Institute for Community Inclusion Awarded $4-Million Grant to Partner on New Center for Children with Special Needs

By Ed Hayward

A national center to pilot interventions for underserved children with disabilities and special health care needs was launched on October 20, announced the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI), a partnership between UMass Boston and Children’s Hospital Boston.

The $4-million grant will fund a five-year plan to open the doors of opportunity for children with special health care needs and disabilities through the newly formed National Center for Children and Youth with Disabilities and Special Health Care Needs. Called “Opening Doors,” the national demonstration project is funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research in the U.S. Department of Education.

The Institute for Community Inclusion’s Rooshbay Hasnain, director William E. Kiernan, and Susan Foley; Children’s Hospital Boston’s Judith Palfrey, chief of the Division of General Pediatrics; Chancellor Michael F. Collins, State Representative Marie St. Hery, James Mandell, president and CEO of Children’s Hospital Boston; and parent Elizabeth Bostic gather at the Roxbury Family YMCA to celebrate a new partnership to help underserved children with disabilities and special health care needs. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The grant will fund collaboration among families, community-based organizations, disability organizations, recreational centers, schools, clinics, and community health centers to better connect families to services earlier, improve access to Boston’s recreational opportunities, and enable youth with disabilities and special needs to more readily pursue post-secondary education and job training.

“As a higher educational institution committed to the academic and professional development of a diverse student body, we have a track record of success in educating young adults with disabilities that we believe can serve as a national model,” said Chancellor Michael Collins. “We look forward to being able to expand on these efforts and develop best practices.”

“Our core mandate is to provide the best possible care for all children,” said James Mandell, president and CEO of Children’s Hospital Boston. “Since medical technology has improved and enhanced the possibilities for children with disabilities, we must provide every child in every neighborhood the support they need to transition to adulthood.”

The center will focus its efforts on children in underserved populations. The latest national estimates show that at least 13 percent of children in the United States have or are at risk for physical, developmental, or emotional conditions that require higher levels of service. Children who live in poverty are at even higher risk for the development of these disabilities because health factors found in underserved areas, such as malnutrition, anemia, physical and professional development of children in underserved populations.

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Enrollment Gains and Diversity Point to UMass Boston on the Rise as a University Pick

By Ed Hayward

A concerted effort to make enrollment and retention of students the focal point of every aspect of campus has produced a second straight year of enrollment gains at UMass Boston, including a 24.7 percent increase in new freshmen and a 13.3 percent increase in transfer students, according to the Division of Enrollment Management.

Building on that momentum, the university on October 21 hosted its annual Open House event for prospective students, bringing slightly more than 2,800 potential applicants and guests to campus for information sessions and tours.

“I think it is safe to say that UMass Boston is a ‘hot school’ at the moment,” Chancellor Michael Collins said. “When students and parents stack UMass Boston’s value up against other institutions, we offer a tremendous package of quality, cost, and location.”

The admissions success story built upon solid gains made last year and a focused strategy of on- and off-campus recruitment, according to Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Kathleen Terhan.

Completed applications increased 12.7 percent to 6,556 and admitted students rose 15.6 percent to 4,638 during the spring and summer enrollment cycle.

“New undergraduate student enrollment surged by 370 students, up over fall 2005 by 17.5 percent. This is the second year in a row we’ve grown our enrollment significantly through the successful recruitment of our freshman class and transfer students,” said Terhan. “Graduate enrollment jumped by 212 students to 3,116—a seven percent increase. Overall enrollment rose 4 percent from 2005 to a total of nearly 12,400 undergraduate and graduate students. The university is seeing the results of a campus-wide focus on recruitment and retention that puts us in a strong position for continued growth.”

Myron Segelman, professor emeritus of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, helps a prospective student at UMass Boston’s Open House, held on October 21. The university hosted 1,287 prospective students and 1,525 guests—almost 1,000 more people than last year. More than 250 students, faculty, and staff helped to make the event a success. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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position to compete for prospective students.”

The increase in enrollment was accompanied by an increasingly diverse freshman class, who join a university community that is already the most diverse student body at any large public university in New England—where students of color make up approximately 40 percent of the campus.

Exactly 50 percent of the new freshman class is made up of students of color—an increase of approximately 3 percent over 2005 and slightly more than the 2004 freshman class. Mirroring trends nationwide, Latinos are approximatly 13 percent of the new freshman class, who join one year ago.

In addition, the enrollment snapshot taken at the end of September found that students from at least 134 countries around the world are part of the UMass student body. The academic profile of the new freshman class has remained consistently strong, with the average GPA at 2.97 and the average SAT score at 1059.

New and returning students were greeted on campus this fall by 26 new faculty members, upgraded classroom spaces, a new vice chancellor for student affairs, and new initiatives to strengthen and improve student experience.

Teehan sees the primary factors driving the increased interest in the campus as our broad array of high-quality majors and programs, an energetic and visible student life program, the appeal of nearby apartments such as Harbor Point and the new Peninsula Apartments for housing opportunities, and increased stability in student charges.

“Incoming freshmen tell us that they picked UMass Boston for a variety of reasons, including our small classes and strong faculty student interaction, our location in Boston, and the housing options that have opened up near campus,” said Teehan. “By offering the assets of a large university and the academic experience you might find in a small college setting, our prospective students see opportunities for success at UMass Boston.”

UMass Boston Sailing Club Takes Boston Harbor Islands Regatta

By Ed Hayward

They sail donated boats and buy their own uniforms, but the UMass Boston Sailing Club has grown from an upstart to a winner, impressing the collegiate sailing ranks by winning the Boston Harbor Islands Regatta and competing in the “Super Bowl” of collegiate sailing, the Storm Trysail Club’s 2006 Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta in New York.

A group that began training in earnest last April has gradually climbed through the ranks of New England college sailing, earning the respect of their peers, winning the Boston Harbor Islands Regatta, held during the last weekend of September, and claiming the race’s College Bowl as tops among more than 100 other boats in various classes.

“I attribute their success to their tenacity, their professionalism, and their great sportsmanship,” said Jason LeBlanc, the club’s coach and manager of the university’s sailing program. “They’ve come out of nowhere this fall and people are starting to take notice.”

At the second annual Boston Harbor Islands Regatta, the club was tops on a day that started with light winds and gradually built to a respectable 15 mph by 1:10 pm. They sailed in two 27-foot, Olympic Class Soling vessels donated so recently to the sailing program by members of the Vineyard Haven Yacht Club that the crews had accumulated only five hours of sail time on the boats, said LeBlanc.

The Lord Byron, skippered by Andrew Dunne and crewed by Michael Magri and Christopher Campbell, came in first place by beating boats that had started well before them. Ragtime, skippered by Robert Wallace and crewed by Matthew Dunbar and Jake Tavakoli, finished second.

The sailing club has gone through various stages of activity since the university moved to the waterfront campus in 1974. The current racers joined together last year and began racing at the inter-collegiate level in April. The club is funded by a $4,200 appropriation from the Student Senate.

The club trains on Dorchester Bay in the 33-year-old Cape Cod Mercury, a dinghy-class boat, and typically competes at host sites throughout New England in more modern class boats, 420s or FJs, with two-person crews. The harbor regatta and the upcoming intercollegiate regatta in New York are for larger keelboats, LeBlanc said.

On October 7, the club competed in Storm Trysail Club’s 2006 Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta against a select group of 22 invitees, including some of the nation’s best college teams—including Boston College, which sails out of the nearby Savin Hill Yacht Club. Duke University, the U.S. Naval Academy, Tufts University, and Massachusetts Maritime Academy. The event is designed to bring the best college sailors together and provide them with opportunities to sail larger boats, LeBlanc said.

The Sailing Club took fourth place in their One Design Class, beating Duke University, New York Maritime, and Johnson and Wales during a great day of racing in an event that lived up to its reputation for toughness. The wind was blowing a consistent 23 mph for the first two races of the day, with overcast conditions.

The club enjoyed the privilege of sailing on an Express 37, which is owned by regatta chairman Adam Loory. “This is an event that is used to develop younger sailors and we feel very fortunate to be able to participate. But the team has conducted itself in such a way that they’ve earned a lot of respect from people involved in college sailing,” said LeBlanc.

The club’s season hasn’t yet ended. The club is scheduled to race every weekend through the end of November, said LeBlanc.

The club is working with the university sailing program to establish a fund-raising program to further the activities and upgrade equipment.

The campus’s waterfront location is a natural fit for a sailing program, said LeBlanc. “Our goal is to do one day be a host site for intercollegiate regattas in both the dinghy and keelboat classes. We have what is considered to be one of the best sites for college sailing because of the amount of open water to set up a race course, and the proximity of the university’s Harbor Walk gives spectators the unique opportunity to actually watch the race. We have the potential to be one of the most premier sailing sites in New England.”

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Every two years, the conference brings together scholars, community leaders, policy makers, and elected officials to examine the most pressing issues facing the Latino population in Massachusetts. Demographic reports based on the American Community Survey were released at the conference, showing the spread of Latinos through the state and the differences in economic and social outcomes of Latinos in different regions. Another report showed the trends in Latino educational outcomes in Massachusetts.

“This is an increasingly heterogeneous community, as immigrants from various Latin American nations comprise a larger share of the Latino community than ever before,” said Uriarte, a professor of Human Services in the College of Public and Community Service. “This heterogeneity presents a challenge for Latinos as they educate themselves about the experiences of a diverse number of groups and navigate the social and political meaning of this new diversity.”

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For more information, please visit: www.gaston.umb.edu.

Beacons Fans Show Spirit

By Athletics Communications

The university community came together on the fields and on the court for “Show Off Your UMass Boston Spirit” day, held on October 21 and sponsored by the Office of Student Life and the Athletics Department.

It was a carnival atmosphere, with no shortage of fun attractions in the Clark Athletic Center for all ages, including balloon animals, temporary tattoo stations, spin art Frisbees, and pumpkin painting.

Who those ventured outside of the Clark could sample free hot dogs, popcorn, hot pretzels, and cotton candy. Other patrons took part in jousting and a turn on the six-person Co2h bicycle that was available. The main attractions were the contests being played in the Clark Athletic Center’s gymnasium and the Clark Athletic Field. The men’s soccer team earned a decisive 4-0 victory over Little East Conference foe Western Connecticut State. The support of a raucous crowd helped to keep the team’s playoff hopes alive. Meanwhile, the volleyball team was defeating Plymouth State University, 3-1, and looked to have a sweep in hand, with a 2-0 lead over UMass Dartmouth, but couldn’t hang on in a 3-2 defeat.

The Beacon’s attendance more than tripled from its average showing, with fans wearing UMass Boston attire to show off their school spirit and qualify for the chance to win a raffle for athletic gear and a pair of iPod Shuffles.

University Health Services Receives Top Accreditation

UMass Boston’s University Health Services has earned accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC/Accreditation Association) for providing quality health care to the university community. University Health Services is one of only two college health centers in Massachusetts to receive the AAAHC accreditation.

“We obtained the maximum three-year term of accreditation, which reflects the dedication and focus on service excellence by the staff of University Health Services through providing quality health care and education to our campus community,” said Kathleen Golden McAndrew, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and executive director of University Health Services.

“I am very pleased and proud that AAAHC recognized our efforts and commitment to the university.”

The university passed a series of rigorous and nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care, which includes resources and staff from the Health Education and Wellness Center, General Medicine, and the Counseling Center.

Nobel Laureate and State Street Chief Lead Classes at UMass Boston

By Ed Hayward

Massachusetts is home to a rapidly diversifying, half-million-strong population of Latinos who are bypassing the big cities of Boston, Springfield, and Worcester in favor of smaller cities and towns—two new demographic changes that will challenge educational, health care, and economic institutions and the Latino community itself, according to researchers and policy makers who met at the 4th Statewide Latino Public Policy conference, held on October 19 at UMass Boston.

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Nobel Peace Prize Laureate John Hume and State Street Chairman and CEO Ronald E. Logue spoke with Chancellor Michael Collins during a visit to campus to teach special classes for the Department of Political Science and the College of Management on October 25. (Photo by Harry Brett)
UMass Boston Researchers Reinvent How Chemistry Is Taught

By Leigh DuPuy

UMass Boston researchers are changing how science is taught in our high schools. With funding from the National Science Foundation, Arthur Eisenkraft, Hannah Sevian, and graduate student Kristen Cacciatore have led the development of a new curriculum and textbook called *Active Chemistry* that promotes real-life problem solving using chemistry. Nation-wide, teachers using the new approach are seeing unprecedented levels of achievement in minority students, and female students, and a growing interest in chemistry in all students.

The curriculum directs students to take on challenges based on real-life problems and create solutions using chemistry. One assignment charges students with developing special effects for a local film company. For the assignment, students must come up with a plot for a movie, ideas for special effects, and then, working with the teacher and classmates, learn the chemistry they need to demonstrate the special effects.

“We find that when students are given the opportunity to be creative with chemistry content, they are much more interested,” says Eisenkraft.

Inventing the traditional syllabus, the *Active Chemistry* curriculum presents activities before the concepts to engage students in problem-solving activities that help transform content into “real learning,” describes Eisenkraft. Students study chemistry through a series of eight activities, learning science on a “need-to-know” basis, and give a final presentation following the unit where they learn from one another’s projects. “They get to share their work while reviewing key concepts of chemistry,” says Eisenkraft.

Considered a breakthrough in chemistry education, the *Active Chemistry* text was recently published following five years of writing, field tests, and research in all kinds of classrooms.

“We did field tests in 1,000 different schools, urban and suburban, in classrooms that had both experienced and less experienced teachers,” said Eisenkraft. “We used their feedback to improve materials in the book.”

Eisenkraft, Sevian, and Cacciatore worked with teachers in the Boston area to coordinate research and responses from more than 100 science educators. *Active Chemistry* is now being used nationally, including in the public schools in Los Angeles and in area schools such as Newton North High School and Somerville High School.

The textbook also includes profiles of professionals who use chemistry in a wide array of jobs.

“We want kids to discover that chemistry can be a real part of their future,” says Eisenkraft, who also received a supplemental grant of $187,000 from the National Science Foundation to create videos to accompany the text. According to Eisenkraft, the videos will be used for professional development and will showcase experienced teachers providing guidance on how to teach curriculum materials using inquiry.

Eisenkraft directs the university’s Center for Science and Math in Context (COSMIC) on campus and is also a member of a team of professors and educators, including Sevian and Cacciatore, that was awarded a $12.5 million National Science Foundation Partnership grant to reshape science education in the Boston Public Schools.

Program Celebrates Five Years of Shaping Boston’s Emerging Leaders

By Leigh DuPuy

Leaders seasoned and new celebrated Boston’s future at a gala on October 20, held to mark the fifth-year anniversary of the Emerging Leaders Program. Sponsored by the Center for Collaborative Leadership at the College of Management, the gala highlighted the nearly 200 men and women who have completed the program since its inception in 2002.

“The Emerging Leaders Program at UMass Boston recognizes and nurtures the best of Boston’s young leadership,” said Chancellor Khazei of City Year.

The program, its leaders have taken,” she wrote, “but good leaders can be trained.”

Besides attending an MBA program at the Boston College, they have had the opportunity to attend a leadership seminar series that examines conflict management, team management, effective team building, and emotional intelligence. “All of us are good clinicians and good scientists,” he said, “but good leaders can be hard to come by.”

Gala celebrants included speaker José Massó and Emerging Leader’s alumni Therese Martinez ’06, Georgianna Meléndez ’04, and Eduardo Tobon ’03. (Photo by Richard Howard)

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Actor Danny Glover Gives Voice to Homelessness Project

By Anne-Marie Kent

Over 3.5 million people are homeless in America each year. One million of them are children. John McGah and actor and activist Danny Glover are helping to remind viewers of the size and scope of the homelessness problem in America in a new public service announcement for television.

Glover is lending his celebrity to the “Give Us Your Poor” project, a creation of McGah’s.

“Give Us Your Poor” is a nationwide initiative dedicated to ending epidemic homelessness,” says McGah, who is a senior research associate at the McCor- mack Graduate School’s Center for Social Policy. “Founded in 1999, the initiative uses education, media, entertainment, and events to change attitudes and behaviors toward homeless people and bring together the intellectual and financial resources that are required to achieve real and lasting change.”

In the new public service announcement, Glover sits close to the camera against a black backdrop, in a confronting and yet compassionate stance. Looking viewers in the eye, he suggests, “You’ve seen people who are homeless ... maybe you’ve crossed the street to avoid them ... maybe you think it could never happen to me. Think again.”

Glover offers a challenge: “Be a part of the solution. Give Us Your Poor is education, music, film, dialogue and action to end homelessness in America.” In an extended version of the Glover piece for the Internet, the announcement cuts to brief glimpses of different homeless and formerly homeless people, each of whom speaks briefly about the circumstances of their homelessness.

Glover will join other celebrities, including Bruce Springsteen and Natalie Merchant, on an upcoming “Give Us Your Poor” question and answer session where they will talk about their personal relationships to homeless people. “The role of the city,” McGah says, “is to provide opportunities for people to work in business or health care. . . . you need to learn the basic skills, as part of both your professional and personal life.”

For more information, please visit www.giveusyourpoor.org.

Dispute Resolution Alumni Help Negotiate in Health Care Industry

By Lisa Gentes

Two graduates of the Dispute Resolution Program are using their professional and peacekeeping skills—sharing their knowledge with others for a two-day conference on conflict studies.

Susan Morash, nurse manager of a 24-bed, inpatient general medical unit at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in Bos- ton, and Adele Keeley, nurse manager of an 18-bed medical intensive care unit also at MGH, are leading the workshop “Criti- cal Conditions: Using Negotiation Skills in Clinical Health Settings.” The workshop is part of the conference “Conflict Studies: The New Generation of Ideas,” held at UMass Boston November 2 through 4, and organized by the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution.

Graduate students from various fields are presenting their work at the conference and sharing ideas, according to Roni Lipton, assistant director of the program. Students will be interacting with scholars and practitioners of conflict resolution and analysts, she said. Conflict in health care settings is one main focus of the conference, which also features keynote speaker Tom Delbanco, who produced a film on medical error, “When Things Go Wrong: Voices of Patients and Families.”

“We negotiate all the time,” Lipton said. “Your skill as a nego- tiator is critical to your ability to get things done and to maintain positive, productive relationships. This is especially true in the health care environment, which demands constant negotiation with colleagues, patients, and their family members.”

The skill-building workshop is “associated with life skills,” Morash said. “We all deal with conflict every day.”

“All groups experience con- flicts . . . having the skills is really a benefit to me as a manager,” said Keeley, whose master’s degree helps her manage about 72 full-time employees.

The dispute resolution knowl- edge goes beyond the health care industry, she said. Gaining knowl- edge can help resolve disputes in any workplace or situation, she said, adding that skills will help improve work environment and workplace relationships.

“It’s no one’s business if you work in business or health care . . . you need to learn the basic skills, as part of both your professional and personal life.”

For more information on the graduate program, please visit: www.disres.umb.edu/

Campus Center Sculpture Exhibit Draws Admirers

By Maria Helena Serpa

Tom Fitzgibbon and his wife Dot often set the river and watched as construction on the new Campus Center progressed. After raising five children, Dot graduated from Umass Boston in 1996 at the age of 68 and she felt invested in the place. She and Tom were curious about what the new building would be like and how it would fit into the campus she’d grown to love. Sadly, Dot never had the opportunity to see the inside of the new build- ing; she lost a battle with cancer in October 2003. Thanks to her husband, the building I thought the space . . . ,” recalls McGah.

Zamel’s students responded with thoughtful reflections on the pieces they chose, informed by their rich cultural backgrounds and varied life experiences. “Stu- dents are sometimes overwhelmed by the difficulty of a [literary] text. The nature of artwork allows students to come up with their own reading. A non-literary text allows for the genuine invitation to make meaning of what you see,” said Zamel.

After hearing Tom and Dot’s story, Thao Xuan Do, a student of Zamel’s, chose to write on “Dot’s Triumph.” Do emigrated from Vietnam two years ago and plans to be a doctor. She felt a connection to the challenges Dot faced in working for her degree so late in life and was inspired by the strength embodied in Tom’s sculpture of her.

Do writes, “As I looked at the sculpture, I saw a person who never gives up hope for anything . . . nothing is impossible.”

For more information, please visit www.giveusyourpoor.org.
On October 14, Patrick Barron, assistant professor of English, delivered the lecture “Among the Hills and Canyons: Following the Clues of Andreazano” at a conference honoring the Italian poet on his 85th birthday.

Jeff Dukes, assistant professor of biology, presented the seminar “The Ancestral Origin of Fish and Reptile Vertebrate Appendages; Implications for Global Environmental Changes” to the Departments of Zoology and Plant Ecology at the University of New Hampshire on September 22.

Jasmine L. Eskridge, assistant professor in the English Department, presented the paper “Changing Guards, Changing Views: Preliminary Findings from the Gender and Multicultural Landscape Survey” at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. She also gave a lecture on Latino research for the Community Research Project at Boston College.

In September, Dwight E. Giles, Jr., professor of political science, delivered a paper at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association on the paper “Greener Russian Relations during the Voro- sin Administration” at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. He also participated in the roundtable discussion “EU Effects on Democratization of Next Round Candidates” and was a discussant for the panel “Moldova in the New Europe.”

In October, Nadia Nurhussein, assistant professor of English, delivered a paper at the 27th symposium “Musical Instruments: Construction, Playing Technique and History of the Flute,” held by the Stiftung Kloster Michaelstein in October. There, she also performed with L’Arche Baroque flute soloist in the program “Little-Known Flute Music from Sachsen-Anhalt and Dresden.”


Robert R.N. Ross, the Religious Studies Program professor, delivered the paper “From NOLA to Springfield—Ethics, Race, and Urban Reconstruction in a ‘New Katrina World’” at the Ethics Section of the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, held in Washington, D.C., in November.

In October, Stephen Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, participated in the roundtable discussion “Identity and Community in Native Southern New England: Archaeol- ogy’s Role and Responsibility in Contemporary Politics” at the Institute for American Indian Studies.

Christa Kellerer, faculty member in the Graduate Certificate Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the Center for Women Studies, delivered the paper “The Physical Challenges of Early Breastfeeding” in the journal Social Science and Medicine.


Rachel Rubin, associate professor of the American Studies Program, has published a scholarly edition, with family therapy Program, created the DVD recording “Difficult Dia- logues after Divorce: A Consulta- tion with Gonzalo Bacigalupi” with Andrew and Clark Explorations through Masterworks.

Joyce Peseroff of the English Department was featured on the October 5 edition of NHPR’s “The Front Porch” and also spoke and read her poems at the Kearsarge Poetry Festival as part of a daylong program celebrating U.S. poet laureate Donald Hall.

Brian Thompson, professor of French, translated and did the sound engineering for three concerts with French singer-songwriter Eric Vin- cent in October and a fourth in November. He also did the sound engineering for a concert and two workshops with Québécois singer- songwriter Dominique Merla at the annual conference of the Massachu- setts Language Association.

Joan Arches and Suzanne Almenn ding of CPCS received a $7,000 Corporation for National Service Learn and Serve Grant for the Har- bor Point Tutoring Project. Admin- istered through RI Campus Compact, Learn and Serve America Higher Education grants support campus- based service-learning programs that benefit the community and the participants who serve.

Arthur Eisenkraft, Distinguished Professor of Science Education, received a $187,000 grant from the National Sci- ence Foundation to create videos to accompany the recently published Active Chemistry text.
The Department of Public Safety is funding a scholarship this semester from the revenues collected from parking fees. Students applied last spring and a committee representing student affairs, public safety, merit scholarships, and financial aid reviewed the applications and chose the recipients. A lunchbox was scheduled for November 9.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Kim Cameron was appointed coordinator for the Advocacy for Resources for Modern Survival (A.R.M.S.) Center. She was a former executive board member and union steward of SERT, Local 285.

Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, was appointed as a member of the international editorial board (on pension reforms) of the newly established Retirement Policy and Research Centre at the Business School of the University of Auckland, New Zealand.

Arthur Eisenkraft, Distinguished Professor of Science Education, was appointed to a three-year term on the Science Academic Advisory Committee of the College of Board.

Stephanie Hartwell, associate professor of sociology, was awarded a mid-career fellowship at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Department of Psychiatry, Center for Mental Health Policy Research, where she will conduct research at the center for the next academic year.

Benjamin B. Lichtenstein, assistant professor of management, is on the editorial board of the Journal of Business Venturing.

JoAnn Mulready-Shick, director of the undergraduate nursing program at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was invited to become an item writer for the national certification examination for academic nurse educators by the National League for Nursing.

UMass Boston students Rachel Otta- viano and Laura Praz were honored for their contributions to diversity/inclusion scholarship at the Second Annual Kingman-Mann Awards Banquet held on October 13. Also recognized for their outstanding achievement were students from Rhode Island Col- lege, Lesley University, and Massasoit Community College.

Marybeth O’Sullivan of the Veterans Upward Bound Program received the Outstanding Women Veteran Award on November 8 at a ceremony held at the Massachusetts State House.

Nina M. Silverstein, professor of gerontology, was appointed to serve on the fellowship committee for the social research planning and practice section of the Gerontological Society of America for 2007-2009.

Lynnath Thomas, assistant professor of American Studies, was presented the 2006-07 Faculty Career Development Award at the Ninth Annual Faculty Luncheon, held on September 22. UMass Boston retired faculty give the award annually to a tenure-track faculty member.

PROJECTS

In fall 2006, the Roy J. Zuckerberg Research Seminar to Foster the Scholarship of Untenured Faculty will begin and continue through mid-2007. Created by Esther Kingman-Mann with the support of monies awarded her as 2006 recipient of the Roy J. Zuckerberg Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership, the seminar will bring faculty members included: Ping-Ann Addo, Jacqueline Carlson, Susan DeSanto-Madey, Timothy Dransfield, Lasa Lo, Mau- teen Scully, and Lynnath Thomas.

EVENTS

The African Studies Department co-sponsored the 18th Annual conference of the Haitian Studies As- sociation, held at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, in October. The conference theme was “The Haitian Renaissance: Exploring New Paradigms and Building on Haiti’s Strengths to Reconstruct the Nation.”

Business leader Greg Summer, chair, CEO, and president of PerkinElmer, paid a visit to the College of Manage- ment to share career advice with students and talk about strategies for growth in the technology sector at a Senior Executive Forum.

OBITUARY

Sanford R. (Sandy) Lieberman, a member of the Political Science Department for over thirty-three years, died on September 28, after a long struggle with renal cancer and leukemia. Lieberman was one of the original faculty members at UMass Boston, where he taught a range of courses in the area of comparative politics, including the politics of the Soviet Union.

CORRECTION

Christine DePalma is the graduate advisor of the UMass Boston chap- ter of the Golden Key International Honour Society. Tony Massolo is the chapter’s president.

IN THE NEWS

Larry Blum, professor of philosophy, was quoted on misunderstandings and learning more about Islam in a Boston Globe story that covered an interfaith event held at the Islamic Community Center of Boston on September 11.

On October 11, Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, and Paul Warnard, associate professor of political science and director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, was interviewed on New England Cable News for a story on the governor’s race. Hardy-Fanta was also quoted in the Boston Globe on October 19 on female voter reaction to negative political ads.

Marc Proa, associate professor of African studies, was quoted in a feature article on Haitian health and religious beliefs published in the September 2006 issue of Boston magazine.

On September 20, Donna Stewart- son, assistant director of the Gradu- ate Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was quoted in the Patriot Ledger article “Win a Source of Pride for Blacks.” Stewartson said that she “hopes that if Patrick wins the general election he can help turn around beliefs that Massachusetts and Boston, in particular, are unwelcoming to blacks.”

On October 19, Miren Urrutia, direc- tor of the Gaon Institute, was inter- viewed on significant demographic changes in the Latino community in Massachusetts on WBZ-AM 1030.

On October 5, Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Professor Meng Zhou and members of his research team were interviewed on CBS Bos- ton (WBZ-TV/Channel 4) about their research in the Antarctic that reflects changes in the global climate.

New Children’s Center (cont.)

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**Calendar of Events**

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

Submit December calendar listings by Tuesday, November 14 to umb.edu/news/calendar/.

### Wednesday 1

**Gerontology Alumni Association Annual Fall Meeting**
10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellors Conference Room, 3rd Fl. Featuring Jennifer Davis Carey, secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. Contact: 7-7350 or mary.stjean@umb.edu.

**Reading:** Robin Becker
4:00 p.m., Campus Center, Bookstore. Featuring author of All Men are Brothers: The Golden Globe and Domain of Perfect Affectation. Sponsored by the Creative Writing Program, Women's Studies Program, and The Watermark.

**College of Management Forum**
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Campus Center, rm. 2545, 2nd Fl. Featuring Ed Ballard, chief operating officer of Trans-National Corporation. Contact: cmevents@umb.edu.

### Thursday 2

**Conference Studies: The New Generation of Ideas**
12:15 – 2:00 p.m., Campus Center. Registration and skill-building workshops for the Sixth Biennial Conference Studies Conference. Pre-registration and program: www.dses.umb.edu.

**Institute for Asian American Studies and Presentation:**
3:00 p.m., Campus Center, rm. 1211. Featuring documentary film on the lives of three Cambodian Americans arriving in the U.S. in the 1990s. Contact: 7-5650.

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

**Performing Arts/Theatre Arts Presents:**
The Complete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)
5:00 p.m., McCormack Theatre, McCormack Hall, 2nd Fl. Directed by Laura Schradel. Admission: $7 students, $10 adult. General public. Also on November 13 at 8:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640.

**ReFworks Workshop**
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Healey Library, Center for Library Instruction. 4-151. Learn how ReFworks can help you write a paper. Contact: 7-5843 or francis.schlegenger@umb.edu.

### Friday 10

**Biological Fall 2006 Seminar Series:**
6:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge, 2nd Fl. Featuring journaling and filmmaker Peter Davis. For more information, contact: 7-7250 or andrew.williams@bio.umb.edu.

**Annual Meeting of the Northeast Political Science Reception**
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Omni Parker Hotel, Boston. Featuring the Center for Politics in Women's Families and Public Policy and cohosted by the Journal of Women, Politics & Policy. Contact: www.mccormack.umb.edu/cwpp.

### Monday 13

**College of Nursing and Health Sciences Thesis Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Tau Internation Honor Society:**
3:00 – 3:30 p.m., Healey Library, 11th Fl. Featuring Christopher Burton and Bernard Gibbons of the University of Central Washington, England. Contact: 7-7371.

### Wednesday 15

**Alzheimer’s Disease: Special Issues for Individuals and Families in Meeting Challenges of Every Day Life**
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Wheeley Hall, rm. 125, 1st Fl. Open lecture featuring Nina Silverstein as part of Alzheimer’s Awareness Month. Contact: 7-7330 or mary.stjean@umb.edu.

### Monday 16

**Biological Fall 2006 Seminar Series:**
From Molecules to Marine Mammals: An Integrated Field and Geometric Approach to Conservation and Management of Endangered Whales and Dolphins
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall, rm 6, 1st Fl. Featuring Howard Rosenbaum of the Wild Conservation Society. Contact: 7-6600 or www.bio.umb.edu/.

**Economics Reception**
2:30 – 4:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beach Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st Fl. Kripalu yoga class open to all students. Food and staff: $5.00. Also on Tuesdays, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-6680.

**MFA Program in Creative Writing Information Session**
7:00 p.m., Campus Center, Bookstore. Applications for September now accepted through January 15, 2007, sponsored by the English Program, contact: 7-9690 or jose.pereira@umb.edu.

**Beacon Fitness Center Class:**
Strength and Tone
11:45 – 12:45 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Beach Fitness Center, 1st Fl. Open to Beacon Fitness Center members. Also on Tuesdays, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center.

### Friday 17

**3rd Annual Faculty Symposium:**
2:30 – 3:50 p.m., Campus Center, lower level, Atium Graphics Room. Discussion on definitions of class and Perry Leisman’s film “Class Dismissed: How TV Frames the Voting Class.” Sponsored by the Research Center for Urban Cultural History. Contact: 7-6715.

**Biological Fall 2006 Seminar Series:**
Histone Protein Modification and Cancer
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall, rm 6, 1st Fl. Featuring Saydah of the Centers for Disease Control. Contact: 7-7330 or mary.stjean@umb.edu.

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Basketball Tip-Off Classic and Books on Bostonian Event**
3:00 – 5:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Features Boston College: students will compete in high shot competitions to win up to $1000 in books. Sponsored by Bosmonth. Contact: 7-7317.

### Monday 20

**Faculty Study Seminar: Political Culture, State Formation, and the Paradox of Class in the Soviet Union in World War in Britain, c. 1580-1642**
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Wheeley Hall, rm. 125, 1st Fl. Open lecture featuring Malcolm Smuts of the History Department. Sponsored by the Research Center for Urban Cultural History. Contact: 7-7615.

**University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute Opening All Day Celebration**
For more information on the institute, please visit: www.confucius.umb.edu.

### Tuesday 21

**10th Annual Chancellor’s Years of Service Recognition**
2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd Fl. Annual celebration of and recognition for employees at critical career milestones. Contact: 7-5716.

**UMass Boston Athletics: New Balance Night at Men’s Ice Hokey Game**
5:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center, rent. Attend the men’s hockey vs. Wentworth College game and receive giveaway New Balance outlet coupons. Contact: 7-7817.

**Beacon Fitness Center**
McGovern 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 7-6459.

**Institutional Technology Center (ITC)**
Interested in expanding your technology use? Visit the ITC Web site at www.itc.umb.edu or contact 7-2990.

**UMass Boston Doctoral Dissertation Grant Program**

**WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal**
6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.