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## Biology Professor Sees Energy Consumption at Ecological Crossroads

By Peter Grennen

Jeff Dukes's profession allows him to explore the natural world to his heart's content. But he never imagined how much it would force him to consider nature of another sort—human nature. Now, faced with mounting evidence of environmental damage caused by reckless consumption of fossil fuels over many years, he is appealing to humanity's nobler instincts in an effort to return our planet to ecological health.

A terrestrial ecologist with a doctorate from Stanford University, Dukes recently joined the UMass Boston Biology Department after doing postdoctoral work at Stanford and the University of Utah. Among his scholarly projects is an ongoing inquiry into the causes of ecosystem imbalance—

and restoring equilibrium in these systems.

Increasingly these days, this work must take into account the human sphere of activity. The distinctly human longing to explore the globe—often relocating plants in the process—has at times devastated the environment. "Introduced species have had a major impact on our forests and have knocked out entire species," Dukes explains.

Ecosystems become more vulnerable to such attacks when certain by-products of human ingenuity—like automobile exhaust—outstrip the earth's ability to process them. "Carbon dioxide buildup is changing the planet faster than before, and we're using resources faster than was thought," says Dukes.

If attitudes toward energy consumption

are at the heart of the problem, the solution has to involve the art of persuasion—and another of Dukes's projects may well do the trick here: Using published data in a series of calculations that measure loss of solar energy from photosynthetically fixed carbon atoms in oil, coal, and natural gas, he set out to determine how much ancient plant matter is needed to meet our energy requirements today.

When the number crunching stopped, Dukes had some startling results: He estimates that about 98 tons of prehistoric plant material went into every gallon of gasoline we put into our vehicles. And as if that figure were not eye-popping enough, he offers another way to interpret the data: "Every day, people use the fossil-fuel equivalent

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Jeff Dukes, terrestrial ecologist and professor of biology, has unveiled startling new research on the earth's ability to absorb carbon dioxide. (Photo by Harry Brett)

### Mystic River Author Lehane to speak at Commencement '04

Dennis Lehane, the author of the best-seller *Mystic River* and six other novels, will speak at UMass Boston's 36th commencement, held at the Bayside Exposition Center on Friday, June 4.

*Mystic River* won both the Anthony and Barry awards for best novel, as well as the Massachusetts Book Award in Fiction bestowed by the Massachusetts Center for the Book. *Mystic River* received even more attention when the story was made into a feature film directed by Clint Eastwood, a production that was nominated for six Academy Awards.

Lehane is a two-time winner of the Dilys Award, presented by the Independent Mystery Book-

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## UMass Boston Prepares to Open Campus Center

By Anne-Marie Kent

Where once there was just a parking lot on the UMass Boston campus now stands an impressive, 330,000-square-foot campus center, a building of high atriums, bright views, and attractive meeting spaces. It is a building designed to provide students with improved services, the spaces they need, and the facilities they deserve—and soon it will be fully operational.

"This is a wonderful time in our campus's history," says Chancellor Jo Ann Gora. "We are so excited about the services the Campus Center will offer our students to realize a fuller educational experience at the university."

"We've received the occupancy permit and expect to be moving departments into the building and launching services in time for opening events beginning March 31,"



Chancellor Jo Ann Gora (center) smiles with students from the University Honors Program in the Campus Center, the soon-to-be-realized site for comprehensive student services. (Photo by Harry Brett)

said Anne Devaney, Campus Center director. She added that while not all departments and services may be moved in by then, there will be a week of grand opening events March 31 through April 3, including

bands, an auction, electric bull riding, sumo wrestling, and even a chance to throw a pie at a cut-out of Vice Chancellor Keith Motley. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for April 2, and planning

is under way for an opening gala fundraiser later that month, which will raise money for student scholarships.

Once all the offices are moved in, students will find services that include financial aid, admissions, registrar, bursar, student employment, the bookstore, career services, a food court with offerings of sushi, roll-ups, and Cappuccinos, a game room, ATMs, the student life offices, as well as the offices of the vice chancellors for student affairs and enrollment management. "This building has spaces where people can get together, hang out, study, explore, eat, talk, and meet with staff," said Stephan Chait, associate vice chancellor for administration and finance in charge of the project.

"The building is large, but it is extremely elegant," added Chait.

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# Psychology Researchers Find Sleep Shortage Takes Toll on Middle Schoolers' Self-Esteem and Mental Health

By Anne-Marie Kent

Feelings of depression and low self-esteem plague children as they advance through middle school because they get increasingly less sleep, according to a new study completed by UMass Boston psychology professor Jean Rhodes, Ph.D., with colleagues Katia Fredriksen, Ranjini Reddy, and Niobe Way.

"Sleep clearly played a significant role in predicting depressive symptoms and self-esteem during adolescence," says Rhodes.

Their research is published in the journal *Child Development* in their January-February issue. Attempts to improve the health, quality of life, and academic careers of adolescents should consider the importance of a good night's sleep, she says. A grant from the Spencer Foundation supported the study.

"Elevated levels of depression and drops in self-esteem are seen as inevitable hallmarks of adolescence," says Rhodes. "Yet these results suggest that such changes are partially linked to a variable—sleep—that is largely under indi-



Katia Fredriksen, a doctoral candidate in the Clinical Psychology Ph.D. Program, and Jean Rhodes, professor of psychology, examined the link between sleep and self-esteem in adolescents in their recently published "Sleepless in Chicago: Tracking the Effects of Adolescent Sleep Loss During the Middle School Years." (Photo by Harry Brett)

vidual, parental, and even school control." Rhodes stresses that any attempt to improve the quality of life for adolescents and reduce their risk to a range of negative health, academic, and emotional outcomes should consider the importance of a good night's sleep.

The students were asked about the number of hours they slept each night and what grades they received in school. They also answered questionnaires designed to measure depressive symptoms and assess self-worth.

Rhodes and her colleagues

found that students who slept fewer hours in the sixth grade had lower self-esteem, higher levels of depressive symptoms, and worse grades than students who got more sleep. During the three years of middle school, they also found a steady decline in the average

hours of sleep, which apparently led to declines in self-esteem and grades, and a rise in depressive symptoms.

Girls had a harder time than boys in getting enough sleep, she says. They got more sleep than boys as they started middle school, possibly because girls enter puberty earlier, which creates a greater need for sleep. While levels of sleep dropped for both boys and girls over time, the decline was steeper for girls, Rhodes says.

On average, boys and girls went to bed at the same time. But girls woke up earlier, which other researchers have attributed to longer morning grooming times or a greater burden of household chores compared to boys.

This study has important implications for research and policy, says Rhodes.

The research has received widespread coverage in mainstream media, including NPR's "All Things Considered," the *New York Times*, ABCNews.com, the *Boston Herald*, and Scripps Howard News Service.

## Chancellor Named One of the Family

Who do you think of when you visualize the movers and shakers of Boston? UMass Boston Chancellor Jo Ann Gora has made the ranks of the area's leaders and personalities in a new book, *All One Family*, which features the photography of Bill Brett and highlights people who have made significant contributions to Boston. She was recently photographed for the coffee-table book, due out in stores this summer, in familiar spots around campus, including the catwalk and the new Campus Center. Others profiled in the book include college presidents, the last three mayors, directors of museums, and others who help to make Boston what it is today.

## New Trustee Vows to Bring Student Voice to the Table

By Leigh DuPuy

Jamal Brathwaite is UMass Boston's newest student trustee, ready to volunteer bold ideas on behalf of his peers. "UMass Boston students have gone without a voice at the Board of Trustees for too long," says Brathwaite, who was appointed to the post after a previous student trustee did not attend meetings. "I will be that voice."

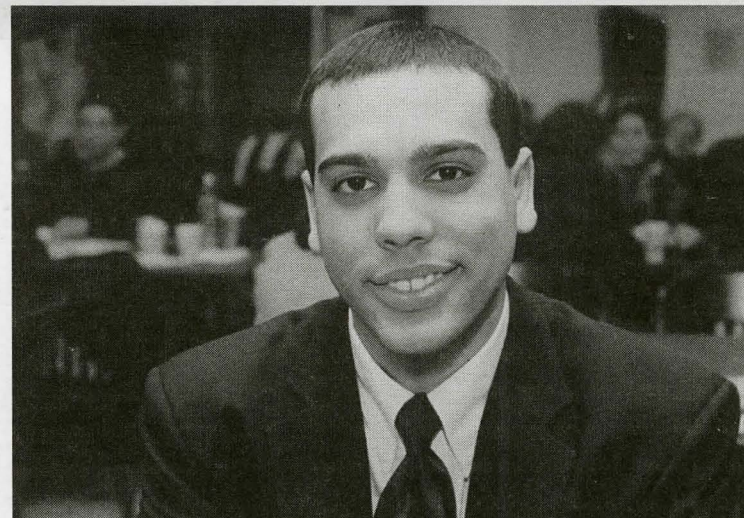
So, what will he be bringing to the table at the next board meeting? "I really want to work with the board to improve UMass Boston's ability to provide students with high-quality higher education, as well as to create more of a student culture," says Brathwaite. "I'd like to see UMass Boston offer more of a social outlet, which would help create more of a student culture and work with administration to implement systems that more efficiently cater to the needs of our unique student body. The Campus Center is a great start to fostering this change."

His goals include working

with the university to secure a bigger portion of public expenditures devoted to UMass Boston, increasing library hours, and lobbying for dorms. He talks of creating a student-nominated teaching award as a way to reward excellent faculty members and suggests implementing a ten-year plan for UMass Boston to ascend to second-tier rankings, a must, Brathwaite says, "for the only public university in the intellectual capital of the world, Boston."

In addition to attending Board of Trustee meetings, Brathwaite will serve on four standing committees for academic and student affairs; administration, finance, and audit; athletics; and development.

Brathwaite's energy and activism are constants in a schedule that includes full-time commitments to school and work. Working 40 hours a week as a legal assistant to Putnam Investments, he is also a graduating senior pursuing a major in economics and political science.



Jamal Brathwaite, an economics and political science major, takes on his newest role as a UMass Boston student trustee. (Photo by Harry Brett)

This kind of juggling is nothing new to Brathwaite. He has served in teaching, research, and resident advising capacities for the W.E.B. Du Bois Institutes at Harvard and Princeton Universities, the John F. Kennedy School of Government and the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

He has also devoted time as the founder of Boston Community Initiatives, tutoring economics at

UMass Boston, and helping to implement the Dorchester High School Dental Clinic Program in collaboration with the Codman Square Health Center, to name just a few of his activities.

Brathwaite's personal aspirations include becoming an economic policymaker in the public and private sectors, a career he is sure to pursue upon graduation in August 2004.

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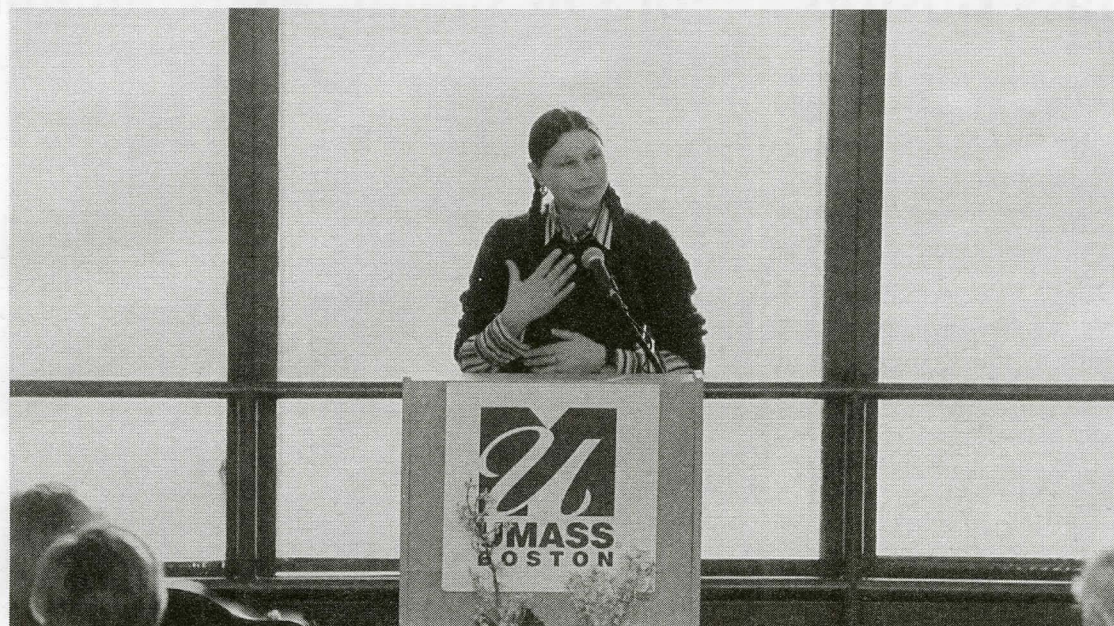
# Students, Alumni, and Colleagues Celebrate Rusty Simonds

By Jeffrey Mitchell

"For a long time I was very jealous of Rusty—he got all the good students," said economics Professor Arthur MacEwan. But it was no accident that Rusty Simonds—twice a winner of the Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award—got the good students. "He had the good students because he thought he had the good students," said MacEwan. "By respecting them and expecting so much, he *made* them good students."

MacEwan was one of many UMass Boston students, alumni, and colleagues who filled Ryan Lounge on February 12 to celebrate the life of Arthur P. "Rusty" Simonds, an indispensable member of the university's Political Science Department from 1969 until his sudden death last October.

Maureen Worth, a current student, said that she was so nervous before entering a 400-level class with Simonds—her first—that she thought she would "get blown out of the water." But instead of the formidable taskmaster she had imagined, she found a "calm and friendly guy," chatting with his students about the politics of coffee. "He was never impatient, never looked at his watch," said Worth. Nonetheless she "ended up working harder in that class" than she had in any class before.



Laura Gersch '02, one of Rusty Simonds's students, speaks at the memorial for her former professor. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Clearly Worth's experience was the norm. According to Lori Brainard '90, who now teaches at George Washington University, Simonds would always do "whatever it took to engage" students. Once, for example, he "stood on a table and sang the national anthem—of France!" Always he would "be fully present," she said, and always he would "expect nothing less than a person's best."

Political science Professor Mo Cunningham '80 reported that he still hears students say today what he heard when he himself attended UMass Boston 25 years ago:

"Rusty is my friend—but God, is he tough on me!" Simonds "coached his students, and coaxed them, but never, ever coddled them," said Professor Diane Paul: "He expressed his affection for students by encouraging them to believe that they could do intellectual work at the highest level." The result was generations of students like *Boston Globe* book columnist and reviewer Katherine Powers '76, who spoke of Simonds as a teacher "to whom I owe nothing less than the use of my mind."

Many others added their own tributes. Professor Paul Watanabe

served as master of ceremonies and gave opening and closing remarks. Among the speakers were former students Kent Worcester '82 and Laura Gersch '02, current student Kim Walter, and retired Professor Charlie Knight. Librarian Bill Baer played the banjo, with student Maureen Worth providing a guitar accompaniment. Guitarist Pe-

ter Janson of the music faculty also performed, as did Professor David Patterson (piano) and Marilyn Bulli (soprano), who together offered a song of Patterson's own composition, "Last Words."

For Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, Simonds was "emblematic of the best" and "the embodiment of the culture of commitment" at UMass Boston. She and others recalled countless acts of service and generosity, and spoke of the distinction of Simonds's scholarly work. But again and again, his genius for teaching returned as the theme. According to Mo Cunningham, political science Professor Elizabeth Bussiere had earlier called Simonds "the best teacher any of us will ever know," and had pointed out that "you had to come to UMass Boston" to be taught by him, adding that "it was that way because Rusty wanted it that way."

Said Bussiere herself, Rusty Simonds was "the most exceptional human being I have ever known in my life."

The Rusty Simonds Memorial Scholarship has been established as a tribute to Simonds's extraordinary dedication to students and passion for teaching. Anyone wishing to contribute should contact Steven Ward in the Institutional Advancement Office (x74346).

## Ecosystems (cont.)

of all the plant matter that grows on land and in the oceans over the course of a whole year," he says.

The study, which appeared in the November issue of *Climatic Change*, is a way of quantifying the unsustainability of society's energy-use patterns in the face of consumer indifference to the problem. "Fossil fuel has accumulated for millions of years, but we are clearly running through it quite fast," Dukes says.

Sobering conclusions all—with dire implications for our long-term survival. But Dukes has no desire to be alarmist; he is content if his work prompts humans to do what they do better than any other species. "I'm hoping that it will make people think," he says.

Dukes's future world of right-thinking people will have an energy mosaic that includes wind and solar power, as well as fuels harvested from the earth's current plant matter. But however energy needs are met, it must be with an eye toward the welfare of the entire planet. "By minimizing energy demands and carefully selecting energy-capture and -generation technologies, we can limit human impact on other species," he predicts.

A desirable outcome, to be sure. For if the species *Homo sapiens* ever does learn to curb its fondness for wretched excess, it may find it can live quite comfortably in its own atmosphere after all.

## College of Management Launches New Financial Services Forum with Report on Mutual Fund Scandal



Panelists at the February 12 "Crisis of Confidence: Integrity in the Financial Services Industry" symposium discuss improprieties in the mutual fund industry: Edward D'Alelio, CM executive-in-residence; Lawrence Gennari, attorney for Gadsby Hannah LLC; and Len Darling, retired vice chairman and chief financial officer of Oppenheimer Funds. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Mary Ann Machanic

The College of Management (CM) announced the formation of the CM Financial Services Forum at its first symposium, "Crisis of Confidence: Integrity in the Financial Services Industry," which was held February 12 at Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. The forum, which seeks to link college and industry, will conduct relevant and timely research in the financial services area and ad-

dress issues of importance to the financial services sector in New England, as well as nationally.

"The forum serves as a means of promoting discussion and dialogue on suitable topics," says Arindam Bandopadhyaya, author of the "Crisis of Confidence" report and director of research for the forum. In a format initiated at the February 12 event, research is disseminated in

writing and in symposiums that include a panel of experts, who react to and comment on the research report and discuss other points related to the topic.

The inaugural symposium focused on Bandopadhyaya's report "The Mutual Fund Industry Investigation: Timing Isn't Everything" and widespread improprieties in the mutual fund industry practices of market timing

and late trading.

Examining the issues of ethics, legality, and future reforms, Bandopadhyaya and panelists discussed the issues plaguing the industry today. Participants included: Edward D'Alelio '74, CM executive-in-residence; Lawrence Gennari LLC, attorney of Gadsby Hannah; Len Darling, retired vice chairman and chief investment officer of Oppenheimer Funds; Russ Haskell, an industry consultant; and Linda Bridgman, district trial counsel from the Boston Office of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In the future, the CM Financial Services Forum will be the source of a speakers' bureau of professionals and will produce a Financial Services Alert report on events in the recent past that are likely to affect and shape the future of the financial services sector. The forum plans to publish a semiannual review that will be a collection of articles written by practitioners and academicians and to construct an aggregate that will measure the pulse of the financial sector.

The current report is available on [www.management.umb.edu](http://www.management.umb.edu).



# New Center for Media and Society at UMass Boston

By Ed Hayward

A new Center on Media and Society has been added to the research and policy lineup at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies to link UMass Boston to the world of media and communications practice.

Approved in January, the center is directed by Ellen Hume, a former White House correspondent for the *Wall Street Journal* who is now a senior research fellow teaching media analysis at UMass Boston. Hume has already planned an April 7 conference on campus featuring ABC News commentator George Stephanopoulos and a round-table on ethnic and community news media in Boston.

"We needed a way to build a bridge between the academic community and the world of professional journalism and communication," said Hume, a former executive director of the Shorenstein Center on the Press at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. "For starters, the center will provide access and the tools our students need to understand the role of the news media."

Hume said the focus of the center will include programs and research for the audiences and producers of print and electronic media. Hume and American Studies Professor Mark Schlesinger are also reviewing the possibility of developing a Media and Communication Studies major with a focus on similar issues of theory and practice.

The center begins its work by focusing on two themes: news media and political power, and ethnic and community journalism.

The Center for Media and Society and the McCormack Graduate School will kick off their new partnership with the April 7 conference "Dangerous Intersection: Where Media and

Politics Collide." The program, underwritten by FleetBoston Financial, begins with keynote speaker Stephanopoulos, a former White House media advisor. The day-long series of seminars also features a discussion on emerging trends in ethnic journalism in America, and the release of a poll on the Massachusetts voter's news consumption and political attitudes.

The conference fits with the unique contributions Hume hopes the center can make to the community at large, not only locally but nationally and internationally.

"We hope that the conversations that need to be held among politicians, citizens, academics, and journalists about standards, ethics, and impacts of the news can be held here on a neutral ground of the university," Hume said.

Hume has created a partnership with Harvard University's Nieman Program for journalists to produce a special daily student newspaper, *The Boston Buzz*, during the Democratic Convention in Boston from July 26 to 29. The UMass Boston-Harvard newspaper project will focus on the media's role at the convention, along with other political news. Nieman official Seth Effron, assisted by Hume and syndicated newspaper columnist David Nyhan, will edit the newspaper, which will be distributed free to the participants at the convention.

"It will be a real boot camp for student journalists. We teach about theories and case studies in the classroom, but I also want interested students to get a taste of the challenges of daily journalism," said Hume. There are openings left for the project, Hume said. Students interested in applying should send a resume, writing sample, and letter of interest by April 26 to Ellen Hume, Room 6-086, Wheatley Hall.

## Campus Center (cont.)

"There are finishes that give a real quality to the architectural spaces." Finishes include carpeting in certain areas, terrazzo flooring on two floors, as well as wall finishes of marble, plaster, and wood.

In addition to its unusual materials, the building will be the only one on campus with its own management team. In addition to overseeing operations, Devaney will coordinate a unique building governance system. The Campus Center Advisory Board, made up of a majority of students and representatives from campus departments, will review policies, set priorities, and make recommendations, she said. The Campus Center Occupancy Council will be made up of representatives of organizations

whose offices or services are in the building. Operating somewhat like a tenants' association, the council will address a range of issues about standards for use and occupancy of the building, said Devaney.

The first new building on campus since 1982, it will provide a dramatic gateway to the campus. Designed by Boston architects Kallmann, McKinnell and Wood and constructed by Suffolk Construction, the building offers a welcome contrast to the red brick and cinder-block construction found in other campus buildings. In the new building, floors are carpeted in muted shades of sage and tan and walls are light, with many windows to let in light and expose views of the cityscape and ocean.

# Anti-Violence Activist Wins Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership



Local anti-violence advocate Isaura Mendes will be honored for her activism at the March 16 Community Breakfast, where she will receive the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership. She is seen here with photographs of those who have been victims of violence. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

As Boston officials fear a sharp rise in the number of recent homicides signals a new level of street violence, UMass Boston will honor a woman who is dedicated to teaching children about peace and counseling those who have lost family members. For her community activism in Dorchester and Roxbury, Isaura Mendes, a mother, grandmother, and anti-violence leader, will receive the 2004 Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership.

"I want to reach out to survivors who have lost family or have had children who are victims of violence," says Mendes in describing her mission. She knows how this feels firsthand, having lost her son in 1995 to street violence. Frustrated and angry by his senseless death, she turned to activism, working with other community leaders to hold the First Annual Parents' and Children's Walk for

Peace in July 2000, attracting 300 marchers in its inaugural year. The annual march is now in its fifth year.

Shannon Flaherty, a colleague who nominated Mendes for the award, describes her as a "tireless leader in the fight against violence in the Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods." A list of her achievements includes work co-organizing the Groom/Humphrey's Resident's Organization, which received one of the top Crime Watches award by the City of Boston, completion of the Police Academy's Resident Training Program, and working closely with the Louis D. Peace Institute, an organization that visits families who have lost loved ones. With the help of the Casey Foundations' Family Strengthening Small Grants Fund, Mendes has also helped establish the Bobby Mendes Peace Legacy. For her many projects, Mendes re-

ceived the 2002 Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus "Profile of Courage" Award.

Mendes, who immigrated from Cape Verde when she was fifteen, has lived in Upham's Corner for 37 years. Though she struggles to define why the neighborhood changed, she identifies violence as fueling such changes. "The kids grow up and get into trouble," Mendes says. "We have so much murder in the community like we never did before."

The mother of four and a grandmother to six, Mendes knows children and believes in the importance of talking to them about violence and peace. Rewarding positive behavior, she takes the neighborhood children out when they get good grades on report cards. "If they earn A's and B's, I take them to the dinner or to the movies," says Mendes.

Education is clearly important to Mendes, who balances her activism with pursuit of her own education through a literacy program at The Little House in Dorchester.

This is the eighteenth year the university has given the award to an individual who has displayed exemplary community service. The spirit of the award is modeled after Robert H. Quinn and his commitment to higher education and the community. As a member of the House of Representatives, Quinn co-sponsored the legislation that created UMass Boston and has worked for over 38 years to make higher education available to the citizens of Boston. The breakfast will be held at the university on March 16.

## Staff Scoops for Social



The numbers speak for themselves, as the old saying goes. Approximately 200 to 300 UMass Boston employees took a break from their day to enjoy the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social, held on February 5 in the Clark Athletic Center. Served by their colleagues, employees finished off 30 gallons of ice cream, 30 cans of whipped cream, and toppings that ran the gamut from cherries to nuts, Oreos, M&Ms, hot fudge and caramel. On hand to scoop the Hood ice cream were Chancellor Jo Ann Gora; Clare Porier, director of personnel services; Carol DeSouza, ADA compliance officer; Keith Motley, vice chancellor for student affairs; and Mark Preble, interim director of human resources. (Photo by Harry Brett)



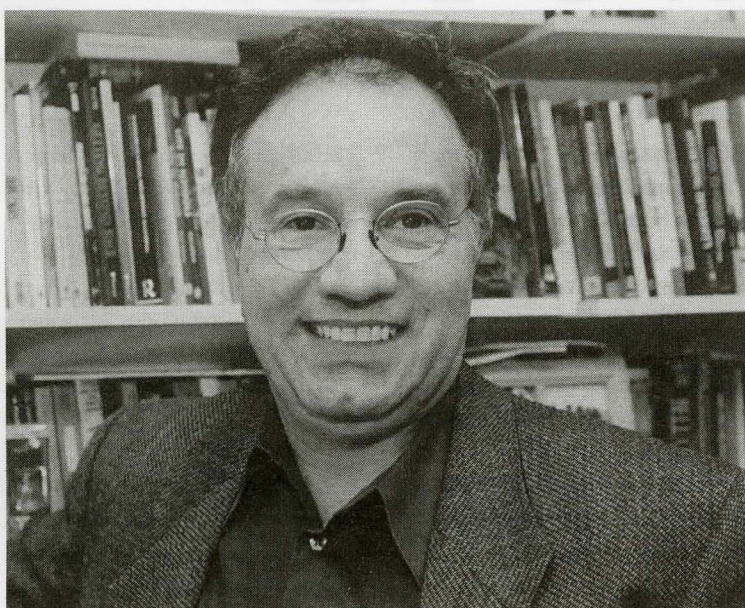
# A Recognition of Scholarship: Professor Joins Intellectual Greats

By Melissa Fassel

What do Albert Einstein, John Dewey, Margaret Mead, Jean Piaget, and UMass Boston Distinguished Professor Donald Macedo have in common? They are all recipients of one of the most prestigious awards in education—selection for membership in the Laureate Chapter of the Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education.

Kappa Delta Pi is a community of diverse scholars dedicated to recognizing scholarship and excellence in education, promoting the development and dissemination of educational ideas and practices, enhancing the continuous professional growth and leadership of its membership, fostering inquiry and reflection on significant educational issues, and maintaining a high degree of professional fellowship.

This international award recognizes the Applied Linguistics Graduate Program Director's long list of scholarly contributions and the influence of his work in the United States and around the



*Donald Macedo, graduate program director of the Applied Linguistics Program and distinguished professor of liberal arts, has been recognized for his scholarship on critical literacy and education. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

world. Macedo's work has been published not only in English but Cape Verdean, Greek, Portuguese, and Spanish. He has co-written a number of books and articles with influential world-renowned thinkers like Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, and Paolo Freire. Macedo is known as the leading Freirean scholar.

"I am honored to be the re-

cipient of such an important award, especially since it will serve as an additional opportunity of reaching out to educators about the importance of critical literacy and education for social justice," says Macedo.

According to Macedo, contrary to popular belief and dominant ideology, schools do not always serve the best interests of

their students. Combined with media and other social institutions, he believes educational institutions often stifle critical thinking by creating a pretext of equality and perpetuating ignorance through what Macedo refers to as a process of "stupidification" or forced submission of the mind.

Joe Kincheloe, author of the soon-to-be-released *Critical Pedagogy Primer*, describes Macedo as a key founder in the study of critical literacy: "a central figure in critical pedagogy who has played a principal role in constructing a literacy of power for use in critical pedagogy."

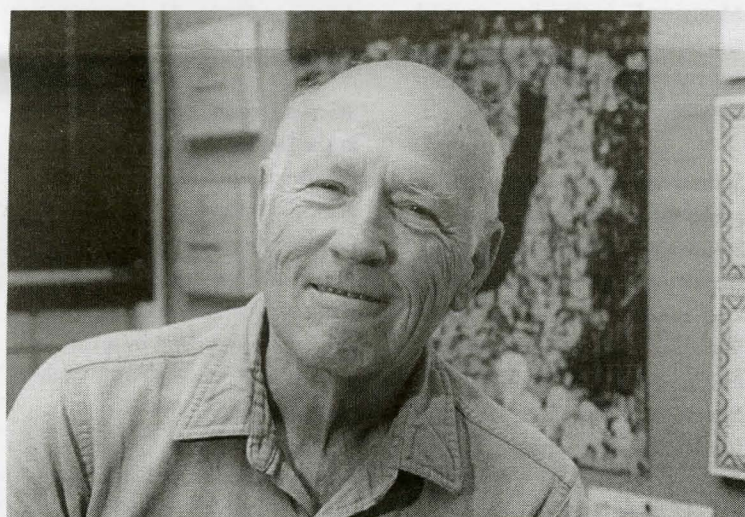
Macedo recently co-edited a book with Howard Zinn, author of *A People's History of the United States*, to be published late this summer, which examines what the editors consider to be the present-day educator's dilemma of teaching the virtues of democracy within a society that they term a "hypocrisy that enables the manufacturing of consent for unjust

and illegal actions in today's world."

Never an "easy A" professor, Macedo's students regard him with a mix of respect and veneration. Practicing what he preaches, Macedo empowers his students with an emancipatory literacy, teaching them to make sense of their position in society while learning to deal with other ways of seeing and being that are not their own. It is his hope that they will recognize the power of literacy, acknowledging it in their own educational and social practices.

Macedo holds a B.A. in Spanish from UMass Boston, an M.A. in Spanish Literature from New York University, an Ed.D. in Applied Psycholinguistics from Boston University, and a Ph.D. in Language Behavior from Boston University. In addition to his work at UMass Boston, he has taught at Cornell University, Boston University, Rhode Island College, Eastern Nazarene College, and Harvard University.

## Changing Lives Through Literature Program Receives Excellence Award



*Taylor Stoehr, professor of English, has worked with the Changing Lives Through Literature Program at the Dorchester District Court for ten years. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

By Anne-Marie Kent

For the past ten years, UMass Boston English professor Taylor Stoehr has worked with other college professors, probation officers, judges, and people from the local community in the Changing Lives Through Literature program at Dorchester District Court. Designed to engender a new sense of purpose in the lives of probationers, the program offers small, supportive groups of participants innovative explorations of ideas using carefully chosen texts.

As a volunteer, Professor Stoehr has seen firsthand the value of the program, which received new recognition last month when the New England Board of Higher Education awarded Changing Lives Through Literature its annual award for excellence. Last

year, the program received an Innovations in Education grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to develop a website and training materials to expand its reach.

The program was founded in 1991 by UMass Dartmouth Professor Robert Waxler and Judge Robert Kane. By the summer of 1993, forty men had completed the course, with recidivism rates half of what would be expected. The Dorchester program was founded in 1994 by Presiding Justice Sydney Hanlon, along with Probation Officers Deirdre Kennedy, Teresa Owens, John Christopher, John Owens, and James "Bobby" Spencer, as well as Professors Brian Murphy and Taylor Stoehr. Stoehr's group cur-

rently uses Frederick Douglass's *Narrative of the Life of an American Slave* along with other supplementary texts.

Stoehr says that the crucial discoveries come during the intense conversations the readings provoke each week, the back-and-forth that goes on in small group discussions. "Students profit most of all from the simple act of coming together to talk about their own plight as citizens judged lacking in the virtues that give society its coherence and stability. Struggling to understand what the world offers, demands, owes, or withholds from them, and sharing their opinions with growing respect for other voices and views, they can learn to take themselves seriously in a new way. If they do, their lives will have changed," says Stoehr.

The students themselves confirm the value of the program. Says one spring 2002 student, "It seems like before I came to this program I was going numb. I can't remember the last time I picked up a book to read it or even skim through it. I also have a better relationship with my girlfriend. I try to think about other people's feelings now. It just isn't about me anymore." His classmate adds, "The most important thing that I've learned is that I really can learn. All these years I've been thinking that I could not read or write."

## Seen Around Campus...



### Harbor Art Gallery Shows Off "Props"

*Michelle Fournier, handmade clothing designer from abandonshipindustries, Bill Francisco, architect from the firm Strekalovsky Hoit and Raymond, and Rhonda Hergert, professional photographer, celebrate the opening of their exhibit "honey, you can't keep the props," which highlights their handiwork and is now showing at the Harbor Art Gallery.*



### Musicians Eager to Play for WUMB

*On February 5, Peter Tork (right), former member of the Monkees, visited WUMB Radio to play a live guitar session with James Lee Stanley and interview with radio announcer Marilyn Rea Byers (center). Earlier, famed folk artist Richie Havens came to the studios to perform. "They know it's a great way to reach folk fans," said Brian Quinn, program director, of the many musicians who want to play at the station. "More than 80,000 listeners tune in to 91.9 FM via the radio and the Internet per week."*

*Photos by Harry Brett*



# CAMPUS NOTES

## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Elsa Auerbach, professor of English, coauthored with colleagues the chapter “The Logic of Non-Standard Teaching: A Course in Cape Verdean Language, Culture and History” in *Critical Pedagogies and Language Learning*, which was published by Cambridge University Press.

Lora Brugnaro, Joy Gould, and Lara Enien-Donovan of the Institute for Community Inclusion gave a presentation on disability awareness to Massachusetts state workforce system staff in Lawrence.

Jeff Coburn, web specialist for the Institute for Community Inclusion, presented “Accessible Web Design: Effectively Using Validator Tools” at the Boston Area Advanced Technological Education Connections IT Future Forum.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, recently served as a visiting professor at the Graduate School of Nursing at the Unifor-med Services University of the Health Sciences.

In February, doctoral students Megan Halloran of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy and Maria Paiewonsky of the EdD program in Education’s Leadership in Urban Schools developed and implemented a photovoice presentation at Somerville High School: “See What I Mean: Preparing to Leave High School.”

In February, Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, delivered the address “Asian American Studies Pathways for Southeast Asian Americans in K–12 and Higher Education” for the Walter and Michi Weglyn Endowed Chair for Multicultural Studies Lecture Series at California State Polytechnic University, Poma.

Donaldo Macedo, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, was the keynote speaker at the Second Annual Mexico/Texas Border Literacy Conference, held in January in El Paso, Texas.

In February, the College of Management’s Sherry Penney, professor of leadership, and Dan Robb, associate dean, joined Liliana Mickle, director of undergraduate admissions, as speakers and panelists for the session “Accreditation: What It Means for Admissions and Financial Aid” at the New England Region of the College Board’s annual conference.

Rachel Rubin, professor in the American Studies Program, participated in the symposium “The Gangster Life and Violence in the United States,” held at The Humanities Institute at Stony Brook on February 26. Rubin will chair the panel “Southern Black Radicalisms” at the National Conference of the Organization of American Historians.

Mitchell Silver of the Philosophy Department spoke on “The Prospects for Peace and the Geneva Accords” at the St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Wellesley in February.

On January 30, Nina Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, and colleague Gerald Flaherty presented on issues related to wandering behavior for the Law Enforcement and Long Term Care Staff of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association.

In March, Judith Smith, associate professor of American studies, will present the paper “Left-Wing Ethnic Notions in Hollywood Film: Alternatives to Jewish and Black Exceptionalism in *The Pawnbroker* (1965) and *The Angel Levine* (1970)” for the panel “Hollywood films and Popular Culture of Race and Ethnicity from the 1960s to the 1990s,” at the Organization of American Historians Conference.

Professors M.H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi and Jorge Capetillo-Ponce of the Sociology Department presented “Classroom Publishing as a Transformative Pedagogical Process” at the Annual CIT Conference on Teaching for Transformation.

Shirley Tang, assistant professor of American studies and Asian American studies, presented research on the Lynn Documentary Research project as part the panel “Researching Multiethnic Interactions: A Dialogue between the Boyle Heights (Los Angeles, California) Project and the Lynn (MA) Documentary Research Project” at the National Conference of the Asian American Studies Association.

Brian Thompson, professor of modern languages, is leading a monthly discussion on novels by Jean Paul Sartre, Benoit Duteurte, and Andre Gide at Schoenhof’s, a foreign-language bookstore in Cambridge.

Gretchen Umholtz, lecturer in the Classics Department, presented the paper “Democratic Values and Personal Victory in Classical Athens” at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, held in January.

Ellen Varney of the Institute for Community Inclusion discussed how to improve services for job seekers with disabilities at One-Stop Career Centers in Michigan and Maryland.

The Institute for Community Inclusion’s Jason Wheeler and Paula Sotnick copresented a workshop at the National Service-Learning Conference on the experiences of youth with disabilities in service-learning.

On February 11, Robert Weiner, chair of the International Relations track in the Master of Science in the Public Affairs program, participated in the panel “Air Travel Security and International Relations.”

On February 7, more than 80 people attended the Give Us Your Poor Project of the Center for Social Policy’s forum “Out of the Box: A Community Action Forum to End Homelessness In Greater Boston,” held at UMass Boston.

## PUBLICATIONS

James Bierstaker of the Accounting and Finance Department published the coauthored article “Highlights of Current Audit Approaches” in *The Auditor’s Report*.

Francoise Carré, research director for the Center for Social Policy, published a book review of *Temporary Work: The Gendered Rise of a Precarious Employment Relationship* in the journal *Relations Industrielles/Industrial Relations*.

A third edition of *Italy: From Revolution to Republic. 1700 to Present*, a book written by Spencer DiScala of the History Department, has been published by Westview Press.

Weston Dripps, assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Geographic Sciences, coauthored the chapter “Groundwater Issues” in *Water: Science, Policy, and Management: Water Resources Monograph*.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, published the article “Conceptual Models of Nursing: International in Scope and Substance? The Case of the Neuman Systems Model” in *Nursing Science Quarterly*.

A chapter by Carroy Ferguson, professor at the College of Public and Community Service, “Follow the Leader: Fear and Projection as Root Causes of the War in Iraq,” appears as one of ten original essays in Art Shostak’s edited book *Volume One: Culture Clash/Media Demons*.

The article “Community College: A Pathway to Success for Youth with Learning, Cognitive, and Intellectual Disabilities in Secondary Settings,” by Debra Hart of the Institute for Community Inclusion, will be published in *Education and Training on Developmental Disabilities*.

Stephanie W. Hartwell, professor of sociology, published the articles “Triple Stigma: Persons with Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Problems in the Criminal Justice System” in *Criminal Justice Policy Review* and “Comparison of Offenders with Mental Illness Only and Offenders with Dual Diagnosis” in *Psychiatric Services*.

Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, coauthored the chapter “Asian Pacific American Students: Challenging a Biased Educational System” for the second edition of the *Handbook of Research on Multicultural Education*.

The Engineering Program’s Tomas Materdey published two papers, “The Quantum Wigner Function in a Magnetic Field” and “Wigner Function in the Symmetric Gauge: de Haas-van Alphen Oscillations, Magnetic Field Localization, and Uncertainty Principle,” in the *International Journal of Modern Physics*.

Sathasivam Mathiyalakan, assistant professor in the Management Science and Information Systems Department, published the article “A Longitudinal Examination of Web Technology Adoption and Implementation of Small and Micro-Sized Businesses” in the *Journal of E-Business*.

Askold Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program, has published an excerpt from his new novel in *Irish Pages* and has had another section accepted for publication in the *Antioch Review’s* summer fiction issue.

The article “Urban Universities and Urban Leadership” by Sherry Penney, professor of leadership in the College of Management, was published in *Metropolitan Universities*.

Asgedet Stefanos, associate professor at the College of Public and Community Service, published the chapter “An African Vantage Point on Feminist Research: Contemporary Eritrean Women and Revolution” in *Sharpened Edge: Women of Color, Resistance, and Writing*.

Mitchell Silver of the Department of Philosophy published “Rethinking Secularism” in *The Proceedings of the International Institute of Secular Humanistic Judaism*.

## EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, SHOWS

Jon C. Mitchell of the Music Department conducted a recording session of the Bohuslav Martinu Philharmonic Orchestra in Zlin, Czech Republic, in February.

Sixteen UMass Boston Theatre Arts students recently participated in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (Region I), held in Providence, RI. John Conlon, senior research fellow in liberal arts, appeared in a new play, *Communication*, as part of the Festival.

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH

The Ford Foundation awarded UMass Boston a two-year, \$350,000 grant to support the creation of a New England Center for Inclusive Teaching (NECIT), a faculty-based consortium of colleges and universities that will foster diversity-oriented curricular and pedagogical change, as well as the scholarship of teaching. The project’s principal investigators are Jay R. Dee of the Graduate College of Education and Rajini Srikanth of the English Department. NECIT founder Esther Kingston-Mann of American Studies/History serves as project consultant.

Weston Dripps, assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Geographic Sciences, is the lead principal investigator in the feasibility planning of a professional master’s degree program in Geographical Information Technology, which is funded by a Council of Graduate Schools/Ford Foundation grant of \$6,000.

Mari Koerner of the Curriculum and Instruction Department received a \$50,000 award for the proposal “Physics and Mathematics in Elementary Grades” in the Improving Teacher Quality State Grant Program grant competition for 2003–2004.

Center for Social Policy staff members Jennifer Raymond, Michelle Kahan, and Consuela Greene completed an evaluation study, *One Family Scholar Project Evaluation*, in January.

In February, the Center for Social Policy was awarded a multiyear grant to evaluate a Boston Foundation and Tufts Health Plan initiative supporting eighteen homeless prevention programs throughout Massachusetts.

The National Service Inclusion Project at the Institute for Community Inclusion has been extended to a fourth year by the federal Corporation for National and Community Service.



## APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

**John Butterworth**, research coordinator at the Institute for Community Inclusion, was elected to a three-year term on the TASH Executive Board, an international association of people with disabilities, advocates, and professionals.

**Caroline Coscia** of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy was hired by the Boston Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to conduct a community profile of breast cancer incidence and treatment options in Massachusetts.

**Debra Hart** of the Institute for Community Inclusion was appointed a member of the National Alliance on Secondary Education and Transition's national panel.

**Liz LaPuh** was appointed the new director of the Dance Program. LaPuh earned her B.A. from UMass Boston and an M.F.A. from the Boston Conservatory. She is also the artistic director of the Cambridge Chamber Ballet.

**Joe Marrone** of the Institute for Community Inclusion was appointed to a 15-member federal study group by the U.S. Rehabilitation

Services Administration to examine ways to help people with mental illness find jobs.

**Laura Schrader**, professor of Theatre Arts, was elected vice president of the Theatre Company of Saugus.

## MISCELLANEOUS

In March, **Sherry Penney**, professor of leadership in the College of Management, visited the National University of Ireland Maynooth campus as part of an evaluation/quality review visit. Previously, Penney has chaired sixteen regional accreditation teams in the U.S.

## THESIS AND DISSERTATION RESEARCH

**Edie Mas**, a doctoral student in the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy, successfully defended her dissertation "Why Act? The Roots and Potential of Precautionary Environmental Action in Three Vermont Watersheds."

**Walter Martinez** and **Jeffrey Morgan**, two political science majors and honor students, had their proposals accepted for presentation of their honors-thesis research at the Undergraduate Research Conference in April.

## IN THE NEWS

**Deborah Boisvert**, director of BATEC (the Boston Area Advanced Technology Education Connections) discussed the program's mission to develop and promote a regional IT education and workforce development system in the January 12 issue of *Mass High Tech*.

**Joan Becker**, associate vice provost, and UMass Boston students discussed Pell grants and rising tuition on NPR's "All Things Considered" on February 4.

**Caroline Coscia** of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy was featured in a recent *Patriot Ledger* article on her profile of bilingual education services in the town of Randolph.

**Lou DiNatale**, director of the Center for State and Local Politics, was quoted on Massachusetts voter opinion of gay marriage in the *LA Times* on February 6.

CPC's **Reebee Garofalo** discussed the college's new Community Media and Technology degree, of which he is program coordinator, in a January 13 profile on the program in the *Patriot Ledger*.

**Donna Haig Friedman**, director of the Center for Social Policy, participated in a panel on homelessness that was broadcast live on WMBR-FM on February 12.

**Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was quoted by the *Baltimore Sun* on January 22 on the role of women's voting patterns in the Democratic primary elections, and by the *Sunday Boston Globe* on February 1 on Charlestown resistance to a proposed Homeland Security detention center.

**David Howard**, an undergraduate honors student, was quoted in the *Boston Globe* on February 8 about his ability to leverage a 2003 internship with the Massachusetts Democratic Party into a paid position.

*Harriet Tubman: Her Life and Her Life Stories* by **Jean Humez**, director of the Women's Studies Program, was featured in the *Baltimore Sun* on January 25, the *Boston Globe* on February 5, and the *New York Times Book Review* on February 15.

**John McGah**, senior research associate at the Center for Social Policy, spoke about the recent activities of the Give Us Your Poor: Homelessness and the United States

project for a January 12 article in *Banker & Tradesman*. He also was interviewed on the project's February 7 community action forum on WBZ Radio.

**Sherry Penney**, professor of leadership at the College of Management, participated in a new TV program, "Ready for College!," produced by the Higher Education Information Center through the Boston Neighborhood Network.

**Marc Prou**, assistant professor of Africana Studies, was quoted in the *New York Times* on January 30 on Haiti's embattled political situation. He was also interviewed on WHDH-TV's "Urban Update" to discuss the significance of the Haitian Bicentennial Celebration on February 1.

Research by **Jean Rhodes** and **Katia Frederiksen** of the Psychology Department linking self-esteem to the sleep patterns of middle-school children was reported by NPR's "All Things Considered," the *New York Times*, ABCNEWS.com, the *Boston Herald*, and Scripps Howard News Service.

On February 11, the *Boston Globe* published the editorial "Pine Street Power," which cited the Center for Social Policy's information about the size of the homeless population in Massachusetts.

## University Opens Environmental Citizenship Academy

By Jack Wiggin

Residents from all over Boston are learning new approaches to improving the environmental quality of their neighborhoods by attending the Environmental Citizenship Academy (ECA) at UMass Boston. The ECA completed a successful pilot session this past fall and is currently registering participants for the spring session of seminars, workshops, and field studies designed to prepare citizens to better understand and address ecosystem and human health problems associated with the urban environment.

The goal of the ECA is to increase citizen participation in urban environmental issues. The academy's approach stresses the importance of each citizen's everyday experience and local knowledge as the basis for environmental action. The curriculum covers ecosys-

tem science, urban development, environmental laws and governance, and the techniques for influencing policy and solving environmental problems through collaborative efforts at the community level. Through lectures, interactive problem-solving exercises, and site visits, students gain the knowledge and skills needed to protect natural resources and improve the environmental quality of their communities.

The academy draws upon the considerable environmental expertise found throughout the university. UMass Boston faculty, staff, and students are involved in designing, administering, and teaching the Academy's program. Collaborators include Bill Robinson of the Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences Department, Rob Beattie from the Environ-

mental Sciences Program, Jack Wiggin of the Urban Harbors Institute, and Nancy Wong, a graduate student in the Sociology Department who serves as the academy's coordinator. Alice Ingerson, a cultural anthropologist, is a key partner and strategist from outside the university. The ECA also draws upon several area nonprofit advocacy groups, government agencies, and private firms to ensure the students receive broad "real world" perspectives.

The ECA is supported by a grant from an area foundation which allows Boston-area residents to participate tuition-free. The Environmental Citizenship Academy was initiated by and is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Bette Woody, a longtime UMass Boston faculty member and community activist.

## Commencement speaker (cont.)

sellers Association. Lehane also received the Shamus Award for Best First Novel in 1995 and was a finalist for the Winship/PEN Award.

Lehane's other books include *A Drink Before the War*, *Darkness*,

*Take My Hand*, *Sacred*, *Gone Baby Gone*, *Prayers for Rain*, and *Shutter Island*.

Lehane was born and raised on Dorchester and lives in the Boston area.

## Winter Wonderland



A student walks across campus during a February snowfall, a rare occurrence by this winter's standard of frigid, dry weather. (Photo by Harry Brett)



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

Submit April calendar listings by Monday, March 15. Submit calendar listings online at [www.umb.edu/news/calendar/](http://www.umb.edu/news/calendar/). See the News and Events page on [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu) for calendar listings online.

## MONDAY 1

**Beacon Fitness Center: Plyometrics**  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Mondays. Muscular strength and toning using calisthenic exercises. Open to members. Contact: 7-6788 or [chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu](mailto:chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu).

**ITC Workshop: Creating Multimedia for Powerpoint**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level, presentation room 1. Presenter: Harriet Wilt. Contact: 7-3990 or [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu)

## TUESDAY 2

**Engineering Program Open House**  
8:30 – 9:45 a.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Introduction to Engineering projects: roller coasters. Also on March 4. Contact: 7-6435 or [tomas.materdey@umb.edu](mailto:tomas.materdey@umb.edu).

**Beacon Fitness Center: Pilates**  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Traditional Pilates taught by certified instructor. Open to members. Contact: 7-6788 or [chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu](mailto:chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu).

**Higher Education Administration Doctoral Program Dissertation Defense: Factors That Influence the Attitudes and Practices of Postsecondary Faculty in Providing Academic Accommodation to Students with Disabilities**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-75. Contact: 7-7601.

**Chemistry Seminar: Self-Ordered Rings as an Analytical Technique**  
4:30 p.m., Science Center, Chemistry Conference Room, 1st fl. Featuring Nancy Ward of UMass Boston. Contact: 7-6130.

## WEDNESDAY 3

**Beacon Fitness Center: Yoga**  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Held on Wednesdays. Also on Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Open to members. Free for students. \$5 per class for faculty and staff after first trial session. Contact: 7-5680 or [linda.jorgensen@umb.edu](mailto:linda.jorgensen@umb.edu).

**ITC Workshop: How to Create a PDF Document**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. PDF (Portable Document Format) is a universal file format that preserves the fonts, image, graphics, and layout of any source document. Contact: 7-3990 or [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu).

**Joiner Center Spring 2004 Film Series: The Battle of Algiers**  
2:30 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Part of "Images of War – A Series of International Films from Algeria to Vietnam." Contact: 7-5850.

**ECO-Tours of the Campus**  
3:00 – 3:40 p.m., Quinn Administration Building (service area), room 1, upper level. Held on Wednesdays. Learn about "green" efforts at UMass Boston. Bring a warm jacket for tour. Contact: 7-5083 or [umbe.green@umb.edu](mailto:umbe.green@umb.edu).

**Beacon Fitness Center: Cardio-Kickboxing**  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Held on Wednesdays. Open to members. Contact: 7-5680 or [chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu](mailto:chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu)

**Beacon Fitness Center: Step and Tone**  
6:30 – 7:45 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Held on Wednesdays. Open to members. Contact: 7-5680 or [chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu](mailto:chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu)

## FRIDAY 5

**Beacon Fitness Center: Ab Blast**  
11:30 – 12:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Held on Fridays. Open to members. Contact: 7-5680 or [chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu](mailto:chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu)

**Beacon Fitness Center: Muscle Conditioning**  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Held on Fridays. Open to members. Contact: 7-5680 or [chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu](mailto:chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu)

**Biology Seminar: Genes Essential for Early Zebrafish Development**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Nancy Hopkins from MIT. Contact: 7-6600 or [diana.ruddy@umb.edu](mailto:diana.ruddy@umb.edu).

## SATURDAY 6

**WUMB Annual Music Sale**  
9:00 – 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Cafeteria, 3rd fl. More than 20,000 CDs, LPs, cassettes, etc., featuring all types of music. Also on Sunday, March 7. Contact: 7-6900 or [wumb@umb.edu](mailto:wumb@umb.edu).

## TUESDAY 9

**Gastón Institute Speaking Event: Brazilian Immigrant Works in Massachusetts: An Invisible Minority That Everybody Sees**  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11th fl. Featuring Eduardo Siguiera. Contact: 7-5791.

**Department of Athletics: Massage Therapy**  
2:30 – 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1-613. Massage therapy by licensed therapist. Cost is \$10 for ten minutes; \$20 for twenty minutes; \$30 for thirty minutes. Also on March 23. Contact: 781-354-3450.

**Chemistry Seminar**  
4:30 p.m., Science Center, Chemistry Conference Room, 1st fl. Featuring Wayne Pitcher of UMass Boston. Contact: 7-6130.

**CPCS Faculty Out in the World: Hybrid City**  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th fl. Featuring Fred Johnson and the documentary *Hybrid City*. Contact: 7-7381 or [andrea.wight@umb.edu](mailto:andrea.wight@umb.edu).

## WEDNESDAY 10

**Higher Education Administration Doctoral Program Dissertation Defense: An Examination of the Effect of Departmental Factors on Student Completion of Doctoral Requirements**  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, 8th fl. Candidate: Elaine Bauer. Contact: 7-7601.

**Digital Classroom Seminar Series**  
12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11th fl. Examination of emerging technologies impacting the classroom. Faculty invited to bring their lunch. Sponsored by the Instructional Technology Center and the Division of Corporate and Continuing Distance Education. Contact: 7-3938 or [eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu](mailto:eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu)

## THURSDAY 11

**Blue Balloon Brown Bag Lunch Group**  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Cafeteria, 3rd fl. Discuss Prometheus with other faculty. Bring your lunch. Contact: 7-3998 or [eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu](mailto:eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu).

**ART/TALK: Graduates in the Arts. UMass Boston Influences and Options: A Panel Discussion**  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Gallery, 1st fl. UMass Boston graduates share professional stories of careers in the arts. Contact: 7-5347 or [artsonthepoint@umb.edu](mailto:artsonthepoint@umb.edu).

## FRIDAY 12

**Biology Seminar: The "Sounds of Silence" in Green Lacewings: Vibrational Songs and Their Role in Specialization**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Charles Henry of the University of Connecticut. Contact: 7-6600 or [diana.ruddy@umb.edu](mailto:diana.ruddy@umb.edu).

## WEDNESDAY 17

**Evacuation Day.**  
University closed.

## TUESDAY 23

**Chemistry Seminar: Fascinating Adventures in the Progress of a Drug from Conception to Commercialization**  
4:30 p.m., Science Center, Chemistry Conference Room, 1st fl. Featuring Mukund S. Chorghade of Pharmacen, Inc. Contact: 7-6130.

**McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies Public Lecture: Globalizing Culture: Multicultural Cities and the Future of Racism**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Featuring Michael Keith, director of the Centre for Urban and Community Research, Goldsmith College, University of London. Keith is the 2004 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor in Public and Urban Affairs. Contact: 7-5553.

## WEDNESDAY 24

**Joiner Center Spring 2004 Film Series: No Man's Land**  
2:30 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Part of "Images of War – A Series of International Films from Algeria to Vietnam." Contact: 7-5850.

## THURSDAY 25

**UMass Boston Performing Arts Presents: No Exit Theatre Production**  
8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2nd fl. Also on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640 or [laura.schrader@umb.edu](mailto:laura.schrader@umb.edu).

## FRIDAY 26

**Biology Seminar: Benthic Nitrogen Cycling in the Upper Estuary: The Importance of Salinity**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Ann Giblin of the Ecosystems Center at Marine Biological Laboratory. Contact: 7-6600 or [diana.ruddy@umb.edu](mailto:diana.ruddy@umb.edu).

## SATURDAY 27

**WE LEARN (Net) Working Conference**  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th fl. Conference for all interested in women's issues and adult basic literacy. Contact: 401-383-4374, or [welearn@litwomen.org](mailto:welearn@litwomen.org).

## TUESDAY 30

**CPCS Faculty Out in the World: Link Between Family Support and Community Development**  
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th fl. Featuring Professor William Holmes discussing a family renewal initiative. Contact: 7-7381 or [andrea.wight@umb.edu](mailto:andrea.wight@umb.edu).

## WEDNESDAY 31

**Annual Faculty and Staff Prayer Breakfast**  
8:30 a.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Contact: 7-5838 or [adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu](mailto:adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu).

**Student Affairs Campus Center Opening Events: Breakfast**  
8:45 – 9:45 a.m., Campus Center, Atrium Café. Join your peers and start your school day off right! Contact: 7-7590.

**Student Affairs Campus Center Opening Events: Raise Your Voice Campaign**  
12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, University Dining Cafeteria. Exercise your civil rights and participate in the upcoming presidential election. Contact: 7-7590.

**Student Affairs Campus Center Opening Events: Hypnotist in the Ballroom**  
12:30 – 4:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom. Come be entertained! Contact: 7-7590.

**Student Affairs Campus Center Opening Events: Faculty author readings in the Alumni Room**  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Room. Hear your favorite faculty read excerpts from their work. Contact: 7-7590.

**Student Affairs Campus Center Opening Events: Popular movies in Cafeteria**  
6:00 p.m., Campus Center, Cafeteria. Film appreciation with free popcorn. Contact: 7-7590.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Beacon Fitness Center**  
Fitness professionals, strength equipment, racquetball, and squash courts available. For schedule, see [www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm](http://www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm).

**Campus Ministry**  
Offerings include Interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, justice coalition workshops, etc. Contact: 7-5839 or [www.umb.edu/students/campus\\_ministry/](http://www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry/).

**Instructional Technology Center (ITC)**  
Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu) or call 7-3990 for updated workshop information.

**Intramural Clinics**  
Join a free clinic to learn the rules, how to play and/or to improve your game in: racquetball, squash, and Wally ball. Sign-up forms are at the Beacon Fitness Center. Contact: 7-7830.

**Support UMass Boston Beacons!**  
Visit [www.athletics.umb.edu](http://www.athletics.umb.edu) for athletic schedule.

**Visit The Wellness Center**  
McCormack Hall, 1st floor. The Wellness Center offers a wide range of programs—from yoga to time management. Please check our website at [umbwellness.org](http://umbwellness.org) for the most up-to-date program announcements, or contact: 7-5680.

**WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal**  
Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.