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## McCormack Institute To Celebrate 10th Anniversary By Establishing Moakley Award At April 23 Reception

State senate president **William M. Bulger** and Boston mayor **Raymond L. Flynn** will be among elected officials, educators and friends of the University who will be at the Harbor Campus on April 23 to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs. The occasion will mark the establishment of the **John Joseph Moakley Award** for Distinguished Public Service. Congressman Moakley himself will receive the first award. Chancellor **Sherry H. Penney** and McCormack Institute director **Raymond G. Torto** will make the presentation. The event will take place in the Ryan Lounge on the third floor of the McCormack Building. A ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a reception. Others scheduled to attend are University president **Michael K. Hooker**, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives **Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.**, and U.S. Representative **David E. Bonior**, the majority whip. **Duncan Nelson**, an English professor at the University, will offer a salute to the McCormack Institute, and the UMass Jazz Ensemble will perform under the direction of music professor **Jeanne Munroe**.

## Research Grants Awarded to 12 Junior Faculty

The University has awarded internal research grants to 12 tenure-track faculty. Recipients and their projects are: **Randy Albelda**, economics, \$1,000 for the second year of research for a book she is writing on the impact of feminism on economics; **Elizabeth Fay**, English, \$1,028, for a project titled "Eminent Rhetoric: Gender Discourse and the Social Body;" **Leslie Lebowitz**, psychology, \$2,000, to continue research on the psychological responses of victims who have been assaulted because of their sexual orientation; **Jane Ives**, management, and **David Levy**, psychology, \$400, for a joint project evaluating the environmental management programs of Fortune 500 chemical companies in Europe, Japan and the United States; **David Lisak**, psychology, \$1,900, to continue a three-year study of men's sexual trauma; **Raymond R. Liu**, marketing, \$1,500, for an examination of the cultural differences that affect the complaint behavior of dissatisfied consumers in China, Japan and the U.S.; **Jon C. Mitchell**, music, \$1,055, to attend a July conference in Valencia, Spain, presented by the World Association of Symphonic Bands and Ensembles (WASBE), where he will conduct research on the Spanish dance form *Paso Doble*; **Mary T. O'Brien**, nursing, \$800, for an analysis of the stress that people experience in caring for a chronically ill family member who lives at home; **Patricia Powell**, English, \$1,028, to examine the historical role of native Caribbean and immigrant Asian women in the Jamaican independence movement; **Jill Rierdan**, psychology, \$2,000, to investigate depression and eating disorders among college students, with special emphasis on differences according to gender, race and socio-economic backgrounds; **Rachel Skvirsky**, biology, \$2,000, to continue research on a genetic process that controls the transport of molecules from the inside to the outside of bacteria cells; and **Tracy Villareal**, environmental sciences, \$1,800, to continue research into how and why certain phytoplankton -- minute plants that float on the ocean -- produce a toxin that is linked to victims of Amnesia Shellfish Poisoning.

## Campus Notes

-- **Reebee Garofalo**, a professor in the human services program at CPCS, has received \$5,000 from the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities to produce an essay on "Freedom of Expression vs. Social Responsibility in Popular Music." Garofalo is among eight grant recipients selected from 60 applicants. • English professor **Robert Crossley's** article "Diversity and the Classics" in the February edition of *National Teaching and Learning Forum* discusses how UMass Boston's diversity requirement can provide for a more enlightened presentation of **Shakespeare's Hamlet**, **Dante's Inferno** and **Milton's Paradise Lost**. • Chemistry professor Hans van Willigen will lecture at 4:00 p.m. on April 28 in the Small Science Auditorium on "Spectroscopy: From Newton to Magnetic Resonance Imaging." • Environmental sciences professor Joseph Cooney, president of the Society for Industrial Microbiology, will participate in the group's April 19 meeting in Rohnert Park, California. • The AIDS Awareness Team, a student organization on campus, is asking students to submit original works of art for a contest designed to encourage safe sex. Contestants will be judged in five categories -- display art, music, poems and short stories, video production and plays. Entries must be submitted to the Health Promotion Center on the first floor of the McCormack Building no later than April 20. Winners will be announced on May 4. Each will receive \$150.

UMass Boston lacrosse team tri-captain **Jamie Mulroney** set a New England Division III record with 12 goals in a 19-16 victory over New Haven on April 10. • **Sonia Nieto**, an associate professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, will discuss her book *Affirming Diversity* at noon on April 27 in Room 10 on the 10th floor of the library. The discussion is presented by the Gaston Institute. • Physics professor **Gopal Rao** and his three graduate students, **Francisco Aranda**, **Tony Chen** and **Chi-Ling Wong**, presented papers at the March meeting of the American Physical Society in Seattle. In January Rao spoke on nonlinear optical interactions at the Second International Conference on Frontiers of Polymers and Advanced Materials in Indonesia. • The McCormack Institute's search for a director continues with an interview of candidate **Miriam Ershkowitz** at 10:00 a.m. on April 21 in the University Club on the 10th floor of the library. It is open to the public. • Professor **Yung-Ping Chen**, who holds the University's Frank J. Manning Eminent Chair in Gerontology, recently presented a proposal for long-term care financing to the Business Institute of Aging Workshop in Washington, D.C. • The Gerontology Institute is preparing a documentary film on the life of the late Frank Manning, founder of the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans (MAOA) and one of the people instrumental in helping establish the University's Gerontology Institute. The film will be shown at a May 15 tribute to Manning sponsored by the MAOA.

## Sixth Graders To Visit Campus

The University is one of 22 local higher education institutions participating in the "Kids to College" program that involves sixth grade classes at 23 Boston, Cambridge and Chelsea public schools. "Kids to College" is an innovative early college awareness program through which more than 600 sixth graders engage in a six-week hands on curriculum in their classrooms. During that time they and their families learn about academic planning and financial aid opportunities for college. According to **David Norris** and **Sherry Thomas** of Enrollment Services, students from the Edison School in Boston will visit the campus on April 30. "Kids to College" is a collaboration of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts, the Higher Education Information Center, the Higher Education Coordinating Council, and the state Department of Education. It is funded in part by the Student Loan Marketing Association.