Children’s Defense Fund President and Former Boston Bruin Among Honorees at UMass Boston’s 2003 Commencement

By Leigh DaPey

A nationally renowned advocate for children, a former Boston Bruin whose drive and dedication extend well beyond the realm of sports, Marian Wright Edelman, will give the keynote address at UMass Boston’s 2003 Commencement, to be held on May 31 in the Bayside Exposition Center.

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Washington D.C.-based Children’s Defense Fund, will receive the Chancellor’s Medal for Distinguished Service and deliver the keynote address at the ceremony for 1,924 undergraduates and 818 graduate students set to receive their degrees this May.

“Marian Wright Edelman’s career should highlight the foundation a university education can provide for a ‘life of action,’” said Chancellor Jo Ann M. Gora. As a lawyer, educator, and reformer, Edelman is best known for her devoted advocacy on behalf of disadvantaged Americans. Finding the Children’s Defense Fund in 1973, she has worked tirelessly on behalf of children’s welfare, education, rights, and healthcare.

Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-60’s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. Her career includes providing counsel to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Poor People’s March and writing seven books, for which she received the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award. Her achievements have earned her top accolades such as the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded in 2000. A recipient of an honorary degree from UMass Boston in 1982, she will receive the Chancellor’s Medal for her contributions to education, advocacy, and service.

By Anne-Marie Kent

If you push on a liquid-crystal display, its hidden liquidity becomes apparent: digital numbers, once touched, distort into puddles of fingerprint form. UMass Boston physicists Greg Huber says all fluids reveal this kind of mechanical softness, a sensitive, “almost life-like” response to varying conditions.

From liquid-crystal displays to detergents, soaps, and petroleum products, even fluids we drink such as milk, we’re surrounded by complex fluids. “Water is what the average person would point to as the ideal ‘fluid,’” but in fact a lot of everyday life involves fluids with far different properties, or in much more complex states than a simple glass of water,” explains Huber, assistant professor of physics. “The everyday world presents such a multifarious variety and multiplicity of fluid-like materials and behavior that no simple definition encompasses all the phenomena, but, nonetheless, researchers have settled on ‘complex fluids’ as a catchall phrase,” says Huber.

On March 21, more than 80 scientists fascinated by the properties of complex fluids came to UMass Boston for the 14th New England Complex Fluids (NECF) Workshop. They were initiated by Seth Fraden from Brandeis and Dave Weitz from Harvard some years ago, and have traditionally oscillated between those universities. It seemed like a good opportunity for our Physics Department to engage with the greater Boston research community.”

The program included five invited talks, entitled “Mechanics of Bacterial Flagella,” “Self-Assembling Biological Springs,” “Collective Phenomena in Intracellular Networks,” “Probing Polymerization Forces Using Actin-Propelled Lipid Vesicles,” and “Force Spec-

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Senator Jarrett Barrios Leads Forum on Diversity and Civility in Massachusetts and Nation

By Alexandra Wilson

Amid concerns of state budget cuts and the war in Iraq, Massa­chusetts state senator Jarrett Bar­rios spoke with faculty, staff, and students on April 16 at a special forum on "Diversity and Civility in Massachusetts and the Na­tion." Barrios addressed the ways in which diversity and civility can coexist in our society.

The grandson of Cuban immi­grants, Barrios received a scholar­ship to Harvard University, where he earned his undergradu­ate degree. He earned a law de­gree from Georgetown University and went on to practice with the Cambridge law firm Hill and Barlow, where he was named "Pro-Bono Lawyer of the Year." In 1998, Barrios was elected to the Massachusetts State House of Representa­tives and in 2001 be­came the first Latino from the Commonwealth to be elected state senator.

"He is one of the best and brightest new legislators," said Paul Fonteyn, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Barrios was the first speaker in a series sponsored by the Council for Promotion of a Diverse and Civil Community. At the forum, Barrios noted that difference is a fact of life, but that a diverse soci­ety is not necessarily a civil one.

"A civil community in which we are all alike is an easy thing," said Barrios. He said that as citizens, we have to learn from and interact with one another to develop civil­ity, even in very small ways. "There is a value in getting on the subway and sitting across from someone who isn’t like you," Bar­rios said.

Barrios affirmed that education and schools, where the most sig­nificant social engagements can oc­cur, should prepare students for more than just work and money. "Students can be educated in dealing with a world that’s di­verse," he said, pointing to schools like UMass Boston that offer af­fordable, accessible, and flexible education to a diverse population.

"A place like UMass Boston is not diverse because it happens to be in Boston," said Barrios, citing that other schools are "in Boston but not of Boston." Barrios stressed the need for involvement and interaction in light of Governor Romney’s new proposed budget, which calls for severe cuts and restructuring of the university system. "This is where your advocacy really matters," Barrios said.

Barrios will return to UMass for the announcement, where he will receive the Chancellor’s Medal for his successes in affordable hous­ing, health care, and education.

University Responds in Community Forum of Understanding

By Ed Hayward and Leigh DuPay

Against a backdrop of U.S. military action in Iraq, an alter­nation between a military re­cruiter, students, and an African­ana Studies professor on April 3 re­sulted in the arrest of the profes­sor by campus police and prompted university officials to hold a forum in the Ryan Lounge to discuss issues raised by the in­cid­ent.

The arrest of adjunct faculty member Anthony Van Der Meer on charges of assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest sparked an intense discus­sion about the presence of recruit­ers on campus, the role of univer­sity police, and the standards on campus for civil discourse.

Nearly 200 students, faculty and staff — as well as a number of individuals from outside the cam­pus — attended the forum, which was moderated by Interim Dean of Students Angelone Lopes Ellison. A panel comprised of fac­ulty, students and administrators, as well as Professor Van Der Meer, held an open discussion and then took questions and statements from the audience for 90 minutes.

"I hope today’s discussion re­sults in a greater understanding and respect for the roles we all play in this wonderful institution, whether as faculty, staff, students or chancellor," Chancellor Gora, who was out of town on univer­sity business, told the gathering in a statement read by David MacKenzie, vice chancellor for administration and finance. "I further hope the forum pro­vides a greater opportunity for civil discourse in turbulent times. A university is and should always be the place where the freedoms of speech and assembly guaran­teed to all of us under the Consti­tution are sacred, welcome and respected," she added.

MacKenzie said he was dis­turbed by comments made by stu­dents who said they felt threat­ened or unsafe on campus. His sentiments were shared by Public Safety Chief Phillip O'Donnell, who also participated on the panel.

Our primary purpose is to create an atmosphere in which people feel safe. We try very hard to do everything we possibly can to protect and serve," said O’Donnell, who added that arrest is the last option university police pursue.

He noted that out of 22,005 incidents logged by UMass Boston Police last year, officers made just 12 arrests. Of those, nearly half were based on outstanding war­rants ordered by the court system. Professor Van Der Meer, who pleaded not guilty to the charges in court, spoke briefly to the audi­ence.

"I enjoy what I do, I enjoy teaching and having a safe envi­ronment where we have a right to speak," commented Professor Van Der Meer, who was joined on the panel by colleague Jemadari Barrios. "I think we have to learn from and interact with differences, and treat each other with respect." He noted that out of 22,005

UMass Boston Receives $600,000 GAANN Grant

On April 18, the Biology De­partment received word from Senator Edward M. Kennedy’s office that it has been awarded a $600,000 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) grant from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). The GAANN fellow­ships will support six students in UMass Boston’s Ph.D. program in biology over three years. The funds will supplement stipends, tuition waivers, and provide re­sources for top students in need.

"This is just amazing for us, winning this kind of award in our first attempt," said Greg Beck, as­sociate professor of biology and lead investigator for the GAANN program. "This will really strengthen the Ph.D. program. We’ll be able to extend support for our students, as there are very limited funds available for stu­dents, and we’ll be able to attract top students to the program."
Mediating in the Middle East: Ambassador Discusses Role of the U.S.

By Leigh DuPuy

As national news carried stories of celebrations and lootings in the streets of Baghdad, Ambassador Dennis Ross led a timely discussion on the role of U.S. involvement in the Middle East at the University Club on April 8. Sponsored by UMass Boston's Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, this was the second lecture in a three-part series focused on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"The lessons of peacekeeping in the Middle East will become increasingly relevant," said Ross, currently the director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, in his April 8 address at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

New Dean for Graduate College of Education

By Leigh DuPuy

The Graduate College of Education (GCOE) will begin fall semester 2003 with a new dean — higher education specialist Lester F. Goodchild. Dr. Goodchild, who has been serving as both acting and interim dean of the College of Education for the University of Denver (DU), will begin his tenure at UMass Boston on August 18.

"I am looking forward to working with the university, the college, and faculty in supporting UMass Boston's excellent programs and creating innovative new ones," Goodchild said in a recent phone interview. Goodchild is known for his commitment to developing and improving academic programs that focus on educational needs of urban communities. He was directly responsible for DU's three university-based schools and one five-year charter school in partnership with Denver Public Schools and their 900 children.

He has worked for DU for 13 years, and as interim dean, was responsible for the College of Education's six graduate programs in curriculum and instruction, educational leadership and policy studies, higher education and adult studies, counseling psychology, educational psychology, and library and information science. At the university level, he established the Committee on the Advancement of Doctoral Programs and chaired the Distance Learning Task Force for five years.

Goodchild has also successfully led accreditation efforts at both the department and college levels. Most recently, in his capacity as interim dean, he coordinated all DU College of Education activities as part of the Higher Learning Commission's 2001 university-wide accreditation of DU.

In his administrative roles, Goodchild has had extensive experience in the recruitment of faculty, program assessment and development, doctoral student advisement, budgets, academic organizations, and cultivation and support for scholarship through grants and fundraising.

Goodchild received a B.A. in sociology from the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minnesota), an M.A. in historical theology and comparative religions from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. in higher education and adult education from the University of Chicago.

Healey Library Renews More Than Just Books at Open House

By Kim Tranencík

On April 3, the Healey Library dazzled students, faculty, staff, and friends with an open house event. Instead of plies of "ahhh, quiet please," the library and the newly formed Friends of the Library wowed guests with performances by the Unity African Dance and Theatre Company, the Joseph Carmen Trio, and poetry readings by Johnine Simpson and Saul Torres. Also on display was the artwork of William Tucker and photography by Mari Carmen Cantín.

The event was just one of the many efforts that the library is making to boost its visibility and renew its commitment to UMass Boston and the community. The library also shared what it calls its "hidden treasures." Among them are the Early Childhood Literacy Center, sponsored by the Dorchester Cluster and Read Boston, and the JSTOR database, a "treasure trove" of over two million scholarly journal articles dating back to the early days of the republic, thanks to David Outerbridge's gift to the Library.

"Friends of the Library help us strengthen scholarly life at UMass Boston by providing financial support so that we can improve our collection and implement new initiatives," said Daniel Ortiz, director of libraries. "I am so grateful for their support and zeal."

Outerbridge, an alumnus of UMass Boston, has been instrumental in jump-starting the Friends of the Library. "I hope that by raising awareness of how important a library is to a university, something wonderful comes out of this event." With its eye on the future during this critical time for UMass Boston, the library's most urgent goal is to continue to improve service and accessibility. "Our renewal of the university library will have a lasting influence on our campus in the 21st century," said Provost Paul Fonteyn.

Provost Paul Fonteyn unveiled the library's new vision. Picture a cybercafe, web-enhanced study rooms, and a media center, to name a few proposed amenities. "The library is truly the crossroads of the harbor campus."

UMass Boston student Hortense Dossous said, "It's great to see so many faces here tonight. The culture, poetry, and dance help celebrate what UMass is about.""The intelligence and sensitivity of the library staff make this library so special," said Rusty Simonds, professor and chair of political science. "The library is the soul of the campus."

To find out more about the Friends of the Library, visit http://friends.lib.umb.edu.

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Send Campus Notes submissions for the June University Reporter by Thursday, May 15 to news@umb.edu.

Lester F. Goodchild, who has been serving as both acting and interim dean of the College of Education at the University of Denver, will start his appointment at UMass Boston on August 18. (Photo by Robert C. Sorgatz)
Longtime Marathoner Connie Chan is Featured in Nike Ad Campaign

By Leigh DuPuy

Walking through Back Bay MBTA Station recently, you may have seen a familiar face on one of the large banners featuring marathon runners hanging from the T station ceiling or on a poster plastered throughout Boston. Connie Chan, College of Community and Public Service professor and co-director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, was one of four "regular" runners spotlighted in the highly visible Nike advertising campaign for the Boston Marathon 2003. This is the first year that Nike is featuring non-elite runners in their Marathon Monday promotions. Chan is anything but an average runner, having completed 28 marathons and counting. After witnessing her first Boston Marathon while a graduate student in psychology at Boston University, Chan was inspired to take up running the next day. It has become a passion for her. However, even after many marathons, Chan never thought she would be able to qualify for the Boston Marathon, which requires athletes to run a previous marathon under a competitive time standard.

When the Boston Athletic Association offered new qualifying times, Chan was determined to meet those for her age group. It wasn't until 1991, thirteen years after completing her first marathon that she was able to qualify. She trains hard every year to renew this qualification and has completed twelve consecutive Boston marathons since 1992, finishing this year in just over four hours. Chan wrote of what the Boston Marathon meant to her and the incredible exhilaration she felt at the start of her first Boston marathon to the list-serve community of the Dead Runners Society, saying, "I could hardly believe I was really wearing a number and standing at the start of the Boston Marathon. As we prepared to run, tears welled up in my eyes, and my chest felt tight. I closed my eyes. I have waited 15 years for this moment, a moment I thought would never come."

A friend from the group read the inspirational story and encouraged Chan to submit it to Nike, which was soliciting entries from runners about the meaning of the Boston Marathon. It clearly inspired those in charge of the campaign, who selected Chan as one of two women to represent the regular runners.

Chan participated in a photo shoot with the other runners, including Joan Benoit Samuelson and Marla Runyan, and recorded her impressions of Boston and her experiences running its marathon. Her photo, ad, and voice were featured on www.nikerunning.com under the Marathon Monday link. Hearing her story of continued determination and her love of the sport, it is clear that Chan is anything but an ordinary runner.

Sociology Professor Wins Yale's Sussman Award

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, received top honors from Yale University for his research on how society views punishment. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Joe Peters

With a phrase like "Going to hell in a cradle" in its title, James Willis's Ph.D. dissertation perhaps was bound to be noticed. However, it has accomplished much more than mere head turning, earning the sociology professor the Marvin B. Sussman Award for the best dissertation the Yale Sociology Department received in the past two years.

"It makes you feel like all those hours in the library were worth something," says Willis. "The subject matter of his work is Britain's policy of transporting prisoners to the United States and Australia during the 18th and 19th centuries. In short, it's looking at how punishments change over time," he says.

After submitting his dissertation in 2000, Willis came to UMass Boston and found he had to make his own adjustment to a student body that in some regards is much more challenging than those of Yale or Wellesley, where he had lectured.

"The students here are much more worldly," he says, explaining that UMass Boston students bring their own life experiences into class discussions whereas students at other schools rely on more abstract or theoretical answers. Currently, Willis's work outside the classroom involves evaluating COMPSTAT, a method of measuring crime and the effectiveness of police. He spent a great deal of time interviewing police in Lowell as part of a report he has coauthored.

Willis can trace his dissertation interest to a sentence he read in graduate school. It simply referred to the fact that British prisoners were transported to other countries in the 18th and 19th centuries. A British immigrant himself, Willis decided to delve into this phenomenon. He admits never finding that one moment of epiphany that researchers dream of. "It much more became an exercise of blood, sweat, and tears," he says.

"I think one of the things about this is that it was a very different kind of project," he says of why his dissertation may have risen above others submitted. "When people talk about theories of punishment, they usually don't address transportation," he adds, explaining that transportation of prisoners was a sort of "social oddity" that often is overlooked. Apparently it was not a very pleasant oddity either; "Going to hell in a cradle" is how one 18th century prisoner described the trip to America.

Willis plans to return to his dissertation subject matter for a journal article he hopes to submit this summer, and recently he did return to Yale for talk on his dissertation and to accept the Sussman Award.

While his dissertation research and his current work may be centuries apart, he does see broad connections between the two in terms of how society views the meaning of punishment. "I feel as though I am in these two different worlds," he says. "One is very current and applied, and the other is very historical."

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troscopy of Single Molecule DNA-Protein Interactions." In addition, there were 29 brief contributed talks, including three presented by UMass Boston graduate students. One presentation even addressed qualities of slime molds. "Why would anyone care about slime molds?" Huber was asked. "Because slime molds are our close relatives on the tree of life, and they have been much studied as a model organism. Nonetheless, it is not even understood exactly how they are able to move about in response to chemical clues in their environment." Huber continues, "Many people go into this just for the sake of curiosity. They just want to know how single molecules, especially huge ones like DNA or proteins, behave. Curiosity drives this field, and applications are the by-product."

He adds, "Production, manipulation, and control of complex fluids are major issues for industry. A significant proportion of chemical engineers, for instance, rely on the robust connections between industrial practices and research work on complex fluids. And there's room for more discovery. "Many of the technological advances of recent years have resulted from making circuits smaller or exploiting new phenomena at the micron scale or below," says Huber. "Most of those are built on advances in hard condensed matter physics. We are just beginning to see what structures can be based on soft matter physics. Life has already figured out this out: cells work at this scale, and evolution has devised for them incredible structures, devices, and machines that we can only marvel at. We don't know how they work or how to build them from scratch," says Huber.
University Health Services Expands Care to Faculty and Staff

By Ed Hayward

Faculty and staff can now see a nurse practitioner at University Health Services (UHS) for a fee of just $20 per visit. Under a new program launched to promote a healthier campus, employees can get care faster and eliminate the time and cost of driving to a provider off-campus.

UMass Boston's 2,642 employees can make appointments for the treatment of symptoms ranging from colds, flu, and ear and sinus infections, to bronchitis, urinary tract infections, and gastroenteritis, said Kathleen Golden McAndrew, executive director of UHS, located on the second floor of the Quin Adminis-

The goal is to provide same-day services, but health services adds that faculty and staff call to make an appointment.

The $20 fee is payable by check, cash, or major credit card. There is no third-party billing, Golden McAndrew said.

Health services officials hope providing episodic care on campus can offer a consumer-friendly health care alternative by cutting down on the time and cost of driving to a provider off-campus, employees can be seen faster and learn just what their symptoms mean, then that can ultimately reduce exposure to co-workers and students.

As of May 1, UHS will operate TravelWell, which will provide pre- and post-travel counseling. University students and staff planning foreign travel this summer can receive help with destination information, health and safety concerns, immunizations, and travel medical kits.

For more information, contact 7-5661.

Cynthia Williams of Institutional Advancement and Mayra Torres, receptionist, demonstrate the ease of visiting University Health Services. (Photo by Harry Brett)

UMass Boston employee Kathleen Malloy. "I needed a cholesterol test. The services were quick and easy, friendly and convenient. It was so much easier than taking time off work to travel to my doctor's office." Medical Director Pat Halon said faculty and staff should know there is no referral required. Most people have the impression that if they have an HMO they have to go to their doctor first," said Halon. "But we don't do third-party billing, so this has no effect on the relationship or costs connected to your primary care provider." UHS will also do blood work ordered by your primary care provider. A list of required labs from the patient's doctor is all that is required. For a $10 phlebotomy fee, all blood work is sent to Quest Diagnostics, which will bill the patient's insurance company.

The new episodic care program started this semester in response to requests from the past from faculty and staff for health services on campus. UHS is a trust-funded department paid for predominantly through stu-
dent health fees. Therefore, UHS must charge the modest $20 fee to cover costs of faculty and staff care.

Golden McAndrew said episodic care can ensure that all parts of the campus population are able to receive some kind of treatment.

"You can't just treat one part of the campus and expect the other parts not to need help. You have to try to treat all groups, because we're all working together in the same buildings," said Golden McAndrew.

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Creative Writing Professor Examines America and the Ukraine Through Literature

By Leigh DePuy

Don't call Askold Melnyczuk a Ukrainian-American writer. Professor Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program at UMass Boston, continues the exploration through recent trips to his parents' homeland and lectures on the Ukraine and American literature at UMass Boston, Harvard University, and Ohio State University.

Melnyczuk's examination of the Ukraine has natural roots in his childhood and heritage. A child of parents exiled from the nation in the 1950s, he learned their language while growing up in New Jersey. He observes, "The language has given me an intimacy into the Ukraine culture and literature that would have been impossible without it."

His early literary endeavors included translating poetry from Ukrainian into English, as well as exploring themes of heritage and immigration in his own creative work. Melnyczuk first visited the Ukraine in 1990, meeting several young writers who would later become some of the nation's most prominent artists. When he returned to Kyiv in September of 2002 as the keynote speaker at a conference on American literature, he recalled, "It really moved me to hear young scholars speaking in eloquent and charmingly accented English about Jamaica Kincaid, Alice Walker, and post-colonialism."

Melnyczuk is especially interested in the intersection of American and Ukrainian culture, particularly since the Ukraine's culture had been fractured by war and strife and is now enjoying a renaissance.

"The word 'Diastrora' applies to culture as a conversation that gets fragmented by war or violence," he explains. "When the conversation gets picked up thirty years later, people find themselves struggling to finish sentences whose opening words they've long forgotten."

He believes American literature can contribute to that conversation. He says, "The picture most Ukrainians have of the United States is generally limited to what our popular media represents. That is a world I could never live in myself, and luckily most of us have done. I'm here to speak, paint, and other arts help provide a far fuller portrait of what America is really like."

Melnyczuk has just completed his third novel and has begun work on several new projects, in addition to his work at UMass Boston teaching creative writing to undergraduate and graduate students in the English Department.

Public Service Awards For Commonwealth Journal

By Melissa Fassell

Commonwealth Journal, the weekly public affairs program produced by WUMB Radio and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, boasts three prestigious awards this spring for its public service programming.

The public service show won the first-place American Cancer Society "Sword of Hope Award" for the second time in three years for a series of four programs about cancer research and support. The show featured two staff members from the Center for Survey Research, Floyd Fowler and Lois Beiner, as well as members of the Wellness Center of Greater Boston and an author of a book about cancer survival. The award recognizes news media that have raised awareness and deepened the public's understanding of cancer.

This award is particularly competitive given that the pool of stations is comprised of the whole of New England," says Pat Monteith, general manager of WUMB Radio. "Only one station in six states wins the award."

A show on "Menopause in Society" featuring Lynnette Leidy-Sievert, UMass Amherst associate professor of anthropology, Commonwealth Journal placed first among competition in Massachusetts and Rhode Island in the Associated Press Public Service Award. The program is receiving this award for the fourth year in a row.

The show also won a Silver Award in the ACE 1003 Critique and Awards Program. ACE (Agricultural Communicators in Education) is an international association of communicators and information technologists. WUMB staffers received their awards during ceremonies held in late April.

Commonwealth Journal features segments with scholars, writers, cultural workers, and public officials examining current issues of particular interest to Massachusetts listeners. Programs range from topics such as "Three Centuries of Christmas in New England" to "Massachusetts Diners" and "MCAS Testing." Commonwealth Journal's knowledgeable and expert host, Barbara Neely, is an award-winning author, perhaps best known for her Blanche White mystery series. She has worked in several capacities in the media and public sector and is a much-sought-after public speaker who has addressed audiences on college campuses and elsewhere.

Commonwealth Journal is produced with support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Listeners can tune in every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on 91.9 FM in Boston. The program is syndicated on 23 public radio stations across Massachusetts.
In March, Randy Albelda of the Economics Department and Ph.D. in Public Policy Program delivered the talk “Welfare-to-Work, Farewell to Families?” for Women’s History Month at University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. She also gave the keynote speech at the “Access to Justice” conference organized by the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation.

Elsa Auerbach, professor of English, presented the workshop “The Troubled Bilingual ‘Families’" at the Multiculturalism and Literacy Development Workshop, and was a plenary speaker and conference presenter at the conference “Popular Education and the Immigrant Workforce: Organizing for Language, Literacy, and Workers’ Rights,” held at the University of California at Berkeley.

James Bierstaker, assistant professor of accounting and finance, published the article “Auditor Recall and Evaluation of Internal Control Information: Does Task-Specific Knowledge Mitigate Pay-Per-Interest?” in Managerial Auditing Journal.

On March 25 and 26, Steve Bliven and Dan Hellin of the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) facilitated two public focus groups addressing the issue of “Increasing Involvement in and Awareness of Coastal Zone Management in New Jersey.” These meetings are part of UHI’s ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of the New Jersey Program.

Ann Blam of the Hispanic Studies Department presented the paper “Delegating Motherhood: Maternal Strategies and Public Welfare, Mexico City, 1920–1930,” at the XXXXIII Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association, where she also served as discussant on a panel entitled “Women, Ethnicity, and Mexican Authority: Reproductive and Children’s Health in Latin America.”

Linda Eisemann, associate professor in the Department of Leadership in Education, delivered the address at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting, held in Chicago in April. The Vice President of AERA, she spoke on “Reclaiming the ‘Incidental Student’: Higher Education and Women in the 1950’s.”

Jeffrey Keiner, assistant professor in the Department of Management Science and Information Systems, gave an invited presentation for the Systems Engineering Seminar, held at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on February 6. His talk was entitled “Value of Information in Portfolio Decision Analysis.”

Darren Kew, assistant professor in the Dispute Resolution Program, was an election observer in Nigeria with the National Democratic Institute from April 7 to 21. He recently gave a presentation on the elections for the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) roundtable on Nigeria.

Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian Studies Program, delivered an invited keynote address titled “Stories for Children and Families in Asian American Studies” to commemorate Asian American Month at Wesleyan University in April.

On March 28, Esther Kingston-Mann, professor of history and American studies, gave the keynote speech at the Southern Conference for Slavic Studies in Savannah, Georgia. The title of her talk was “The Romance of Privatization.”

Mary Jo Marino, associate director of the Gaston Institute, testified before the Boston City Council Education Committee on March 25 on Question 2 implementation in Boston Public Schools.

An professor Elizabeth Marran presented prints currently on display in her solo exhibition entitled “Blue Rapture” at the OFF Gallery in Boston to the Southern Graphics Conference on April 6. The exhibition was highlighted in the April 4 Boston Globe’s “Critics’ Picks.”

On April 5, the Department of Sociology cosponsored an all-day conference on violence with the Center for the Study of Violence at Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis. The conference, held at Lipke Auditorium, attended by over three hundred participants. Samak Movahed, professor and chair of the Sociology Department, was one of the many program speakers.

The Computer Sciences Department’s Marc Pomplun and Sushinda Sunkara presented at the 17th National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Lake City, the presentation was a part of Sunkara’s honors thesis: “Evaluating Human-Computer Interface Usability Based on Pupillary Response.”

William Robinson, associate provost and professor of environmental, coastal, and ocean sciences, presented the paper “Marine Bionistics — The Challenge of Converting Basic Research into Applied Science,” which was co-authored with Manipam Sugumaran, associate dean of Graduate Studies and professor of biology, at the Italy-USA Joint Symposium on Marine Biology and Bionistics.

On April 10, Gary Spiersen, CPC, professor of Social Work, delivered the Center for Social Development and Education, and Jennifer Norins, research assistant and recent graduate student, presented preliminary findings of the Special Olympics Multiannual Attitude Study on Mental Retardation at the annual Council for Exceptional Children Conference in Seattle.

Several Asian American Studies Program faculty — Rajini Srikanta, Karen Sueyono, Zong-Goo Xia, and Peter Kiang — co-presented as panelists at a forum on Asian American Higher Education held at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education in April.

Art professor Nancy Steiber spoke on “Interdisciplinarity within a Discipline-Specific Journal” at the international conference “Art History and Its Journals,” held at the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts, in March.

On April 5, Peter Taylor and Steve Rednick led a group of 14 UMass Boston faculty and graduate students in presenting the curriculum units developed to address sustainability concerns. These units ranged from developing a funding proposal for promoting community gardens in Dorchester to quantitatively reasoning exercises using trends in municipal waste and recycling data.

On April 4, David Teckla, professor of economics, gave a presentation to the Massachusetts Association of Chamber Executives on the Massachusetts Business Roundtable report “Transportation Planning and Development in Massachusetts: Recommended Changes for the New Millennium,” which he completed with Public Policy Ph.D. students Phil Granberry and Steve Quinby.

Joan Tonn, associate professor of the College of Management, is the author of the new book Mary P. Follett: Creating Democracy, Transforming Management, which will be published by the Yale University Press on April 25.

Andrés Torres, director of the Gaston Institute, was the discussant for the panel “Art Latinx Redraw the Cart?” held at Harvard University’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies on March 12.

Polly Welch, assistant director of the ESL Center and director of the Directions for Student Program, and Carlos Maynard, graduate student in Applied Sociology and Applied Linguistics, conducted an ESL Tutor Training Workshop for students at Boston College on April 7.

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The essay “Paul Goodman as Advocate-Guard Web” by Taylor Stoor, professor of English, appears in the current issue of The Kenyon Review.

David Teckla, professor of economics, co-wrote the article “The Adoption and Diffusion of Performance Management: Lessons from Japanese Multina­tions in the West,” which was published in the March issue of Cambridge Journal of Economics.

Professor John Tobin of the English Department has four textual studies on several Renaissance dramas in the March 2003 issue of Notes and Queries.

**EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, SHOWS**

Under the auspices of the Department of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, Professor Nancy Patterson of the English Department presented “Magic of the 40s” and song at Kit Clark Services in Dorchester, with assistance from vocalist Brijid Battil, a Theatre Arts major.

UMass Boston’s Theatre Program, participating in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival XXXVI (KCACTF), has two acts, Wendy Nystrom and Marta Johnson, and one alternate, Randolph Sainthemy, nominated to compete in the Irene Ryan Scholar­ship Competition at the Region 1 Festival in January 2004. They were selected for their work in Romeo and Juliet under the direction of Professor Laura Schruder.

**APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS**

Peter Kiang, Asian American Studies program faculty, and professor of education, was recently appointed by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for a two-year term as chair of the commission’s Massachusetts State Advisory Committee.

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, has been appointed the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at Harvard University. He will be working on a study of how neighborhood environment and social networks influence health outcomes among lower-income immigrants and other minorities in the United States.

The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) has selected Sonia Michelson and Marian Spencer, instructors in gerontology, to receive its 2003 Part-Time Faculty Recognition Honor. This honor recognizes part­ time and adjunct instructors who make significant contributions to gerontological education.
GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Lowal King, assistant professor of English, has been awarded a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and a place in the NEH-sponsored institute on the history of the African American civil rights movement 1966-1983, in July and August at the W. E. B. DuSable Institute at Harvard University.

Mary Oleskiewicz, assistant music professor, has been awarded a $5,000 Haley Endowment Grant to produce the first edition and CD recording of the six long-lore quartets for flue, violin, viola, and basso continuo by Johann Joachim Quantz.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, submitted a co-authored final research report, "Compstat and Organizational Change in a Small Police Department," to the Police Foundation as part of an NJ-funded project on the place of Compstat in American policing.

The Asian American Studies Program was awarded $2,000 by the American Asian Unity Fund to support production of a resource booklet to commemorate and connect the 100th anniversaries of Korean immigration to the U.S., the historic 1903 immigration raid against Boston Chinatown, and the contemporary deportation of Cambodian Americans.

The Center for Social Policy's Connection, Service and Partnership through Technology (CSPTech) Project has been awarded a $25,000 challenge grant from the Boston Foundation's New Economy Initiative. The grant will help CSPTech to continue to develop a web-based querying tool that will allow use access to CSPTech data on homelessness among other related projects.

The Mauricio Gaston Institute received a $21,000 grant from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation for an exchange between Cuban and Boston community development practitioners. The institute also received $5,000 from the National Council of La Raza to conduct focus groups with Massachusetts voters on bilingual education.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation awarded New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) a $42,000 grant to identify best practices among colleges and universities for addressing the needs of campus staff who come from the neighborhood surrounding the campus.

The title of a new CD by Mary Oleskiewicz is the "Johann Joachim Flute Quartets." The Repertoire erroneously referred to it as "Joseph Joachim," in the Campus Notes section of the April issue.

At Syracuse University, having successfully defended her dissertation, "Neither Judge Nor Jury: Norms and the Role of the Volunteer Community Mediator," in March.

James McIntyre, candidate for a Ph.D. in Public Policy, presented his dissertation research, "An Analysis of the State Public Education Aid Funding Mechanism Established by the Massachusetts Education Reform Act," on April 26.


CORRECTION

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy presented the 17th Women's Research Forum, featuring Professor Anna Fernandes Pigeon of African Studies and Co-Director of the Cape Verdean Language and Culture Institute.

WUMB's Barbara Neely, host of the Commonwealth Journal, and staffers completed a two-part special on grandparents, which is the first program that WUMB is distributing for national syndication. So far, nearly 30 stations across the country are airing the special.

IN THE NEWS

Research by scientists at the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) Department on the geological fingerprint of terrorism in New York Harbor was the focus of an article in the LA Times on April 6. Sarah Otaeva, ECOS researcher, was quoted in the article.

Richard Horsley, distinguished professor of liberal arts and the study of religion, served as the lead historian for a PBS documentary, "Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution: The Rock and Rivers! The Empire and the Kingdom," which aired on WGBH-TV 2 on April 9.

Student Chess Club Flourishes in First Year

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Members of the UMass Boston Chess Club study their boards while playing during a recent tournament held in the Asian Center on the fourth floor of Wheatley Hall. In its inaugural year, the chess club meets regularly in the Asian Center or the Physics Club in the Science Center for tournaments, practice, and lessons. Club president and founder Dan Korsunsky organized the group when he arrived at UMass Boston as a freshman who had been a very active chess player in high school. With the support of the Student Senate, Korsunsky was able to use the club and help fund a trip for five club members to represent UMass Boston at the 3rd Annual Foxwood Open, a chess tournament for over 630 competitors at Foxwood Casinos. Competitors Korsunsky, Joe Perl, Will Roach, Eugene Roemischer, and Erik Garcia recorded a winning tally of 20.5 wins out of 35 total games played.

"Many players were surprised to see so many representatives of UMass Boston," said Korsunsky. "Some high school players asked for information about UMass Boston's chess program. The trip was a huge success." (Photo by Harry Brevit)
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