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UMass Boston Debate Places Ethnic Media and Issues at Center of At-Large Boston City Council Race

By Ed Hayward

Talking about education, public safety, and the equal distribution of basic city services to each neighborhood, the eight finalists for Boston's four at-large City Council seats brought the campaign to the University of Massachusetts Boston last month for a debate sponsored by the Center on Media and Society.

The topics brought into focus for the 250 people in the Campus Center ballroom on October 19 centered on issues of concern to Boston's ethnic neighborhoods, as well as the ethnic and community media who cover a rapidly changing city—referred to by some observers as "the New Boston"—where, for the first time, people of color make up a majority of residents.

Sam Yoon, the only Asian American citywide candidate for a councilor-at-large seat, was one of eight candidates who participated in the October 19 debate, sponsored by the Center on Media and Society and held at UMass Boston. The debate centered on issues of concern to Boston's ethnic neighborhoods. (Photo by Harry Brett)

"This was a debate focused on Boston's neighborhoods and the issues critical to the voters who live in them," said Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society. "As Boston's demographics change, so does its political debate. The city's ethnic and community media have been covering these dynamic stories closer than anyone else."

The eight at-large candidates who took the stage included incumbents Felix Arroyo, Michael Flaherty, and Stephen Murphy, and challengers John Connolly, Ed Flynn, Matt O'Malley, Patricia White, and Sam Yoon.

Television producer and WGBH-TV commentator Callie Crossley moderated the 90-minute debate, while questions were posed by Sara Suarez, producer, WUNI-TV/Univision; Anh Nguyen, news correspondent, *Sampan;* and Yawu Miller, senior editor, *The Bay State Banner* and a fellow this year at the center.

The diverse press panel was drawn from the ranks of the center's Ethnic Media Project in order to highlight the role of the city's burgeoning ethnic and community media, which increasingly are used as primary sources by the city's diverse electorate, said Bill Forry, managing editor

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Nursing Scholars Examine Adaptation to Motherhood and Life Events

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences' Susan DeSanto-Madeya, Jacqueline Fawcett, and Cynthia Aber investigate how people adapt to life-changing events in several collaborative research projects. Amy Rex Smith, who also collaborates on studies that use the Roy Adaptation Model, is not pictured here. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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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UMass Boston Hosts Joint Committee on Higher Education Meeting

By Anne-Marie Kent

On the morning of October 11, University of Massachusetts president Jack Wilson, chair of the Board of Trustees Robert Karam, UMass Boston chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., and chancellors and one deputy chancellor from the five UMass campuses addressed the Joint Committee on Higher Education in the Campus Center ballroom.

Led by co-chairs Senator Robert O'Leary and Representative Kevin J. Murphy, the Joint Committee is composed of members of both the Senate and the House and considers all matters concerning higher education in the Commonwealth for the state legislature. During the two-hour meeting, the committee interviewed the president, chair, and chancellors on issues regarding access and affordability in public higher education.

Co-Chair Robert O'Leary began the meeting by stressing the importance of public higher education to the Commonwealth's business community. "The effort we are all involved in here is gaining in visibility and public support and is becoming more widely recognized," said O'Leary.

(Right to left) Senators Robert O'Leary (D-Brewster), co-chair of the Joint Committee on Higher Education, and Steven C. Panagiotakos (D-Lowell) discussed public higher education in the Commonwealth with leaders in the UMass system. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Opening the testimony, Chair Robert Karam, himself an alumnus of UMass Dartmouth, said, "Over 200,000 residents of the Commonwealth are graduates of UMass. They help drive, direct, and develop the local economies," said Karam, who also indicated that one quarter of Massachusetts legislators hold UMass degrees.

President Wilson then praised the leadership of Senate President E. Travaglini, an alumnus of UMass Boston, House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, the chairmen, and members of the committee. He added, "We are inspired by the developments we have seen during this past year: the diligent and important work conducted by Senator Panagiotakos, Senator Rosenberg, and the other members of the Senate Taskforce on Higher Education; we are inspired by the advocacy being demonstrated by Chairman Murphy and other members of the House; inspired by Chairman O'Leary's commitment; and we are truly inspired by the decision to create a standing committee dedicated to the advancement of higher education."

He recalled the Saxon Commission that fifteen years ago studied the higher education landscape in the Commonwealth. Chaired by former MIT Corporation chairman and University of California president David Saxon and boasting a blue-ribbon roster of members, the Saxon Commission, reported Wilson, came forward with "an overarching recommendation, that Massachusetts must build a world-class public university."

That a world-class public university is needed in Massachusetts was well agreed upon by those in attendance. How to achieve such a system within tight budget constraints remained a matter for discussion.

Legislators questioned the panel of chancellors on their funding priorities, key programs, and ideas regarding the feasibility of a "rainy day fund." In response, many of the chancellors reacted to what some described as "roller-coaster" experiences of funding cuts during past years, resulting in the inability to carry out long-term planning goals.

In his remarks, Chancellor Collins cited needs including investment in campus infrastructure, particularly to remediate serious deferred maintenance issues, including the garage foundation of the university; investment in faculty and staff salaries and honoring past commitments with regard to salaries and raises; as well as maintaining key programs. Chancellor Collins also pointed to the need for financial aid for students.

"Many of our students work at least one, sometimes two or three jobs," said Chancellor Collins. "We need to find more creative ways to help them finance their education and to perpetuate the reputation of access and affordability for which this university is known."

Professor Rachel Rubin, president of the Faculty and Staff Union, thanked the chancellor for drawing attention to salary issues and, speaking to the larger discussion of higher-education funding cuts and their impact on long-range planning and operation, referred to the roller-coaster metaphor: "We [faculty] are trying to teach on the roller-coaster. We are trying to do our research on the roller-coaster. We need to get off the roller-coaster."

South African Anti-Apartheid Leader and Author Speaks at UMass Boston

An audience at UMass Boston had the chance to hear firsthand about the struggles and successes of a former political prisoner of South African apartheid at an on-campus event held October 18. Ahmed Kathrada was among the seven original political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, who were convicted of treason in 1963 and sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labor on Robben Island for their efforts to end the South African government's apartheid policies. Kathrada served 26 years in prison before being released and subsequently entered South Africa's parliament. Following his address, Kathrada signed his book Memoirs, *which chronicles his life story. (Photo by Harry Brett).*

UMass Boston Tops Reputation Survey

UMass Boston continues to draw praise from Massachusetts businesses, according to a new survey by local reputation-management firm Morrissey & Company. The university ranked 14th in a list of 69 well-known businesses and organizations in the latest Massachusetts Corporate Reputation Survey (MCRS). The survey annually asks business executives to rate the reputations of the Bay State's leading private and public enterprises on a variety of important corporate attributes.

The survey asked 200 senior-level executives to rate a select list of well-known Massachusetts companies and organizations on six attributes—general reputation, products and services, social responsibility, ethics and corporate governance, workplace and financial performance.

This is the second time UMass Boston has joined the ranks of top-20 institutions such as Harvard University, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Tufts University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and others.

Researchers found that non-profit institutions in higher education and health care enjoy the best reputations among business executives in Massachusetts.

The MCRS was conducted by Opinion Dynamics Corporation, a national leader in market research, polling, and consulting for Morrissey & Company and is available on their web site: **www.reputationsurvey.com.**

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"Deep Routes": New Urban Cultural History Center Debuts Exhibit

By Lisa Gentes

Over 200 students, faculty, and community members gathered last month for the debut of a new exhibit at the Healey Library and helped celebrate the creation of the Urban Cultural History Center. Faculty and staff at UMass Boston are hoping students from all majors, and members of the community, will take in "Deep Routes: Negotiating Race by Sea and Rail."

The exhibit is sponsored by the recently established Urban Cultural History Center in the College of Liberal Arts, Friends of the Healey Library, and the Trotter Institute. The exhibit focuses on Pullman porters and the nineteenth-century African American community in antebellum Nantucket. It features photos and archival material.

Donna Kuizenga, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, called the new cultural center a "think tank for urban cultural history."

"Cultural history looks at human culture in all its manifestations, past and present," she said in a statement. "It is a cutting-edge field that brings together methods and knowledge bases of the humanities, social sciences, and the arts."

Daniel Ortiz, director of the Healey Library, and Barbara Lewis, director of the Trotter Institute, collaborated with Donna Kuizenga, dean of the College of Liberal Arts (not pictured), to sponsor the "Deep Routes: Negotiating Race by Sea and Rail" exhibit, now showing in the Healey Library. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Kuizenga said the exhibit "exemplifies some of the kinds of work cultural historians do," and relates directly to the mission of the center.

Barbara Lewis, director of the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black History and Culture, put together the exhibit. The Trotter Institute, founded in 1984 at UMass Boston, focuses on black history and culture.

"One of the things I did in putting the visuals portion of Pullmans together is concentrate on Pullmans who worked in New England," Lewis said, adding that it allows viewers to "see the Boston flavor" of these workers, including those who worked at South Station and North Station.

Lewis used borrowed materials from Mrs. Adele Ames, widow of James Bradford Ames, the son of an early African American family on Nantucket. Ames had lent the materials to the Trotter Institute. She said the exhibit shows how social change was impacted by sailing and whaling.

Some of the Ames photos reflect the middle-class life in Nantucket, she said, and the participation in whaling and sailing. The family was also involved in the livery service. "It seems that transportation was a key way which African Americans were able to get jobs and support themselves, their families, and build up equity."

Lewis said the exhibit can be viewed in different lights, including economic, sociological, literary, and film. "It's really a rich resource," she said.

Robert Johnson Jr., professor and chairman of the Africana Studies Department, wrote a play, *Patience of Nantucket*, part of which was performed at last month's exhibit debut.

The play, set in nineteenth-century Nantucket, is about a conflict between the African American and white communities after a white elder is killed on the island and an African American is arrested for the murder, Johnson said.

Johnson said he thinks an exhibit such as "Deep Routes" is important "because what happens is, through this kind of exposure, the community is made aware of diversity—diversity of the African American experience and also African American struggle within the United States to achieve humanity and equality," he said.

Johnson said he has encouraged his students to see the exhibit and to write a reaction paper on the experience. "It's an important part of the education process for students to use exhibits, art, and music to advance their understanding of history," he said.

Healey Library director Daniel Ortiz said the collaborative effort and the "desire to bring alive what the Trotter is doing," along with the Culture Center, brought the exhibit to the library.

"The library has made it its mission to make people aware about what's happening at UMass Boston," he said. "Research and academics is at the juncture."

Ortiz said the library is a place for people to make connections, network, bring together different efforts, and "put it in context that it's not only scholarly work, but something to relish and enjoy with music, works, treasures, testimonies."

He said "Deep Routes" allows viewers to "peek into a different universe that many don't know much about."

New Class of Emerging Leaders Take on Boston

(Left to right) Lisa Fortenberry, a fellow from the 2005 Emerging Leaders Program, smiles with two nominees for the 2006 cohort: Ileana Jimenez Garcia and Jodi Wolin. (Photo by Harry Brett).

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 F. 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 boundaries. The Center, 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.

New Director for Research and Sponsored Projects

By Lisa Gentes

UMass Boston has been keeping Valera Francis extremely busy since her appointment as director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP). "It's been non-stop," Francis said in an interview last month. "They've been keeping me busy, but it's a good busy. I wouldn't want to have it any other way."

The New Orleans native came to UMass Boston from Xavier University of Louisiana. During her five-year tenure as associate director of the Office of Sponsored Programs at Xavier, grants rose from $17 million in 2000 to $27 million in 2005. Francis also served as project manager from 1997 to 2000 for the Tulane/Xavier National Center for the Urban Community.

She graduated from Vassar College with a bachelor of art 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 continuing commitment to supporting the growth of research in all its forms at UMass Boston."

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.

"ORSP has been in perpetual flux for the last three to five years and we want to kind of reinvent, or renew, how the program is viewed within the university," she said. "We want to increase external funding for the university, we want to increase goodwill, and get more information out to the university community."

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. And obtaining those goals is "highly possible" over the next few years, she said, with the help of fresh enthusiasm from new faculty.

Sports Legends Inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame

Carlos Fernandes '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 Fernandes. (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. Now in its third year, the 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 Fernandes '99 was the most recent graduate to be inducted, and Charlie 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.

Loscutoff, the biggest name at the event, said it felt good to be included in such an outstanding class.

"When Joe Casey was inducted last year, I knew that Boston State players were going to be respected by the UMass Boston Hall of Fame," Loscutoff said. "I'm glad that I was part of it."

While the Celtics have long had a banner to honor "Loscy," and he is also in the University of Oregon's and State of Oregon's Hall of Fame, this induction meant a lot to him.

"I was more pleased being inducted here at the UMass Boston Hall of Fame, because this is my residence and I've been here most of my life."

Titus, who has served as the director of athletics since the department's inception and recently was named Vice Chancellor for Athletics and Recreation, Special Projects, and Programs, took particular pride in an event that he was an instrumental part of.

"I had a vision for this Hall of Fame, and it's meeting that vision and exceeding all expectations," he explained. "There was a true sense of pride for our athletic program that night."

He also added what it was like to be inducted into something he helped build. "I felt like I was on 'This Is Your Life.'" The recognition is so much bigger than myself. This covers a 30-year period of my life, so it's very satisfying."

—UMass Boston Athletics Communications

Adaptation to Motherhood (cont.)

She approached her nursing colleague Cynthia Aber with the idea of engaging students enrolled in the undergraduate maternity 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, "Students really start 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 excited by the experience and found interviewing the new mothers much easier than they thought it would be.

Following data collection, Fawcett analyzes the information and collaborates with colleagues to write and publish articles in prominent publications such as the *Journal of Obstetrical, Gynecological, and Neonatal Nursing*, and the *Journal of Professional Nursing*.

What have Fawcett and her collaborators 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.

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. "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. For example, she said, Professor Amy Rex-Smith is conducting research on spirituality and childbirth, and Professor Susan DeSanto-Madeya is studying how people adapt to such life-changing events as spinal cord injuries and cancer. Fawcett, who directs the Office of Urban Family Health in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is excited about her role in facilitating faculty colleagues' research projects. "It really helps us integrate the practice of nursing with nursing research," she says.

Critic Examines American Occupation in Iraq

Author and critic Larry Diamond spoke of his experiences as advisor for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq at an October 12 event sponsored by the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution. A leading scholar on democracy, Diamond spent three months in Baghdad in 2004 per a request from former Stanford University colleague Condoleezza Rice. Diamond shared his critique of the Bush administration's handling of the war and its post-war consequences, as well as his theories of democracy-building, all of which inform his new book, Squandered Victory. *His book and expertise have been frequently featured or included in stories on NBC News, on National Public Radio, and in the* New York Times. *(Photo by Harry Brett)*

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 a 'garde fou,' to use an old French expression for to 'guard a fool.'"

Marc Prou, assistant professor of Africana Studies and executive director of the Haitian Studies Conference; Linda Dorcena Forry, state representative; and Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., presented opening remarks for the "Haiti 'Chérie': Creating New Pathways for Tomorrow" conference, held at UMass Boston on October 14. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Prou uses that phrase in response to stereotypical perceptions of Haiti, a nation frequently described in one-dimensional terms by the media and others. He explains, "The nation is always labeled a 'poor country' without any acknowledgment of its rich culture, language, and environment." 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 then 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 redress 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 the 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 Fanm 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 manger. "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 received special recognition. Hanson was news 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 (NERCVE) program, the Graduate 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.

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PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Randy Albelda, professor of economics and public policy, presented the paper "Challenging the Income Security and Labor Nexus for Women" at the conference "Imagining Public Policy to Meet Women's Economic Security Needs," held in Vancouver, British Columbia, in October.

In October, **David S. Areford**, assistant professor of art history, presented the paper "The Passion of the Christ Child" as part of the Medieval and Early Modern Studies Lecture Series at the University of Michigan (U-M) in Ann Arbor. He also presented an article-in-progress, "The Sacred Multiplied: The Fifteenth-Century Woodcut as Reproduction and Simulation," for U-M's Premodern Colloquium.

Staff and faculty from the Adult Literary Resource Institute, Graduate College of Education (GCOE), and the College of Public and Community Service met with Sile de Valera, Irish Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science on October 3 to discuss literacy policy. UMass Boston participants included: **Ernest Best**, **Lorna Rivera**, **David Rosen**, **Deborah Schwartz**, and **Elaine Ward**.

Lawrence Blum, professor of philosophy, presented "Races, Racialized Groups, Ethnicities, and Panethnicities" at the California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, held at California State University at Northridge.

Françoise Carré, research director for the Center for Social Policy, traveled to Dakar, Senegal, to participate in the International Labor Office African Regional Workshop "Organizing for Decent Work in the Informal Economy: The Way Out of Poverty."

Yung-Ping Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar's Chair in Gerontology, copresented a paper, "Aging of the Elderly: An Intragenerational Long-Term Care Funding Model," and presented another, "A Comprehensive Redesign of Social Security for the U.S.," at the World Ageing and Generations Congress. He also participated in a roundtable discussion on social security at the World Health Organization

Song Ci, assistant professor of computer science, presented the paper "Evaluating Saturation Throughput Performance of the IEEE 802.11 MAC under Fading Channels" at the 2005 IEEE International Conference on Broadband Networks. He also served as a member of the technical program committee for the Wireless Network Symposium and chaired a wireless LAN session.

Adán Colón-Carmona, assistant professor of biology, presented "Below-Ground Influence of Arabidopsis on Its Rhizobacterial Community Structure Varies with Plant Ecotype," "At the Cutting Edge of Plant Biology Education: Engaging University and High School Biology Students in Arabidopsis 2010 Functional Genomics Research," and "Stress Responses to Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons Include Generation of Reactive Oxygen Species, Cell Death and Changes in Gene Expression" at the 16th International Arabidopsis Meeting.

In September, **Carol Hall Ellenbecker**, associate professor and director of the Ph.D. Program in Nursing, made several presentations in the People's Republic of China. She presented "Predictors of Home Healthcare Nurses' Job Satisfaction and Intent to Stay" and "Nursing Education at the University of Massachusetts Boston" in Yantai, as a visiting scholar at Tai'an Medical University, and at the School of Nursing at the Second Military Medical University in Shanghai.

Silvia Dorado and **Theodora Welch**, faculty in the College of Management (CM), presented "Cross-Sector Partnerships: Mutual Versus Interdependent" at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference, held in Washington, D.C., in November.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), presented "Evaluating Conceptual-Theoretical-Empirical Structures for Science of Unitary Human Beings-Based Research" at the Society of Rogerian Scholars Conference. In November, Fawcett was the distinguished lecturer at the University of South Florida College of Nursing, where she presented her paper "Conceptual Models, Theories, and Research: Myths and Realities of Programs of Nursing Research."

Anamarija Frankic, faculty member in the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences (EEOS) Department, presented the lecture "Integrated Costal Management and Marine Protected Areas" at the International Conference on Integrated Ocean Policy, held in Lisbon on October 14.

CM faculty **Lawrence Franko**, **Eric Hayden**, and **Theodora Welch** served as panelists for the college's annual directors' roundtable. The event was held in association with Choate, Hall, and Stewart LLP. Firm partner and CM advisory board member Lawrence Gennari served as moderator.

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.

Nanzhang Hampton, **Virginia Smith Harvey**, **Lisa Cosgrove**, **Varda Konstam**, and **MaryAnna Ham** of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology presented the symposium "Pedagogy and Technology—Issues Related to Teaching Web-Based Psychology Courses" at the American Psychological Association convention.

On October 27, **Brandynn Holgate** of the Center for Social Policy and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program copresented "What's Happening to Retail Jobs? Wages, Gender, and Corporate Strategy" at the UMass Lowell conference "Sustainable Jobs, Sustainable Workplaces." Holgate cowrote the paper with **Françoise Carré** of the Center for Social Policy and Chris Tilly.

The Center on Media and Society's director, **Ellen Hume**, participated in the first Global Media Development Conference, held in Jordan in October. Hume serves on the board of Internews, which organized the conference on independent journalism. On October 6, Hume and French journalist Anne Nivat participated in a public forum at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum to discuss Nivat's new book, *Wake of War*.

Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, moderated and presented for the panel "Institutional Transformation through Multilevel Collaboration" at the regional conference for New England Center for Inclusive Teaching. The panel also included **Elora Chowdhury**, assistant professor in women's studies, and **Nataly Bedoy**, assistant coordinator of Casa Latina.

Marlene Kim, associate professor of economics, spoke on a panel on "Feminism, Race and Gender," held at Northeastern University on September 24.

Betsy Klimasmith of the English Department presented the paper "'Of What Account Was Anybody's Past': The Physics of Simultaneity in Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*" at the American Studies Association Convention. She was also a part of the concluding roundtable "Public and Private in Urban Space" at the New York Metro American Studies Association Conference.

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.

Sathasivam Mathiyalakan, assistant professor of management science and information systems, presented the paper "Small Business e-Commerce Research Opportunities" at the International Digital Business Academy Conference, held in Las Vegas in September.

Kathleen Golden McAndrew, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs, executive director of health services, and CNHS professor, presented "Substance Abuse in the Workplace: Signs and Symptoms of Impairment" at the annual New Hampshire Nurses' Association and New Hampshire State Occupational Health Nurses joint conference.

In September, **Tatjana Meschede**, **John McGah**, and **Julia Tripp** of the Center for Social Policy (CSP) made presentations at the National Homeless Management Information System national conference in St. Louis. There, Julia Tripp's play *Bring America Home*, featuring exclusively homeless or formerly homeless people, was performed.

Tatjana 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, Adultery, 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 Annesley and Muilman Cases" at a conference for the Northeastern Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies.

Professor **Susan Opotow** of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution presented the paper "Justice in the Aftermath of Conflict: Moral Exclusion and Moral Inclusion" at the European Association of Experimental Social Psychologists Small Group Meeting on Social Justice and Intergroup Conflict, held in Lisbon.

Adam Papallo, a bioinformatics specialist in the UMass Boston Biotechnolgy Center, and **Roderick Jensen**, the Brann Distinguished Professor of Physics, Biology, and Mathematics, presented the paper "A Compendium of Gene Expression Profiles for Normal Human Cell Cultures" at the international Stem Cell Research Conference. This presentation featured the DNA microarray and bioinformatics capabilities of Jensen's new biotechnology center.

CM's **Sherry H. Penney**, Professor of Leadership, and **Patricia Neilson**, associate director of the Center for Collaborative Leadership, presented a paper on leadership development at the annual meeting of the International Leadership Association in November. Penney also presented a paper with coauthor Jim Livingston on leadership lessons for the present, based in part on their book *A Very Dangerous Woman: Martha Wright and Women's Rights*.

Mickaella Perina of the Philosophy Department presented "Race and Politics: The Conflict over *Jus Soli* and *Jus Sanguini*" at the California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, held at California State University at Northridge in September.

Anthony P. Petruzzi, director of writing assessment, and **Harry Makrinos**, assistant director of the Writing Proficiency Office, presented "Better Readers Make Better Writers: Text-Based Performance Assessments of Writing in a General Education Program" at the New England Educational Assessment Network and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Fall Forum Assessment Conference. Petruzzi also presented "Changing the Paradigm for Writing Proficiency Assessments: Developing Text-Based Models for Performance Portfolios."

In October, **Stephen Silliman** of the Department of Anthropology led a multi-day advanced seminar on collaborative methods and education in indigenous archaeology at the Amerind Foundation in Arizona. Silliman had won the "outstanding symposium" award at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archeology to organize the seminar.

Robert Weiner, director of the International Relations track in the MSPA Program, and program graduate students participated in the symposium "UMass Boston—A Global Village." **Tim Burke** reported on his internship with the U.S. State Department; **Henry Rafael** on his work with the U.N. Office for Missing Persons in Kosovo; **Kelly Tobin** on her work with Habitat for Humanity in Zambia; and **Manasseh Toh** on his

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work on the political economy of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa with the Center for Democracy and Development. Weiner 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 International Conference Strategic Management Society.

Julie Winch, professor of history, was a guest speaker at the annual meeting of the Aaron Burr Association, held in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, on October 8. She 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 cowritten article by **Pratyush Bharati**, assistant professor of management science and information systems, "Managing IT for Quality of Services: The Case of Duquesne Light," was published by the *International Journal of Information Management*.

Adán 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," which is the cover story for November's *Journal of Experimental Botany*.

Mary Davis, EEOS assistant professor, recently published "Environmental Politics in the U.S.: A Study of State Sulfur Dioxide Standards" in the *Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management*.

In September, The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, the U.S. Department of Energy, and General Electric published "A Framework for Offshore Wind Energy Development in the United States." The publication featured sixty experts, including EEOS assistant professor **John A. Duff**.

Quantoon: Metaphysical Illustrations by Tomas Bunk with Physical Explanations by Arthur Eisenkraft and Larry D. Kirkpatrick was published in September to coincide with the opening of the exhibit at the New York Hall of Science. **Eisenkraft** is director of the Center of Science and Math in Context and distinguished professor of science education.

"Hunters," a short story by **John Fulton**, assistant professor of English, was awarded a Pushcart Prize and will be published in *Pushcart Prize XXX: Best of the Small Presses*. The story was also cited as one of the year's 100 best in *Best American Short Stories 2005*. His short story "The Soldier's Wife" was published in *Ontario Review*.

Joan Garity, CNHS associate professor, reviewed the manuscript "Concept Analysis: Malpractice and Modern Day Nursing Practice" for the *Journal of Advanced Nursing*.

Roderick Jensen, the Brann 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 English Department, *At Home in the City: Urban Domesticity 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 Macedo**, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, and **Panayota Gounari**, assistant professor in the Applied Linguistics Graduate Program, was published by Paradigm Publishers.

Marc Prou, assistant professor of Africana Studies, published the review essay "Haiti's Condemnation: History and Culture at the Crossroads" in the *Latin American Research Review* and the cowritten 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 "Evolution of Cadmium Resistance in *Daphnia magna*" 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 Driver Safety: Why Emergency Physicians Should Care About Medical Advisory Boards" by **Nina M. Silverstein**, 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 students **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.

Harold Wolozin, professor emeritus of economics, published "Veblen and Human Emotions: An Unfulfilled Prescience" in September's *Journal of Economic Issues*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, RECORDINGS

The play *Mother G* by Africana 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 Gonsalves**, principal investigator, and co-principal investigators **Jorgelina Abbate-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 project will work to recruit and prepare talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics undergraduates and professionals as teacher 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 as 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.

Wichian Rojanawon, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (formerly known as LETS), received a $96,600 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for his project "Examining a New Narrative Model for Old Age in Literature and Film," a series of informal courses to be offered through 22 Lifelong Learning Institutes in 14 states.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Barbara Davis, administrative assistant in the Anthropology Department, has been elected vice chair of the Holbrook School Committee. This is her tenth year on the committee, for six of which she has served as vice chair.

Patricia A. Halon, director of general medicine in University Health Services and part-time CNHS faculty, was awarded the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners State Award for Excellence at their 20th Annual National Conference. The award recognizes nurse practitioners who demonstrate excellence in practice, research, nurse practitioner education, or community affairs.

Harlyn Halvorson, EEOS emeritus professor and director of the Policy Center for Marine Bioscience and Technology, was appointed to Governor Mitt Romney's Biomedical Research Advisory Council.

Margaret McAllister of the College of Nursing has been appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration's Nursing Division of Professional Licensure Task Force to review and make recommendations on "244 CMR 4.00: Massachusetts Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in the Expanded Role."

D.V.G.L.N. Rao of the Physics Department was named a winner in the first annual *Nanotech Brief*'s Nano 50 Awards in the technology category for his project "Light-Scattering of Periodic-Aligned Carbon Nanotubes."

Miren Uriarte has been appointed as interim director of the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy.

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 EEOS Department was recently designated a "Fellowship Host Institution" by the United Nations–Nippon Foundation of Japan. Of the 24 host institutions, EEOS joins only eight others in the U.S.

DISSERTATION

Michelle Washko successfully defended her dissertation "Volunteering and Aging Adults: An Exploration of Behavioral Determinants 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. CM alumni represented many of the organizations at the event. The event was spearheaded by professor **Tom Hogan** and career services specialist **Kristy Cullivan**.

The College of Management welcomed new chancellor **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 convocation activities in the October issue, Chancellor Collins is shown speaking with Kennedy Oppong, who is a student senator, and Africana Studies professor Aminah Pilgrim, who was originally identified as a student.

IN THE NEWS

Xiaogang Deng, associate professor of sociology, was interviewed five times recently by Free Radio Asia on topics concerning China and 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 WGAU 1340 a.m.

In October, Africana Studies professor **Marc Prou** was featured in an article in the *Boston Haitian Reporter* and was quoted in another on UMass Boston's Creole Institute. He was also quoted in the *Boston Globe* in an October 23 article on the 17th Annual Haitian Studies Conference, held at UMass Boston.

The Small Business Development Center in the College of Management and its clients were featured in an article in the *Boston Herald*.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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.

Wednesday 2

Yoga for All
1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 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.

EEOS Guest Speaker Series: Halogenated Organic Compounds in Marine Mammals Industrially-Derived or From Mother Nature?
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Chris Reddy. Contact: 7-7456.

M.A. English Program Fall 2005 Colloquium Series: Distaff Blackness: The African-American Woman as Playwright, Actress, Producer, and Character on the 19th Century American Stage
5:30 – 6:45 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-095. Featuring Barbara Lewis of the English Department. All are welcome. Readings are available in the Graduate English office (W-6-8). Contact: 7-6702.

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: 7-5624 or **lauren.mayhew@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: 7-5680 or **linda.jorgenson@umb.edu.**

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. Contact: 7-5640 or **mark.vaz@umb.edu.**

Friday 4

Biology Department Seminar Series: Checkpoint Responses and Repair of a Broken Chromosome
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Jim C. Haber of Brandeis University. Contact: 7-6600 or **maria.mahoney@umb.edu.**

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 12 at 8:00 p.m., and on November 8 at 5:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640 or **mark.vaz@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 12 at 8:00 p.m., and on November 8 at 5:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640 or **mark.vaz@umb.edu.**

Monday 7

Gerontology Institute and Department Colloquium Series: When Aging Issues Lead to Family Conflict
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. Featuring Rick Larsen and Arline Kardasis, mediators at Elder Decisions. Contact: 7-7300.

Tuesday 8

Creation of the World and Other Business
5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2-008. Play by Arthur Miller and directed by Wendy Overly. Also on November 11 and 12 at 8:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640 or **mark.vaz@umb.edu.**

Wednesday 9

EEOS Guest Speaker Series: Observing New England Coastal Waters with Bio-Optical Measurements: Moorings, Boats, and Satellites
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Ru Morrison. Contact: 7-7456.

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 Polito, retired art faculty member. Contact: 7-5330 or **alumni@umb.edu.**

Harbor Art Gallery Reception: NAM-America, What Are You Doing?
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery, 1st fl. Exhibit featuring major political works from six decades of painting by Boston artist Jack Wolfe. The exhibit is open from November 1 through December 20. Contact: 7-7988 or **galleryharbor@yahoo.com.**

Friday 11

Veterans' Day.
University closed.

Monday 14

Gerontology Institute and Department Colloquium Series: Social Security Reform
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. 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

EEOS Guest Speaker Series: Current Status and Future Prospects for Marine Aquaculture in the U.S.
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Rich Langan. Contact: 7-7456.

M.A. English Program Fall 2005 Colloquium Series: Narration in Light: The "Language" of Image, Sound, and Movement in Film
5:30 – 6:45 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-095. Featuring Linda Dittmar of the English Department. All are welcome. Readings are available in the Graduate English office (W-6-8). Contact: 7-6702.

Thursday 17

Diversity Luncheon Series: Discussion of Domestic Violence in Different Cultures
12:15 – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center, Bay View Conference Room, 3-3540. Hosted by Leona Franklin of the UHS Counseling Center. First 20 students to register by November 14 will receive a free lunch. Contact: 7-5690 or **edna.pressler@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, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of service. Contact: 7-5176.

Friday 18

Biology Department Seminar Series: Genes Expressed in *Drosophila*
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Dmitry Nurminsky of Tufts University. Contact: 7-6600 or **maria.mahoney@umb.edu.**

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Bowdoin College
7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802.

Boston AFTRA/SAG National Conversations Q & A Series Premiere
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2nd fl. Featuring guest speaker Fionnula Flanagan. Event is the result of partnership between Boston AFTRA/SAG Branch and Screen Actors Guild Foundation and Theatre Arts Division of the Performing Arts Department. Event is free to students, SAG members, and general public by reservation. Reserve tickets through Boston SAG Office (617-262-8001). Contact 7-5640 or **mark.vaz@umb.edu.**

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Basketball vs. SUNY-Purchase
7:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at **www.athletics.umb.edu.** Contact: 7-7802.

UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra Concert
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom A, 3rd fl. Conducted by Jon Ceander Mitchell, with Priscilla Taylor, cellist; Suzanne Ehly, soprano; and David Giessow, baritone. Program includes pieces by Holst, Mozart Boccherini, and Purcell. Reception to follow. Contact: 7-5640 or **mark.vaz@umb.edu.**

Thursday 24

Thanksgiving Day
University closed.

Monday 28

Overeaters Anonymous Monthly Newcomers Meeting
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Campus Center, 2-2107. Fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. Contact: **oa.umass@hotmail.com.**

Tuesday 29

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Basketball vs. Emerson College
7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at **www.athletics.umb.edu.** Contact: 7-7802.

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 30

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy Fall Women's Research Forum: Political, Policy and Personal Perspectives on Women and Homelessness 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.

EEOS Guest Speaker Series: Coastal Ocean Forecast – The Gulf of Maine Story
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Huijie Xue. Contact: 7-7456.

M.A. English Program Fall 2005 Colloquium Series: The Pregnant Pause; or Anna or Denmark as Queen of Da Nile in Ben Johnson's *Masque of Blackness*
5:30 – 6:45 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-095. Featuring Scott Maisano of the English Department. All are welcome. Readings are available in the Graduate English office. Contact: 7-6702.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum
6:00 – 7:15 p.m., Campus Center, Founders' Room, 3rd fl. Featuring James Klocke, executive vice president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Contact: **cmevents@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: Sean Greene, 7-7981, **sgrn18@aol.com.**

Campus Ministry
Offerings include interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, justice coalition 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 member program, Beacon Fitness Center membership, etc. Contact: 7-7801.

Eco-tours of UMass Boston
3:00 - 3:40 p.m., Wednesdays. Just off catwalk, 2nd fl., Campus Center. Learn more about UMass Boston's eco-friendly practices. RSVP to 7-5083 or **umbe.green@umb.edu.**

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