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## Historian & Author David McCullough to Address Grads at '98 Commencement

One of the most important events held each year which showcases the best and brightest of UMass Boston is Commencement. This year over 2,000 graduates will receive their degrees on Saturday, May 31, at the Bayside Exposition Center. The procession starts at 10:30 a.m., and the main ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m., followed by individual college ceremonies.

David McCullough, American historian, lecturer, editor and author, will give the commencement address. He will also receive a Doctorate of Letters. Best known for his biography on President Harry S. Truman titled *Truman*, McCullough was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and educated at Yale University. Earlier in his career, he worked for *Time* magazine. Since 1988 he has been the host to the PBS series "The American Experience." McCullough lives and works in West Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard. In addition to writing, his other passions are sketching and painting.

The other honorary recipients will be Reverend Avery Dulles, internationally renowned theologian, author and lecturer, and Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham University; Teresa Heinz, chair of the Howard Heinz Foundation, environmental leader and philanthropist; Don Henley, environmentalist, musician and philanthropist; Carl Lewis, holder of nine Olympic gold medals; and Raul Yzaguirre, president of the National Council of La Raza, the largest national Hispanic organization and leading think tank in Washington, D.C.

All members of the University community are welcome to attend Commencement. Please bring your university identification card for admittance.

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## Charles Merrill Speaks, Donates Painting

Charles Merrill, son of the founder of Merrill Lynch & Co., shared his philanthropic and educational philosophies April 9 with students enrolled in "Introduction to African American Studies" and with students, faculty and administrators at a luncheon in his honor.

"The scholarship of Charles Merrill is of the greatest importance to an institution like UMass Boston," Chancellor Sherry Penney said at the luncheon. "Obviously, we rely on philanthropy to fulfill our missions. And conversely, much of what we do is philanthropy as well," she said.

Robert Karam, chairman of the UMass Board of Trustees, served as master of ceremonies for the luncheon.

Merrill talked about major influences on his philosophies on life, including an encounter with death while serving in the Fifth Army in Italy during World War II and his contact as a Fulbright teacher with Austrian students who had been bombed by Allied Forces.

Founder of the Commonwealth School in Boston, Merrill also spoke at length about his commitment to educating African American students. The great-grandson of a slaveholder, Merrill said he was struck by "the claustrophobic atmosphere" of blacks in education in the South. Among many efforts, he has served on the board of directors of Morehouse College and has established scholarships at Spellman College.

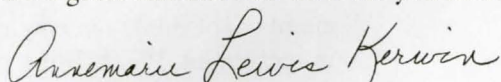
The philanthropist also supports several universities in Poland. In addition to annual visits to the country, Merrill provides an opportunity for 15 Polish students to study in colleges and universities in the United States. During his visit, Merrill donated a 23-by-33-inch painting by Polish artist Anna Kulczycka for the Arts on the Point project.

### Note from the editor

The *University Reporter* will not be published during the months of June, July & August. We will resume production in September.

The *University Reporter's* Calendar of Events will also not be published June -August, but it will be available on our web site at <http://omega.cc.umb.edu/pubinfo/calendarintro.html>. If you would like your summer events listed on the web, please send your information to Calendar of Events, Public Information, 3rd floor, Quinn Administration Bldg. Fax: 617-287-5305, or [univ\\_report@umb.edu](mailto:univ_report@umb.edu). All submissions must be received by the third Monday of each month.

Have a great summer and we'll see you in September.



Annemarie Lewis Kerwin

# In Depth With The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy

It's hard to think of a woman political leader in Massachusetts who hasn't interacted with the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

Governor hopeful Patricia McGovern participated in the March 27 Gubernatorial Candidates Forum. Judith Robbins, mayor of Attleboro, is on the Center's advisory board. State Representative Charlotte Golar-Richie was a panelist in the Oct. conference "Women Shaping Public Policy: Past and Present."

"The women who have been in the forefront of public leadership in Massachusetts have a connection with our center," said Dr. Elizabeth Sherman, Center director and senior fellow at the McCormack Institute.

Founded four years ago, the Center has solidified its presence as a leader and, as Sherman puts it, "amplified the voice of women" through three main components: a graduate certificate program, a political network and a growing research center.

The Center's backbone is its Program for Women in Politics and Government, a one-year certificate program offered through American Studies that catapults graduates into law schools, Ph.D. programs and government and public policy careers.

"The program is the only one of its kind in the country that is one-year and that focuses on policy training, leadership development and public service. We concen-

trate on those like a laser beam," Sherman said.

"We have students all over the country working in outstanding positions, and they really got their start in our program," Sherman added.

Founded in 1968 at Simmons College and run for nearly 20 years at Boston College, the program is celebrating its 25th anniversary this month at a May 2 gala event at the Copley Fairmount Hotel in Boston.

Sherman quickly points out that Assistant Director Jain Ravidich-Higgins is "the engineer of the program." Her responsibilities include recruiting students and running the internship program, which annually places 24 students in 250-hour jobs at just about every local entity dealing with public policy.

The NETWORK provides women from diverse backgrounds with opportunities for networking and career advancement. Run by Sheila Gagnon, The NETWORK hosts six annual forums featuring elected officials, community activists, journalists and policy analysts. Its Woman of the Year dinner celebration honors women of outstanding achievement and recognizes "Rising Stars" in politics and government.

"Our research is going to impact policy," Sherman said of the Center's research center. Research Director Carol Hardy-Fanta is widely respected as an expert on Latino political issues. Carol L. Cardoza, research

associate, is developing the Women's Resource Library and has helped the Center secure thousands of dollars in research support.

"I think we can really be proud of all of the achievements we've accomplished over the past three or four years since we've been at UMass Boston," Sherman said of the entire Center.

## Governor hopefuls attract 400 to campus forum

For skeptics who thought only a handful would attend the 1998 Gubernatorial Candidates Forum, the 400 people who packed Lipke Auditorium March 27 proved that superb weather on a Friday night was no deterrent.

"It was just an electric evening," said Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

Three democratic candidates for governor — Ray Flynn, Scott Harshbarger and Patricia McGovern — attended the first ever gubernatorial forum in the Commonwealth to address issues of specific concern to women. Republican candidates Acting Gov. Paul Cellucci and Joseph Malone, along with Democrat Brian Donnelly, declined to participate. The discussion was moderated by Sarah-Ann Shaw, reporter for *WBZ-TV* Channel 4.

Hosted by The NETWORK of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, the event was co-sponsored by 22 women's organizations.

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## *Joiner Center Sponsors Talk By Irish Human Rights Activist*

Bernadette Devlin McAliskey, former Member of Parliament from Northern Ireland and long-time civil and human rights activist, addressed a standing room only crowd here on April 16. She spoke on two issues: the recent release of her daughter Roisin from an English prison, and prospects for a lasting peace in Northern Ireland in the wake of the "Good Friday" peace agreement.

Roisin McAliskey was held without charge for almost two years on an extradition request from Germany, which suspected her involvement in a bombing attack in Osnabruck, Germany, in 1996. Pregnant at the time of her arrest, she was named a "Category A" high-security risk prisoner, and held for a time in an all-male prison, without proper obstetric care. Extradition

hearings were delayed numerous times because she was too ill to attend. McAliskey was recently released based on her medical condition, and she and her daughter have returned home.

Devlin McAliskey thanked everyone who supported the Human Rights Watch/Helsinki campaign to secure Roisin's release. "Small victories are needed to sustain peoples' commitment to human rights," said Devlin McAliskey. "What needs to be remembered is that Roisin is not the only person in that position—we must take a broader look at human rights situations in prisons," she said.

Regarding the recent peace accord, McAliskey expressed skepticism. "I don't think the parties have come to the agree-

ment intending to make it work, because I don't believe that the majority of people who participated in the settlement want to live in harmony with their neighbors," she said.

The parties have bought themselves a breathing space, says McAliskey, and while she believes that this is not a bad thing, she states that "none of the parties have a clue what to do with the agreement other than promote their own self interest." Her concerns stem from the fact that issues of national rights and identity rights have not yet been discussed.

Devlin McAliskey's visit, one of several she has made over the years, was sponsored by the Joiner Center and coordinated by Edith Shillue.

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## **DeSouza Joins Disability Leaders in Washington**

When Norma V. Cantu, assistant secretary for the Office of Civil Rights (OCR), called a meeting of organizations serving students with disabilities, it was a given that UMass Boston's Carol DeSouza would attend.

DeSouza is Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator, acting director of the Ross Center for Disability Services, and president of the International Association of Higher Education and Disability.

On March 24, DeSouza was joined in Washington, D.C., by leaders of the following organiza-

tions: Council for Exceptional Children, National Institute for Literacy, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund, American Council for the Blind, and National Parent Network. Also in attendance were regional representatives of the Office of Civil Rights and the Office of Special Education.

At the meeting, DeSouza reported on disability-related issues for higher education. She suggested ways that higher education personnel and ADA compliance officers can be resources to the OCR. DeSouza also discussed the benefits of maintaining dialogue

and establishing connections with content experts and disability rights attorneys.

Her comments also covered priorities and concerns for ensuring equal educational opportunities for individuals, especially at the postsecondary level. She highlighted the intersection of "academic autonomy" in teaching and testing, as well as defining appropriate academic modifications.

The OCR will consider using UMass Boston as a site for disabilities training sessions, DeSouza said.

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# Dedicated Service by Classified Staff Recognized at Annual Breakfast

At this year's annual Classified Staff Breakfast, employees were thanked by Chancellor Penney for going well beyond their job descriptions in their commitment to the University.

"In a University like ours, where there are no dormitories, the sense of life, and of community, comes just as much from you as it does from faculty or students. Thanks to you, UMass Boston is such a wonderful community in which to work," remarked Chancellor Penney.

She recognized thirteen classified staff who have retired from the University this year, and employ-

ees who have taken the opportunity to begin or complete a degree program.

Special mention was made of Dale Freeman, who while a staff member in the Graduate College of Education and a master's candidate in history, has published two articles in the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, "The Crispus Attucks Monument Dedication," and "Melancholy Catastrophe."

Detective Kathleen Potter of the Public Safety department was recognized for bringing to the University a grant of \$29,000 from the U.S. Department of

Justice's Violence Against Women Agency for domestic violence prevention.

Other staff members were recognized for their contributions to both the university and outside communities. Employee support of the Dana Farber Woman to Woman Breast and Cervical Cancer Project, the Daffodil Days Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk, and the AIDS Memorial Quilt event, was lauded. Approximately 160 classified staff members attended the April 22 breakfast.

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## WUMB's Upcoming Festival To Celebrate Vitality of Boston's Folk Tradition

Take live music—celtic, blues, bluegrass, and world—mix it up with poetry, a music parade, dance and storytelling. Add open mikes and workshops. Get five stages going at once. Make it all happen for free on the Boston Common.

What you've got is the main event of the Boston Folk Festival, a joint venture of *WUMB-91.9 FM*, and 37 other folk art, cultural and musical organizations. The free festival is scheduled to take place on September 12, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

But that's not all. The festival includes a two-month series of events, taking place from August to October. Contemporary

singer-songwriters and traditional artists will appear at venues including Club Passim in Harvard Square, Johnny D's in Somerville, the Boston Bluegrass Union of Newton, and the Regent Theater, Arlington.

Many Festival events and performances can be subsidized through the purchase of a Boston Folk Festival Button for \$6.00 (available through *WUMB*). This enables participants to receive special discounts and offers.

According to Festival Director Donna Wilson, the festival is the result of a *WUMB*-sponsored forum on the future of folk music held in November, 1996. A planning grant from the Massa-

chusetts Cultural Council (MCC) started the ball rolling. A Musical Flea Market in March raised over \$20,000 for the festival. "Our goal is to raise an additional \$16,000 by the end of May to receive a matching grant from the MCC," says Wilson.

A second Music Flea Market will be held May 30 and 31 at the Best Western Adams Inn, 29 Hancock St., Quincy. Over 22,000 new and used records, tapes and compact disks will be on sale, along with live family entertainment, a radio broadcast, and food. To make donations or for more information, contact 287-6900. Stay tuned for more information on the Folk Festival from *WUMB 91.9 FM*.

## Admissions Counselor Named Boston Neighbor- hood Fellow

On April 8, Patrick Think Tran was honored with a \$20,000 Boston Neighborhood Fellows Award at a reception held at the John Hancock Observatory. He was invited to bring along ten family members or friends to share the moment. But 25 young people whom Tran has worked with over the past two years showed up anyhow to honor him.

Tran, for his part, makes it clear that he thinks the honor is his. "I have learned so much from them," said Tran, reflecting on his service to Asian American youth. "And they keep me young," he adds with a smile.

An admissions counselor since 1996, has led youth workshops on conflict resolution and securing a college education, coached basketball, and provided transportation between Worcester and Boston so that the teenagers can attend meetings together.

Tran was one of seven to receive a Boston Neighborhood Fellows Award this year, which were presented by the Philanthropic Initiative on behalf of an anonymous donor. His \$20,000 award comes with no strings attached—he may use the money in any way he sees fit. Tran plans to support a summertime four-day sports event for youth in Worcester. He also hopes to set up a small scholarship fund here for students involved in community service.

## Guggenheim Fellowship Awarded to Art Professor

Prof. Anne McCauley of the art department has been awarded a John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship for 1998. McCauley was one of 168 Fellows chosen out of 3,014 applicants this year. She was chosen on the basis of "impressive past achievement in the field of photography studies, and for exceptional promise for future accomplishment," according to the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

McCauley will use her grant to research "Photography and the art-historical imagination, 1839-1939." She will look at ways in which the development of photography contributed to the discipline of art history over a century.

Fellowship decisions for the 74th annual Guggenheim competition were based on recommendations from many artists, scientists and scholars. The Foundation awards totalled \$5,376,000 this year.

## Public Safety honors two for 25 years of service

The Department of Public Safety honored two officers with a special breakfast on April 11 for 25 years of loyal service to the University.

Lt. James Wise, known as "Jim" or "Lt. Jim," handles administrative and budget concerns of the department. "Jim has a great wit and sense of humor about him that kind of sets him apart from everyone else," says Lt. Patricia McBride, who will celebrate her 25-year anniversary in September. "He's definitely an asset to the department."

Detective Kathleen "Kathy" Potter started working in the Controller's Office in 1971, joining Public Safety in 1973. (She took time off for her three children.) "Kathy's another familiar face. She's got a very outgoing personality," McBride said.

## Labor Resource Center Holds Awards & Scholar- ship Dinner

On May 13, the Labor Resource Center hosts its Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner at Local 103, IBEW, 256 Freeport Street, Dorchester, at 6:00 p.m. The Center will honor Joyce and Hy Kornbluh, labor educators from the University of Michigan, with the Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Service in the Education of Working People. The award will be presented by Chancellor Sherry Penney.

Three others will be recognized for their contributions to the education of working men and women. They are Karen Wheeler, Local 285 SEIU, John S. Marshall, Black United Fund of Massachusetts, and Tony Romano, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Greater Boston Central Labor Council.

Gospel singer Janice Allen will perform at the dinner. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact the Labor Resource Center at 287-7426. Tickets are \$35.00.

## **\$10 K in Prizes to Reward Undergraduate Research, Public Service Activities**

The Fourth Annual Conference on Undergraduate Research, Scholarly, Creative, and Public Service Activities took place May 1. Twenty nine UMass Boston undergraduates presented papers, posters, or other projects. Students participated from the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Nursing, and the College of Public and Community Service.

The conference, held at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston from 9:30 to 4:00 p.m., was open to undergraduates from all public institutions of higher education in Massachusetts for the first time. In past years, the conference included only participants from the four University of Massachusetts undergraduate campuses, and was held at UMass Amherst.

University President William Bulger and Stanley Koplik, Chancellor of the Board of Higher Education, were on hand to welcome participants. President Bulger also closed the conference by awarding \$10,000 in cash prizes to participants on the basis of presentation, content and delivery.

## **Employee Completes Marathon**

Congratulations to Paul Paquin of Computing Services who completed the 1998 Boston Marathon. Paquin suffered a motorcycle accident in the 70's and was told he might never walk again. He finished the Marathon in under five hours.

## **Grant Awards Increase \$800,000 This Quarter**

Faculty and staff garnered a total of \$2,854,940 in sponsored projects from January 15 to March 12. Forty two projects were funded, including biology Prof. Kamaljit Bawa's biodiversity conservation research (\$370,000), a study by Frank Porell of the Gerontology Institute on Medicare Service Use (\$98,883), the Urban Scholars Excellence in Education Project (\$320,420), psychology Prof. Celia White's work on factors affecting sexual differentiation of the nervous system in rats (\$85,057) and \$605,000 to Archaeology Prof. Steven Mrozowski for the "Big Dig" artifacts.

## **Prof Receives Young Investigator's Award**

Prof. Paul Nestor of the psychology department has received a Young Investigator Award of \$58,258 from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression for a research grant titled "Violence, Crime and Mental Illness: A Typology."

The project will identify risk factors for criminal violence in persons with mental illness. The records of over 300 inpatients charged with felonies from Bridgewater State Hospital will be examined. Findings will be used to develop treatment and prevention models for criminally involved persons with mental illness.

Working with Nestor are Sare Akdag, clinical psychology Ph.D. student, and two undergraduate psychology majors, Jim Taggart and Wenni Wang.

## **Superb Teaching Record Garners Award for American Studies Grad Director**

The Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools honored Prof. Judith Smith, director of the Graduate Program in American Studies, with their Annual Faculty Teaching Award for 1998. Smith was the unanimous choice of the selection committee.

Smith was cited for her superb teaching record, the impressive changes made to the Graduate Program in American Studies during her time as director, and her dedication to graduate education. She received a certificate and a \$500 prize, which were formally presented to her at the opening banquet of the Association's annual meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, on April 23. Graduate Dean Martin Quitt introduced Smith at the ceremony.

## **Colloquia seek to balance local, international efforts**

How does UMass Boston strike the crucial balance between its urban mission and efforts to internationalize its curriculum? Questions such as this have been tackled this semester through a colloquia titled "Urban Mission — International Focus: A Contradiction or a Continuum?"

"I saw a lot of confusion regarding urban affairs, economic development and international focus — mostly how they were in conflict with each other," said Lurlene Van Buren, creator of the colloquia, which began in February. "I saw the need to have

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Conferences and Presentations

Biology Prof. **Richard White** gave an invited talk on the molecular biology of insect color vision at the 26th Göttingen Neurobiology Conference in Germany on Mar. 26.

Art Prof. **Victoria Weston** was guest speaker for a lecture series accompanying an exhibition, "Imaging Meiji: Emperor and Era," at the University of Oregon Museum of Art in February. She was also interviewed and served as a consultant for a Japanese National Public Television special, "Yokoyama Taikan in America," broadcast in March.

Art Prof. **Anne McCauley** presented a lecture, "Dead Heads: Portrait Aesthetics and the Shock of the Photographic during the Second Empire," at the Harvard University Art Museums on Mar. 10.

NERCHE Visiting Fellow **Nancy Thomas** explored the role of legal counsel working with university personnel to develop policies and procedures to head off potential litigation at NERCHE's Spring Breakfast, April 13.

In March, Modern Languages Prof. **Brian Thompson** gave a workshop, "Play it Again, Sam: Teaching Language and Culture Through Song," for world language teachers in the Boston Public Schools. A 4-hour version of the workshop, "The Song's the Thing," will be presented for the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association in May.

**Helena Ragone** (Anthropology) gave a lecture at the Einstein School of Medicine in New York City on Mar. 18. Her

talk was "Gestational (IVF) Surrogacy and Gamete Donation: Fragmentation and Reunification of the Body."

Prof. **Richard Hogarty**, McCormack Institute, moderated a panel, "Mental Health: Managing Transition" at the Harvard Institute for International Development on April 15. He also spoke at a symposium on the Separation of Powers in State Constitutional Law on April 25 in Bristol, R.I.

Dr. **Siddiq Ali**, visiting Fulbright scholar, spoke on "Women in Sufi Poetry" at Northern Essex Community College during International Women's Week in March.

**Michele Fazio**, master's candidate in English, received a scholarship from the American Italian Historical Association to attend its annual conference. Fazio also presented a paper, "Lost Dreams, Accepted Realities: A Class and Ethnic Study of Pietro di Donato's Christ in Concrete," at a conference sponsored by the Society for the Interdisciplinary Study of Social Imagery and the University of Southern Colorado, in March.

English master's candidate **Marie Theodore** presented "Native Realism: Authenticity or Exploitation?" at the Haitian Studies Association Conference in Detroit, and "Blood Brother to the Rattlesnake: *Vaudun and Their Eyes were Watching God*" at the Women of Color Conference at Salisbury State University.

Sociology Prof. **Susan Gore** presented a lecture, "Vulnerability and Growth in the Adolescent Years" as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the

Office of Graduate Studies on April 8.

History Prof. **Thomas McMullin** presents a lecture, "Soaring Triumphs—Tragic Endings: The Lives of Industrialists William Howland and William Wood," at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday May 7 at the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

Sociology student **Mary Fortunato** received a travel award to attend the 4th Annual Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion: Affective Neuroscience, which she will attend with Dr. **Tiffany Cunningham** (Psychology).

ECOS Prof. **Jack Archer** will moderate a panel for The Stratton Roundtable on May 1 in Washington D.C. The Roundtable will provide recommendations for a new ocean policy commission. Prof. Archer will moderate a session, "The Changed Context of the Late 1990s: Forces that have Affected and Will Affect National Ocean Policy."

Publications

*Teaching Language and Communication* by English Prof. **Elsa Auerbach** has been published by JUTA of South Africa.

*Explorations in College Algebra* by Mathematics and Computer Sciences Prof. **Linda Kime** and GCOE Prof. **Judy Clark** was published by John Wiley & Sons in January.

English Prof. **Lloyd Schwartz's** poem, "Pornography," has been included in *Too Darn Hot: An Anthology of American Sexual Mores Since Kinsey*. Four poems in a bilingual edition of *An Anthology of Contemporary*

*North American Poetry* were published by the Federal University of Florianopolis, Brazil.

Prof. **Michael LaFargue**, director of the Program in East Asian Studies, co-edited a volume of essays on Chinese Taoism, *Lao-Tzu and the Tao-te-ching*, published by SUNY Press, 1998.

Lecturer **Jeslyn Medoff** (English) is co-author of "Jane Barker and Her Life (1652-1732): The Documentary Record" in the current issue of *Eighteenth Century Life*.

The third edition of a textbook co-authored by Biology Prof. **Karlene Schwartz**, *Five Kingdoms: An Illustrated Guide to the Phyla of Life on Earth*, has been published by W.H. Freeman and Company.

Exhibitions and Events

Husband and wife team Prof. **Mark Schlesinger** and Healey Library Reference Librarian **Fran Schlesinger** brought classroom instruction (from UMass Lowell) and a demonstration of web research methods (from Healey Library) to students in his interactive seminar, "Cyberspace and Human Communications," which is taught via distance learning to students at both campuses.

The **College of Nursing** hosted 3 visitors from Kemi Tornio Polytechnic Institute of Finland, April 7 & 8. Ms. Air Rajamaki, International Officer, Mr. Hannu Torma, Director, and Ms. Arja Lenna Jokinen, Dean, met with faculty to explore student and faculty exchange.

ECOS Prof. **Robert Bowen** organized "Polar Blast," a day-long event in New Bedford sponsored by the New

Bedford Aquarium on Feb. 28 that attracted 10,000 visitors. Prof. **Robert Chen** and three graduate students, **Stephen Rudnick**, **Ray Siegener** and **Carl Ruesz**, demonstrated use of laser fluorescence and fiber optic cables for environmental monitoring.

Photography by art majors **Kimberly Jenner** and **Luke Baer**, was selected for the Third Annual Photographic Resource Center Student Member Exhibition held at Boston's Photographic Resource Center, March 21 to April 17. Their work can also be seen in the 5th floor gallery, Healey Library.

**Edith Shillue** (Joiner Center) and student **Truong Chinh Nguyen** were readers at Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky's "Favorite Poem" event at the Boston Public Library on April 8. Shillue read in English, and Chinh in Vietnamese, "To Return to the Urges Unconscious of their Beginning," by Phan Tien Duat.

#### Honors and Appointments

English Prof. **Lloyd Schwartz** was named one of Queen's College's 1000 "alumni stars" to be honored at the 60th Anniversary Alumni Dinner on May 2.

CPCS Prof. **Marie Kennedy** was a finalist for the Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning, presented by the Campus Compact, the Project for Public and Community Service.

American Studies Prof. **Charles Shively** has been selected to attend the "Crossroads of Atlantic Cultures: Brazil at 500" Summer Institute, funded by the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH).

Mathematics and Computer Sciences Prof. **Linda Kime** was recognized for her work reviewing proposals submitted to the Division of Undergraduate Education of the National Science Foundation (NSF).

**Elizabeth Sherman**, director, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, will join a bipartisan panel on preserving the integrity of the American Judicial system, sponsored by the Twentieth Century Fund/Century Foundation.

Associate Director **Ellen Bruce** (Gerontology Institute) was chosen by President Clinton as a delegate to the National Summit on Retirement Savings in Washington, D.C. on June 4 & 5.

Human Performance and Fitness Prof. **Margaret Musmon** was selected as a Dance Panel Member by the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), and will adjudicate dance companies for the MCC's 3-year funding cycle.

**Mary Jo Marion** has been appointed associate director of the Gastón Institute.

**Barbara Davis**, administrative assistant (Anthropology) has been re-elected to a second term on the Holbrook school committee.

#### In the News

**Al Cardarelli** (McCormack Institute) appeared on *New England Cable News* on April 2 to discuss alleged misconduct by the Somerville Police Department.

Sophomore **Michael Ferrante**, winner of the 1997 NPC Teen National Bodybuilding Championship, was profiled in the May issue of *Muscle and Fitness Magazine*.

**Padraig O'Malley's** article, "An Upbeat Mood, but What Next?" on the conflict negotiations in Northern Ireland appeared in *The Boston Globe*, March 26.

Prof. **Richard Hogarty** was interviewed by *WBZ-TV* on the Republican State Convention and the gubernatorial candidates on April 17.

The UMass Boston **greenhouse** was featured in a *Sunday Boston Herald* article on April 5.

Two new books by General Center Prof. **Susan Eisenberg** were reviewed on *WBUR* radio on April 13.

Dr. **Harlyn Halvorson** (Policy Center for Marine Bioscience and Technology) was interviewed for an article, "The Crop's Underwater and Harvest Hopes are High," in *Newsday Discovery* magazine, March 31.

Prof. **Ramona Hernandez** of Latino Studies was interviewed on *CNN's Page One* program on Dominicans in baseball, on March 21.

#### Fund Raisers

**WUMB-FM** raised \$86,000 during its March fundraiser. The first day of the fundraiser brought in a record-breaking \$32,000.

The University's Daffodil Days flower sale raised \$1,256 for the American Cancer Society during the Mar. 24-25 benefit sponsored by the **Department of Human Resources**.

#### Grants

ECOS Prof. **Robert Chen** received a NATO Collaborative Research Grant for \$8,400 to cover travel expenses for work with Prof. Eduardo Blanco of the University of

Cadiz, Spain on "Sol-gel fiber optic chemical sensors for environmental monitoring."

#### Doctoral Dissertation Defenses

**Paul Harrington**, (Higher Education Administration) defended "The Economic Returns to a College Degree: With Special Reference to Major Field of Study and Race/Ethnicity and Gender," on April 27.

**Godwin Ariguzo** (Higher Education Administration) defended "An Examination of the Effects of the Federal College Work-Study Program on Minority Students' Persistence, Academic Performance, and Graduation Rates: Based on the NCES 1990-94 Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study," on April 27.

**Leslie Hitch** (Higher Education Administration) defended "Needs and Expectations: The Hiring of Full-time Faculty in Selected Metropolitan Universities following Financial Distress," on April 23.

**Maria del Carmen Perez** (Clinical Psychology) defended "The Language of Native Spanish and English Speaking Schizotypal College Students" on April 23.

#### New on the Web

The **Mathematics and Computer Sciences** department is hosting "mahistory," a new internet mailing list to facilitate communications within the state's historical records community. To subscribe, follow the link labelled "listserv" at [www.magnet.state.ma.us/sec/arc/arcaac/aacintro.htm](http://www.magnet.state.ma.us/sec/arc/arcaac/aacintro.htm).

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# Clinton Aide Discusses Africa Trip

The special assistant to President Clinton who helped plan the 11-day, historical trip to Africa gave his first debriefing outside Washington to the UMass Boston community April 8.

Ambassador Joseph Wilson IV, senior director for African Affairs for the National Security Council, said the president's visit was intended to change perceptions of the largest continent and to attract it into the world economy.

The president's trip included visits to Senegal, Ghana, Uganda, Botswana, Rwanda and South Africa. Wilson gave some insight into the selection of each country.

South Africa was not a difficult choice, Wilson said. "Nelson Mandela, I think, is a symbol of

many of the things the president believes in," he said. Uganda's woman vice president shows regard for the vital roles women play in society. Botswana is committed to environmental issues, while Senegal has shown a commitment to security concerns, Wilson said. "The president wanted very much to say something about genocide," he said about the stop in Rwanda. The president's speech "made it clear that genocide is no more acceptable on the African continent than anywhere else in the world," Wilson states.

Throughout his lecture, Wilson stressed the need for partnerships, not solely aid, between the U.S. and African countries, especially in education, health care and agriculture. Develop-

ment, investment and trade are the keys, he said.

The U.S., along with African nations, must think creatively about forging new partnerships, Wilson said. "I tell people as I look out at Africa ... that ultimately, you're not going to be able to take Africa off the map."

"Joe Wilson really was the architect of President Clinton's visit to Africa," said Leonard Robinson, senior fellow at the McCormack Institute and deputy executive director of the National Summit on Africa.

The visit was sponsored by McCormack Institute and the Africa Initiative Steering Committee.

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## CPCS Faculty Publish on Issues of Domestic, Dating Violence

Profs. Sylvia Mignon and Carroy "Cuf" Ferguson have each written chapters for a new book, *Violence in Intimate Relationships: Examining Sociological and Psychological Issues*, edited by Nicki Ali Jackson and Gisele Cassanova Oates, published by Butterworth-Heinemann.

The book was profiled at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico in March. Mignon's chapter is titled "Husband Battering: A Review of the Debate over a Controversial Phenomenon," and Ferguson's chapter is "Dating Violence as a Social Phenomenon."

Mignon is also working with

Prof. William Holmes of the Criminal Justice Program and Prof. Calvin Larson of the sociology department on a family violence text, which examines the relationship between forms of family abuse and subsequent deviant or criminal behavior.

### Problem Drinking in Elderly a Cause for Concern, says Professor

Alcoholism and problem drinking among the elderly is predicted to rise, and is an issue that has not received sufficient attention from doctors, nursing home professionals and families, according to Prof. Sylvia Mignon. She spoke on the issue of problem drinking

and the elderly at an April 16 seminar sponsored by the Gerontology Institute.

Mignon cited obstacles to diagnosis such as reluctance on the part of family members to acknowledge the problem, the isolation and loneliness of some elderly, and generic diagnoses of "dementia" without sufficient attention to cause. She recommended several steps to help recognize the problem, including physician education, emergency room screening, use of a simple alcohol assessment test by health and nursing home personnel, and promoting awareness of the problem through councils on aging.

Trained as a social worker, Mignon is an assistant professor of the Criminal Justice Center.

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## Internat'l Colloquium

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some discussions regarding how these perspectives complement each other."

The series featured Hubie Jones discussing the importance of cities, James Jennings on the impact of globalization on race relations, and Leonard H. Robinson Jr. on global exposure and education.

If you missed these events, you're in luck. On May 14, Peter Kiang will discuss "Immigrant Leadership and Global/Local Strategies for Curriculum and Community Development." On May 21, Prof. Ramona Hernandez of Latino Studies will speak on "Immigration to the U.S. in the Age of International Transformation." Both events will be held in Healey Library, 11th floor, Faculty Club from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

## Professor Emeritus Ernest Lynton, 1926-1998

Professor Emeritus Ernest Lynton died on March 18 after a long illness. He was a distinguished scholar of higher education issues with an international reputation in relations between higher education and the business community. Trained as a scientist, he was also deeply committed to the ideal of community service and to the arts.

Prof. Lynton received his degrees from Carnegie Mellon and Yale Universities. His first position in academia was as a physicist at Rutgers University. Prof. Lynton came to the University of Massachusetts system in 1973 to serve as senior vice president for academic affairs, and later as a senior fellow of the McCormack Institute.

A founding member of the New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE), Prof. Lynton continued to be closely associated with NERCHE after his retirement from UMass Boston. In his honor, the Ernest Lynton Award for Professional Service and Outreach is given by NERCHE each year.

## Longtime Financial Aid Director and UMB Friend Dies

Corine Byrd, longtime director of the Financial Aid Office (1983-1995) died April 5, just one week after receiving a bone marrow transplant to combat leukemia.

Byrd's long relationship with UMass Boston began in 1971, when she joined the Financial Aid Office. She moved to Salem State College's Financial Aid Office in 1979, but returned to UMass Boston in 1983 to assume the post of financial aid director. Those who knew Corine remember her as a woman who brought energy and enthusiasm to a demanding job, and who always put the students of UMass Boston first. She commanded a depth of knowledge of financial aid regulations, and was recognized as a true expert in her field.

Corine is survived by her mother, her husband, two children and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held on April 9, and were attended by many of her UMass Boston friends and colleagues.

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## UMass Boston Golf Classic scheduled for June 19

Now in its twelfth year, the UMass Boston Golf Classic will be held at Franklin Park Golf Course on Friday, June 19. The tournament, a favorite among alumni, friends and staff of the University, raises funds for the Athletic Department. This year's title sponsor is Star Market.

The tournament begins at 7:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. The fee is \$110 per person, \$400 for a foursome. Breakfast is included in the package, as well as green fees, cart, golf shirt, players's bag and a buffet lunch. A raffle and a silent auction, featuring an array of sports memorabilia, will be held during the luncheon.