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UMASS BOSTON

Annual "Building One Community" Gala Celebrates Great Success

By Anne-Marie Kent

When Massachusetts General Hospital vice president and Harvard Medical School assistant professor Dr. Jean Elrick '82 accepted the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership at the "Building One Community" Gala on April 20, she beamed at the crowd and said, "So is this a blast or what?" The sea of faces filling the Campus Center Ballroom cheered in agreement.

The "blast"—UMass Boston's second annual gala to raise money for student scholarships—had begun with great fanfare. Guests were welcomed to the main Campus Center entrance by the Samurai Taiko Drummers, costumed musicians who furiously beat giant drums with thundering rhythms.

Once inside, guests mingled and filtered throughout the Campus Center, where they were invited to sample international cuisine and enjoy musical entertainment by performers Alabreke, Street Magic Acapella, and the Boston Players. Food-serving stations and bars were located on separate floors, an arrangement that encouraged mingling and wandering throughout.

A performance by The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards closed out an evening of good food, lively speeches, and enthusiastic celebration of UMass Boston. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

By six o'clock that night, the Campus Center was humming with music and laughter. While some favored cocktail seating and conversation, others boldly took to the floor, dancing and clapping to the music, until everyone was shepherded into the ballroom for the main program, emceed once again by Boston State alumnus and WBZ-TV 4 news reporter Dan Rea '70.

After receiving a standing ovation, Chancellor Keith Motley

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Veteran Journalist to Address Graduates at 37th Commencement

UMass Boston's 37th commencement speaker is Emily Rooney, the host and executive editor of the nightly news and public affairs program Greater Boston *on WGBH-TV.*

By Leigh DuPuy

What do a top journalist, a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, the president of a Caribbean nation, a fighter of minority health disparities, a veteran of the banking industry, and over 2,600 graduates of UMass Boston all have in common? On Friday, June 3, they will receive degrees from UMass Boston and participate in the first outdoor commencement exercises held at UMass Boston in ten years.

Commencement speaker Emily Rooney, Aerosmith's Steven Tyler, Dominican Republic President Leonel Fernández, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Director John Ruffin, and the Boston Foundation's Gail Snowden will be receiving honorary degrees during a ceremony held on the Campus Center lawn.

Previous ceremonies had been held at the nearby Bayside Exposition Center, and administrators worked throughout the year to plan for an on-campus ceremony. "We thought it was important to bring commencement back to the university," said Chancellor Keith Motley. "We have the most stunning views of Boston harbor and a beautiful new campus center. What better way to celebrate the achievements of our graduates while at UMass Boston than to host graduation here?"

Veteran journalist Emily Rooney will be giving the principal address. She is the host and executive editor of the nightly news and public affairs program *Greater Boston* on WGBH-TV, and the former director of political coverage and special events at Fox Network and executive producer of ABC's *World News Tonight*.

Rooney is known for her views on ethics and standards in broadcast journalism and advocacy of media accountability. Daughter of *60 Minutes*' Andy Rooney, Emily has more than 25 years of experience in the newsroom. She has received the prestigious National Press Club's Arthur Rowse Award for Press Criticism, a series of New England Emmy Awards, and Associated Press recognition for "Best News/Talk Show" for the *Greater Boston* segment "Beat the Press."

UMass Boston will also be honoring four other luminaries with honorary doctorates at its 37th commencement. Leonel Fernández, president of the Dominican Republic, will be receiving an honorary degree for his leadership and promotion of democracy in his country and beyond. He is the head of the Dominican Liberation Party, an active participant in many other na-

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Community, Alumni, Students, Temptations Rock Scholarship Gala

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recognized members of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees, UMass Boston vice chancellors, former chancellor Sherry Penney, 2004 honoree Clayton Turnbull, local political figures, student ambassadors, and event co-chairs William F. Kennedy and Bennie Pratt Wiley, as well as major donors.

The list of major donors included Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; Comcast; The Mabbett Group; Jane Murphy Gaughan and Gerard L. Gaughan; MassHealth, in memory of Adalberto M. Lourenco '94; Partners Healthcare; Savings Bank Life Insurance of Massachusetts; Bank of America; The Chickering Group; Massachusetts General Hospital Administration; and Mystic Valley Dermatology Associates–Donald J. Grande, MD.

Noting that UMass Boston is celebrating its 40th year in 2005, Motley said, "We are a mature, public urban university offering a solid education. We are a place of vigor and vitality, a place of dynamic possibility."

The vitality was palpable. The wall-to-wall audience was cheerful and responsive, so much so that when University of Massachusetts president Jack Wilson took to the podium, he exclaimed, "What spirit in the room tonight!"

Wilson went on to speak about the power of public higher education to change lives. He added, "The individuals being recognized tonight are shining examples of the promise and fulfillment of a UMass education."

Those individuals—Dr. Elrick, Arthur Mabbett, and Pamela Trefler—were then presented with the Chancellor's Medals for Exemplary Leadership. Each presented a unique story about UMass Boston and stressed the importance of supporting public higher education. Crediting her success in large part to teamwork, and the support of friends, family, and mentors, Elrick said, "It feels odd being up here receiving this award alone."

Arthur Mabbett thanked family and Professor Herbert Lipke, who inspired his interest in environmental science. President and founder of The Mabbett Group, specializing in pollution prevention and control, occupational safety, and engineering services, Mabbett established the Arthur and Beverly Mabbett Family Endowed Fund in Support of Faculty Development in the Environmental Sciences at UMass Boston in 1999.

The third medal was presented to Pamela Trefler, who noted, "My relationship with UMass Boston has gone way beyond my attending school here." The Trefler Foundation has committed more than $6.5 million to improve educational opportunities for Boston's youth in partnership with UMass Boston's Graduate College of Education.

Award presentations were followed by the reading of a special poem by UMass Boston's poet laureate Duncan Nelson, professor of English, reflecting on the past forty years at the university.

The evening ended with a performance by the Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards. Dressed in matching glittery rainbow-emblazoned blue suits, they hit the notes, struck the poses, and sang the songs that took the audience back in time—and into the aisles for some dancing.

Top left: Dr. Jean Elrick '82 speaks of her experiences at UMass Boston.

Top right: Pamela Trefler '93 smiles at the applause she receives following the award of the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership.

Middle: Arthur Mabbett '69 and his family celebrates his achievements.

{Photos by Margaret Brett)

State Representative Marie St. Fleur, Chancellor Keith Motley, Roxbury Community College President Terrence Gomes, and State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez at the "Building One Community" gala fundraiser to support student scholarships.

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tional and international organizations, and the distinguished author of three books and numerous articles.

Honorary degree recipient John Ruffin directs the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, which promotes minority health and leads, coordinates, supports, and assesses the effort of the National Institutes of Health to reduce and ultimately eliminate health disparities.

Gail Snowden, a veteran of the banking industry and a nationally recognized leader in urban community development, will also be receiving an honorary degree. She is the vice president for finance and operations of the Boston Foundation, one of the oldest and largest community foundations in the United States.

Steven Tyler, a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, is the lead singer of the Boston-based band Aerosmith, whose 20-plus albums have sold over 100 million copies. He will be receiving an honorary degree for his community activism throughout the Commonwealth. He is a faithful supporter of some of Boston's most significant charitable organizations.

The commencement processional will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will be held outside rain or shine. In case of extreme weather conditions, the ceremony will be held at the Clark Athletic Center and each graduate will be limited to two of their five guest tickets. Graduates can confirm any weather-related changes by 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 1 at **www.umb.edu/commencement** or 617-287-5313.

Traffic and parking will be very heavy on Commencement day. The university urges all participants to use public transportation if at all possible. Parking at the university will be free, but spaces are limited and will fill up quickly. Satellite parking will be available at the Bayside Expo Center for $12 and a free shuttlebus will run continuously between the campus and the Expo Center.

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Center Unveils "As Tough As it Get" Analysis of Women in Politics

By Lisa Gentes

It's not easy being a female politician in Boston, and a report by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP) at UMass Boston shows just how difficult it is.

"It's the first-ever study of women in Boston politics and the first-ever history of women in Boston politics," said Carol Hardy-Fanta, Center director, of the report, "'As Tough As It Gets': Women in Boston Politics, 1921–2004."

Hardy-Fanta oversaw the study, which covers women's representation in cities and town governments from 1921 to 2004 and portrays the decline of women in local politics.

The Center published the 56-page study in March and held a panel discussion with State Representative Gloria Fox, City Councilor Maureen Feeney, *Boston Globe* columnist Eileen McNamara, and media and political strategist Joyce Ferriabough in the Campus Center Ballroom on March 24.

Hardy-Fanta was very excited about the research and publication because it involved a collaboration of graduate student, faculty, and visiting scholar.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP); Maura Hennigan, city councilor; and Kristen Petersen, CWPPP 2004-2005 Polly Logan Visiting Scholar; smile together at the March 24 panel. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The idea for the study arose back in 1997 out of an interest at looking in women in politics in the Commonwealth, including political party activists in Boston, according to the director.

Karla Armenoff, a graduate assistant at the center and a student of the public policy Ph.D. program, conducted interviews with women in Boston politics and searched historical records to identify all of the women who have run for city council in Boston. Armenoff created a 100-page volume, full of tables, lists, and quotes, Hardy-Fanta said.

"Given the demographics of Boston today, we encouraged her to interview women of color who had run," Hardy-Fanta said. "Then she assembled this absolutely incredibly rich data," she said, adding that the study then needed an analysis.

The center searched for a historian with a political science background to expand the study and hired Kristen Petersen to update and analyze the report. Petersen was the CWPPP Polly Logan Visiting Scholar in 2004-2005.

The study focuses primarily on the Boston City Council, with information on various kinds of political activities that enhance—or get in the way of—women's political success, Hardy-Fanta said.

The study discusses the fact that women of color have never been elected to the city council but have been elected in record numbers to the state legislature.

According to Hardy-Fanta, the state legislature is "an alternative path to power women of color seem to be taking." She believes it's harder to run for city council because the districts represented there are larger than those in the legislature.

Now that the study has been published and is beginning to be circulated, Hardy-Fanta hopes to spread awareness of the need to activate women into the roles and positions of town and city government.

"We're very, very eager to alert women in Massachusetts, across the board, in Boston and the state, of the urgent need to recruit and elect women at the municipal level," she said. Thus, they have been gathering data from every Massachusetts city and town—obtaining such data such as the fact that 42 percent have no women in their governing body— and are focused on a new initiative to increase the number of women in elective office through a program called CREW: Coalition to Recruit and Elect Women.

"Our mission is to promote women's leadership in politics and policy making by providing our graduate education program, conducting research that makes a difference in women's lives, and serving as a researcher for women of diverse communities throughout the Commonwealth," Hardy-Fanta said

The Center also recently released a landmark report, "Women in Prison in Massachusetts: Maintaining Family Connections," in March. At the event co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Caucus of Women's Legislators, research director Erika Kates and research assistant Paige Ransford presented a summary of the report to a group of experts, activists, and legislators that included Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey and Senator Lida Harkins.

Community Breakfast Recognizes South Boston Brothers and Mayor Menino

By Leigh DuPuy

Each year, UMass Boston gives the Robert H. Quinn Award to an individual who displays exemplary community leadership. This year, on May 20, the university honors two brothers, Bob and Dan Ferrera, for their hard work on behalf of South Boston's Pop Warner League and the children who participate.

Concerned over the well being of area youth following a rash of teen suicides in 1996, the Ferreras met with members of the community with an idea of returning youth football to South Boston after a 22-year absence. Following the busing crisis in the 1970s, Bob notes, many communities didn't want to come into South Boston to compete.

However, the Ferreras had witnessed a need for the positive influence that organized sports gives children, and they organized a popular flag football league in South Boston in 1997. "Our first spring, we had 25 kids," remembers Bob. "By the fall, we had 140 kids who wanted to play."

With the support of community members, local unions, elected officials, and local businesses, the Ferreras helped to raise over $177,000 in a series of fundraisers that was used to create five football teams and five cheerleader teams. For eight years, Dan and Bob have been involved as coaches and operations managers, overseeing details as wide-ranging as buying uniforms, lining the field, and selling hot dogs at concession stands. Dan has also served as Pop Warner president.

"It's been a good experience," said Dan of the many community ties he and his brother have made. "It's really interesting to see the kids change and grow over a short period of time," he added. Every year, boys and girls, ages 7 to 14, participate in the program, which begins on August 1 and runs throughout the fall. The league has been successful; three out of the seven years, teams have made the playoffs. Less measurable but more important, children in the league have flourished off the field as well.

"Pop Warner is like a carrot stick for our kid," says Bob, who both coaches and serves as operations manager. "They can participate if they make academics a priority."

Bob notes that the most rewarding thing is to know that many of the kids who play for Pop Warner go on to play in high school and college; they learn the importance of a good work ethic and benefit from a positive community experience. "You can learn a lot on the playing field," said Bob, thinking of his own experience as a football player at Don Bosco Technical High School. "Being a high school player kept me on the track—it kept me focused."

This is the nineteenth year the university presented the award, which is conferred in the spirit of community service and commitment to higher education demonstrated by Robert H. Quinn. As a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Quinn co-sponsored the legislation that created UMass Boston and has worked for over 38 years to make higher education available to the citizens of Boston.

The university is also giving a special recognition to Mayor Thomas M. Menino '88 for his long-standing commitment to all of the communities of Greater Boston. Menino is a graduate of the College of Public and Community Service.

New Cyber Café for Coffee Enthusiasts

A student enjoys one of the Jazzman's gourmet treats. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

Think you can't get a decent latte this far afield of Newbury Street? Think again! UMass Boston has opened a new coffee bar and cyber café in the lobby of the Healey Library that offers a wide range of Seattle's Best coffees, fresh baked goods, and sandwiches and salads.

The menu includes all kinds of expressos and sumptuous treats bound to ruin anyone's diets, such as croissants, cookies, and muffins. The café offers table seating in the library lobby, countertop seating by the café, and a back room lit by skylights and furnished with nine computers with Internet access.

The university officially opened Jazzman's Café on April 20 with a Chancellor's Tea Party, followed by the official ribbon cutting for the latest dining at UMass Boston. Jazzman's is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Gerontology Forum Examines the Future of Social Security

By Ed Hayward

The national discussion about the future of Social Security came to UMass Boston last month when the Gerontology Department and the Gerontology Institute brought the chief analyst from the Social Security Administration to campus to present the facts behind the 70-year-old social program.

In contrast to the political debate taking place in Washington, Chief Actuary Stephen C. Goss provided the audience of 150 students and community members with a look at the history and future of the safety net for America's retired and disabled workers, their dependents, and survivors.

Goss, a career analyst for the Social Security Administration (SSA), was joined by television journalist Margie Reedy and Professor Yung-Ping Chen, a nationally recognized researcher who holds the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar's Chair in Gerontology.

"We put together this forum to bring the national debate about how to reform Social Security to the Boston area," Professor Chen said. "This wasn't just for retirees. People of all ages need unbiased information to distinguish among different ideas for reform. We couldn't think of a better way to eliminate the confusion than bringing Mr. Goss to Boston to provide his objective, neutral analysis."

The forum was designated an official 2005 White House Conference on Aging event, according to Professor Chen. But it was not to be confused with one of the "60 stops in 60 days" events connected with President George W. Bush's efforts to tout his reform proposals across the country.

Goss is one of the nation's foremost experts on Social Security and the pending reform proposals. He heads SSA's Office of the Chief Actuary, which is responsible for cost estimates on all reform proposals.

Goss outlined a program facing challenges defined by U.S. population dynamics over the last half century, as well as by a broad range of economic factors.

The chief issue is the dramatic decline in the number of workers per program beneficiary, Goss said. As they age, 77 million members of the "Baby Boom" generation are going to receive their benefits. The task of funding the program will fall to an increasingly outnumbered workforce.

Even Goss acknowledged, "Without change, trust funds will run out and benefits will be reduced." However, he noted, there has been much debate about the number of years the program can continue to successfully function. Goss said the trust funds would run out in 2041 unless there is an adjustment to Social Security's revenues and expenditures.

Professor Chen took issue with coverage of this important and complex debate by national news media, while Reedy acknowledged that Social Security reform is a tough issue for journalists to package.

"Social Security doesn't get the kind of coverage it deserves," said Reedy. "But how many issues can lay claim to bringing together AARP and Rock the Vote?" she continued, in reference to the American Association of Retired Persons and the get-out-the-vote programming of MTV, which appeals to a much younger demographic.

Second Social Theory Forum Looks at the Legacy of Edward Said

Siamak Movahedi, chair of the Sociology Department, speaks at the second annual Social Theory Forum. Sociology faculty involved in the forum included Jorge Capetillo-Ponce, Glenn Jacobs, and Mohammad H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

By Anne-Marie Kent

The second annual Social Theory Forum, held in the Campus Center Ballroom April 6 and 7, drew a host of distinguished lecturers, including Professor Charles Lemert, the Andrus Professor of Sociology at Wesleyan University; Professor Bruce Mazlish from Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Professor Hamid Dabashi from Columbia University; as well as scholars from all over the United States, Canada, Brazil, Germany, England, and Israel. Several UMass Boston faculty members encouraged their classes to attend the forum.

The Social Theory Forum is a series of conference workshops, organized jointly by the Sociology Department and other interested faculty and students at UMass Boston, designed to explore, develop, promote, and publish cross-disciplinary social theory in an applied and liberating critical framework. The forum offers faculty and students an interactive medium to discuss various aspects of the ways in which particular theoretical traditions can be relevant to present everyday issues, the current state of social theory, and the future of social theory.

Titled "Theories and Praxes of Difference: Revisiting Edward Said in the Age of New Globalizations," this year's event addressed topics such as identity, the politics of Orientalism, the challenge of globalization, the psychoanalysis of difference, and the future of Palestine. In the words of co-organizer Professor Siamak Movahedi, the event was "a huge success."

Professor Neil McLaughlin of McMaster University in Canada concurred. "The keynote addresses were first-rate, the level of intellectual discussion throughout the two days was excellent, and we were exposed to the exciting work of some emerging young scholars," he said. "I learned much about the legacy and theories of Edward Said, a global public intellectual of the highest rank." McLaughlin said that the event was both "solidly sociological and interdisciplinary in its scope and range."

Thanking College of Liberal Arts Dean Donna Kuizenga, Movahedi said, "With the university's support, we hope to continue organizing this intellectual forum annually." The first forum, "Liberating Social Theory: Inspirations From Paulo Freire for Learning, Teaching, and Advancing Social Theory in Applied Settings," was held in April 2004.

University Partners with Dana-Farber to Provide Mammography Screenings

By Catherine Gardiner

University Health Services recently worked in conjunction with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to bring mammography screening and health education services to UMass Boston on April 19 in the form of two vans—a mammography screening van and the Blum Resource Van, which provides educational health materials. Both are part of a community service program created at Dana-Farber three years ago that provides annual screening to women 40 years and older, as well as screening to women 35 years and younger with a history of breast cancer. The vans target underserved women in the community. 35 women at UMass Boston took part in the screening day. "This event gave our nursing students a wonderful educational opportunity to participate in health promotion on-site and to see how health screening works," says Kathleen Golden McAndrew, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs and executive director of University Health Services.

Campus activities were planned to coincide with National Minority Cancer Awareness Week beginning April 17. Dana-Farber's Laurie Nsiah-Jefferson, director of minority and women's health, and Karen Burns White, assistant director for minority initiatives, spoke on campus about disparities in health-care services between minority and well-off communities.

"Anytime we can bring programs on-site that help to improve the health of the campus community, we are delighted to do so. We are trying to remove any barriers that prevent access to health care," says McAndrew.

On April 19, two health services vans from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute offered screening and other educational tools to the university community. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

McAndrew worked with College of Nursing and Health Sciences dean Greer Glazer to approach Dana-Farber about bringing the mammography van services to campus.

Focusing on prevention is key, McAndrew notes, adding, "Dana Farber's health screening fits our missions and goals. They are an important partner for us now and in the future."

In Memoriam: Robert C. Wood

By Leigh DuPuy

Word of Robert C. Wood's death on April 1 came as sad news to the University of Massachusetts, which he served as president from 1970 through 1977. Wood suffered from stomach cancer.

A prolific academic, prominent policy advisor, and astute writer, Wood was long involved with UMass Boston as an administrator and scholar. During his presidency, he was instrumental in the push to add the Boston campus to the university system at its present location, as well as in bringing the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum to Columbia Point. Wood also taught political science at UMass Boston and collaborated on critical research with colleagues at the McCormack Institute, now the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

Born in St. Louis in 1923, Wood was raised in Florida and won a scholarship to Princeton University. His studies were interrupted by a stint in the army; he served at the Battle of the Bulge and also received a Bronze Star. He graduated summa cum laude from Princeton, and earned master's degrees and a doctorate in public administration and government at Harvard University.

Wood served as chairman of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Task Force on Urban Problems and was critical to the formation of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As HUD undersecretary and later secretary, he was integral in the development of the Model Cities Program in 1966, which secured federal revenue for needy neighborhoods, and the Fair Housing Act of 1968, which prohibited racial discrimination in real estate sales.

During his tenure as University of Massachusetts president, Wood consistently opposed any substantial tuition raise, declaring, "any tuition increase that would yield significant revenue can only discourage students from poor families from attending the university and can only increase the proportion from well-to-do families," according to his obituary in the *Boston Globe*.

From 1981 to 1983, he was a professor of political science at UMass Boston, where he taught urban politics and American government. Wood believed passionately in the importance of teaching, underscored by his 1995 study at the McCormack Institute that urged the university to focus on teaching at the expense of research.

Wood also served as senior fellow at the McCormack Institute, where, according to Dean Edmund Beard, "he wrote several influential studies of Massachusetts education policy in cooperation with former UMass Boston professor Richard Hogarty."

UMass Boston continues to feel his influence with the annual Wood Visiting Professorship, which he established to bring distinguished and thoughtful scholars and public figures to the university to lecture, lead seminars, and engage students and faculty in discussion of public policy and political life. Public lectures like April 7's "Hellfire Nation: The Politics of Sin in American History," by James Morone of Brown University, have been held at the university since 1998.

Wood wrote seven books on political science, including *Suburbia: Its People and Their Politics*.

In addition to teaching at Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Wesleyan College, Wood also served as chairman of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and as superintendent of the Boston Public Schools. The *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Boston Globe* all carried obituaries of Wood.

UMass Boston's Chess Team Wins the Mass Inter-Continental Tournament

UMass Boston's top chess team took first place in the Mass Inter-Continental Chess Tournament, held at the university on April 3. The winning team, Joe Perl, Dmitry Frenklakh, Kelvin Lo, and Dan Korunsky, scored 11 out of 12 points in three rounds of competition against teams from Assumption College, Brandeis University, Boston University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Wenworth University, and two teams at UMass Boston. The chess team thanks Donna Neal of Student Life and Campus Center staff for helping to put this event together. (Photo by Robert Ravenelle).

Rwandan Genocide Focus of Stotsky Lecture

By Catherine Gardiner

Rwandan native and activist Jean Nganji was scheduled to speak about his country's genocide for the 2005 Bernard A. Stotsky Lecture on April 5. Unfortunately, Nganji was unable to travel from Rwanda as planned, but his work in raising awareness of the tragic events in Rwanda was highlighted through a speaker series video produced by the renowned organization Facing History and Ourselves.

Paul Bookbinder, professor of history, provided opening remarks on the history of Rwanda and its genocide before the video was shown. Bookbinder, a scholar of the Holocaust, discussed the similarities between Germany's holocaust and Rwanda's genocide. "Within both societies, neighbor turned against neighbor with disastrous results," said Bookbinder, observing that both countries' government, media, and propaganda machines played roles in escalating hate and violence and that the rest of the world was slow to acknowledge the crisis and intervene.

While Nganji was in the United States during the genocide, his parents and two brothers were murdered in his home country. Nganji works to raise awareness of Rwandan genocide through promotion of two films that he helped produce, *100 Days* and *Keepers of Memory*, and speeches such as "Mass Recruiting for Mass Murder."

The Bernard A. Stotsky Lecture Series is hosted by the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. In 1990, Dr. Stotsky created the series in memory of his parents, George and Bess Stotsky, who were instrumental in bringing more than two hundred people out of Europe before the Holocaust.

Telecommunications Expert Analyzes Industry at CM Forum

By Mary Ann Machanic

Carol J. Meier, executive director of the Massachusetts Network Communications Council (MNCC), addressed attendees of an early-April Senior Executive forum on changes and opportunities in the Massachusetts Telecommunications Industry. The event was sponsored by the College of Management.

According to Meier, there are over 100,000 technology-industry jobs in Massachusetts and employment increased this year in four of the seven telecommunications segments: communications software, wholesale trade, retail trade, and construction. Although communications services declined from 2003 to 2004, there were moderate increases in new jobs, said Meier.

Her speech addressed the decline in employment in communications manufacturing equipment, a trend that started in 1998. The industry has shifted away from manufacturing jobs in New England and towards valued-added software jobs. Through improvements in technology and productivity gains, manufacturing today is less labor- intensive, creating a reallocation from low-paying jobs to technology-driven work.

According to Meier, gains in productivity and the application of new technologies to the manufacturing process will ultimately accrue benefits to employees; future manufacturing jobs will require trained and skilled workers and thus result in improved employment and higher pay.

She told the audience that the telecommunications industry is still young, with significant entrepreneurial spirit. With innovations in telecommunications technology and entrepreneurs continuing to start new businesses in Massachusetts, the Commonwealth should see the creation of new telecommunications companies and, consequently, jobs.

MNCC, formerly the Massachusetts Technology Council, is an industry advocate and provides it's members with a venue for education and collaboration that gives them a common voice. The council also has affiliated relationships with organizations in the legal, accounting, consulting, and finance areas, and with educators such as UMass Boston.

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PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn, assistant professor of education, presented two papers, "Strategies to Prepare Prospective Teachers for Work with and within CLD Communities" and "Resistance to and Research for Social Justice in Teacher Education: Some Common Dilemmas and Opportunities," and organized a symposium at the American Educational Research Association 86th Annual conference. She also presented at the International Association of Intercultural Education in April.

In March, **Allyson Allen**, **LaTasha Cooper**, **Cecilia Shiner** and **Shauna Murray**, graduate students of applied sociology, spoke on a panel presenting the results of a study of the "Changing Lives Through Literature" program at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Sociology's **Russell Schutt** organized the panel and **Xiaogang Deng** served as discussant.

Joan Arches of the College of Public and Community Service copresented with a colleague and Harbor Point youth on the Health Initiative Collaborative: Community University Partnership at the Emerson College Community Partnership Summit on May 1.

David S. Areford, assistant professor of art history, presented the paper "The Child of Sorrows: Visualizing the Christ Child's Pain" at the annual International Congress on Medieval Studies, held on May 5. The paper was included in a session organized by Areford.

Elsa Auerbach, professor of English, gave the keynote address "Connecting Threads: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally in Community Literacy Partnerships" and presented the workshop "Tools for Community Context Analysis" at the national Weaving Literacy Conference, held on May 15.

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, associate professor of education, presented "Good Clinical Encounters in Primary Care: Chronic Patients' Views of the Doctor-Patient Relationship," "Cognitive Coping Strategies of Patients with Chronic Nonmalignant Pain: Implications for Providing Behavioral Support," and "Impact of Chronic Nonmalignant Pain on Quality of Life" at the 26th annual meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine.

Lawrence Blum, professor of philosophy, responded to three criticisms of his 2002 book *"I'm Not a Racist, But...": The Moral Quandary of Race* at an "Author Meets Critics" session organized by the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association and held in San Francisco.

Michael Chesson, professor of history, spoke about the book *The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln* at the new Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, Illinois, on April 17 and presented a talk on civil war medicine and surgeon J. Franklin Dyer on April 26 at the Boston Public Library.

Patrick Clarkin, assistant professor of anthropology, presented the research "Fetal Origins, Warfare, Migration, and the Health of the Hmong of French Guiana and the United States" for the Human Biology Association on April 6.

Jane Cloutterbuck, associate professor of nursing, presented "Dementia Caregiving in the African American Family: The Duality of Respect" at the Massachusetts Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association's Fourth Annual Community Forum, held on April 1.

Patricia Gallagher, senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, presented "Using Anchoring Vignettes to Assess Differential Response Choice Functioning" at the Comparative Survey Design and Implementation Workshop, held in March.

Joan Garity, associate professor of nursing, presented "Grief Responses in Family Care Givers of an Individual with Alzheimer's Disease: A Review of the Literature" at the 42nd Annual Isabel Maitland Stewart Conference on Research in Nursing: Globalization of Nursing and Health Care Practice, held at Columbia University.

On April 7, **Judith Goleman**, associate professor and director of the English Composition Program, lectured at the University of Pittsburgh on "Critical Reflexivity, Dogmatism, and the Teaching of Writing."

In May, **James Green**, professor in the College of Public and Community Service, presented the keynote address for the Illinois Labor History Society in Chicago on the Haymarket affair of 1886, the subject of his forthcoming book. He also presided over the Labor and Working Class History Association's annual meeting, held at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Susan Foley of the Institute for Community Inclusion presented research on women with disabilities in the workplace at Mass Bay Community College and UMass Boston.

Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, presented "Parenting in Public" at the Young Children without Homes National Conference, held on April 27.

On April 4, **Oscar Gutierrez**, associate professor of management science, conducted a focus group on the Homeless Management Information Systems utilization for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In March, **Harlyn Halvorson**, director of the Policy Center for Marine Center Biosciences and Technology, hosted the two-day workshop "State of Lobster Science" at UMass Boston.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, presented "Creating Cultural Diversity in Policy-making" at the New Hampshire Conference on Women in Policy.

Robert C. Hayden, lecturer in the College of Public and Community Service, presented "Knights of the Rails: The History of Black Railroad Workers in Boston and Nationally—1861 to 1960" at the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Railroad Company's Program "Celebrating Railroad Workforce Diversity" on March 8. He also presented a discourse on researching African American family histories at a meeting of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society of New England.

Kathleen Golden McAndrew of Student Affairs and University Health Services presented "Substance Abuse in the Workplace: Signs and Symptoms of Impairment" at the "Addictions at Work: More Than Just a Workplace Management Problem" conference.

Tatjana Meschede and **Brian Sokol** of the Center for Social Policy delivered presentations on data integration and analysis at the National Human Services Data Consortium Conference.

Michael Milburn, professor of psychology, presented "How to Raise Sexually Responsible Children: Helping Our Children Make Healthy Choices" for a district-wide talk at the South Mountain School in New Jersey on April 7.

Ruth Miller, assistant professor of history, presented "Collective Criminality, Sexual Deviance, and Constructing a National Criminal Law in Turkey" for the Clark Legal History Series, held at Boston University School of Law in March.

In April, **Thomas O'Grady** presented the paper "Out on His Own: The Incredible Jazz Guitar of Louis Stewart" at the American Conference for Irish Studies, held at the University of Notre Dame.

Mary Oleskiewicz, assistant professor of music, spoke on the subject of woodwind instruments for a symposium on historical tuning and temperament at the American Musical Instrument Society Conference, held in May.

Marc Prou, assistant professor of Africana studies, presented "Perspectives on the Current, Social, and Political Contexts of Haiti" at the National and International Symposium on the Future of Democracy and Development in Haiti, held in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Radden, professor of philosophy, presented "The Virtuous Mental Health Professional" at a 2005 Eric Seal Seminar, held at St. Vincent's Mental Health Service and the Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne, Australia, on March 18.

Professor **Lorna Rivera** of the College of Public and Community Service presented the paper "Contradictions in Policy: Homeless Women and Adult Basic Education" at the 86th annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association.

Rebecca Romanov of the English Department chaired the panel "The Postcolonial Body" at the Northeast Modern Language Association Conference, held in April.

Russell Schutt, professor of sociology, directed an expert panel on March 9 at Harvard Medical School, "The Women's Health Network Project: Reviewing the Past, Planning the Future," which he worked on with seven graduate students. UMass Boston's **Jane Cloutterbuck**, **Oscar Guttierez**, **Brooke Harrow**, **Donaldo Macedo**, and **Laurel Radwin** served on the panel.

Russell Schutt presented two research posters at the 2005 Harvard Medical School Department of Psychiatry Research Day in March: "Depression as an Impediment to Follow-Up Testing for Breast and Cervical Cancer among Uninsured Women" with graduate students **Elizabeth Cruz** and **Gail B. Gall**, and "The Relation Between Neuropsychological Test Performance and Behavior among Former Homeless Persons with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness" with student **Anna Martsinikiv**.

On March 18, **Karlene Schwartz**, an adjunct in the Department of Biology, spoke at the North Carolina Academy of Science celebration of Dr. Robert Higgins, former of head of invertebrate zoology at the Smithsonian Institute.

In April, **Lloyd Schwartz**, the Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, presented a lecture on James Levine and the Boston Symphony Orchestra at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education and served on the panel "Subject/Subjective: Writing about the Arts" at the Associated Writing Programs Convention.

Stephen Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, organized a symposium on collaborative archaeological field schools and copresented the paper "Working on Pasts for Futures: Eastern Pequot Field School Archaeology in Connecticut" at the Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, held in April.

In April, **Nina M. Silverstein**, associate professor of gerontology, presented two papers, "Dementia and Wandering: Why Families and Professionals Should be Concerned" and "Strategies for Managing Wandering Behavior in the Community, Hospital, and Long Term Care Setting," at the 27th National Conference of the Alzheimer Society of Canada, and "Dementia and Driving: Issues and Resources" at the Department of Mental Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Virginia Smith Harvey, professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, made two presentations at the National Association of School Psychologists' annual conference: "Supervision Variable and School Psychologists' Burnout" and "Hybrid Graduate Courses and Programs."

Philip L. Quaglieri, dean of the College of Management, **Sherry Penney**, professor of leadership, and **Patricia Neilson**, associate director of the Center for Collaborative Leadership, presented their paper "Urban Universities and Urban Leadership" at the East/West Business Conference, held in Hawaii on May 27.

Brian Thompson, professor of French, copresented a three-day workshop on the strategies and techniques for teaching French language and culture at the French Library and Cultural Center on May 13. Thompson's presentation is based on his book *La Clef des chants: La Chanson dans la classe de français*.

Juanita Urban-Rich, assistant professor in the EEOS Department, conducted the workshop "The Role of Arctic Sea Ice: A Vanishing Habitat" on April 26 at the Cambridge School of Weston.

PUBLICATIONS

Elsa Auerbach, professor of English, contributed the chapter "Connecting the Local and the Global: A Pedagogy of Not-Literacy" in *Portraits of Literacy Across Families, Communities, and Schools: Intersections and Tensions*.

Randy Albelda of the Economics Department and Public Policy Ph.D. program coauthored the article "Now That We Do: Same-Sex Couples and Marriage in Massachusetts" in *Massachusetts Benchmarks*.

CAMPUS NOTES

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, associate professor of education, published the article "Focus Group Practices: Studying Conversation," a review of Claudia Puchta and Jonathan Potter's *Focus Group Practice*, in the journal *Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung / Forum: Qualitative Social Research*.

Jane Cloutterbuck of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences published the coauthored chapter "Ethnic Elders" in *Geropsychiatric Mental Health Nursing*.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor of nursing, published the coauthored article "Criteria for Evaluation of Theory" in *Nursing Science Quarterly*.

Hope and Healing: Painting in Italy in a Time of Plague, 1500-1800, coauthored by **Pamela Jones** of the Art Department, was published by the Worcester Art Museum and the University of Chicago Press. The book accompanies the exhibition of the same title, and includes her essay "San Carlo Borromeo and Plague Imagery in Milan and Rome."

David Levy, associate professor of management, coauthored the book *The Business of Climate Change: Corporate Responses to Kyoto*, which was published by Greenleaf Publishing.

Donaldo Macedo, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education in the Applied Linguistics Graduate Program, published "Multiculturalism Beyond the Yoke of Positivism" in *Globalization, Technology and Padeia in the New Cosmopolis*.

A translation of Oksana Zabuzhkuo's *Girls* by **Askold Melnyczuk**, director of the Creative Writing Program, was posted on *Words without Boarders*, the online magazine for international literature.

Melissa Pearson, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, published the coauthored chapter "Resilience through Violence Prevention in Schools" in *Handbook of Resilience in Children*.

Marc Prou, assistant professor of Africana studies, published the essay "Haitian Americans" in the revised and expanded edition of *Multiculturalism in The United States: A Comparative Guide to Acculturation and Ethnicity.*

Laurel E. Radwin, assistant professor of nursing, and nursing master's alumni **Stephanie L. Farquhar**, **Michelle N. Knowles**, and **Barbara G. Virchick** published their article "Cancer Patients' Descriptions of Their Nursing Care" in April's *Journal of Advanced Nursing*.

Russell Schutt, professor of sociology, published the cowritten book *The Practice of Research in Social Work* with Sage Publications.

Taylor Stoehr, professor of English, published the article "Is It a Crime to Be Illiterate?" in the March/April issue of *Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, RECORDINGS

Margaret Hart, professor of art, is showing artwork in two group exhibitions in April: "Massachusetts Artists 2005" at the Brush Art Gallery and Studios in Lowell and "On the Floor/On the Wall" at the Absolute Art Gallery in San Marino, California.

The Youthful Beethoven, a CD by **Jon Ceander Mitchell** of the Music Department, containing his own reconstruction of Beethoven's early *Piano Concerto in E Flat, W.o.O 4*, his completion of *Romance Cantabile, H. 13*, and the *Ritterballet, W.o.O. 1*, has been released by Centaur Records.

In March, **Thomas O'Grady**, professor of English, gave poetry readings at Porter Square Books in Cambridge and at Bridgewater State College.

Something to Do, a play by **Rebecca Saunders**, lecturer in the English Department, was presented at the Panoply Arts Festival in April. Her ten-minute play *He Looks Like a Burrito* was accepted into the Seventh Annual Boston Theater Marathon, to be held on May 22.

Lloyd Schwartz, the Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, gave a reading at the New Hampshire Technical Institute on April 12 in Concord, New Hampshire.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, received a University of Massachusetts Public Service Grant to support state roundtables on racial/gender disparities in the health care professions with a focus on women of color.

The Institute for Community Inclusion received a grant from the Shapiro Foundation to teach computer skills to people with disabilities. They were also awarded additional funding for the National Service Inclusion Project from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

The Urban Harbors Institute received $1.5 million to assist the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with a statewide inventory and an economic model of recreational boating facilities and demand. They also received a $25,000 contract from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to conduct research on the Parker River/Essex Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern project.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Professor Emerita **Ann E. Berthoff** of the English Department was honored on her eightieth birthday in a special issue of *Reader: Essays in Reader-Oriented Theory, Criticism, and Pedagogy*. It included discussion by three UMass Boston colleagues, Professor Emerita **Susan R. Horton** and Professors **Neal Bruss** and **Judith Goleman,** on her contribution to composition pedagogy.

The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education awarded **Elizabeth L. Clemens,** instructor of gerontology, with the 2005 Part-Time Faculty Recognition Honors for exemplary work in the teaching of gerontology, commitment to students, and maintenance of high academic standards. Clemens, one of eight recipients nationwide, received the award on May 1.

Valera T. Francis was appointed director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects. Francis previously worked at Xavier University of Louisiana, where she was associate director of the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Patricia Halon of University Health Services received the Maureen Oh Eigartaigh Excellence in Nursing Practice Award from the Theta Alpha Awards Committee on April 23.

Susan Haussler, associate professor of nursing, has been appointed associate editor of *The Journal of Continuing Education in Nursing*.

Walter Martinez '04 received a three-year, pre-dissertation fellowship from the National Science Foundation for research he will be conducting as part of his Ph.D. studies in political science at Columbia University.

On March 30, **Martha Montero-Sieburth**, associate professor in the Department of Leadership in Education, received the Cesar E. Chavez Award for her commitment and work in the Boston Community from the Federation of Mexican Organizations of New England. She also received the Hispanic Research Issues SIG 2005 Award for Research in Elementary, Secondary or Postsecondary Education on April 14.

Lloyd Schwartz, the Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, was selected as the "Artist of the Month" by ARTSomerville in April.

The following faculty, staff, and students received a spring STARS (Student Affairs Resources for Success) for their projects: **Andrés Torres**, director of the Gastón Institute; **Steve Osemwenkhae** and **Hermelyn Latouche** of the Black Student Center; **Margaret McAllister** of the Community and Family Nursing Program; **Meghan Kiley** of Athletics; **Linda Smith-Mooney** of Student Affairs; **Ester Shapiro** of the Psychology Department; **Rajini Srikanth** of the English Department and University Honors Program; **Heidi Barrett**; and **Donna Neal** of Student Affairs.

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation awarded $516,000 to a research team at the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) in support of their national study of transfer opportunities that selective schools offer high-ability, low-income community college students.

DISSERTATIONS

Jorge Armesto of the Ph.D. Program in Clinical Psychology successfully defended his dissertation "The Life Course Gender Identity Projects of Adoptive Gay Fathers: The Creative Transformation of Hegemonic Masculinity and the Emergence of the Fathering Self" on March 29.

Lona Choi, a doctoral candidate of gerontology, successfully defended her dissertation "Meeting the Needs of Relative Caregivers: A Comparison of State Subsidized Guardianship Programs" on March 24.

MISCELLANEOUS

Professors **Weston Dripps** and **Jack Looney** of the Earth, Environmental, and Ocean Sciences Department acted as consultants to the Future Problem Solving Team of Canton Middle School, who won the Junior Division Massachusetts State Competition and will compete nationally on June 2.

Juanita Urban-Rich, assistant professor in the Earth, Environmental, and Ocean Sciences Department, conducted the week-long "Ocean Life in Extreme Environments" project for 88 kindergartners at the Hellen Keller Elementary School in Franklin, MA. She also led two educational programs for children on Arctic Ocean life and technology at the Keller School and the James J. Chittick Elementary School in Mattapan.

On April 11, the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy hosted a discussion for women business leaders featuring Jane Swift, Shannon O'Brien, and activist-philanthropist Barbara Lee.

IN THE NEWS

Robert Crossley, chair of the English Department and literary executor for the estate of Olaf Stapledon, was one of the subjects of Erik Sherman's essay on executors, "All They Leave Behind," in *Pages* magazine.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP), was quoted on the report "'As Tough As It Gets': Women in Boston Politics, 1921–2004" in the *Boston Globe*, *Boston Phoenix* and on Neighborhood Network News. This study and other recent CWPPP research were cited in the *Boston Herald, Associated Press*, the *Bay State Banner*, *The Standard Times*, and *Dateline Alabama*.

Askold Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program, reviewed *A Short History of Tractors in Urkainian*, a novel by Marina Lewycka, for the *Los Angeles Times* on March 9.

On May 17, **Sherry Penney**, professor of leadership in the College of Management, and her husband Jim Livingston of MIT were interviewed on Comcast CN8's "Books of Our Time" on their book *A Very Dangerous Woman: Martha Wright and Women's Rights*.

An educational project by **Juanita Urban-Rich** of the Earth, Environmental, and Ocean Sciences Department involving a study of the Arctic with third-graders was the focus of a feature in the *Milford Daily News* on April 13.

In March, *American Archaeology* ran a six-page story, "Working Together," on the archaeological field school that **Stephen Silliman**, assistant professor of anthropology, runs with the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation in Connecticut.

"Unaffordable 'Affordable' Housing," an article cowritten by **Michael Stone**, professor of community planning and public policy, appeared in the *Dorchester Community News* on March 18.

Brian Thompson, chair of Modern Languages and director of Le Centre National de la Chanson, was interviewed for WGBH's "The World" about the local musical group ZIAF, four women who bring to life the songs of French singer Edith Piaf.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus, dial (617) 287 and the last four digits below each calendar event.

Submit **June** calendar listings by **Monday, May 16**. Submit calendar listings online at **umb.edu/news/calendar/.** See the News and Events page on **umb.edu** for calendar listings online.

Monday 2

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Total Upper Body
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Mondays. McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. All major muscle groups of the upper body, including core training. Contact: 7–6788 or **chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu**.

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Total Body Conditioning
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., Mondays. McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Strengthen all major muscle groups, including abs and lower back. Contact: 7–6786 or **hasan.bailey@umb.edu**.

Asian American Film Series: *Chutney Popcorn*
2:15 – 4:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Lounge, 4th fl. Film about a young Indian-American woman attempting to strike a balance between her lesbian identity and traditional customs. Contact: 7-5671 or **AsianOutreach @gmail.com**.

Critical and Creative Thinking Presentations
5:15 – 8:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2-628C. Interactive presentations by students of Critical and Creative Thinking Graduate Program. Also held on May 5. Contact: 7-7636 or **peter.taylor@umb.edu**.

Beacon Fitness Center: Aqua Aerobics
6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Mondays. Clark Athletic Center, Pool, ll. Basic aerobics class for all levels. Contact: 7-6788 or **chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu**.

Tuesday 3

Yoga
1:00 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st Fl. For all levels. Students: free. Faculty/staff: $5.00. Mats provided. Also on Wednesdays, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Contact: 7–5680 or **linda.jorgensen@umb.edu**.

Africana Studies Department and Trotter Institute Africana Forum: Feminist or Simply Feminine? Reflections on the Works of Nana Asma'u
3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Campus Center, Rm. 2540, 2nd fl. Featuring Chukwuma Azuonye on Asma'U, a nineteenth-century West African poet, intellectual, and social activist. Contact: 7-6795.

Wednesday 4

Mother's Day Breakfast
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge. Celebration of the dedication of mothers. Contact: 7-7169 or **armscenter@yahoo.com**.

Beacon Fitness Center 30–30 Plyo–Kick Class
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Plyometric exercises for strength and calorie burning, and kickboxing-style aerobics. Contact: 7–6788 or **chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu**.

Balloon User Group
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center, Rm. 2540. Informal forum to exchange tips and experiences with Prometheus or WebCT. Bring your lunch and wireless PCs. Contact: 7-3998 or **eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu**.

Thursday 5

Celebrating and Building University-Community Partnerships for Research, Teaching, and Outreach
5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Featuring Chancellor Keith Motley; Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea J. Cabral; Adrian Haugabrook, executive director of Citizen Schools University; and others. Contact: 7-5791.

***Henry V* by William Shakespeare**
8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2-008. Directed by Robert Lublin. Tickets: $10.00 ($7.00 students and seniors). Also on May 6 and 7, same time, and May 8, 2:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640.

Friday 6

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Abs and Flex
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Fridays. McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Abdominal training and flexibility. Contact: 7–6788 or **chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu.**

Beacon Fitness Center Class: On the Ball
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Fridays. McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Exercises on a physio ball. Contact: 7–6788 or **chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu**.

Biology Series Seminar: Chromatin-Based Gene Regulation in T Lymphocytes
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Lipke Auditorium, 2nd fl. Featuring Benjamin Ortiz of Hunter College's Center for Study of Gene Structure and Function. Contact: 7-6600 or **maria.mahoney@umb.edu.**

University Chorus and Chamber Singers Spring 2005 Concert
7:30 p.m., United First Parish Unitarian, 1306 Hancock Street, Quincy, MA. Featuring Jeffrey Rink, conductor; Terry Halco, accompanist. Requested donation: $5.00 ($3.00 students and seniors.) Church is accessible to Quincy Center Station on the MBTA Red Line. Contact: 7-5640 or **mark.vaz@umb.edu**.

Saturday 7

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Baseball vs. Western Connecticut State University
12:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

Monday 9

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Total Upper Body
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Wednesday 11

Beacon Fitness Center 30–30 Plyo–Kick Class
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Plyometric exercises for strength and calorie burning, and kickboxing-style aerobics. Contact: 7–6788 or **chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu**.

Digital Classroom Seminar Series
12:30 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11th fl. Showcase for innovative use of technology in real and digital classrooms. Sandwiches, chips, soda, and cookies are provided by event sponsors: Instructional Technology Center and the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education. Contact: 7-3998 or **eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu**.

Friday 13

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Abs and Flex
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Spring 2005 Dance Kaleidoscope
8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2-008. Performances and choreography by UMass Boston Dance Faculty members and students. Directed by Liz Lapuh. Tickets: $10.00 ($5.00 students with valid ID and seniors). Also on May 14. Contact: 7-5648 or **elizabeth.lapuh @umb.edu**.

Thursday 19

Gerontology Department Dissertation Defense: The Aging Baby Boom Cohort: Predictors of Condom Use for Disease Prevention
10:00 a.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. Featuring Ph.D. candidate Jennifer Warren. Contact: 7-7302.

Friday 20

Quinn Award Community Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 a.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Featuring honorees Bob and Dan Ferrara and The Hon. Thomas M. Menino. Contact: 7-5300.

College of Public and Community Service Celebration of Graduation
7:00 – 9:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. All CPCS graduates and their families/friends are invited to attend. Light supper and music by UMass Boston Jazz Combo. Contact: 7-7124 or **suzanne.allmendinger@umb.edu**.

Monday 23

Boston Harbor Symposium 2005: A Tribute to Judge A. David Mazzone
3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Urban Harbors Institute event to celebrate the twenty-year anniversary of the Boston Harbor cleanup federal case. Contact: 7-5570.

Tuesday 24

Graduation Celebration for the Women in Politics and Public Policy Program
6:00 – 8:30 p.m., Location TBA. A celebration for graduates of the program, families, friends, and guests. Contact: 7-6785 or **donna.stewartson @umb.edu.**

Monday 30

Memorial Day.
University closed.

Tuesday 31

Free Tuesday Harbor Cruises
12:00 – 1:15 p.m., Fox Point Landing. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the Boston Harbor Islands and its neighboring surroundings aboard the M/V Hurricane. Harbor cruises are free with a current and valid UMass ID and $5.00 without ID. Seats are available on a first-come first-served basis. Contact: 7-5404 or **opctr@umb.edu.**

College of Management Honors Convocation
7:00 - 9:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. By invitation.

Friday, June 3

University of Massachusetts Boston Commencement Exercises 2005
9:30 a.m., UMass Boston Campus Center lawn. Contact: 7-5313 or **www.umb.edu/commencement.**

Miscellaneous

Beacon Fitness Center
Contact: 7-6786 or **athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm** for schedule.

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.

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/**.

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

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)
Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at **www.itc.umb.edu,** or contact 7-2990.

Intramural Five-on-Five Basketball League
12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Mondays. Clark Athletic Center, LL, Gymnasium. Contact: 7-7830 or **richard.sledzik @umb.edu**.

Singles Racquetball League
McCormack Hall, 1st fl., Beacon Fitness Center. Round–robin format with one match per week. Contact: 7–7830 or **richard.sledzik@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.