designed to support them. The core research team includes **Randy Albelda**, principal investigator, **Michelle Kahan**, and **Elaine Werby**.

The McCormack Graduate School and the Massachusetts Judges Conference created a four-month judge-to-judge program for a delegation of Chinese judges from Beijing Management College of Political Science and Law. After spending a month at UMass Boston working on ESL proficiency, the Chinese judges worked with their counterparts in Massachusetts courts and lived with American judges.

WUMB 91.9 FM Radio received a \$203,946 community service grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The grant will be used primarily for programming-related expenses. WUMB also received a \$7,200 organizational support grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Geoff Combs of the Campus Center Administration received the Significant Volunteer Award from the Association of College Unions International at their Region 1 Conference, held in November at UConn–Storrs.

The College of Public and Community Service was honored with a Community Partnership Award for ongoing work to improve the education of persons with disabilities and their preparation for the workforce as part of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission’s 50th anniversary. Chancellor **Michael Collins**, CPCS dean **Adenrele Awotona**, and **Suzanne Allmendinger**, director of community outreach at CPCS, accepted the award from Commissioner Elmer C. Bartels in a statehouse ceremony.

CPCS Professor **Luis Aponte-Parés** will become president of the Puerto Rican Studies Association in January 2007.

Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, was appointed to the University of Massachusetts system’s University 403(b) RFP Evaluation Committee.

On October 29, **Rona Flipppo**, professor of education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, began her elected three-year term on the College Reading Association’s (CRA) board of directors.

Donna Haig Friedman of the Center for Social Policy was invited by the Mayor of Boston to serve on the Mayor’s Strategic Planning Initiative: “Closing the Achievement Gap, Birth to Five Subcommittee.” The committee’s work was completed in December.

UMass Boston, through its Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education, received two awards at the annual New England conference of the University Continuing Education Association. History professor **Spencer DiScala** received the Outstanding Faculty award for the innovative pedagogy he incorporates into the online history courses he teaches through CCDE. The Online Bachelor of Arts Degree Completion Program (B.A. in Community Studies, CPCS) received the Innovative and Creative Programming Award, with recognition to CPCS associate professor **Asgedet Stefanos** as academic coordinator, and Enrollment Management staff member **Sarah Bartlett** as administrative coordinator.

The Center on Media and Society at the McCormack Graduate School organized the New England participants for the first annual New American Media awards in Washington, D.C., as part of its Ethnic Media Project. Boston’s **Anna Giraldo Kerr** was a runner-up for her column in *El Planeta* about immigration policy for the first “ethnic Pulitzer Prizes,” awarded on November 14.

Mohammad H. Tamdgidi, assistant professor of sociology, accepted an invitation to join the editorial committee of the forthcoming journal *New Global Studies*, edited by Bruce Mazlish, Akira Iriye, and Nyan Chanda.

EVENTS

UMass Boston hosted the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission’s conference “Partnering for Success in Hiring and Retaining Qualified Employees with Diverse Backgrounds and Abilities” on November 1. Speakers included State Representative Bryon Rushing and Boston City Councilor Chuck Turner.

The New England Resource Center for Higher Education celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Ernest A. Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service and Academic Outreach at the 12th Annual International Conference of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy hosted a reception with the *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*/Haworth Press at the Northeastern Political Science Association’s annual meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commonwealth Journal, WUMB-FM’s public affairs program, increased its audience with the addition of six radio stations: WEEL-850AM Boston, which broadcasts as part of a network of four stations in Boston, Providence, Springfield, and Worcester; WNAW-AM, 1230AM in North Adams, which broadcasts to Pittsfield and Berkshire counties; and ESPN Radio-Boston, 890AM. *Commonwealth Journal* now airs on 32 stations across New England.

OBITUARY

Annette Fernie ’95, former assistant director of public information and public relations in the Office of University Communications and Community Relations, passed away following a battle with cancer on October 29. She earned her bachelor’s degree in English, and she also won the English Department’s prize for her essay on literary criticism.

Librarian **William P. Quinn** passed away on November 19. Quinn loved and nurtured the Healey Library from its 1965 opening at Park Square. He served as associate director, acting director, and managed the merger of the Science Library into the Healey collections, as well as the merger of the Boston State College Library staff and collections.

IN THE NEWS

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, provided media commentary on the gubernatorial election in the *Boston Globe* and *Boston Herald* and on CBS4, NECN’s “Wired” show, and WRKO radio. She was quoted in the November 9 *Boston Globe* on Deval Patrick’s wife and in the *Boston Sunday Globe Magazine* in the article “Our Other Gender Gap.”

James Green, professor of history and labor studies, published the op-ed “The Rise of the Immigrant” in the *Boston Globe* and the editorial “Immigrant City, Then and Now” in the *Somerville Journal*.

The Ph.D. in Public Policy Program’s **Nicole Lavan** and **Miren Uriarte** were quoted on the proposal to raise MCAS in a *Boston Globe* front-page story last month. Uriarte was also featured on WBUR-FM for a story on the obstacles that Latino students face.

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of Marketing 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.

Submit January calendar listings by **Thursday, December 14** to umb.edu/news/calendar/.

Wednesday 6

Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series: 48 Days in the Southern Ocean: Iron & Life

2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, rm. 1-006. Featuring Meng Zhou. Contact: 7-6053.

7th Annual Helping Hands Gift Wrap Party

2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Room. Help wrap gifts for annual gift drive in support of homeless and foster children. Sponsored by the Office of Service Learning and Community Outreach. Contact: 7-7917.

College of Management Forum

6:00 – 7:15 p.m., Campus Center, rm. 2545, 2nd fl. Featuring Bob Atchinson, managing director of Adage Capital Management. Contact: cmevents@umb.edu.

Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Lecture Series: Cross Cultural Care: What Is It? Are We Prepared to Deliver It?

8:00 p.m., Campus Center, rm. 211, upper level. Featuring Eileen Stuart-Shor and Sharon D. Perryman. Sponsored by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. RSVP to 7-7500.

Thursday 7

Mindfulness Meditation Group

2:30 – 3:00 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. Reduce stress and practice relaxation techniques in a mindfulness meditation group. Sponsored by University Health Services/Health Education and Wellness Center. Contact: 7-5624.

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Cardio Mix

11:45 – 12:45 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Open to Beacon Fitness Center members. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Strength and Tone

2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Open to Beacon Fitness Center members. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Boot Camp

3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Open to Beacon Fitness Center members. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/

UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Basketball vs. Salem State College

7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Jazz Band Concert

7:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Directed by Peter Janson. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Department. \$5 suggested donation. Tickets available at the door. Contact: 7-5640.

Theatre Arts Production: *How I Learned to Drive*

8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2nd fl. Featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paula Vogel. General admission: \$10. Students, seniors, and UMass Boston employees with I.D.: \$7. Available for purchase at McCormack Theatre Box Office before show. Also on December 8 and 9 at 8:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640.

Friday 8

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Ice Hockey vs. Salve Regina University

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu

Biology Department Seminar Series: Adenosine, Epilepsy, and pH: New Roles and Clinical Connections

2:30-3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall, 1-006, Featuring Susan Masino of Trinity College. Contact: 7-6600 or www.bio.umb.edu/events/

Saturday 9

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Ice Hockey vs. Manhattanville College

12:00- 2:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Becker College

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Monday 11

Rosalie Wolf Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center Colloquium

1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Healey Library, 11th fl. Featuring Jerry Gurwitz: "Making Medication Safer for Older People"; Kathleen Miller: "Transitional Care for Elders from Hospital to Home"; and Jan Mutchler and Elizabeth Dugan: "Trust, Communication, and Language in the Patient-Physician Relationship in Later Life." Jointly sponsored by the Department of Gerontology and Gerontology Institute and the Rosalie Wolf Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center. Contact: 7-7300.

Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series

2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, rm. 1-006. Featuring Lisa Bowen. Contact: 7-6053.

UMass Boston Performing Arts Department Vocal Recital

7:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Students of vocal instructors Suzanne Ehly, David Giessow, and Jessica Cooper. Sponsored by the Performing Arts Department. Contact: 7-5640.

Tuesday 12

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Strength and Tone

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Open to all Beacon Fitness Center members. Also on Thursdays, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/

Advancing the Latino Agenda through Leadership Development

1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, Conference Room 3540. The Latino Leadership Opportunity Program (LLOP) 2006 students will present summaries of their preliminary findings examining the condition of Latinos in Massachusetts. A short graduation ceremony will follow. Contact: 7-7591.

Kripalu Yoga

2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl., Kripalu yoga class open to all. Students: free. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5680.

Dispute Resolution Colloquium Series: Learning from Communities That Prevent Conflict

4:00 – 6:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 3-415. Featuring Marshall Wallace, director of the STEPS and Do No Harm Projects at CDA Collaborative Learning Projects. Sponsored by the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution. Contact: 7-7421.

Small Business Development Center Event: Getting Started in Business

6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Quincy 2000 Collaborative, 1250 Hancock Street, Quincy. Contact: www.sbd.c.umb.edu.

Theatre Arts Production: *How I Learned to Drive*

6:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2nd fl. Featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paula Vogel. General admission: \$10. Students, seniors, and UMass Boston employees with I.D.: \$7. Available for purchase at McCormack Theatre Box Office before show. Contact: 7-5640.

Wednesday 13

Fall Semester Classes End

Shelter Poverty Report

11:00 a.m., Healey Library, atrium, 10th fl. Release of "Housing Affordability for Households of Color in Massachusetts." Sponsored by the Institute for Asian American Studies, Gastón Institute, and Trotter Institute. Contact: 7-5650.

X-treme Folk Series: End of Semester Celebration

12:00 p.m., Campus Center, cafeteria, 1st fl. Sponsored by WUMB. Contact: 7-6900.

Kripalu Yoga

1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl., Kripalu yoga class open to all. Students: free. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5680.

Theatre Arts Production: *How I Learned to Drive*

6:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2nd fl. Featuring Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paula Vogel. General admission: \$10. Students, seniors, and UMass Boston employees with I.D.: \$7. Available for purchase at McCormack Theatre Box Office before show. Contact: 7-5640.

7th Annual Helping Hands Gift Party

5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge. Faculty, staff, and students distribute gifts to children. Contact: 7-7917.

Thursday 14

Study Period begins

Through December 17

A Winter Wonderland at UMass Boston: Skating Party

1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center Rink. Free skates available (first-come, first-served) or bring your own. Hot chocolate and pretzels for skaters. Contact: 7-5322.

A Winter Wonderland at UMass Boston Celebration

2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Campus Center, ballroom. Good food, music, and holiday cheer with Chancellor Collins, musical entertainment by The Troubadours of Truth, and the Holiday Pops ticket drawing for those who brought an unwrapped gift, December 4 through 13, to the Customer Service Center to benefit the Neely House. Contact: 7-5322.

Festival of Lights: An Interfaith Celebration of Light and Hope!

3:30 – 4:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd Floor. Share in an interfaith and intercultural expression of winter holidays with stories of your tradition and personal holiday memories. RSVP to interfaith.campusmin@umb.edu. Contact: 7-5838

Monday 18

Final Exam Period

Through December 22

Monday 25

Christmas

University closed.

Thursday 28

UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Ice Hockey 42nd Annual Codfish Bowl

2:00 and 5:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Friday 29

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Miscellaneous

Beacon Fitness Center

McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Open to students, alumni, staff, and faculty. Programs include personal training, aerobics classes, massage therapy, orientations, and fitness assessments. For membership, hours of operation, and schedule, please see www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/ or 7-6786.

Call for Papers: The Fourth Annual Social Theory Forum (STF): The Violences of Colonialism and Racism, Inner and Global: Conversations with Frantz Fanon on the Meaning of Human Emancipation

March 27–28, 2007, Ryan Lounge, McCormack Hall. Send completed papers (preferable) or two-page paper proposals as e-mail attachment to mohammad.tamgidi@umb.edu by December 15. Upon selection and notification, submitters must send completed paper manuscripts (around 20 pages) by February 15, 2007.

Call for Proposals: Center for Improvement of Teaching Conference on Teaching for Transformation

Conference is scheduled for Friday, January 26, 2007. Proposals due: Monday, November 27. For more information: anna.tsui@umb.edu or 7-6509.

Crooks, Rogues, and Maids Less Than Virtuous: An Exhibit of Rare Books

Boston Public Library, The Abbey Room, McKim Building, 2nd fl. Opening of exhibit by Professor Cheryl Nixon and English graduate students. Exhibit to run through May 2007. Contact: 7-6700.

Give a Gift: Win Pops Tickets

December 4 through 13. Donate an unwrapped gift to benefit the Neely House. Bring your gift to the Customer Service Center and qualify to win a Holiday Pops ticket raffle at the Winter Wonderland celebration on December 14. Contact: 7-5322.

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)

Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC Web site at www.itc.umb.edu or contact: 7-2990.

UMass Boston Doctoral Dissertation Grant Program

Application deadline: May 25, 2007. Doctoral candidates with approved dissertation proposals are eligible. Application: www.umb.edu/orsp/.

University Club at UMass Boston

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, Campus Center, 2nd fl. Open to faculty and staff. \$6.00 for members and \$8.50 for non-members. All-you-can-eat buffet, featuring "Sizzlin" Cuisine every Thursday. Contact: 7-5144.

WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal

Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.