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Renew and Rebuild: UMass Boston Plans for a Dynamic Future

By Leigh DuPuy

As the university eagerly anticipates the return of students for the fall semester, UMass Boston staffers are organizing fun campus activities, rolling out a comprehensive parking and transportation plan, and embarking on a strategic master planning process that includes a proposal for a new, $84 million academic facility.

“We are thrilled to see our students come back to school and become engaged with life at UMass Boston once again,” says Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. “The campus has such great energy and electricity when they return.”

Beginning September 5, the university is sponsoring activities that have become part of an exuberant UMass Boston tradition: opening events for students. Returning students can sample free food and with the return of students, the university is hard at work planning activities, creating new parking and transportation options, and embarking on a strategic master planning process that includes a proposal for a new academic facility. (Photo by Richard Houard)

music, tour information stations and open houses, and explore employment opportunities and harbor cruises. Highlights of opening activities, themed “Let’s Get It Started,” include a “Taste of Boston” welcome reception, a comedy and hip-hop night in the Campus Center, and a UMass Boston night at the Museum of Science.

This year, administrators decided to expand activities through the month of September. Special events include a remembrance marking the fifth anniversary of September 11, Convocation 2006 celebrations, to be held on September 14, include the Chancellor’s convocation address, keynote speaker Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall, and Fest-of-Ul games, barbecue, and music.

Rounding out the month, top musicians such as Bruce Cockburn, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul, Richie Havens, Jennifer Kimball, and Jesse Winchester are slated to perform at WUMB’s 2006 annual Boston Folk Festival, September 16 and 17.

In addition to event planning, university officials led an intensive effort to provide additional parking and transportation options following the July closure of the original, interior garage.

For more than a year, Chancellor Collins and senior administrative staff worked with the Division of Capital Asset Management and the engineering firm of Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger to assess the garage and the substructure, which serves as the foundation of UMass Boston’s five-building campus.

Engineering reports found the foundation to be structurally sound, but that the rehabilitation of the garage and the substructure would cost more than $180 million. This estimate, combined with the continual loss of parking spaces and the need to reroute pedestrian and vehicle access, led to the chancellor’s decision to close the upper and lower levels.

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University Grants and Contract Awards Top $38 Million Mark

By Ed Hayward

Grant and contract awards for UMass Boston research, training, and service projects increased for the fifth consecutive year, pushing total awards for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to $38.7 million, according to Valera Francis, director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).

The total awards marked a $3.2 million increase from the prior year. The university has set a goal of $50 million in annual sponsored programs funding by 2008.

“The faculty and professional staffs of the research institutes and centers have responded to the challenge to establish UMass Boston as an urban center for research that has a profound impact on the commonwealth and beyond,” said Provost Paul Fonteyn. “It is critical for the university to see continued growth in external funding given the increasingly competitive financial climate for higher education.”

Of the $38.7 million, research awards accounted for 60 percent, education and training awards for 36 percent, and service awards 4 percent.

External research funding from government agencies, foundations, corporations, and other sponsors pays for projects conducted by faculty and staff of the university, the colleges, and research institutes and centers. Grants cover a range of project costs, from graduate student support, equipment, and other operational expenses to support staff, travel, and administrative costs connected to the projects.

The $38.7 million in awards last fiscal year pushed the five-year average for annual awards to $33.4 million. In FY 2002, the university’s five-year average was just $19.8 million.

“The university has made improving research capacity and awards a priority for several years and we have put in place the infrastructure to support those goals,” said Richard Antonak, vice provost for research, whose position was created in 2004. “External

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By Leigh DuPuy

Fittingly, as UMass Boston joins the nation in commemoration of the signing of the United States Constitution, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall will be speaking about education and freedom as the keynote speaker for Convocation 2006, to be held on Thursday, September 21.

“Chief Justice Marshall is a respected jurist and a passionate advocate of democracy,” says Chancellor Michael F. Collier, MD. “We look forward to celebrating the start of another invigorating and exciting year at UMass Boston with this terrific program.”

The Honorable Margaret Marshall is the first woman to serve as chief justice in Massachusetts and the second woman appointed to serve as an associate justice.

A native of South Africa, Chief Justice Marshall fought apartheid before coming to the United States to pursue graduate studies in 1968. She earned her graduate and law degrees at Harvard and Yale universities, became an American citizen in 1978, and was appointed in 1994 to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, where she has been involved in landmark cases.

Her keynote will be part of a schedule of events that blend tradition with Fest-of-U斯 fun. Convocation 2006 starts with a 9:00 a.m. raffle for faculty and staff, 8:00–9:00 a.m. at the Campus Center terrace, giving colleagues a chance to gather together before the day’s events. Chancellor Collins welcomes the UMass Boston community and speaks about the upcoming academic year in his convocation address, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom. Following the Chief Justice’s keynote address, “To Be Educated and Instructed in the Principles of Freedom,” at 10:00 a.m., the chancellor and Mrs. Collins, along with university colleagues, will host a barbecue for students at noon. Music, entertainment, food, and fun of all kinds—everything from a bungee rock-climbing wall to spin-art Frisbees—will be part of Fest-of-U斯 celebrations held on the Campus Center Lawn beginning at noon. Students will also get the chance to enter a free raffle for prizes that include two $500 UMass Boston Bookstore gift certificates, Red Sox tickets, and an iPod. Winners will be announced at Fest-of-U.

For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit www.umb.edu/convocation/.

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awards require a coordinated approach where faculty members and administrators work together to achieve goals that serve both the research interests of the faculty member and the strategic priorities of the university.”

Francis, who joined the university in 2005, says, “As an office, we support the scholarly and creative activity of faculty and staff by providing them with the assistance necessary to identify and secure externally funded grants, contracts, and cooperative and technical assistance grants. Over the past year, ORSP has moved toward a more customer-service-oriented approach; hopefully this has contributed to the increase in the number of proposals being submitted to and ultimately awarded by funding agencies.” ORSP provides a range of services that include finding grants aligned with faculty specialties; searching for funding sources suited to the campus, its faculty and students; assistance with the application process; and assistance with the financial administration of award funding.

Among the hundreds of projects awarded funding last year, the focal points of research range from science education reform to tracking climate change to assist individuals with disabilities succeed in the job market. Projects that received funding last year included:

• The Boston Science Partnership and the Massachusetts Department of Education. The project focuses on science education reform to track the climate change to assist individuals with disabilities.

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Researchers Help Cancer Survivors Regain Life’s Balance Through Fencing

By Lisa Gentes

Fencing is fitness and helping some local cancer survivors boost their health with a first-of-its-kind program sponsored in part by UMass Boston.

The pilot program involves the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, UMass Boston, and the Boston Fencing Club in Waltham. Cancer survivors, all patients at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, are getting a taste of fencing, learning physical fitness, and getting their minds and bodies back in gear through the new summer program.

About 11 cancer survivors ranging in age from 16 to 76 are taking part in the free, 12-week summer program, which wraps up in September.

“I wasn’t sure what the reaction would be to fencing,” said the program’s fitness instructor, Andrea Wyson. “It’s not a typical everyday sport,” she said.

“But once they have the equipment on, they love it, they have a great time,” said Wyson, a 2005 UMass Boston graduate of the exercise science program who conducts research in the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences.

For 12 weeks, kicking off in July, participants learn strength and conditioning from Wyson and fencing from an instructor through the Fencing Club. Wyson said many have gone through treatment and were deemed by their doctors ready to participate in the program.

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The instructor said she hopes her students will improve their physical fitness: “That’s our main goal,” she said. The program boosts their self-esteem and confidence, she said, and helps improve their quality of life.

The participants are getting the chance to meet others who are battling and surviving cancer, she said. The new partnership program allows them to share their experiences and get to know each other, while testing their limits and boundaries physically, she said.

“A lot of them had lost a great deal of balance and coordination…” It’s really nice to let them see what they can do, Wyson said. “I think anytime you learn something new, or discover a new ability, I think there’s a self-esteem piece with that.”

Kyle McInnis, professor and chair of the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences and a health and fitness expert, along with Eva Guinan, clinician and researcher at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, created the idea for the fitness and fencing program. Guinan had “the idea of doing a fitness program with cancer survivors,” and she wanted to “get someone who knew exercise,” said Bruce Bailey, assistant professor of exercise physiology at UMass Boston.

“Eva’s component was the fencing,” he said. “It’s a unique way of engaging people in physical activity.”

Bailey coordinates the UMass Boston end of the program, with Wyson the on-site instructor and Guinan coordinating Dana-Farber’s end. The aim is to improve fitness in survivors, to increase muscle strength and quality of life, he said.

The program is engaging and fun and something the survivors can do together as recreation, he said. UMass staff are planning on bringing the program back for a fall session, he said.

Audiences Travel Far and Wide for 2006 Boston Folk Festival

By Marilyn Beyer

Singer/songwriter Bruce Cockburn has carried his expansive, insightful music from his native Canada to Colorado, to Cambodia to Maine—to see a lineup that ranges in age from 16 to 76 are ranging in age from 16 to 76 are participating in the free, 12-week UMass Boston staffs Pull Together Through sudden Losses

By Anne-Marie Kent

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Harvard grad Liz Carlisle, and Jake Amrhein.

Wherever fans come from, they can bring the kids. Children’s activities, staged within view of the Field Stage and Boston Harbor, include sponsor Stonyfield Yogurt’s “MooVille Farm,” complete with a mechanical cow. Tickets for children ages 7-15 are $10 for each day. Children under six years are admitted free.

Tickets are on sale at www.bostonfolkfestival.org or by calling 617-287-6900. Tickets will be on sale for $25 a day for a family and staff through September 15. The Boston Folk Festival is a production of UMass Boston’s WUMB Radio (91.9 FM).

Richie Havens is one of the many artists playing at the 2006 Boston Folk Festival, to be held September 16 and 17 at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett).

UMass Boston’s Bruce Bailey, Andrea Wyson, and Kyle McInnis (not pictured) are running a pilot program with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Boston Fencing Club in Waltham to help cancer survivors improve physical fitness and mental well-being through fencing. (Photo by Harry Brett).

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Christmas of 2005, he was unable to continue working.

“Ed, Marcia, and I had worked together for eight years and it was devastating for all of us to watch him go through what he went through,” said Linda O’Brien, director of the Customer Service Center.

“We lived through all the happy and sad times with Ed, and watched him raise his three children.”

As his sickness progressed, co-workers in Customer Service arranged for a local restaurant to deliver dinner to his house Friday nights. “That was his night with his family,” said O’Brien. “He made people feel like he was personally taking care of their requests; he went beyond the expectations of his job to ensure they received great customer service.”

 Barely a month later, on Saturday, July 2, the university suffered another loss with the death of Jim Rakauskas. A Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Navy and Army, Rakauskas came to UMass Boston in September 2006 as a graduate of the University Reporter ■
By Leigh DuPuy
A reported editor and award-winning author, Askold Melnyczuk is well versed in the intricacies of the publishing world. But don’t look for his latest work on Amazon.com. Melnyczuk has purposely avoided the commercialism of publishing to create a small press that brings limited-edition books to an intimate circle of readers.

With the help of UMass Boston students, Melnyczuk has published eight titles under Arrowsmith Press, a venture named after the late William Arrowsmith, a renowned classics scholar, and literary and film critic. Arrowsmith specializes in pairing original works, previously unpublished as books, with critical essays by veteran and novice writers and cover designs featuring local artists.

The project began informally in April 2005 when Melnyczuk offered to help fellow writer Okasana Zubazho, who did not have a published work in English to share with colleagues at an International PEN Conference in New York. “I offered to translate her short story ‘Girls’ and produce it as a book,” said Melnyczuk. He worked with English undergraduates Erica Mena and Amber Johns to copyedit and typeset the book and with the staff at Central Reprographics to publish 150 copies to sell and distribute.

From there, the idea blossomed into a number of chapbooks, including Bula MatalawSimhadh o The Carrying Life by Maureen McLeod, Divided Mind by George Scalabba, and The Johns and Other Poems by Amiria El Zein.

Arrowsmith publishes 150 limited regular and deluxe editions for each work. “It’s book production in miniature,” says Melnyczuk. The group sells copies through direct-mail marketing to a database that includes friends of the writers and about 1,000 editorial contacts that Melnyczuk has developed over the years. They also sell them at book parties, the last one held recently at Lane Duck Books in Cambridge.

Selling regular editions at $10.00 a copy, Melnyczuk and Arrowsmith staff seek to spread the word about their writers and to cover production costs. Frequently, the books have led their writers to develop new works, with many drawing interest from mainstream publishers.

Arrowsmith has also excelled in pairing well-known writers with up-and-comers. Melnyczuk worked with Negin Wiel, an undergraduates at UMass Boston to produce a last Palestinian refugee, to publish his story “Animals and Warmth,” printing it with a piece by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, famed poet and publisher of City Lights Books.

A future Arrowsmith chapbook will feature work by one of America’s leading dissidents Father Daniel Berrigan and will be accompanied by essays by well-known writers Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, and Fanny Howe, and essays by students. Another will feature a work by Donald Hall, a former poet laureate of New Hampshire.

Melnyczuk’s students have been a central part of Arrowsmith’s development. Mena, who has worked on the project since its inception, will publish her translations of a Puerto Rican poet and student Jason Vedor is an intern doing an independent study on publishing this semester. Catherine Parnell, an adjunct creative writing faculty member, will begin in the fall as executive editor.

In addition to his Arrowsmith work, Melnyczuk is teaching a graduate class on writing memoirs this fall, will see the publications of his latest work, House of Widows, in September ’07, and is working on several writing projects.

Despite his schedule, Melnyczuk relishes his return to the world of bookmaking. “I found that I didn’t miss editing,” said Melnyczuk, who edited the highly regarded literary journal AIN at 30 years, “but I did miss working with writers and artists on an intimate scale—it’s wonderful to get behind a book that you love and then help readers discover the work.”

UMass Boston Student Travels to Palestine for Human Rights Internship

Claire, a UMass Boston political science major, recently returned from a trip to the West Bank. (Photo by Chris Smith)

By Anne-Marie Kent
Claire, a UMass Boston political science major who prefers that her last name not be used in this article, found herself fascinated by the conflict in Palestine. Her interest led her to a class at UMass Boston and, this summer, a trip to the West Bank.

“As a young Jewish woman, I was taught about a place called Israel, a place for Jewish people. Missing from my education was information about Palestinians, or any mention of the longest military occupation in modern history, which now exists on the West Bank,” she said. “I began to look for information about Palestinians on my own, and also began attending speaking events around Boston to learn more.

These explorations led her to a UMass Boston class on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, taught by a Palestinian professor, and later to a local group of activists who have been sending educational delegations to the West Bank for the past four years. She applied to travel with them during the month of July. Her delegation included a weeklong tour of East Jerusalem, Hebron, Jenin, the Salfit Region, Bethlehem, and other territories.

“I met with many Palestinians who live in refugee camps and are not allowed to return home. I saw the separation wall crisscrossing through the West Bank, and attended demonstrations against the continued building of the wall,” said Claire.

Staying with the International Women’s Peace Service, she photographed, documented, and nonviolently intervened, when necessary, during military incursions into Palestinian villages. Her human rights reports are published on the organization’s website.

Back at UMass Boston, Claire intends to start a campus solidarity group to spread awareness about Palestine.

“The request most frequently received from Palestinians was to share their stories and experiences in the United States,” said Claire. She plans to show the footage she taped and documented for a distinguished group of scholars, government officials, politicians, journalists, and state men examine what can be learned from the wars of the twentieth century and how that knowledge might help us as we step perilously into the twenty-first.

Following an introduction by Padraig O’Malley, the editor-in-chief of The Nation, 150 copies of each volume will be distributed to a distinguished group of scholars, government officials, politicians, journalists, and state men examine what can be learned from the wars of the twentieth century and how that knowledge might help us as we step perilously into the twenty-first. Lessons from War

Sticks and Stones creators Patricia Peterson, managing editor of the New England Journal of Public Policy; Paul Wright, Boston editor for the University of Massachusetts Press; Padraig O’Malley, editor of the New England Journal of Public Policy; and Paul L. Armer, lecturer in American studies and research associate at the Joiner Center. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Patricia Peterson
Albert Einstein once said he did not know how World War III would be fought, but that World War IV would be fought with sticks and stones. In the volume Sticks and Stones: Living with Uncertain Wars, a distinguished group of scholars, government officials, politicians, journalists, and state men examine what can be learned from the wars of the last century and is inadequately prepared to meet the challenges that now confront us.

The volume will be published in October by the University of Massachusetts Press and contributors include J. Brian Atwood, Susan J. Atwood, John Cooley, Romeo Dal laire, Ramu Damodaran, Valerie Epps, Michael J. Glennon, Stanley Heginbotham, Robert Jackson, Winston Langley, Alfred W. McCoy, Greg Mills, Jonathan Moore, Chris Fattor, Gwyn Prins, Jonathan Schell, John Sharrack, Cornelio Sommar gua, Brian Urquhart, Stephen Van Evera, and Robert Weiner.
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of the original, interior garage. Chancellor Collins and university officials decided to donate $25 million to ensure the security of the substructure and begin initial plans to build a new academic facility.

“It wasn’t responsible to spend huge funds in the hopes of returning the garage to its 1970s glory,” says Chancellor Collins. Instead, the university plans to devote funds to rebuilding the campus, something long overdue, he says. These efforts are part of a new master planning effort to guide UMass Boston in its future endeavors with academic space, transportation needs, and how the campus can be more physically linked to the local community, to name a few areas for discussion.

Officials have hired an architectural firm to draft a long-term outline of new academic facilities and parking options. “Planning for a new academic facility is a critical step in rebuilding and revamping the UMass Boston campus,” says Chancellor Collins.

Since the garage closure, parking has been a top priority for university officials. “I am happy to report that by the start of the fall semester our on-campus parking capacity will be only slightly shy, about 125 spaces, of our capacity last May,” he says.

To create more parking for the community, campus officials created six new parking lots, including a students-only designated lot in the South Lot. They also have been working with neighborhood groups, local officials, and vendors to develop additional parking options throughout the Columbia Point area.

In addition, the university has a new partnership with the carpooling initiative MassRIDES, which can help people establish a vanpool or carpool arrangement, and installed additional bike racks throughout campus.

“Providing assistance to students, staff, and visitors coming to campus is a top priority,” says Chancellor Collins. The transi- tion “is a great way to expand our youth outreach.”

UMass Boston also recently extended their outreach to a group of Iraqi professors, who visited campus on July 11 to discuss potential partnerships with Iraqi universities. Led by Deputy Minister for Scientific Affairs Berawan M. Khailany of Iraq’s Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the seven representa- tives from the University of Bagh- dad planned the 2007 conference “Rebuilding Sustainable Communities in Iraq” with College of Community and Public Service Dean Adenrele Awotona.

“It is very important for people to know what Iraq needs and how the country must be rebuilt,” said Khailany. “The rehabilita- tion of higher education is very vital. We play a significant role in rebuilding Iraq economically and socially.”
In July, Elsa Auerbach, professor of English, led a two-day workshop on second-language teaching strategies at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont.

On July 16, Charles Cranford, professor of political science and senior fellow at the Center for Democracy and Development, received an award from Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Atlantic Council of Croatia at the joint conference on Mediterranean Security in South East Asia. He presented the conference’s major paper “American Policy and Crisis Management,” and served as chair of three panels.

Kevin Dolan, director of enterprise computing, and Arti Belkicovan, senior associate registrar, presented a case study on UMass Boston’s upgrade of its degree audit system and student services and Unique student information systems at the Miami University of Ohio Degree Audit Reporting System Users Conferene, held on June 21.

Jeff Dukes, assistant professor of biology, presented an invited talk at the Second International Conference on Needs for Invasive Species Manage- ment in a Changing Climate, held in Washington, D.C., on June 6.

This summer, James Green, PCPS and Labor Resource Center profes- sor, spoke at the Old Labor Hall in Barre, VT, at an event sponsored by the Okays and the Barre, and at Modern Times Book Store in San Francisco as part of “Labor Fest.”

Stephanie Kamath, assistant profes- sor of English, read the paper “John Lydgate and the Curse of Genius” at the International Congress of the New Chaucer Society, held in July.

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, participated in a workshop on “The Costs, Reaping the Benefits: Paid Family and Medical Leave in Massachu- setts,” written by Randy Albolado of the Economics Department and Alan Clayton-Matthews of the Department of Government. The talk was held at the Oxford Street during the display of a bill that would establish a paid family and medical leave program in Massachusetts and several media outlets, including WRUR-FM and Time magazine, quoted Albolado on the report.

Jen Allen, horticulturalist in the Bot- any Department, was a judge for the Mayor’s Garden Contest on August 1. The CPCD Columbia Point Charette held a community planning meeting at the Community Center at Harbor Point to discuss plans for Mount Ver- non Street. The charette was made possible by the Community Outreach Partnership Center grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, included to faculty members Joan Arches and Robert Beattie.

NEW CHAUCER SOCIETY 2006


Professor Susan Opotow of the Isaly Tradit- tion presented the paper “Moral Inclusion and Post War Reconstruc- tion” at the 11th Biennial Confer- ence of the International Society for Justice Research, held at Humboldt University in August.

In June, Laurel E. Redwin, asso- ciate professor of nursing, pre- sented “Patient Centered Care: The Patient’s Perspective” as the Robert W. Carey N.D. Endowed Lecture at Massachusetts General Hospital. She also presented two posters with colleagues at the ONS Congress 2006, Health and Health Annual Research Meeting, and attended the 2006 Health Dis- parities Research Methods Training Symposium and 2006 Cancer Health Disparities Summit 2006.

American studies professor Lois Rednick presented a paper on “Women in Underwriting Women: The Cultural Crossroads of Gender, Modern Art, and Modern Culture” at the International Conference on Arts in Society, held at the University of Edinburgh in August.

In July, Nina M. Silverston, associate professor of sociology, presented Transportation Options for People with Dementia as a panelist for the Administration on Aging’s Summer 2006 Annual Regional Conference.

In June, Judith Smith, professor of American studies, presented a fea- tured lecture and a teacher’s work- shop on “Immigrant Families: Popular Culture” as part of the Department of Education Teach- ing American History Professional Development Project for high school teachers in the Fall River and New Bedford public schools.

David Terkla, economics and EEOC professor, presented findings from the recently completed study “An Assessment of the Coastal and Marine Economies of Massachu- setts,” co-authored with Loren Lawton, Jack Wiggan, Dan Hellin, Dan Georgianna, Rebecca Loveland, and Sasha Proshina, for the Environ- mental Business Council in Boston on July 13.

Saman Mavahed, professor and chair of sociology, presented the paper (coauthored with Miriam Roud) “The Cultural Narratives and the Individual Story” at the “Nar- rative Matters: The Storied Nature of Human Experience” annual meeting, held at Acada University on May 27.

Mary Oleckiewicz, associate profes- sor of music, presented the paper “Reverting the Recent Past: Iconography, Historical Amnesias and Denials” at the National Conference on Inclusive Education held in Warsaw on July 27.

Paul Watanabe, director of the Institute for Asian American Stud- ies, was a featured speaker at the Fieldsinger Alumni dinner and 2006 Annual Meeting “Immigration and Entrepreneurship, The Fields Corner Experience,” held on June 14.

Vivian Zamel, professor of English, gave the plenary address and conducted a daylong workshop on “Second Language Learning among L2-proficient learners across the curriculum at Central Piedmont Community College in North Carolina.

PUBLICATIONS

Jalal Alamgir, assistant professor of political science, published the article “The Challenge of Democratic Consolidation in Bangladesh” in the Journal of Social Studies and has been commissioned to write an article on the 2007 elections in Bangladesh for the Journal of Democracy.

Elsa Auerbach, professor of Eng- lish, published “Aligning Socio- Cultural and Critical Approaches to Multilingual Literacy Research” in Adult Literacy, Numeracy, and Language: Policy, Practice and Research with Open University Press.

The article “Are There Anything Post- About Postnationalism Iran?” by associate professor of English Mat- thew Brown was published in The Irish Review.

Yung-Ping Chen, the Frank J. Man- ning Emeritus’s Scholar Chair in Gerontology, presented two papers at the International Conference on Social Sciences, two brief papers at the Hawaii Employers Council, and the paper “Elderly and Fall Risks” at the 4th Congress of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society, held in Geneva.


Susan DeSantos-Madeya, assistant professor of nursing, published the article “A Secondary Analysis of the Meaning of Living with Spinal Cord Injury for the Family Using Roy’s Adaptation Model” in the July issue of Nursing Science Quarterly.


More, a new video work by Erik Levine, assistant professor of art, that lays bare the contradictions between adult projections, fears, and fantasies, and children’s realities in the world of youth football was published in Aspect—The Chronicle of New Media Art.

An article “Complexity Dynamics of Organization Emergence,” coauth- ered by Benyon Lichtenstein, was published in the Revista de Economia Mundial.

McCl囫ine, professor emeri- tude of English and author of the essay “Cruel Tourist” in the Carry The Thread Upon the Waters; A Paradigm from Ecclesiastes in Goewer’s Apollinis of Tyre” in Medieval Spirit in Late Medieval Literature, published by London: Macmillan.


Joyce Pecorell, poet-in-residence and director of the Creative Writing Pro- gram, published “No More Water” and “The Hole Inside the House” in the on-line magazine Memoriors.


The article “Republican Centurians: Crises of American legitimacy and the Naming of a Mobile Nation,” by assistant professor of English Leonard von Morzé, was published in Early American Studies.

Xuchen Wang, EEOC research asso- ciate, published two articles: “Vari- ability in Radiocarbon Ages of Bio- chemical Compound Classes of High Molecular Dissolved Organic Matter in Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science” and “Sources and Distribution of Aliphatic and Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons in Sediments of Jashoua Bay, Qing- dao, China” in Marine Pollution Bulletin.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

“Perpetual Care,” an exhibit explor- ing chronic illness through pho- tographs of medication bottles by PCPS faculty member Susan Eisenberg, is being exhibited at the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library from September 5 through 29.

A plywood sculpture by art professor Erik Levine, “Untitled from 1999,” was acquired by the Museum of Fine Arts Boston for their permanent collection.

Mark Pawlak, director of Academic Support Programs, read from his new poetry collection as part of the Newton Free Library Poetry Series on September 12.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

On June 8, the Labor Resource Center released the report sharing “The Costs, Reaping the Benefits: Paid Family and Medical Leave in Massachu- setts,” written by Randy Albolado of the Economics Department and Alan Clayton-Matthews of the Department of Government. The report was held at the Oxford Street during the display of a bill that would establish a paid family and medical leave program in Massachusetts and several media outlets, including WRUR-FM and Time magazine, quoted Albolado on the report.

The CPCD Columbia Point Charette held a community planning meeting at the Community Center at Harbor Point to discuss plans for Mount Ver- non Street. The charette was made possible by the Community Outreach Partnership Center grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, received by faculty members Joan Arches and Robert Beattie.
Jeff Dukes, assistant professor of biology, received a $422,608 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Institute for Climate Change Research to support a new Project Office Award for the project “Center for Coastal Area Experience: A Gradient-Based Approach for Characterizing Ecosystem Responses to Warming and Precipitation.”

Robert Chen, EEOs professor, is the principal investigator on a $150,000 UMASS President’s Research Award for the project “Center for Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks.” The center will focus on the creation and testing of new environmental sensors and the development of smart sensor networks.

Susan Haussler, associate professor of nursing, served on the Council for International Exchange of Scholars Fullbright Peer Review Committee in August.

Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society in the McCormack Graduate School of Journalism, received a $50,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to develop an ethnic media student internship program and ethnic news wire. The project will launch in January, with students working for ethnic news organizations in the greater Boston area with coaching from journalism professionals. In July, the center convened local ethnic media to participate in the first ethnic “Pulitzer Prizes.”

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, received a $6,000 grant from the Center for Community Change to write an article estimating the impact of former unauthorized Mexican immigrants on total employment and earnings outcomes in California.

By Paul Atwood and T. Michael Sullivan

Teachers, writers, and activists spent a busy June on campus examining conflict and war at two annual institutes sponsored by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

For the fourteenth year, the center sponsored its annual institute for area high school teachers on war and its far-reaching effects. This year, the institute focused primarily on the war in Iraq, with comparisons to the war in Vietnam, for instructors from Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Noted scholars led the workshops. Michael Klare, professor at Hampshire College and author of Blood and Oil, spoke about the over arching issue of petroleum, its role in U.S. foreign policy, and the potential for more armed conflict as competition for oil accelerates between nations. Mary Oleszkiewicz, assistant professor of music, has been chosen as a 2006-07 fellow at the Alexander Humboldt Foundation. This one-year fellowship will support a stay in Germany to produce a monograph on the 18th-century flutist and theorist Johann Joachim Quantz and his career at the Dresden and Berlin courts.

Wichian Rojanawon of the Geor- gonology Institute received a 100,000 grant to expand and expand a project from the Osher Foundation to support the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Stephen W. Silman, assistant professor of anthropology, received a $114,000 National Science Foundation grant to fund his ongoing archaeological research project in Connecticut on Native American responses to colonialism.

Nina M. Silverstein, associate professor of geoscientists, is the co-investiga- tor on the grant project “Fitness to Drive in Early Stage Dementia: An Instrumented Vehicle Study,” awarded by the University of Michigan Trans- portation Research Institute.

The Center for Democracy and Development at the McCormack Graduate School received two new grants from the U.S. Department of State. The Mock Trial Project for China, now in its fifth year, demonstrates American legal principles to Chinese judges and law students in Western China through mock trials that are presented to both Chinese Foreigners and Chinese judges and involve Chinese law students who serve as jurors. The second funded project is the “Building a Responsible, Effective Liberal Media,” an exchange program for journalists, editors, educators, and media business managers.

An article by Paul Nestor, associate professor of psychology, was cited as one of the top 10 articles downloaded in 2006 from the American Psycho- logical Association and the Ontario Psyn- hopathy. The article “Neuro- psychological Correlates of Diffusion Tensor Imaging in Schizophrenia” was downloaded 2,238 times.

Laurel E. Radwin, associate professor of nursing, was selected via competitive review to attend the American Nurses’ Foundation’s ONN Foundation Research Institute in October 2006.

On July 10, a group of Boston high school teens attended a workshop on media literacy, organized and taught by Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society. Students from the Trinity Education for Excellence Program joined peer leaders from GRIZL radio and Carole Remick’s Dow Jones summer newspaper internship.

The university was sad to learn of the deaths of several faculty and staff members since May. They include: Irving H. Bartlett, Joseph Coppola, Edward F. Gagnon, Nicholas Grigg, Richard A. Hogarty, James Rakaus- kas, and Daisy Tagliacozzo.

The University of Massachusetts Boston Alumni Association made the second annual grant to The Children of Paul F. Barry Memorial Fund in honor of alumnus and State Trooper Paul F. Barry. Trooper Barry died in an automobile accident on June 13. A native of Dorchester, Trooper Barry was survived by his wife, Maryellen, and their seven children.

Correction

Professor Lorana Rivera of the College of Public and Community Service received a $44,100,000 research grant from UMass Boston for her project “Using Multimedia to Promote Awareness of Women and Adult Basic Literacy Education.”

In the News

Lawrence Blum, professor of philo- sopy, was quoted in the July 8 Orlando Sentinel article “Know when I see it” approach fails with rac- ists,” and was interviewed by “questions of language and racism for a radio talk show on KSRO in Santa Rosa, California, on August 2.

On August 6, “Prophets of Science Fiction,” a documentary film by Jules Verne and H. G. Wells, was broadcast on the Science Channel, featuring commentary by Wellsian authority and professor of English Robert Crossley.

James Green, CPCs-Labor Resource Center professor, was interviewed on his new book Death in the Haymarket for CSPAN 2’s “Book TV” following his participation in the “Printers” Row Book Festival, held on June 9.

American studies professor Lynnell Thomas was interviewed by WBEZ- TV for a segment examining the fifth anniversary of 9/11. She compared 9/11 with other major tragedies in U.S. history, then spoke of how the country has changed and how these events impact our understand- ing of the catastrophe.

The Center for Social Policy (CSP) at the McCormack Graduate School for Policy Studies has partnered with the Citizens Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) to launch the “2006 Massachusetts Gubernatorial Candidates Website on Housing and Homelessness.” The website tracks candidates’ prepared state- ments on housing and homeless- ness, as well as statements made in the press on these issues. It also features the full transcript from the CHAPA-led forum on these issues, held at Faneuil Hall on June 22. The site will be easily searchable by topic, candidate, or more specific information, and will be a resource for voters and advocates alike. The target launch date for the website is September 13 and represents a partnership with leading housing and homeless- ness organizations. See www. mccormack.umb.edu/csp.

Support the New Empower Disabled Fund

This September, you can help to support UMass Boston’s Empower Disabled Fund (EDF), a nonprofit charitable fund es- tablished to help students with disabilities become more inde- pendent and achieve their goals, and possibly win a new car. To raise funds, EDF is hold- ing aaffle for a new 2006 Toyota Corolla, donated by Robert Boch at the Expressway Motors in Dorchester. Tickets are $50 and the winning number will be announced at a drawing on September 20. The winner will be responsible for tax, title, and fees.

Want to help out? To pur- chase a ticket or for more in- formation, please e-mail Sergio. Goncalves@umb.edu or Kerri. Cleghorn@umb.edu. For more information, please visit www. EmpowerDisabledFund.umb. edu.
**September 2006**

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) 287-5808 and the last five digits listed below each event.

Submit October calendar listings by Thursday, September 14 to umb.edu/news/calendar/.

**Monday 4**

**Labor Day**

University closed.

**Tuesday 5**

**Classes begin.**

Let’s Get It Started 2006

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Campus Center. Opening activities, including information stations (campus-wide), free food, student employment showcase, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; free sail with the sailing program, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; open house, Student Welcome Reception, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; comedy night and hip-hop after party, 7:00 – 12:00 a.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

Mindfulness Meditation Group

2:30 – 3:00 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. Join in the mindfulness meditation group sponsored by UMass Health Services. No prior experience with meditation is required. Contact: 7-5624 or lauren.mayhew@umb.umb.edu.

**Wednesday 6**

Let’s Get It Started 2006

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., campus-wide. Opening activities, including information stations; free food; student employment showcase, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; wine sail with the sailing program, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; open house, Student Welcome Reception, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; comedy night and hip-hop after party, 7:00 – 12:00 a.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

**Thursday 7**

Let’s Get It Started 2006

7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Campus Center. Opening activities, including information stations; free food; student employment showcase, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; free sail with the sailing program, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; open house, Student Welcome Reception, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; comedy night and hip-hop after party, 7:00 – 12:00 a.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

**Friday 8**

Let’s Get It Started 2006

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., campus-wide. Opening activities including information stations; Good Neighbor Day, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Beacons on the Plaza, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Beacon Fitness Open House, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; UMass Boston Night at the Museum of Science, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

Gerontology Department Dissertation Defense: Social Predictors of Driving Cessation Among Older Adults: Understanding the Driving Continuum

1:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Rm. 123, 1st fl. Featuring Joni Muthra, PhD candidate in gerontology. Contact: 7-73702.

**Saturday 9**

UMass Boston Athletics: Women’s Soccer vs. Fitchburg State College

11:00 a.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

UMass Boston Athletics: Men’s Soccer vs. Newbury College

2:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Sunday 10**

Komen Boston Race for the Cure®

9:00 a.m., UMass Boston. 5k (3.1 mile run/walk); 1 mile run/walk. More than 6,000 walkers and runners expected to participate. Contact: 7-7370 or km@komen.org.

Eco-tours of UMass Boston

3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Campus Center, off catwalk, 2fl. Learn more about UMass Boston’s eco-friendly practices. RVP to 7-5805 or umb.green@umb.edu.

**Monday 11**

Let’s Get It Started 2006

Campus Center. Opening activities, including information stations; free food; student employment showcase, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; free sail with the sailing program, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; open house, Student Welcome Reception, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; comedy night and hip-hop after party, 7:00 – 12:00 a.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

**Thursday 12**

Add/Drop ends.

Let’s Get It Started 2006

5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

UMass Boston Athletics: Women’s Volleyball vs. Suffolk University

6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Friday 13**

Convocation Breakfast

8:00 a.m., Clark Athletic Center, University Terrace, 1st fl.

The Chancellor’s Convocation Address

9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Campus Center, Ballroom. Chancellor Collins welcomes the UMass Boston community and speaks about the upcoming academic year.

The Honorable Margaret M. Markey, Guest Speaker

10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Campus Center, Ballroom. To mark Constitution Day 2006, the chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court offers a speech titled “To Be Educated and Instructed in the Principles of Freedom.”

Barbecue for Students

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Campus Center Lawn. Hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. Collins and their university colleagues.

**Saturday 14**

Diversity Luncheon Series

12:30 – 1:45 p.m., Campus Center, Rm. 3540, 3rd fl. Workshop sponsored by the Department of Counseling and School Psychology. Contact: 7-5690.

www.umb.edu/convocation.

**Sunday 15**

Shawn O’Connell Lecture and Reception

2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge, 2nd fl. Featuring Thaddeus M. Davis of University of Pennsylvania presenting “Langston Hughes, Gender Ventriloquy and Pedagogical Spectacles—plus English Department. Contact: 7-6702 or janet.mickievicz@umb.edu.

**Monday 16**

Let’s Get It Started 2006

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., outdoor and indoor stages featuring performances by Bruce Cockburn, Joan Baez, Winchester, The Kennedys, and more. See full schedule and ticket information, see www.bostonfolkfestival.org. Contact: 7-6911 or folkfest.umb.org.

**Tuesday 17**

UMass Boston Athletics: Women’s Soccer vs. Plymouth State University

1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Wednesday 18**

UMass Boston Athletics: Men’s Tennis vs. Dartmouth

3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Thursday 19**

UMass Boston Athletics: Women’s Tennis vs. Umass Dartmouth

3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Friday 20**

UMass Boston Athletics: Men’s Soccer vs. Rhode Island College

1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Saturday 21**

UMass Boston Athletics: Women’s Tennis vs. Bridgewater State University

1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Sunday 22**

Katrina anniversary symposium

9:00 – 5:00 p.m., Four Corners Cafeteria, Institute of Technology, third floor. A symposium to ask what have we learned, what do we do now, has history repeated itself? See http://media.umb.edu/ risingtide/ Contact: 7-5890.

**Monday 23**

Trotter Institute: Boston Meets Katrina Anniversary Symposium

Mc McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge
3rd fl. Panel of experts and scholars ask what have we learned, what do we do now, has history repeated itself? See http://media.umb.edu/ risingtide/ Contact: 7-5890.

UMass Boston Athletics: Men’s Tennis vs. Salem State College

3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Wednesday 27**

UMass Boston Athletics: Women’s Volleyball vs. Western New England University

6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

**Miscellaneous**

Annual Paul Gagnon Prize

The National Council for History Education (NCH) has established the prize to recognize history teacher-scholars. A gift can be sent to NCH, 1151 W Boylston Street, Suite B-2, Westlake, OH, 44145-4677 or by calling (440) 835-1776.

Beacon Fitness Center

Contact: 7-6766 or athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Campus Ministry

Offersings include interfaith Bible study, gospel choirs and musical ensembles, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, coalition justice workshops, and study trips to Israel, the Holy Land, and the Palestinians. Contact: 7-8389 or www.umb.edu/students/campus-ministry.

Empower Disabled Fund (EDF)

Car Raffle

3rd fl. UMass Boston’s Empower Disabled Fund, a nonprofit charitable fund to help students with disabilities become more independent and achieve their goals. EDF is holding a raffle in support of the fund for a new Toyota Corolla, donated by Robert Bosch, Expressway Motors, Dorchester. Tickets are $30. The winner will be announced on September 20. Contact: kerr.scheglev@umb.umb. edu, sergio.gonzales@umb.edu or www.empowerabledfund.umb.edu.

Patience of Nantucket

September 16 – 24, Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 334 Tremont Street, Boston. Play by Robert Johnson, Jr., of Africana Studies and directed by Akiba Abaka. Contact: 617-427-9417.

WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal

Sundays 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials to explore issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6901.