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Prostate Cancer Study Examines Treatment Decisions by Doctors

by Leigh DaPey


The paper surveyed a national sample of urologists and radiation oncologists on their perceptions of prostate cancer treatments. In a choice between two aggressive treatments, specialists most commonly recommended the treatment with which they had the most experience, urologists suggesting prostate surgery and radiation oncologists suggesting radiation.

"It is clear the advice patients receive will depend on whom they talk with," Fowler explains. "When there is more than one way to treat a condition, many patients will not get a balanced picture of treatment options, their harms and benefits."

The hazards of relying too much on the recommendation of one kind of specialist become obvious with prostate cancer. There is no clear evidence in clinical trials that either approach is effective or more effective in treating prostate cancer. What is clear are the risks associated with both procedures. Incontinence and impotence are common side effects many patients experience, particularly with surgery.

"These treatments offer uncertain benefits with known risks," explains Fowler. "Patients need to be aware of all medical treatments and should be heavily involved and informed about their medical choices."

The study urges patients to seek the opinions of different specialists to evaluate treatment options. Patients then can examine the risks with each option and decide which best fits their own preferences. Studies have shown that patients who make their own treatment decisions fare better and feel more in control of their health.

Variation in the way physicians practice medicine is a prominent theme throughout Fowler's work. "Geography is destiny. A patient with prostate cancer will not get a balanced picture of treatments they should be heavily involved and informed about," Fowler states.

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UMass Boston Welcomes New Dean of the Graduate College of Education

By Anne-Marie Kent

With the presidential election approaching and education reform at the forefront of much political debate, issues such as student achievement, general education reform, and innovation have become hot topics of discussion. It is in this climate of change that UMass Boston announces Dr. Clara Jennings as its new Dean of the Graduate College of Education.

Chancellor Penney stated, "Dr. Jennings is a national figure. She is known for her work as Team Chair of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and for her extensive experience in fostering College-School Partnerships and community collaborations. We are very pleased that she has joined us."

Dr. Jennings has published in the area of collaborative learning, early childhood education, and faculty development, and she has been awarded more than $650,000 in grants for early childhood education and other community oriented programs.

Formerly the Dean of Beechly College of Education at Youngstown State University, Dr. Jennings is an alumna of Michigan State University. She earned her Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education/Language Arts in 1973. Her M.Ed is in Elementary Education/Reading from Wayne State University and her B.S. is in Elementary Education from the Arkansas Agriculture, Mechanical and Normal College.

She spent many years as an elementary school teacher and college professor before serving as Chair of the Department of Education at Arkansas College. She also served as Chair of Education at the University of West Florida, where she later served as Associate Dean. A newcomer to Boston, she continues to work in the area of collaborative learning, early childhood education, and faculty development.

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"Civic Education for Civic Responsibility"

"Civic Education for Civic Responsibility" is the theme for 2000 Convocation. Watch for special events and convocation activities on September 20 and other dates this fall! See inside articles and the Calendar for more information.
Convocation Focuses on Civic Education

By Leigh DuPay

To complement the presidential debate, UMass Boston has devoted opening convocation to examine the theme of “Civic Education for Civic Responsibility.” From August to October, the University has sponsored a series of educational panels, workshops, and discussions for the University community to explore some of the major issues of Campaign 2000. Programs will take a second look at environmental sustainability, health policy, aging and social security, race relations, campaign finance reform, presidential character, defense spending, housing and the economy.

“Convocation series is a wonderful opportunity for our students who are leading now and who will be future leaders to grapple with these issues and examine what it means to be a responsible citizen in a multicultural society,” explains Vice President Theresa Mortimer who is playing a critical role in planning.

Convocation Day will be held on September 20. Among the day’s activities includes a breakfast with faculty and staff, a luncheon with student leaders, and a colloquium panel which will address the topic: “To Run or Not to Run? Does the glare of the Media Spotlight Discourage People from Running for Public Office?” The panel’s subject and guests are being finalized.

Also held on September 20, the College of Nursing will sponsor a healthcare panel, Health Policy Issues in the 2000 Presidential Election. Howard Kline, Commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, will discuss key health issues in the state.

New E-mail for the University Reporter

You can submit all your news items, comments, and feedback to the Reporter staff to our new e-mail address: news@umb.edu. E-mail us and let us know what you think of the September issue and what stories you’d like to see in future issues!

UMass Boston Anticipates Historic Debate

President Debate 2000
University of Massachusetts Boston
John F. Kennedy Library

To the Campus Community...

After more than twelve years of remarkable service to the University of Massachusetts Boston, Sherry H. Penney has announced her desire to return to the faculty. While we are saddened by the thought of her departure from the Chancellorship, we celebrate the tremendous advancements realized under Sherry’s leadership. The University of Massachusetts Boston is now poised to seize its place as one of the nation’s premier urban public institutions of higher education.

I have been asked to Chair the Search Committee which will have the difficult challenge of recruiting the next Chancellor who will be asked to continue our positive momentum and lead us to the next echelon. We are seeking the very best individuals — outstanding leaders who can galvanize the University of Massachusetts Boston community to move ever forward in our quest for recognized excellence in all we undertake.

As a valued friend of our University, I am writing to seek your assistance in this important search. Please share with me — or any of the other members of the Search Committee — any nominations or suggestions you would like for us to consider. We are casting a broad net and want very much to include your thoughts and ideas.

Our Search Committee is comprised of 18 members who represent a cross-section of the University’s many constituencies. Each person has committed her/his valuable time to this effort. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our University. The Board has also retained the services of R. William (Bill) Funk, the Managing Director of the Education Practice of the international executive search firm of Korn/Ferry International, to work with the Search Committee and Board in this mission.

Mr. Funk is perhaps the best known university president search consultant in the country and has recently successfully completed similar searches for University of Illinois at Chicago, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Babson College, University of Houston, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, and Bucknell.

Also working with our Committee will be Susan Kelly, Assistant to the President. Please don’t hesitate to send your suggestions to Susan if it is more convenient.

My sincere thanks to you for your ongoing support of the University of Massachusetts.

Kind personal regards,
Diane Bissonnette Moes
Chair, Search Committee

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Gea r Up Program

By Anne-Marie Kent

With over 6,000 students taking summer classes, UMass Boston is hardly dormant in the summer months. On June 9th, however, the campus was especially busy—and the students particularly young.

That day, as part of a federal Gear-Up Grant funded program, 150 Gear-Up sixth-graders became freshmen for a day. They attended mini lectures on subjects from web-page creation to the study of rock and soil, river water, and polarized light. They participated in sports activities, toured the UMass Boston Greenhouse, and WUMB studios—and even got their own UMass Boston ID cards.

"The goal of this event was to emulate the college experience and encourage them to set high goals for the future. We wanted to open their eyes to great possibilities," explained Director of Undergraduate Admissions Liliana Mickle.

Gavin Gear-Up Director Susan Swan said, "The students were truly engaged in the college experience thanks to the creative and organizational skills of Liliana and her staff assistant, Heather; the faculty who made their lessons active and exciting; and the university students and staff who guided them through their day. What a triumph for school/college partnerships!"

Over 20 members of the UMass Boston community participated, including faculty, staff, students, and recent graduate Steven Burns, who spoke about his career as a Training Specialist for Fleet Bank.

In one session, students listed reasons for attending college. They cited the range of career options available to college graduates, increased earning potential, and overall enrichment.

Asked why some kids don't go to college, the sixth graders immediately pointed to issues of confidence and cost. One girl said, "It's too expensive, plus you might be the first in your family and you may not be sure that you can do it."

Heads nodded.

Encouraged to see these as obstacles to overcome rather than reasons to give up, the students then began generating solutions. They discussed the value of taking the right classes to build skills, studying hard to earn scholarships, getting tutoring when necessary, and finding mentors who know about college education.

Academic support, mentoring, and encouragement are all provided as part of the Gavin program, one of two Gear-Up funded partnerships at UMass Boston. After middle school, Gavin students can expect continued support if they attend one of five targeted Boston high schools that offer UMass Boston pre-collegiate programs.

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WUMB General Manager Pat Montieith, President and CEO of National Public Radio Kevin Kloe, and UMass President William S. Bulger (photo by Harry Bhatt)

By Kim Burke

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Web News

Joe Peters

You think you’re busy, try taking 25,000 calls in one day.
And that would be a casual day at the office for the UMass Bos­
ton web site, which routinely fields that many “hits” from users
all over the world. Much has been going on with the campus
site and its related sites over the past few months. Here are just
some of the highlights:

Presidential Debate: www.umb.edu/debate. As you likely
know, UMass Boston will be hosting the first of the 2000 Presi­
dential Debates on October 3. As we near the big day, expect
more interactive features here. Anyone in the campus com­

munity with a particular idea for this site is invited to contact the
Web Department via webmaster@umb.edu.

News and Events: www.umb.edu/news_and_events. The
Web Department revised the News and Events page during the
summer. Here you can find all sorts of information about UMB
(including the latest University Reporter online).

Beacon Leadership Project: www.umb.edu/leadership.
The “Beacon Leadership Project: Leaders at the
Point” is a new program that has grown from the Student Leadership
Development Program. It is designed to provide both undergraduate
and graduate students with credit- or competency-based oppor­
tunities to develop and enhance their leadership skills and po­
tential.

Purchasing: www.umb.edu/administration/purchasing/ index.htm. Purchasing’s web site includes purchasing policies,
a PDF contract, and a searchable database of those all-impor­
tant object codes for filling out purchase orders.

Undergraduate Registrar: www.registrar.umb.edu. The
Undergraduate Registrar overhauled its site a few months ago.
There you can find links to the Academic Calendar
www.registrar.umb.edu/Academic_Calendar and a search engine
for courses currently offered www.registrar.umb.edu/
Courses_Registration_an-1/Courses_Offered.html

The International Student Services: www.isumb.edu.
International Student Services has debuted its own Web site as
a service to the more than 1,000 international students who
attend UMass Boston.

Athletics: www.umb.edu/umb/athletics. The athletics de­
partment recently revamped its web site in time for the fall sports
schedule.

You can stay up to date on web site changes by visiting:
www.umb.edu/site_news.html. If you have a web site and are
not linked to the main university site, please see the Link Re­
quest form. www.umb.edu/site_map_search/web_development/
Link_Request_Form.html. As always, you can reach the Web
Department via webmaster@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Views
the Tall Ships

UMass Boston faculty and staff boarded the Lulu E on July 13 to take a 2­
hour Boston Harbor Cruise to view the Tall Ships.
(Photo by Harry Brett)

Boston Folk Festival

by Kim Burke

More music, more dancers,
more stages, more harbor cruises,
more everything! That can only
mean the Boston Folk Festival is
returning to UMass Boston on
September 23.

"Bigger and better, something
for everyone," is how WUMB
General Manager and Folk Festi­
val organizer Pat Monteith de­
scribes the upcoming extra­
ganza. This year’s event will have
nine continuously running stages
filled with everything from Blue­
grass to Sea Shanties, from Celtic
to Gospel for twelve hours
straight. Beginning at 11 a.m.
with Canadian singer/songwriter
Garnet Rogers on the main stage,
various local, national, and inter­
national performers will take to
the indoor and outdoor stages set
up around campus.

Highlighting the evening’s fe­
sivities will be 60s folk legend
Richie Havens, founding member of “The
Byrds” Roger McGuinn, and Brit­
ish folk rock band Steeleye Span.
What is sure to get the audience on
their feet is the outdoor dance stage
located on the plaza outside the
Quinn Building. Monteith says the
activities will be both demonstra­
tive and participatory. Fans
should be sure not to miss the local
Gloucester Hornpipe and Clog So­
ciety on the Dance Stage.

This is the third year for the fes­
tival and the second year it is being
held at UMass Boston. Last year’s
attendance, estimates of 14,000 visi­
tors throughout the day, are expected
to be matched this year. With that
in mind, some of the more popular
events have been expanded. For ex­
ample, harbor boat cruises are plan­
ing to sail until later in the day.

Because this year’s festival
will be self-sufficient, admission


The Third Annual Boston Folk Festival
Saturday, September 23
11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

$25 discount tickets are available for faculty, staff, and
students at the WUMB station until September 21.
Teach Next Year Wins Grant

UMass Boston's Dorchester High School Partnership has been awarded a $500,000 grant from the Boston Public Schools for its Teach Next Year program. UMass Boston will receive $100,000 per year for five years to prepare Graduate College of Education students for teaching in urban environments.

The grant will be used to assist in the professional development of ten Teach Next Year interns, who will be working in Dorchester High School. The Teach Next Year interns will simultaneously earn a graduate degree and a teaching certification during the year-long program. The interns will teach a full school year as well as participate in a service project, both at Dorchester High School. Upon completion of the program, Boston Public School officials will award top teacher candidates with a promissory note for a future position in Boston schools.

Professor Randy Albelda Receives Abigail Adams Award

Randy Albelda, Ph.D., UMass Boston Professor of Economics, was one of six outstanding Massachusetts women honored at the 13th Annual Tribute to Abigail Adams on June 7, 2000. The tribute recognized and honored Massachusetts women leaders who reflect the tenacity of Ms. Adams herself, by demonstrating through their work and community activities, an outstanding commitment to the realization of equal political, economic, and social rights for women.

Albelda's studies focus mainly on issues of women and poverty, and women's employment status in the United States. In addition to her numerous publications, Albelda has done substantive work with the Women's Statewide Legislative Network, the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators, the Parents United for Child Care, and many others. Albelda is currently working on a study of paid family and medical leave in conjunction with UMass Boston's Labor Resource Center.

Board of Trustees Appoint New Chair

At the August 2 Board of Trustees meeting held at UMass Worcester, Grace Fey was unanimously appointed as its new chair. Fey has served as trustee since 1996 and will be the first woman to lead the board. As chair, Fey avows to strengthen the missions of the individual campuses and encourage her colleagues on the board to take the University's message to the community. A certified financial analyst, Fey is the executive vice president and director of Frontier Capital Management Company. She is also involved as chair of Zoo New England, serves on the board of the Huntington Theatre, is the director of Bioject Medical Technologies and Commonwealth Institute, and is an overseer of the Boston College for Adult Education. Robert Karam, the previous chair, will remain on the board until his term ends in September. During their meeting, the 22-member board also reappointed eight trustees to leadership posts.

UMass Boston Hosts 2nd Annual Camp Telecom 2000

UMass Boston welcomed seventeen high school students and four teachers from the Greater Boston area to Camp Telecom 2000 for three weeks in July. Students and teachers worked in technology and telecommunications from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. four days a week in campus labs and on field trips to sponsor companies such as Bell Atlantic and FiDellity Venture.

Created in partnership with the Massachusetts' Telecommunications Council, the program was designed to give students the opportunity to experiment with software programs and explore interests that may lead to a college major or career. Participating teachers enrolled in the program to learn new skills to bring back to the classroom. John Cicirelli, Assistant to the Chancellor of Economic Development, helped create the program's blueprint and hopes to expand this program throughout Massachusetts in future years.

New MBA Internet Marketing Specialization

The College of Management introduced a new Integrated Marketing specialization for MBA students. This field of study will provide students with a strategic and managerial background in Internet marketing, program development, and web development and design. The College of Management created the specialization to meet the increasing student interest in e-commerce and strengthen the college's business focus. The program, built on the College's strengths in marketing and management, will offer a variety of courses in website design, marketing communications, business-to-business e-commerce, and entrepreneurship. Management and marketing professors Mary Lou Roberts and Edward Roman are teaching the new program.

UMass Boston Welcomes New Employees and Appointments

Charles Anderson was appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement on May 1. He previously served as Director of Major Gifts for the College of Liberal Arts and the McCormick Institute. His fundraising and consulting experience includes previous posts with the Greater Boston Food Bank, Hospice Care of Rhode Island, Asthma Care Association of America, and La Salle Military Academy.

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Obituaries

Jack Dowling, Assistant Director of Athletics, passed away on Friday, July 14 after suffering a severe heart attack June 27. Jack was employed for 24 years at UMass Boston. Jack made numerous contributions to the Department of Athletics and supervised the use of the indoor and outdoor athletic facilities for numerous events, activities, games, practices.

On Thursday, July 13, Eduardo Luciano, Sr., died in a tragic accident on a construction site in Puerto Rico. Eduardo Sr. worked at the campus in Physical Plant during the early '80s and his son Eduardo Jr. (Eddie) is a UMB employee for the past ten years.

Sylvia Gendrop, College of Nursing, passed away on Saturday, July 1 at Beth Israel Hospital. Sylvia came to UMB in 1982 where she taught undergraduate and graduate courses and served as Director of Research and Development. She was an active member of many University committees including the Institutional Review Board, Provost Advisory Committee, and the College of Liberal Arts and the McCormick Institute. His fundraising and consulting experience includes previous posts with the Greater Boston Food Bank, Hospice Care of Rhode Island, Asthma Care Association of America, and La Salle Military Academy.

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Economics Professor Argues for Paid Parental Leave at State House

By Anne-Marie Kent

University of Massachusetts Boston Economics Professor Randy Albeda appeared before a State House Task Force hearing on June 26 to support legislation extending the Unemployment Insurance (UI) system. The proposed legislation would provide paid leave taken for the birth or adoption of a child. In her remarks to the Task Force and the media, Albeda cited her Labor Resource Center (LRC) Study, Filling the Work and Family Gap (June 2000), co-written with Tiffany Manuel of the Center for Women in Politics.

According to the report, more than 120 countries around the world provide paid maternity leave, and several states are now considering legislation to provide or extend paid family leave. While job-protected leave of up to 12 weeks is allowed under the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, millions of workers are excluded from coverage or cannot afford unpaid leave.

Albeda and Manuel assert that the current lack of paid parental leave incurs costs, some of which employers are already bearing, through the UI system, for individuals who lose their jobs because of care responsibilities and are then eligible for UI. In fact, according to their study, one out of every four persons who took unpaid leave to care for a newborn or newly adopted child turned to public assistance to cover lost wages.

They note that paid parental leave, made universal through a system of social insurance, would spread the cost of family care equitably. An expansion of the existing UI system would cost $32.7 million annually, an average per-employee cost of $10.81.

The proposal passed both houses of the Legislature only to be struck down August 10th by Governor Paul Cellucci, who proposed an amended version offering a tax credit to employers as an incentive to provide paid leave rather than tap the UI system.

Development and Research Associate for the Labor Resource Center in CPCS Debra Osnowitz commented that while this summer's proposal was not successful, change takes time. She said that the Labor Resource Center would continue to support research that estimates both the costs and benefits of paid family and medical leave. She added, "This study represents the Labor Resource Center's mission to conduct research that informs innovative public policy."

Clara Jennings (continued from page 1)

presses great enthusiasm for UMass Boston and the many initiatives underway here. "I chose UMass Boston because of its clearly articulated urban mission," Dean Jennings stated. "Right now, I'm becoming more and more aware of the wonderful partnerships that the Graduate College of Education has fostered in support of this mission."

She continued, "I had read about the Dorchester initiative and I am learning about the other collaborations that exist. There are so many different centers and institutes connected to GCOE already and so many young people coming to campus as part of university school partnerships. I am excited to be here."

She noted that it was rewarding to see so many elementary and middle school children on campus, adding that, "We need to expose students from urban centers to all the opportunities the university can provide."

Dean Jennings continued, "I believe that the Graduate College of Education can provide reform that will impact student achievement at all levels." She added, "I am beginning by talking with people and just learning as much as I can about the initiatives that are underway." She plans to interview faculty members and engage them in discussion around a long range plan to clearly identify priorities and goals for the College.

One main priority is to assist the College in attaining National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) for all professional education programs at UMass Boston. She explained, "This means all programs at UMass that are preparing PK-12 teachers and support personnel for initial certification will be nationally recognized by the profession as being of high quality."

Alumna Receives Award from College of Management

CM Dean Philip Quaglieri, CM Alumna of the Year and President of the University of Massachusetts Foundation, Patrick C. Flaherty '81, and Chancellor Sherry Penney at the College of Management Convocation 2000 Awards where Flaherty was distinguished as CM Alumna of the Year.

The Shaw's Pro Summer League 2000

The Shaw's Pro Summer League 2000 returned once again to the Clark Athletic Center for the second year from July 17–24. UMass Boston played host to ten NBA teams including Boston Celtics, Atlanta Hawks, Indiana Pacers, Seattle SuperSonics, New Jersey Nets, San Antonio Spurs, New York Knicks, Milwaukee Bucks, Washington Wizards and the Philadelphia 76ers. Charlie Tian (center), Head of Athletics, is joined here by Chris Wallace (left), General Manager of the Celtics and Rick Pitino (right), Head Coach of the Celtics and President of Basketball Operations. (Photo by Harry Brett)
Assistant Professor Elsa Auerbach of the English Department recently published two articles: "Creating Participatory Communities: Paradoxes and Possibilities" in The Sociopolitics of English Language Teaching and the lead article, "The Power of Writing and the Writing of Power" in Focus on Basics, a journal of the National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy.

Sara Baron, Director, Institute for Technology and Technology Coordinator of Library Instructional Technology Center, published an article in The Reference Librarian titled, "A Close Encounter Model for Reference Services to Adult Learners: The Value of Flexibility and Variance." She also edited a chapter in a recommended Reference Books in Paperback published by Libraries Unlimited.


Heidi Blair-Estes, research fellow at the Center for State and Local Policy/UMass Poll, has been selected by the American Political Science Association to receive a fellowship in Political Science to attend the 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Her research focuses on how fundamental policy issues impact the lives of citizens across the United States.

Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy at the McCormick Institute, published an article in Community, the organization's quarterly newsletter, on planning a family that will have a book titled, "Creating a Community of Children in the United States." She also spoke at the Center's annual conference on Social Policy in the United States.

Professor Stephanie Hartwell, Sociology Department, recently published, "Not All Work is Created Equal: Active Substance Abuse and Marginal Employment" in Research in the Sociology of Work, and "Models of Care in an Age of Care Transitions" in Research on Ageing.


Chair of Sociology, Russell Schwartz, published two articles, "The Housing and Suburban Housing Preferences: Homeless Mentally Ill Persons' Housing Choices Before and After Housing Experience" in Research in Community and Mental Health and "Housing Placement and Subsequent Days Homeless Among Former Homeless Adults with Mental Illness" in Psychiatric Services. He also reviewed the book in Social Experimental by Donald, M. and M. Jean Rudolph in Field Methods.

Professor of English Lloyd Schwartz's new book of poems, Catio Turf, will be published by the University of Chicago Press on September 9th. It is based on his recently published new poems and translations in the Corlond Review, The Paris Review, Angi, and Tikkan.


Weili Ye, who teaches in East Asian Studies, Women's Studies and Art History, will have a forthcoming book titled, "Seeing Modernity in China's Name: Chinese Students in the United States, 1900-1927 published by Stanford University Press this fall.

Presentations and Conferences

Edmund beard, director of the McCormick Institute, and Paul Bookbinder, professor of History, traveled to Bucharest, Romania, in late May to participate in the conference "One Year after NATO Bombardments in Yugoslavia: Security Issues, Policy Approaches, and Public Perception." There, Professor Bookbinder presented a paper on parallels to the ethnic cleansing in the Balkan area during World War I.

On June 29, reference librarian Janet DiPoulo presented a paper entitled "Take It to the Tables: A UMB Information Literacy Curriculum Model" at the annual programs of the New England Educational Bibliography Instruction Group which was held at Simmons College.

Joel Grossman, Coordinator of the Health Promotion Program at UMass Health Service, and Adrianne Barbrook, associate professor, of Bentley College, presented a student project at the conference titled, "Spreading Spirituality Publicly: Voices from a Public University." They focused on "The Going Public with Spirituality in Work and Higher Education" at UMass Amherst on June 5. Joel also was a member of the planning committee that organized the conference which included such keynote speakers as David Whyte, Margaret Wheatley, Peter Senge, and Dana Zobor.

Professor Philip S. Hart, director of the Toter Institute, discussed his work on the digital divide at the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the National Economic Development national forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico on May 31. His work is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration and is being carried out jointly by the Toter Institute and the Donohue Institute.

Jemared Kamara, chairperson of African Studies, Herman Hemmingway, professor of Criminal Justice/CPSC, Brian Thompson, professor of French, Edmund Beard, director of the McCormick Institute, and Margery O'Donnell of McCormick Institute for Democracy and Development conducted a workshop series for over two weeks in June in general and half devoted to promoting decentralization and improving local government administration in those two countries.

On May 24, Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Public and Policy Policy, was the featured speaker at the Brook Forum. Her topic was Elections 2000 - Women Invited or No? The Forum is an annual cultural, social and political event featuring speakers on contemporary issues.


Ann Finoles, Elaine Morse, Weili Ye, Ann Cordilla, Ramona Hernandez, Machulika Kandelwal, Asteafid Stefanos, Shiiko Seunaga and Dottie Stevens, faculty and alumna from CAS and CPSC, presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, "Women's Studies and the 21st Century" held at Simmons College, Boston in June.

Performances

Music Professor David Patterson performed and directed his compositions American Reclams, Rhythm Revue for organ and Psalms 150 for choir and organ performed by the First Congregational Church of Somerville for both the celebration of its 125th anniversary and the dedication of a new organ on May 21.

Grants

Lauren Mayhew, assistant director of the Center for World Languages and Cultures, has been awarded two new grants totaling $100,000 for the implementation of an immigrant parent education project. The Parents Empowered with Education and Support (P.E.E.R.S.) project received $80,000 from the Nellie Mae Foundation and $20,000 from the Florin O. Bartlett Trust.

The library of the Center for Women in Public and Policy Policy recently received a $4,500 grant from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation to develop workshops for the Center in the areas of women in politics and policy issues of importance to women. The library has been supported by the library since 1994.

Lois Reiner, senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, has been awarded a grant from the National Cancer Institute to study the role of race in the development of breast cancer. She also received a grant from the National Cancer Institute to study the role of race in the development of breast cancer.

Births

Jim Bierstaker, assistant professor of Accounting, and his wife welcomed their second child, Jacob Gisela Bierstaker, on July 6.

Abayomi Bashir Thompson, Undergraduate Admissions, and Titilayo Ami Thompson's daughter was born on Thursday, July 13.

Adan Colon Carmona, Assistant Professor of Biology, and his wife Irene had their third child, Irene Lauren, on June 8.

In the News

Economics Professor Randy Albeda and the paper she co-authored "Filling the Work and Family Gap" study were referenced in the Boston Herald and State House News Service on June 26.

Robert Rucci, UMass Poll Research Director, was quoted on the results from a UMass Poll conducted May 12-15, 2000 showing public support for a needle exchange program in the Worcester Telegram and Gazette on July 2.

Camp Telecom 2000 and its participants were featured in The Boston Globe's Learning Section on August 20 in an article outlining the three-week technology camp co-sponsored and hosted by UMass Boston in July.

Lou D'Innatale, director of the McCormick Institute, was quoted in the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, June 8 regarding his new role leading the Worcester Tele gram & Gazette, May 25 regarding the re-emerging health care debate following the Worcester nurses' strike.

CPSC Professor James Green of the Labor Resource Center has been interviewed on three radio programs in the past year, including "Taking History to Heart" since it was published by UMass Press on May 31. He discussed social move­ ments, past present, on programs including: "The Voice of America," "Radio Nations," "Voices of the World," WGBH's "Here and Now," and NPR's "Morning Edition." The July 28 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education includes his editorial on public intellectuals, universities, and social movements.

Health Services Nurse Practitioner Virginia Lynch was featured in Manila News on June 23 for her volunteer work providing medicine and education to people in Honduras.

Andres Torres, director of the Gaston Institute, was quoted in a July 2 Boston Globe article, which outlined steps taken to bring legal status to the Chinese. The UMass Poll results from the McCormick Institute of Public Affairs was covered by the Boston Globe, covering campaign finance reform in the Boston Globe on July 15.

Appointments

Mary E. Brady has joined the Center for Social Development and Education as the Director of Professional Development. Dr. Brady is a special educator, an applied researcher, and a former administrator who specializes in curriculum development and modes of professional development.

The Biology Department welcomes two new faculty members, the Block and Ying Tan. Dr. Pollack is a Neurobiologist whose research focuses on the role of dopamine in regulation of motivated behavior and neuronal activity in the rat basal ganglia. Ying Tan is a Molecular Systematist whose research focuses on how fundamental evolutionary forces, such as mutation, selection, and genetic drift, govern the evolutionary process at the molecular level.

Miren Urrien, a faculty member of CPSC, has been appointed as interim director of the Gaston Institute for a year beginning in September while director Andre Thrieme will be on sabbatical leave. Professor Urrien, who was the founding director of the Institute, has written on a number of public policy programs about his book Talking, including education, employment, and poverty.

Correction

Brenda Gordon from University Advising was misidentified as Bertha Hoskins on Page 3 in the May issue of the University Reporter.
Calendar of Events

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

Send submissions by the third Monday of every month to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Building, 3rd Floor, Fax: 617-287-5317. E-mail: news@umb.edu

Tuesday 5

Opening Day Celebration
11:00 to 6:00 p.m. Outdoors on the Plaza and McCormack Hall. Live musical performance sponsored by WUMB 91.9 FM, student services, information tables, student organizations, and curricular resources available.

Golden Key Voter Registration Kick-off
11:00 - 6:00 p.m. The Golden Key National Honor Society will conduct voter registration kick-off to raise civic awareness and provide information on the voter registration process. Contact: Anita Miller, 7-5600.

Wednesday 6

First Day of Classes

Monday 11

A Tribute to Polly Legan to benefit the McCormack Institute's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy
12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel Grand Ballroom. For more information, call 7-5541.

Tuesday 12

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice Series
7:00 - 8:00 p.m., location TBA. Featuring Peter Taylor. "Critical Thinking as a Journey." Call 7-6520 for more information.

Wednesday 13

College of Management Alumni Reception
5:00 - 7:00 p.m., downtown location TBA. Call 7-7700 for more information.

Add/Drop period ends

Wednesday 20

Convocation Day
Civic Education for Civic Responsibility
Chancellor's Breakfast for Faculty and Staff
8:30 to 10:00 a.m., University Club, Healey Library, 11th Floor. Contact: Gail Hobin, Director, Community Relations, 7-5310.

Student Leadership Luncheon
12:30 to 2:00 p.m., University Club, Healey Library, 11th Floor. Contact: Stephanie Janey, Dean, Student Affairs, 7-5800

Convocation Colloquium
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Lypke Auditorium, Science Center.
"Is rain or not to rain? Does the Glare of the Media Spotlight Discourage People from Running for Public Office?"
Contact: Theresa Mortimer, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs, 7-5699.

Health Policy Issues in the 2000 Presidential Election
4:00 - 5:00 p.m., Small Science Auditorium, Science Center.
Howard Koh, Commissioner of Public Health, will discuss key health issues in Massachusetts. Doctoral students of the Ph.D. Nursing program will deliver a report card on the health policy positions of the candidates for President of the United States. Discussion and evaluation will focus on the impact of health policies on urban families and the elderly. Contact person: Gail Russell, Director, Ph.D., Nursing Program: 7-5748

Thursday 21

Chancellor's Convocation Breakfast for Classified Staff
8:30 - 10:00 a.m., University Club, Healey Library, 11th Floor. Contact person: Gail Hobin, Director, Community Relations: 7-5310.

Saturday 23

Boston Writing Project Conference
"The Balancing Act: Teaching and Writing, a Conference for Today's Teacher."
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Massachusetts Avenue, Second Floor, Featuring presenters Suzanne Rubenstein, David Allen, and Maxine Shaw. Call 7-7685 to register and for more information.

WUMB 91.9 FM
Folk Festival
11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., UMass Boston. Featuring nine outdoor and indoor stages of entertainment, children's activities, and boat cruises of Boston Harbor. Call 7-7600 for tickets and more information.

Alumni Homecoming
11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Alumni activities coinciding with the Boston Folk Festival include a reception at the Harbor Gallery, a sunset alumni cruise at 6:00 p.m., and hot air balloon rides during the day, weather-permitting. For more information, contact: 7-5330.

Tuesday 26

Critical and Creative Thinking in Practice Series
7:00 - 8:00 p.m., location TBA. Featuring Nina Greenwald. "Teaching Critical Thinking Through Multiple Intelligences." Call 7-6520 for more information.

Closing the Digital Divide: What is the Problem and How Can It Be Fixed?
6:30 - 10:00 p.m., 600 Atlantic Avenue, federal Reserve Bank of Boston. A public forum discussion focused on bridging the digital divide in schools and communities. Panel includes representatives from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Museum of Science, the Children's Museum, Intuit, Inc., and City Hall. Contact: Renaye Yell, 7-6824.

Thursday 28

Mc McCormack Institute Lecture: Challenges for the new Administration
5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Chancellor's Conference Room. Housing, community development and community action will be discussed. Featuring Robert C. Wood, Visiting professor Xavier de Souza Briggs, Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Harvard University faculty member. For more information, call 7-5641.

Earthen Vessels Anniversary
Earthen Vessels is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its summer camp in Vermont and the 15th anniversary of its tutoring and ad mentoring program at Harbor Point. Contact: Brian Thompson, 7-7669.

Miscellaneous

Boston Light Tours
Friday, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., departing from J.F. Library. Reservations are required. Call 273-8669 for more information.

Offered by the Health Promotion Program: 7-5685

Meditation

Tai Chi
Weekly, call for times and location, drop-in basis. Beginners welcome, instruction provided. Mats provided, no change of clothes needed.

Stress Reduction/Life Enhancement Program
Four sessions. Incorporates mindfulness, meditation and teachings on how our thinking helps or hinders us. Sponsored by the Health Promotion Program of University Health Service. 121, Call 7-7685 for dates, times, and to register.

Study Smarter, Not Harder
Helps with performing better, with less stress, in studying for and taking exams, writing papers, etc. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Weight Management Support
Develop a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Smoke Cessation
Help with considering quitting, quitting, and staying quit. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

AIDS Awareness Team
Volunteers needed to plan and implement outreach activities on campus. Call 7-5685 and leave contact information and available times, you will be contacted with meeting time.

Upcoming

3rd Annual Years of Service Reception
SAVE THE DATE: The 3rd Annual Years of Service Reception will be held on Monday, November 20 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the Wheately Cafeteria. More information to follow.

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 Notices

1999 Statistical Portrait Available
The UMass Boston of Institutional Research is pleased to present the Fall 1999 Statistical Portrait. This document contains current and historical data on admissions, enrollment, instruction, continuing education, degree conferred, and faculty and staff. We hope it will be useful to you when you are seeking to answer such topics as the number of students at UMB, or in your college, the number of degrees awarded in particular majors and so on. We have sent the book to all deans, department chairs, directors, and office managers or administrative assistants. Please call 7-5420 or e-mail institutional.research@umb.edu for extra copies and for suggestions on improvements for next year's edition.

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Center for Library Instruction Open
Healy Library is pleased to introduce the Center for Library Instruction, located on the fourth floor of the Library. This new training facility will strengthen library research and information literacy instruction. The hands-on interactive environment allows participants to seek a research concept and then try it out themselves on one of our computers. We also will include interactive activities during information literacy training. As we train students to locate, evaluate and use information, we will have access to wireless technology, DVD, video, internet, and more. Please contact Sara Baran at 7-5627 or sara.baran@umb.edu

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