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Fulbright Grants Send Three to Europe in 1997-98

Three UMass Boston faculty members have been awarded Fulbright grants to lecture and conduct research in Europe for the 1997-98 academic year.

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Professor Louise Smith of the English Department spent the fall semester lecturing in the American Studies program at the University of Trier in Germany. In November, however, the entire system of 80 German universities went on strike. The reason? Appropriations are down for universities as part of the government's effort to send as much money and resources as possible for the redevelopment of its eastern half, the former German Democratic Republic.

Smith has completed a manuscript and travelled to view antiquities in Germany, Luxembourg, and elsewhere in Europe. She will return to UMass Boston in February.

Anthropology Professor Timothy Sieber travelled to Lisbon, Portugal at the end of December to lecture in the American Studies Graduate Program of the Open University of Lisbon. He will teach a seminar on "Social and Cultural Perspectives on the Contemporary United States," and collaborate with the University's American Studies Research Center and the graduate program in Intercultural Relations.

Sieber will also be conducting research on the current redevelopment of Lisbon's urban waterfront, which includes the site of the upcoming EXPO '98 Lisbon World Fair. He is especially interested in ways that Portuguese culture and history are reinterpreted in the new developments, through historical preservation, architecture, design, tourism programs, and heritage celebrations. He stays in Lisbon until July as an "Invited Scientist" with the European Union's PRAXIS XXI Program and funding from the Portuguese National Council of Scientific and Technological Research.

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Campus Greets Huru, & Vice Versa

Wave hello to Huru, and he just might wave hello back. By now, almost everyone on campus has made a passing acquaintance with Huru, the gigantic, 55-foot wind sculpture which is ensconced at the corner of the soccer field, just as you enter the campus.

Huru, the creation of sculptor Mark di Suvero, is one of a series of public art-sized sculptures by world-class artists that will eventually make the UMass Boston campus their home through "Arts on the Point," a public sculpture park which began to take shape this winter. The mastermind behind the Arts on the Point project is Art Professor Paul Tucker, who hopes that everyone will benefit from the presence of these works on campus, whether they like an individual piece or not.

Huru and twelve "fantastic afterlife vehicles" created by four artists from Ghana, West Africa, are the first works to be installed on campus. The vehicles, which are located throughout campus buildings, are part of a tradition begun by the late Ghanaian artist

Kane Kwei during the 1960s. The meaning of each vehicle may not be readily apparent, as in the case of one resembling a marlboro cigarette box. "Marlboros are highly prized in Ghana, even a status symbol," says Tucker, explaining its significance. An article in the August 1994 issue of *National Geographic Magazine* is dedicated to this art form.

When complete, Arts on the Point will provide a unique opportunity to view sculptures that might otherwise be stored away out of the public view for years. Works by Sol LeWitt, Luis Jimenez, Ursula von Rydingsvard, and Dennis Oppenheim have already been committed to the park. All of the works are either donated or on long-term loan.

The next work to be installed will be Luis Jimenez's "Steelworker" which Tucker says is tentatively scheduled to be erected on the plaza between the Science Building, and Wheatley and McCormack Halls, during the first week of January.

Chancellor Honors Longtime Employees

If you've ever wondered what it takes to stick with one employer for at least five years, ask one of 950 UMass Boston faculty and staff members. About 400 employees attended the Chancellor's Years of Service reception Nov. 25. Chancellor Sherry Penney announced the reception was the first of an annual tradition.

In her congratulatory speech, Penney broke down the numbers of employees and their years of service: 58 have five years; 108 have 15 years; 21 have 20 years,

and nearly 122 have more than 25 years.

"These numbers are a very satisfying barometer to me of UMass Boston's collective experience, and, I hope, of the satisfaction staff and faculty receive from working here," Penney said.

The chancellor distributed UMass Boston coffee mugs. The event was organized with the help of Human Resources and the Years of Service Committee.

In Depth With GCOE's Dick Clark

His time at UMass Boston has been short — a mere five months. But it didn't take long for Richard J. Clark, the new dean of the Graduate College of Education (GCOE), to get excited about UMass Boston.

"I think this is a really special place — not only the Graduate College of Education, but the entire university," Clark said. "I have been so impressed with the faculty and the students and the staff here." Clark says he immediately noticed the caring nature of UMass Boston faculty. "I think the faculty is extraordinary," he said.

The Graduate College of Education appears to be a perfect match for a man who has been both a teacher and administrator at various educational levels.

After earning his bachelor's degree in American Studies from Amherst College in 1960 and his M.Ed. from Harvard in 1961, Clark taught fifth and sixth grades in Concord and Lexington. From 1963 to 1966, he was an elementary school principal in Jefferson County, Colo. He went on to earn his Ed.D. from Stanford University.

When Clark joined the UMass Amherst faculty in 1968, he intended to spend two to three years helping to build that campus' School of Education. Clark's "brief" stay at UMass Amherst lasted nearly three decades.

At UMass Amherst, Clark has held various positions, including associate dean for program

planning and development in the School of Education and chair of the Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies.

A UMass Amherst project Clark is particularly proud of is the Math, English and Science Teacher Education Program (MESTEP) for master's level students. The program was run for 13 years with school systems in the greater Boston area.

Through the corporate partnerships, MESTEP students worked in corporations such as Digital and Hewlett Packard to learn more about educational technology and corporate approaches to training. Though students liked the money, longer lunches and clean environment, 90 percent of them went into and stayed in teaching, Clark says with satisfaction. MESTEP's successor program, "180 Days in Springfield," recruits master's students to work in Springfield for one year, studying, teaching and learning in public schools.

Clark has brought to UMass Boston the same enthusiasm he had for programs at his former campus. He welcomes three main challenges he faces as new dean of GCOE.

"The challenges are also the opportunities," he said. "As the Graduate College of Education, we seem to be in two places simultaneously," Clark said, referring to the challenge of balancing. GCOE must continue to function well as part of the

university, in addition to working with the public schools.

"We need to make sure that we are holding ourselves responsible for the academic and professional work that we do," Clark said. One way to do this, he said, is securing accreditation for GCOE. Already, Clark has met with faculty on the issue, discussing three main questions: "What's unique about us?", "How many students can we serve?", and "How do we think about our relationship with the public schools, especially the Boston Public Schools?"

Clark and faculty have spent much time looking at the makeup of today's educators. Half of the teachers here today won't be here in a decade, Clark said. "There is no clear pipeline of people coming in." Naturally, he wants to encourage more people, especially people of color, to enter the teaching profession.

The final main challenge, Clark said, is developing a closer link between GCOE programs and its centers and institutes, which make the college unique. The presence of the centers and institutes working side by side with the academic programs is exciting, he said.

Clark and his wife, Casey, a professional staff member at Smith College, are the parents of three grown children.

English Major Awarded New Scholarship

When Lori Ann Gauthier looks for her first teaching job, she will have accumulated an impressive resume to show prospective employers. She entered UMass Boston with a Chancellor's scholarship. She has completed the Leadership Development program, and is about to complete coursework for the CAS Honors program. An English major, she is working on her English honors thesis, on "shadow figure" motifs in fairy tales and vampire tales. Gauthier has maintained over a 3.8 grade point average while working part-time, and is now taking courses towards her undergraduate teacher certification.

This fall, Gauthier became the first recipient of the Genevieve Keohane Burlingame scholarship, a \$3,000 grant given to a student or students from Boston who shows promise of creativity in the classroom. "I was surprised to find out that I was the only one to receive the scholarship," says Gauthier. "I see it as proof of the University's belief that I will be an effective teacher."

Gauthier was able to thank her benefactor and talk with veteran teachers when she attended a tea for Mrs. Burlingame and the Class of 1946 of The Teachers College of the City of Boston in October. "I was happy to talk with Mrs. Burlingame and her

classmates about teaching, and tell them about my plans," she says.

"One of the things that strikes me about Lori Ann is how she has grown and blossomed in the time I have known her," says Prof. Monica McAlpine, director of the CAS Honors Program, who has known Gauthier since her freshman year. "She's ambitious, and has taken advantage of every opportunity while here."

Gauthier plans to teach third or fourth graders in the Boston Public Schools. As a lifelong resident of Dorchester, she hopes to serve children of the neighborhood where she grew up.

MBAC Honors Minority Entrepreneurs for Second year

For the second year, the Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) has presented Minority Business Entrepreneur of the Year Awards to a wide variety of businesses, from automobile repair shops to real estate firms to newspapers and efficacy training. The U.S. Small Business Administration and Citizen's Bank of Boston were co-sponsors of the awards.

The entrepreneurs honored at the November 18 event have been in business for at least five years. "We wanted to recognize minority business entrepreneurs

who have thrived in their fields," says Henry Turner, director of the MBAC, who said that longevity was a key to being chosen for the award.

Awards were presented to the following ten entrepreneurs and their businesses:

Crosswinds Enterprises, Inc., Edward Faria, George Chin, Arnold Johnson, Owners, established 1985; Dave's Motors, Dave Wimes, Owner, established 1981; El Mundo Newspaper, Alberto Vasallo, Jr., President, established 1992; F.C. Saunders Century 21

Realty, Fred C. Saunders, Sr., and Fred C. Saunders, Jr., Principals, established 1971; First Choice Limousine Service, Inc., Charles L. Clemons, Jr., President, established 1992; Fred Walden Catering, Fred Walden, CEO, established 1992; J. Howard & Associates, established 1977; Santiago's Market, Ediberto Santiago, Owner, established 1992; The Waldin Group, Clayton H.W. Turnbull, President, established 1992; Triad Inc., Willie Conner, President, established 1988.

Sharing a Health Message, Woman to Woman

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, excluding cancer of the skin. In 1997, 180,200 new cases of breast cancer were expected to be diagnosed, and 43,900 women were expected to die of this disease in the United States alone.

UMass Boston has been involved in a 2-year project with the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Service Employees International, and 26 other worksites to develop and test a model for breast and cervical cancer education intended to enhance employee health.

The Woman to Woman project has provided early detection

information to employees in a variety of ways. Eight peer health advisors, trained at the Dana Farber Institute, are available to discuss early prevention strategies at informal "lunch and learn" meetings and coffee breaks. They are also available by appointment for private discussions.

Becky Hsu, director of payroll and data management in the Department of Human Resources, had never done this kind of outreach before. As a peer advisor since April of 1997, she has met with approximately 20 women to provide information or discuss their health concerns. "I think it is very important for women to learn more about early detection, and take it seriously. I

became involved because I thought it was a meaningful task to help women, and Asian women in particular," she says.

The other peer advisors are Charlotte Herring, Debra Wein, Kathleen Potter, Irene Ryan, Lisa Williams, Anne Riley, Martha Kelly, and Rosalina Guity-Joseph.

Although our 2-year association with Dana Farber Cancer Institute ended in December, UMass Boston will continue the program. For information, contact a peer health advisor directly.

Best Wishes to Retiring Community Members

Our congratulations and best wishes to members of the University community who are retiring as of December 31, 1997:

Prof. Rose Abendstern, Modern Languages

Prof. Judith R. Borne, Human Performance and Fitness

David A. Calvert, Auxiliary Services

Andrew Castiglione, Healey Library

Prof. Joseph J. Cooney, Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences

Prof. Robert J. Dunbar, University Advising Center

Robert J. Gorman, Facilities Administration

Prof. J. Lawrence Kamara, Sociology

Prof. Herbert Kamowitz, Mathematics and Computer Science

Alice W. LeBlanc, University Advising Center

Prof. Henry A. Mariani, Chemistry

Gloria F. Moscovitz, Student Financial Management

Patricia Mullen, McCormack Institute

Eleanor J. Riordan, Healey Library

John C. Robinson, Media Services

Winifred A. Ryder, Healey Library

Antoinette Scarlata, Health Services

Evelyn A. Snowling, Bursar's Office

David L. Stockton, Director, Health Services

Robert J. Sullivan, Facilities Administration

Peter A. Tofuri, Computing Services

Prof. Patricia Wilkie-Gootman, Management and Marketing

Stephan Chait to Oversee Campus Center Project

In October, Stephan Chait joined the Office of Administration and Finance as an Assistant Vice Chancellor to oversee the long-awaited Campus Center project. He is now completing programmatic work for the project, and in January he expects to begin schematic work, which will result in a detailed set of plans for the Campus Center within the next 18 months.

Chait became familiar with the project as a senior study manager with the Commonwealth's Division of Capital Planning and Operations (DCPO) where he participated in a building study for the proposed center in 1987. The project was given the green light this year when the Legislature provided funding for it.

Chait received his doctorate in regional planning and his masters degree in logic and scientific method from the London School of Economics, and his bachelors degree in philosophy from the University of Illinois.

Publications

Prof. **Richard Horsley** of the Study of Religion Program has co-authored a book, *The Message and the Kingdom*, published by Grosset/Putnam in October.

Prof. **John Tobin** of the English department has a review-essay, "What is Pastoral?" published in the current issue of *Essays in Criticism*.

Prof. **Elizabeth Fay** of the English department has published "Wordsworthian Lives: The Commonplace of Extraordinary Emotion" in *The Wordsworth Circle*.

Dale H. Freeman, staff member of the GCOE Dean's Office and masters candidate in history, has written an article, "Melancholy Catastrophe!" to be published in the winter issue of the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*.

Prof. **Robert Carter** of the chemistry department has written a book, *Molecular Symmetry and Group Theory*, which was published in October by John Wiley & Sons.

Roger Wrubel, director of the Undergraduate Environmental Studies Program, co-authored an article, "Regulatory Oversight of Genetically Engineered Microorganisms: Has Regulation Inhibited Innovation?" in the journal *Environmental Management*

Prof. **Lloyd Schwartz** of the English department had his poem, "No Orpheus," published in the December issue of *Ploughshares*.

Presentations & Conferences

Martin Quitt, dean of graduate studies, argued in favor of collaborative doctoral

dissertations at a debate held during the 37th annual meeting of the Council of Graduate Schools in Washington, D.C., Dec. 3-6.

Paul Camacho, Director of Special Projects, Joiner Center, was invited by Congressman Jack Quinn, Chair of the House Veteran's Affairs subcommittee on benefits, to testify before the committee on ways to increase the supply of transitional housing for homeless veterans.

Prof. **Robert Carter** of the chemistry department spoke at the dedication of the new 1000-seat Bricker Auditorium at the University of Kansas in November.

Prof. **Anne McCauley** of the art department lectured on "Likeness versus Impressions: The Photographic Challenge to Portrait Painting in the Nineteenth Century" at the Art Institute of Chicago, Dec. 5-6. Her lecture was part of a symposium on "The Portrait in Modern Times."

Dr. **Bernie Gardner** of the ECOS program gave a presentation, "Response of Boston Harbor to an Extreme Rain Event" at the 14th International Conference of the Estuarine Research Federation in Providence, Rhode Island, in October.

Grants

Prof. **Eugene Gallagher** was awarded \$30,000 as a member of the Batelle New England team chosen to monitor Boston Harbor and the Massachusetts Bay from 1998-2000 for effects of the new outfall pipe. In October, the pipe will begin transporting treated effluent 9.6 miles out into Massachusetts Bay.

Special Events

In November, the **Geography Club** organized a National Geography Week campus event. Activities included map quizzes, rock and minerals displays and demonstrations of geographic information systems (GIS) technologies. Over \$300 was raised to help sponsor activities.

The **Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy** co-sponsored "A Dinner and Conversation with New Hampshire Governor Jeanne Shaheen" on Dec. 9 at the Omni Parker House in Boston.

Awards and Honors

NERCHE director **Zelda Gamson** was a member of a visiting committee examining the School of Education at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba, Israel, Dec. 14-18.

Prof. **Robert Chen** has been appointed adjunct scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, Woods Hole, MA., until the year 2000.

Prof. **Philip Hart** and his wife Tanya produced a non-fiction film on the Atlantic slave trade, "Dark Passages." It aired on BET in 1990 and 91, and is now in distribution by PBS Video. "Dark Passages" will be included in the 6th Pan African Film Festival, held Feb. 5-16 in Los Angeles.

Dissertation Defenses

Doctoral candidate **Amaro Lara** of the Clinical Psychology program defended his dissertation, "Dissociative Experiences Among Cuban Mental Health Patients and Spiritist Mediums" on Dec. 4.

James Aronson, doctoral candidate in clinical psychology, defended his dissertation,

"The Role of Mental Representation and Action in Preschoolers' Pretense," on Dec. 19.

Miscellaneous

The **Division of Continuing Education** and the Program for Multi-Site Education (**MUSE**) offered two distance learning courses for K-12 educators this fall. They were "Harbor Explorations: Marine Science in the K-12 Curriculum" and Pulling in the Net: Information Technology in the K-12 Curriculum." Participants earn professional development points, or complete additional work and receive graduate credits.

Professor **Marietta Schwartz**, Chair of the CAS Senate Academic Affairs Committee, has placed two documents, the CAS Senate Constitution and trustee document T76-081, the academic personnel policy booklet, on the CAS Senate website. The URL is www.chem.umb.edu/Senate/Senate.html

Joseph O'Neill, a retired attorney and part-time student in theater arts, appears as a missionary in the newly released Steven Spielberg film, *Amistad*.

In the News...

Prof. **Richard Horsley** of the Study of Religion Program was interviewed on *National Public Radio's* "Fresh Air" on Dec. 8. He was also interviewed on "The Diane Rehm Talk Show" on Washington D.C.'s WAMU-FM, Dec. 18.

Profs. **Bette Woody** and **Connie Chan** spoke on the topic of obstacles faced by women of color in the academic world in an article, "Minority Women form Research Collaborative," in the *Bay State Banner*, Nov. 20.

Network Names Woman of Year, Rising Stars

Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci and about 130 others gathered in the University Club on Dec. 11 for the annual Woman of the Year and Rising Stars Award Dinner.

Sponsored by The Network of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at McCormack Institute, the event recognizes women leaders in public service. Cellucci spoke briefly about each award recipient.

Jane Garvey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), was honored with the 1997 Woman of the Year Award for her extraordinary achievement in the field of transportation.

Since 1981, the Network's board of directors has selected a woman of the year for her dedication to public service and the advancement of Massachusetts women in

politics and government.

The 14th FAA administrator, Garvey is the first woman to lead the 48,000-person agency. A native of Amherst, her leadership background includes positions as director of Boston's Logan Airport and commissioner of Public Works in Massachusetts. Attorney Cheryl Cronin accepted the award on behalf of Garvey, who was unable to attend the dinner.

Virginia Buckingham and Toni Troop were named Rising Stars, a distinction given since 1995 to two young women considered to be rising stars in Massachusetts politics and government.

Buckingham, 32, of Marblehead was selected for being a role model for other young women interested in politics and government in Massachusetts. Chief of

staff for Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci, she also served as chief of staff to former Gov. William Weld. In addition, Buckingham was campaign manager for Weld's 1996 campaign for the U.S. Senate, Weld's press secretary and a press aide to the Weld-Cellucci campaign.

President of the Greater Boston Chapter of the National Organization of Women, Brookline resident Toni Troop, 34, was named a 1997 Rising Star for her dedication to grassroots political activism to improve the political opportunities and empowerment of women. Troop is also director of development for Rosie's Place, a women's shelter in Roxbury.

The Network brings women together to facilitate networking and advance the leadership of women in politics and government.

City to City Exchange Sends Boston Leaders to Atlanta

Five UMass Boston representatives were among more than 40 Boston leaders who traveled to Atlanta Nov. 15-18 for "City to City: Boston's Leadership Exchange" to learn how other metropolitan cities advance economically, while still addressing the needs of their citizens.

UMass Boston was the major organizer, sending the following: Sherry H. Penney, chancellor; Hubie Jones, special assistant to the chancellor for urban affairs; Ismael Ramirez-Soto, dean, CPCS; Henry Turner, director, Minority Business Center; and Robert Woodbury, director, McCormack Institute.

The program focused on four

objectives: civic decision-making, revitalizing the inner city, regional cooperation and globalism.

The Boston delegation, led by Mayor Thomas Menino, spoke with 26 Atlanta leaders on how the southern city has overcome economic, social and racial differences to achieve many economic and social accomplishments, as well as deal openly and honestly with race relations.

Among the speakers were Mayor Bill Campbell; former mayors Maynard Jackson and Sam Massell; Duane Ackerman, president and CEO of BellSouth Corporation; Shirley Franklin, partner with A. Brown Olmstead Associates; and Dr. Walter

Massey, president of Morehouse College.

According to Hubie Jones and Paul Guzzi, president and CEO of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, two lessons were learned that are vital to Atlanta's moving forward: 1.) Atlanta expects strong community leadership from every business leader, and 2.) The city practices intentional racial inclusion.

Atlanta was selected because business leaders work effectively with political, academic, not-for-profit and religious leaders for economic development and social change. Co-sponsors were the city of Boston and the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

O'Malley Discusses Peace Talks

A senior fellow in the McCormack Institute and expert on South Africa and Ireland has played a vital role in bringing together the key players of Northern Ireland and South Africa for peace talks.

Padraig O'Malley, fresh off the plane from Belfast, Ireland, spoke twice last month about his diplomatic efforts. On Dec. 2 he updated the university community on the progress of Irish peace talks. On Dec. 9 he presented "The Great Indaba: How the University of Massachusetts Boston Brought the Key Players in the Peace Process in Northern Ireland and South Africa Together."

"The word 'indaba' is a Zulu word for 'gathering of the minds,'" O'Malley explained to

an audience of about 20 people at the Dec. 9 lecture. The Great Indaba was the vehicle O'Malley used to bring together political leaders from Northern Ireland and key players in the South Africa to a governmental retreat in Arniston on the Western Cape.

O'Malley explained that he thought the Northern Irish had to see how South Africans orchestrated peace. South Africans dealt with two main issues — a cease fire and a decommissioning of arms — that are also issues in Northern Ireland today, O'Malley said.

In recent months, O'Malley has delivered several talks outside of the university, in addition to talks in Belfast with political leaders.

Science Day '98 Hosts High School Students in January

On January 7 and 8, Science Day '98 will bring students from twenty two local high schools to our campus for a chance to sample the offerings in biology, chemistry, environmental sciences, math and computer sciences, geography and physics. Students can learn about microscopes, investigate water quality, make their own nylon and polymer slime, and extract DNA from cells, among other experiments.

Science Day was initiated in 1993 as a way of introducing inner-city high school students to college-level science through UMass Boston's laboratories and faculty. It was so successful that it was expanded to a two-day event in 1994. Science Day is an entirely volunteer effort on the part of our faculty. This year, 37 faculty and staff members will contribute their time to this worthwhile endeavor.

Fulbright Grants, continued from pg. 1

Professor James Green of the General Center, CPCS, will be a Senior Lecturer at Italy's University of Genoa, where he will teach a course emphasizing oral history and public history with an Italian colleague. He is also scheduled to give a number of talks at other Italian universities, including those at Bologna, Bergamo, Torino and Milano, and at the Free University of Berlin, the Sorbonne, and Cambridge University.

During his stay, Green, a labor historian, has also been invited to speak to European trade union groups. He plans to prepare a

collection of his own essays under the title "Movement History" for publication.

Fulbright grants are awarded by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the United States Information Agency. Smith, Sieber and Green are among the 1,600 U.S. grant-winners who will travel abroad during the 1997-98 academic year. The program, established by Congress, is named in honor of Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, and designed to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries."