Nursing Scholars Examine Adaptation to Motherhood and Life Events

By Leigh DuPuy

Nursing professor Jacqueline Fawcett has been studying women's childbirth experiences for more than three decades. However, it wasn't until she arrived at UMass Boston, six years ago, that she was able to include undergraduate nursing students in her clinical research. Seeking to bridge the perceived gap between nursing research and practice, Fawcett is collaborating with faculty and students to better understand how people adapt to life-changing events, such as childbirth and motherhood.

Most recently, Fawcett has been working on three separate studies, national and international, that examine how women respond and adapt to cesarean births, planned or unplanned, and how they respond in general to motherhood. Through outreach and collaboration with colleagues and former students, Fawcett has been able to include women study participants in four U.S. cities: Boston, Milwaukee, Norfolk, Oklahoma City, as well as cities in Finland and Australia. "It gives us a great opportunity to examine how culture and geographic regions influence women's adaptation," says Fawcett.

Fawcett is using the Roy Adaptation Model as a conceptual framework for her research. "According to this model, people adapt in four ways," says Fawcett. "We look at how people adapt physiologically; in their concepts of self; in their role function, or how they adjust in their daily lives; and interdependence, or how they adapt in their relationships." She hopes this research will help inform current nursing practices.

For example, the first study, which is nearly complete, examines women's perceptions of and responses to having a cesarean birth. Preliminary results suggest that new nursing interventions are needed to help women, especially those having unplanned cesareans, to better adapt to their birth experiences.

Not only designed to improve nursing practice, Fawcett also wants to use these studies to expand on students' clinical experiences.

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New Class of Emerging Leaders Take on Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

“The Emerging Leaders program has provided the road map on how to become a collaborative leader—a leader who is involved, not only in business, but in the community. I can make a difference in my community utilizing the leadership and team-building skills provided by UMass Boston,” said Patricia Theberge, information technology executive at Raytheon and Emerging Leader 2005 fellow. Theberge and other fellows gathered at the Boston Marriott Copley Place on October 20 for the Emerging Leaders Program luncheon, featuring a keynote address by Liberty Mutual Chairman, president, and CEO Edmund F. Kelly. The event recognized the forty-two young Boston-area professionals in the fourth cohort of program fellows and the nominees for the fifth class. Chancellor Michael E. Collins, UMass president Jack Wilson, and many program alumni joined 300 business and community leaders who attended the “graduation” of the new fellows and meet those poised to take on new leadership roles in the Greater Boston area.

Sponsored by the Center for Collaborative Leadership at the College of Management and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the Emerging Leaders Program provides unique opportunities for young professionals. Each fall, senior executives in corporations and non-profits are called on to nominate candidates with five to ten years of experience who have demonstrated leadership potential and want to enhance their leadership skills and opportunities.

“We are directly taking on the leadership challenges posed by our community’s changing demographics and offering a different kind of collaborative model for problem solving,” said Sherry Penney, director of the Center for Collaborative Leadership and program founder. The nine-month program starts each January with a week-long seminar exploring leadership skills and examining critical issues facing the region. Fellows learn about resources, networks, and ways of identifying and achieving common goals. Fellows meet monthly from February through September, working in teams to produce and present to Mayor Thomas Menino action plans to address issues facing the Greater Boston region.

“The Emerging Leaders program provides Boston’s young leaders with the skills and network they need to become innovative problem solvers and help keep Greater Boston and their companies competitive,” said Cleve Killingsworth, CEO of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

City Councilor Debate (cont.)

of the Dorchester Reporter, who assisted in organizing the debate as a fellow of the center.

“Tonight’s debate aims to bring you something special that is very much in line with UMass Boston’s urban mission,” Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., told the audience. “Tonight’s debate brings you crucial access to Boston City Council candidates, and tonight, the questions will come not from members of the mainstream media, but from reporters who represent our city’s ethnic media, offering important perspectives that are not always given center stage.”

The Center on Media and Society created the Ethnic Media Project in 2004 to improve the quality and vitality of ethnic media in New England and build bridges across ethnic divides. The network, which is part of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, serves as a resource for the university, the community, and the professional worlds of journalism and politics.

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Adaptation to Motherhood (cont.)

She approached her nursing colleague Cynthia Aber with the idea of engaging students enrolled in the undergraduate maternal nursing program to participate in research and data collection for the studies.

Aber, chair of the Nursing Department and coordinator of the Maternity Nursing and Women’s Health undergraduate course, thought it was a great idea. She says they really need to see the relevancy between teaching, research, and practice. “As part of their coursework, they are assigned to a client who gave birth in a local hospital, and set up a home visit. They then write up the results of their interview as a clinical paper.”

“It is an easy way to get data, students understand the research process better, and it gives them credit for class,” says Fawcett. She also noticed that students, once nervous at the thought of conducting home visits, were encouraged by the experience and found interviewing the new mothers much easier than they thought it would be.

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What have Fawcett and her colleagues discovered in these studies? “What I find most surprising—and I’ve been doing these studies since the 1970s—is that no matter how well-educated or prepared a woman is for childbirth, she still has difficulties in adjusting to motherhood and faces the same challenges,” she says.

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“Mothers who have other children still face the same fatigue, but also need to find ways to adjust their family’s life and routines to those of a new baby.”

Fawcett has been working with other faculty members to adapt this prototype to their own research. “We can use the Roy Adaptation Model for other studies of how people adapt to life events,” said Fawcett. “These challenges are universal regardless of whether a woman has given birth before. “For first-timers, I don’t think there is any way to try and prepare someone for the fatigue. You can’t store up sleep, and I don’t think women can really anticipate the level of sleep deprivation they will face until they are in the situation,” says Fawcett.

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The ORSP has a staff of 11, which Antonak said UMass Boston hopes to expand in the near future. The office assists the university faculty and staff with obtaining outside financial support for research, training, and scholarship through grant proposals.

Grant funding can allow faculty and staff to buy scientific equipment, do a dissertation, write a book, or take a sabbatical, Francis said of the variety of ways grants support education. She’s hoping to expand and further the outside support during her tenure.

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With Chancellor Collins’s vow to increase the amount of external moneys coming to the university, “we’re doing just that,” she said.

For fiscal year 2004-2005, ORSP brought in $35.6 million dollars. By 2008, the goal is to increase that to $50 million dollars, according to Francis. “A corrective action plan that I’m about to roll out will allow us to increase the funding,” Francis said.

And obtaining those goals is “highly meaningful,” she said. “We want to increase external moneys coming to the university community.”

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She graduated from Vassar College with a bachelor of arts degree in political science, and received her master of arts degree in urban and regional planning from the University of New Orleans. She received her Ph.D. in higher education administration also from the University of New Orleans.

Richard Antonak, vice provost of research, said in a statement that Francis’s appointment “demonstrates the university administration’s commitment to supporting the growth of research in all its forms at UMass Boston.”

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Carlos Fernandez ’99, men’s soccer player and most recent graduate to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, celebrated the occasion with his mother, Fatima Wright, her husband, Stephen Wright, and his wife, Vania Fernandez. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The UMass Boston Athletics Hall of Fame Induction has quickly become one of the biggest and most spectacular annual events for the athletics program. In its third year in the historic Hall of Fame welcomed ten new inductees into the fold in a ceremony that was held on October 13 to recognize not only athletes from UMass Boston’s athletics program, which has been in existence since 1980-81, but also those from Boston State College (BSC).

Longtime television reporter and alumnus Dan Rea served as the master of ceremonies for an evening that celebrated the accomplishments of former Boston Celtics legend and Boston State men’s basketball coach Jim Loscutoff, as well as basketball star John Buckley ’66, hockey standout Bob Quinn ’69, and football and lacrosse player James Kent ’75. UMass Boston’s Jackie James ’87 was inducted for her exemplary track and field career, along with Carol Thomas ’87, who was enshrined for her All-American efforts in basketball and track and field. Men’s soccer player Carlos Fernandez ’99 was the most recent graduate to be inducted, and Charles Titus became the first UMass Boston administrator to receive the honor. Two championship teams were also immortalized as the 1981-82 ECAC Champion Men’s Ice Hockey squad and the 1986-87 Indoor Women’s Track and Field teams received their due.

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Scholars and Leaders Revisit “Dear Haiti” at 17th Annual Conference

By Leigh DuPuy

More than 1,500 participants came to UMass Boston to discuss Haiti and the Haitian Diaspora at the 17th annual Haitian Studies Conference, which returned to UMass Boston in October after a 11-year hiatus. Throughout the three-day event, scholars, activists, and community leaders held discussions on how the media views the Caribbean nation, the identity of Haitian youth, how immigration law affects Haitians living in the U.S., and issues of education, religion, politics, and the economy.

“We want to connect with academics and help frame discussions that influence policy and move the country forward,” says Marc Prou, Africana Studies professor and executive director of the Haitian Studies Association (HSA), which organizes the annual event. Prou cofounded the organization 18 years ago, saying, “I saw there was a need to create an agenda for Haitian studies, share knowledge, and to create an agenda for Haitian studies.”

Prou cites as an example the popular misconception of voodoo as a witchcraft practice that uses pins and dolls as tools for punishing others. “It’s actually a very sacred religion,” he says, not at all what filmmakers portray it to be. HSA was created, he says, to foster research on Haiti and Haitians and identify and disseminate information on Haiti. The association is headquartered at UMass Boston, publishes The Journal of Haitian Studies, and has an expert database of more than 1,000, 300 of whom are scholars on Haiti. “We like to see ourselves as a clearinghouse for information on the country,” says Prou.

Prou sees HSA’s mission as seeking to debunk or demystify these popular misconceptions of a “renegade nation,” considered by many since the days of the 1804 Haitian Revolution that resulted in unprecedented black self-government in a former colony. “We need to readdress historical prejudice that continues to this day,” he says.

Not only an academic investigation, these efforts directly affect Haitian immigrants, Prou says, and he has seen changes in many of his students and their self-identity. “There was a time when students wouldn’t admit that they were Haitian,” says Prou. “Now many see that there are deans, presidents, provosts, musicians, filmmakers who are all successful and from Haiti.”

The theme for this year’s conference, which was relocated from Haiti to UMass Boston due to political turmoil, was “Haiti ‘Chérie’: Creating New Pathways for Tomorrow.” Prou explains, “It means ‘dear Haiti’! Despite all the tribulations there, the country is still so very dear to us.” Among those in attendance at the conference were Chancellor Michael F. Collins and Massachusetts State Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, who both gave opening remarks, and more than 100 panelists. Prou and HSA members collaborated with many conference sponsors, including: the Office of the Chancellor, the Department of Africana Studies, the William Monroe Trotter Institute, Massachusetts Bay Community College, Wellesley College, the Center for Community Health and Research, and Asosiyasyon Fanmi Ayisyen nan Boston.

WUMB Radio Honors Those Who Serve the Community

By Marilyn Rea Beyers

At their second annual Voice for the Community Awards presentation, local public radio broadcaster WUMB-FM presented Massachusetts singer/songwriter Patty Larkin with a plaque and an evening of accolades held at UMass Boston, the station’s home. Long-term donors and hardworking volunteer staffers were also recognized, where members and honorees gathered for a meal, camaraderie, and music at the Campus Center.

There, WUMB honored a number of people who contributed to the folk music community by working behind the scenes. “It’s such a pleasure to take time out and honor those who have contributed-steadily for twenty years or more,” said Patricia Monteith, WUMB general manager. “Our four volunteer award recipients have put in more than just hours; they’ve contributed to the spirit of public radio and the folk community.” Volunteers Frank Burke, Laura Chase, Carol Day, and Cindy Nelson received a clock as a thank-you present for working at the station for a full work day every week.

Those who have supported folk music and public radio with financial contributions were also celebrated. The station honored thirty-seven who have donated to WUMB for 20 years or more. Of those, more than a third are alumni of UMass Boston or members of the greater university community. Alumnus Frederick Hanson, Jr., and Mark Schlesinger of the American Studies Department were on hand at the event and presented special recognition. Hanson was director back in the early 1980s, when the station was still an on-campus-only operation; and Schlesinger was a charter contributor. To cap off the evening, Larkin performed a 20-minute set. She received WUMB’s community service award for her efforts on behalf of a wide array of organizations, ranging from those that protect wildlife and seek to end domestic violence to those in support of breast cancer and AIDS research.

Monteith says, “Patty is the ideal honoree for our Voice for the Community Award. She’s spent years looking for ways to make the world around her a little bit better, not only with her music, but with hard work, too.”

Accreditation for Visual Impairment: Track Addresses Education Gap

UMass Boston recently received accreditation from the Massachusetts Department of Education for its Teacher of Visual Impairment track in the Master’s Degree in Special Education, making it the region’s only training program for educating teachers in the field of visual impairment.

“Children with visual impairments are currently being underserved within the educational system, and it is crucial that the severe national shortage of personnel serving children with visual impairments is addressed,” said William Kiernan, director of the Institute for Community Inclusion.

“This brings us one step closer to providing children with visual impairments a quality education with a proper student/teacher ratio.”

In addition, through the efforts of the Northeast Regional Center for Vision Education (N ERCVE) program, the Gradu ate College of Education has received two five-year federal grants totaling $2.75 million to prepare personnel to serve children with visual impairments—specifically, teachers of the visually impaired and orientation and mobility specialists.

NERCVE is an established center within the Institute for Community Inclusion and is academically affiliated with the graduate college. NERCVE is dedicated to improving the quality of education and rehabilitation services to children and adults with visual impairments by supporting regionally accessible educational opportunities throughout New England. A primary mission of NERCVE is to support a regionally accessible high-quality distance education program to address this shortage.

“It is amazing to reflect on all that has been accomplished in a relatively short time frame,” said Robert McCulley, NERCVE director. “In just three years, NERCVE has built a network to obtain federal, state, and private resources, designed an entirely new graduate curriculum, prepared faculty to teach online, enrolled over sixty matriculated students with representation from each New England state, and completed the process toward accreditation that ultimately resulted in the approval for state licensure.”

The first six graduates of the program have officially been endorsed by the university for state licensure from the State of Massachusetts Department of Education on September 24.

Ninth Annual Chancellor’s Years of Service Celebration

November 17

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

McCormack Hall

Ryan Lounge

Celebration for those who have given 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years of service to the university. This year, 149 employees will be recognized, including four with 40 years of service.
PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES


Joan Garity, CNHS associate professor, delivered the paper “Expressions of Grief in the Alzheimer's Family Care Giver: Analysis of the Literature” at the 58th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, held in November.

David Levy, CM professor of management, was a featured presenter at the “Globalization of Services” event, held at the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan.

Donaldo Macedo, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, was the keynote speaker at the 5th Annual Bi-National Border Pedagogy Conference, held at the University of San Diego, California.

Sathisavan Mathiyalakan, assistant professor of management science and operations management, presented the paper “Small Business in Commerce Research Opportunities” at the International Digital Business Academy Conference, held in Las Vegas in September.

In September, Tatsuya MescHede, John McGiah, and Julia Tripp of the Center for Social Policy (CSP) made presentations at the National Homelessness Management Information System national conference in St. Louis. There, Julia Tripp's presentation was titled "Bring America Home, featuring exclusively homeless or formerly homeless people, was performed.

Tatsuya MescHede, CSP senior research associate, presented "Shelter as Triage: Rapid Entry into Housing First" at the Strategies for Hope: Ending Homelessness in Massachusetts' conference, sponsored by the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance.

Ruth Miller, assistant professor of history, gave the talk "Abortion, Immigration, and the Rights of the Citizen in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey" at a symposium on comparative gender-relevant legislative change in Muslim and non-Muslim countries, held at Harvard Law School on October 1.

Cheryl Nixon, assistant professor of English, gave the paper “Rewriting and Regendering Popular Trial Records: The Amstey and Muslin Cases” at a conference for the Northeastern Society for Eighteenth-Centuries Studies.

Professor Susan Opotow of the Family Research Program, sponsored by Sanofi, reported on his internship with the U.S. State Department; Henry Rafael on his work with the U.N. Office for Migrant and Refugees; and Kosovar, Kelly Tobin on her work with Habitat for Humanity in Zambia; and Manassah Toh on his
work on the political economy of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa with the Center for Democracy and Development. Werner discussed the role of Boston in the world.

Theodora Welch, assistant professor of management, presented the paper “The Private Information Factor Market Paradox: An Empirical Examination” at the 25th Annual Interna-
tional Conference on Strategic Management Society.

Julie Winch, professor of history, was invited to speak on the subject of Aaron Burr’s biracial son, John P. Burr, and his career as an abolitionist and civil rights activist in antebellum Philadelphia.

PUBLICATIONS

A committee article by Pratyush Bharati, assistant professor of management science and informa-
tion systems, “Managing IT for Quality of Services: The Case of Disquette Light,” was published by the International Journal of Information Management.

Adam Colón-Carmona, assistant professor of biology, was coauthor of the article “Arabidopsis TCP20 Links Regulation of Growth and Cell Division/Control Pathways” in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA. He also published the article “Stress Responses to Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Arabidopsis Include Growth Inhibition and Hypersensitive Response-Like Symptoms” on cover story for November’s Journal of Experimental Botany.

Mary Davis, EEOS assistant professor, recently published “Environmental Polities in the U.S.: A Study of State Sulfur Dioxide Standards” in Environmental Assessment Policy and Management.


Quantum: Metaphysical Illustrations by Tomaž Bunk with Physical Explanation by “Euerkasn“ and Larry D. Kirkpatrick was published in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit at the New York Hall of Science. "Euerkasn" is director of the Center of Science and Math in Context and distinguished professor of science education.

"Hunter’s," a short story by John Fulton, assistant professor of English, was awarded a Pushcart Prize and will be published in Pushcart Prize XXXV. Best of the Small Presses. The story was also cited as one of the year’s 100 best in Best American Stories 2005.

His short story “The Soldier’s Wife” was published in Ontario Review.

Joan Ganty, CNHS associate professor, received the manuscript “Concept Analysis: Malpractice and Modern Day Nursing Practice” for the Journal of Advanced Nursing.

Roderick Jensen, the Brain Distinguished Professor of Physics, Biology, and Mathematics and director of the Center for Environmental Health, Science, and Technology, published the paper on his collaboration with the Brigham and Women’s Hospital, “Validation of Genomics-Based Prognostic Tests in Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma,” in Clinical Cancer Research.

In the 50th-anniversary issue of Connection: The Journal of the New England Board of Higher Education, Esther Kingston-Mann of the History Department and American Studies Program was named one of ten “visionaries” in New England higher education; her essay “Diversifying Academic Knowledge” is in its October issue.

A new book by Betsy Klimasmith of the Massachusetts Department, at Home in the City: Urban Domicility in Modern American Literature and Culture, 1850-1930, will be published by the University Press of New England in November.

The Globalization of Racism, edited by Donaldo Macado, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, and Marianna Gomari, assistant professor in the Applied Linguistics Graduate Program, was published by Paradigm Publishers.

Marc Prou, assistant professor of African Studies, published the review essay “Haiti’s Condemna-
tion: History and Culture at the Crossroads” in the Latin American Research Review and the committee article “Minimizing Risks in Caribbean Study Abroad: Who’s Responsibility?” in an on-line publication of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica.

EEOS professor William Robinson and recent doctoral graduate Timothy Ward published “Evolu-
tion of Cadmium Resistance in Arabidopsis thaliana” in Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry.

Professor Lorna Rivera of the College of Public and Community Service published the article “Social Inequality, Social Mobility, and Education” in Democracy & Education.

“Commentary: Older Drvier Safety: Why Emergency Physicians Should Care About Medical Advisory Board” by Nina M. Advede, associate professor of gerontology and senior research fellow at the Gerontology Institute, was published in the Annals of Emergency Medicine in October.

With Professor Miren Uriarte, Ph.D. Program in Public Policy student Phillip J. Granberry and Megan Halloran wrote the chapter “Immigration Status, Employment, and Eligibility for Public Benefits among Latin American Immigrants in Massachusetts” in Latinos in New England, to be published by Temple University Press next year.


EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, RECORDINGS

The play Mother by African Studies chair Robert Johnson, Jr., was presented in stage reading by Our Place Theatre Project on September 26 in Roxbury.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

In October, GCOE’s Lisa Gonvalis, principal investigator, and co-principal investigators Jorgelina Abatte-Vaughn, Brian White, Marietta Schwartz, and Allison Skerrett were awarded a $500,000 Robert F. Noyce grant from the National Science Foundation to implement the Robert Noyce Scholarship Teacher Preparation Program at UMass Boston. Working in partnership with the Boston Public Schools, the program will recruit and prepare talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics undergraduates and professionals to teach candidates for urban schools.

A project designed to help improve the teaching of American history and involving GCOE’s Jonathan Chu, “Walking in the Footsteps of Legends and Ordinary Folk: Boston in Backdrop and Battleground,” received a grant of $798,175.

Partners in the grant are the Educational Collaborative, a group of western school districts, GCOE and the History Department, Old Sturbridge Village, the Freedom Trail Foundation, Old South Meeting, and the Museum of Fine Arts.

Ichwan Rujisan, associate professor of the Other Lifelong Learning Foundation, was identified as a student. The Women in Politics and Public Policy graduate certificate program was awarded the University Continuing Education Association’s Innovative and Creative Programming Award for 2005 by its New England Chapter. The program is one of two operated by the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education to receive recognition. The Boston Area Advanced Technological Education connections won in the non-credit category.

The EEOC Department was recently designated a “Fellowship Host Organization” by the United Nations’ Nippon Foundation of Japan. Of the 24 host institutions, EEOC joins only eight others in the U.S.

DISSERTATION

Michelle Washko successfully defended her dissertation “Volun-
teenering and Aging Adults: A Study of Exploration of Behavioral Determin-
ant and Their Effects on Volunteer Commitment,” earning a Ph.D. in Gerontology from the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

EVENTS

The College of Management’s Department of Accounting, the CM Career Center, Delta Sigma Pi and the Accounting and Finance Academy sponsored a networking event with CPA firms and related organizations. The event was spearheaded by professor Tom Hogan and career services specialist Krissy Callavan.

The College of Management welcomed new student and alumnus Michael Collins, M.D., to its first senior executive forum of the new academic year. Chancellor Collins, a professor of management, spoke on the important issue of health care costs in a well-attended event, held in the Campus Center.

CORRECTION

In a caption for a photograph of conversation activities in the October issue, Chancellor Collins is shown speaking with Kennedy Oppong, who is a student senator, and African Studies professor Annalyn Palgum, who was originally identified as a student.

IN THE NEWS

Xiaogang Dong, associate professor of sociology, was interviewed five times recently by Free Radio Asia on topics concerning China’s policy toward adolescence, education, mental health, college readiness, and the new anti-family abuse law.

Virginia Smith Harvey of the Counseling and School Psychology Department commented on the topic “perfectionism in children and adults” in a radio interview on October 13 with Elizabeth Dalton on WGGI 1340 a.m.

In October, African Studies professor Marc Prou was featured in an article in the Boston Herald. Prou was quoted in another in the Globe and was interviewed on WGBH’s Ch. 2 for the Boston Herald Central on American Studies Conference, held at UMass Boston.

The Small Business Development Center at the College of Manage-
ment and its clients were featured in an article in the Boston Herald.

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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 last five digits below each event.

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

Tuesday 1

Yoga for All 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. For all levels. Students free. Faculty and Staff: $5.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5680.

Friday 4

Biography Department Seminar Series: Checkpoint Responses and Repair of a Broken Chromosome 8:00 p.m., Science Center, 1st fl. Featuring James C. Haber of Brandeis University. Contact: 7-6600 or maria.mahoney@umb.edu.

Saturday 5

Creation of the World and Other Business 8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2-008. Play by Arthur Miller and directed by Wendy Overly. Ticket prices: $10.00 general admission, $7.00 students with valid ID and seniors. Also on November 11 and at 8:00 p.m. and on November 8 at 5:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640 or mark.var@umb.edu.

Monday 14

Gerontology Institute and Department Colloquium Series: Social Security Reform 1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-125. Featuring Peter Diamond, Institute Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Contact: 7-7300.

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Thursday 3

Meditation Group 2:30 – 3:00 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Guided instruction. All are welcome. Contact: 7-5640 or lauren.mark@umb.edu.

Tai Chi Class – Meditation in Motion 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Classes instructed by Benjamin H. Wang, 3rd degree black belt holder. Contact: 7-5640 or linda.jorgenson@umb.edu.

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Friday 18

Biography Department Seminar Series: Genes Expressed in Omataca 2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-095. Featuring Dmitry Nurminsky of Tufts University. Contact: 7-6600 or maria.mahoney@umb.edu.

Friday 11

Veteran's Day. University closed.

Monday 14

Gerontology Institute and Department Colloquium Series: Social Security Reform 1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-125. Featuring Peter Diamond, Institute Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Contact: 7-7300.

Tuesday 15

Yoga for All 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl. For all levels. Students free. Faculty and Staff: $5.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5680.

Wednesday 16


Thursday 17

Diversity Luncheon Series: Discussion of Domestic Violence in Different Cultures 12:15 – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center, Bay View Conference Room, 3-5440. Hosted by Leona Franklin of the UHS Counseling Center. First 20 students to register by November 14 will receive a free lunch. Contact: 7-6890 or edna.pressler@umb.edu.

Thursday 10

Brown Bag Luncheon: Boston's First Female Photographer 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Campus Center, Founders’ Room, 3rd fl. An illustrated talk about S. R. Charter, the first woman to operate a commercial photography studio in Boston. Featuring Ron Polios, retired art faculty member. Contact: 7-5330 or alumni@umb.edu.

Chancellor’s Years of Service Reception 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Annual reception to honor employees’ years of service to the university. This year, 149 employees will be honored for 10, 15, 20, 35, 50, and 30 years of service. Contact: 7-5176.

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Wednesday 30

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy Fall Women’s Research Forum: Political, Policy and Personal Perspectives on Women and Homeliness in Massachusetts 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor’s Conference Room. Featuring a panel of researchers at the Center for Social Policy. Contact: 7-5569.


M.A. English Program Fall 2005 Colloquium Series: The Pregnant Pause; or Anna as Denmark in Queen of Da Nile by Ben Wilson’s Masque of Blackness 5:30 – 6:45 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-095. Featuring Scott Masano of the University of Pennsylvania. All are welcome. Readings are available in the Graduate English office. Contact: 7-7602.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum 6:30 – 7:00 p.m., McCormack Center, Founders’ Room, 3rd fl. Featuring James Kocke, Executive vice president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Contact: cmc@umb.edu.

Miscellaneous

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting Wednesdays, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Campus Center, 4-4201. Meeting for people involved in recovery from alcohol or drug abuse. All are welcome. Contact: 7-7981, sgrn18@aol.com.

Campus Ministry Offers include interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic Student Christian Community, Pastoral worship, justice coalitioon workshops, etc. Contact: 7-5839 or www.umb. edu/students/campus_ministry/.

Clark Athletic Center Open Monday through Friday: 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. See www.athletics.umb.edu for schedules, scores, rosters, coaches, building hours, community program, Fitness Center membership, etc. Contact: 7-7801.

Eco-tours of UMass Boston 3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays. Just off camwalk, 2nd fl. Campus Center. Contact: 7-7801. See umb.edu/sustainability for UMass Boston’s eco-friendly practices. RSVP to 7- 5083 or umb.green@umb.edu.

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

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