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More Than $524,000 Raised for Student Scholarships at UMass Boston Campus Center Gala

By Anne-Marie Kent

On the evening of April 26, UMass Boston’s new Campus Center showed true versatility as its east wing was transformed into a first-class, four-tiered event hall, complete with colored accent lighting; live gospel, classical, and jazz performances; and a scattering of gourmet food stations under elaborate, themed décor, including a five-foot replica of the Discus Thrower, surrounded by faux classical columns. The evening ended with a live performance by Grammy Award winner Judy Collins.

The event clearly marked a new era of fundraising for the UMass Boston Chancellor’s Scholarship Fund, with more than 640 tickets sold.

Chaired by Board of Trustees Chair Grace Fey of Frontier Capital Management, George Russell, Jr., of State Street Bank, and UMass trustee Robert Mahoney, the gala event raised over $524,000. Major sponsors were Robert D. and Nancy M. Gordon, Charles E. Merrill, Citizens Bank Foundation, Corcoran Jennison Companies, Frontier Capital Management, and State Street Corporation.

The crowd of over 580 attendees included local notables such as former Massachusetts Attorney General and House Speaker Robert H. Quinn, New England Council President Jim Beett, Former State Treasurer Shannon O’Brian, philanthropists John and Diddy Cullinan, and recipients of the Chancellor’s Medal for Exemplary Leadership: Mayor Thomas Menino ’88, CEO Clayton Turnbull ’82, and Rev. Kathleen Card ’76. She was joined by her husband, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, and a small team of Secret Service agents, blending into the crowd nearby.

Everyone mixed and mingled, sampling a variety of international tastes, from New England shrimp and scallops to Asian stir-fry and sushi, with some Mexican and Mediterranean flavors thrown in for good measure. Posters showcasing student research were placed prominently in the lobby for guests to view.

“Our theme tonight is ‘building on our strengths,’ and we can rest assured that, although the building is complete, our process of building continues. We continue to build on our strengths: on our students, our graduates and their families a powerhouse… heart-scourching… penetrating.”

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In addition to speaking to more than 2,600 undergraduates and graduates, Lehane will receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters for his impressive catalogue of work. Known for its powerful characters and suspenseful prose, Lehane’s work recently inspired the 2003 Academy Award-winning movie Mystic River.

Lehane’s seven novels have frequently attracted the attention of the literati; his novel A Drink Before the War won the Shamus Award for Best First Novel, and his novel Prayers for Rain was named a New York Times Notable Book. Reviewers also recognize the energy and darkness of his work; the New York Times Book Review called Mystic River “a powerhouse… heart-scourching… penetrating.”

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Campus Center Officially Opens with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

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"For the first time in our history, we can offer our students a state-of-the-art campus center that provides them with the spaces they want, the facilities they deserve, and the services they need," said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora at the April 2 ribbon-cutting ceremony for UMass Boston's new Campus Center.

Flanked by UMass Boston students and local political leaders, Gora was joined at the podium by Massachusetts Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, UMass President Thomas M. Menino '88, UMass President Jack M. Wilson, and David P. Perini, commissioner of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management.

"The Campus Center and the programs and personnel within it will enhance the academic experience of each UMass Boston student," said Chancellor Gora.

"This end result is a tribute to the people who labored for many years to make this building a reality."

The opening of this center is a powerful statement about the University's mission to care about the whole student and UMass Boston's mission to serve its community," added President Wilson.

"It is a statement that efficient, high-quality services enable students to learn and grow to their fullest potential. It is a statement that students are the top priority of the University of Massachusetts."

Designed by the Boston-based architecture firm Kallmann, McKinnell, & Wood and built by Suffolk Construction, the UMass Boston Campus Center offers streamlined, centralized administrative services for students, spaces for meeting and conferences, a new bookstore, and a new food court and gourmet café. The center also includes numerous lounges and study areas, as well as a game room and state-of-the-art computer technology.

Mayor Menino, a CPCU alumnus, reminisced about the days of broken elevators in the Park Square building. Stressing the importance of UMass Boston's urban mission, he said, "This stunning campus center is exactly what the hardworking students of UMass Boston deserve: an inviting space that will foster a sense of community and help them in their pursuit of academic excellence."

"We are proud to deliver this grand new addition to the public buildings that serve our Commonwealth," said Commissioner David B. Perini, who oversaw the construction project. "With its many services, administrative offices, student life spaces, and conference capabilities, the Campus Center will enhance the lives of UMass Boston students for many years to come."

"Students at our state university campuses deserve the finest facilities and services to enrich their learning experience," said Lt. Governor Healey. "The UMass Boston Campus Center is an outstanding expression of the Commonwealth's commitment to public higher education." Acknowledging the presence of UMass Boston union members in the crowd, Lt. Governor Healey also promised to discuss UMass Boston union leaders' concerns with Governor Romney.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was part of a series of events on campus to celebrate the opening of the Campus Center.

New Media Policy Center Debuts with "Dangerous Intersection" Conference

ABC News commentator George Stephanopoulos led the opening session of the "Dangerous Intersection: Where the Media and Public Policy Collide," the debut conference of the Center on Media and Society at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Ed Hayward

ABC News commentator George Stephanopoulos recounted his experiences as both a policy maker and a journalist after a crowd of 200 participants at "Dangerous Intersection: Where the Media and Public Policy Collide," the debut conference of the Center on Media and Society at UMass Boston.

Later during the daylong conference at the new Campus Center, the results of a new UMass Poll of Massachusetts voters were released, predicting increased voter turnout from a reinvigorated electorate in 2004.

Sponsored by Fleet Bank, a Bank of America company, and UMass Boston's John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, the conference unveiled the new Center and its Ethic Journalism Initiative, which will analyze and evaluate ethnic and community journalism in Eastern Massachusetts.

Fleet's James E. Mahoney, a member of the UMass Board of Trustees, cited the Center's first conference as another example of UMass Boston's focus on real-world issues.

"This is an institution that deals with reality," said Mahoney. "This is another example of that. This is an issue where the rubber meets the road."

The center, which intends to strengthen the connection between UMass Boston and the world of media and communications practice, is directed by Ellen Hume, a former White House correspondent for the Wall Street Journal and now a senior research fellow at the McCormack Graduate School. In addition to her duties as a journalism instructor, Hume organized the conference.

The conference also kicked off the partnership between the Center and the McCormack Graduate School. The conference included three different programs through-out the day: the panel, "Ethnic Journalism: Finding a Common Ground" featured remarks by Sandy Close, creator of the New California Media project; "The Massachusetts Voter: Good News or Bad News?" followed, featuring UMass Poll director Lou DiNatale and the results of a new survey of Massachusetts voters' views on the media and politics; and in conclusion, "Media, History and Identity" took place from 2:30 to 4 p.m., featuring Adam Strum of Facing History and Ourselves.

Reading from Stephanopoulos' memoir of the Bill Clinton White House, All Too Human, political columnist David Nyhan held a wide-ranging conversation with Stephanopoulos, a former Clinton advisor.

Stephanopoulos, who made the transition from White House insider to media insider as the host of ABC News' "This Week," said the two jobs both require that he distill the news and present it in a fashion people can use to make decisions.

"I hope the two roles go together," Stephanopoulos said. "I bring similar skills to analyzing public policy, explaining it as clearly as possible and identifying the most important parts of current issues.... I like to let people make up their own minds."

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CLAIRE TURNBULL ’82, CEO and owner of the Waldwin Group Inc., one of three recipients of the Chancellor’s Medal for Exemplary Leadership (middle left), is seen here with her wife Linda (left), Chancellor Jo Ann Gora (center right), and Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Keith Molody (right).

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Top (L to R): UMass trustee Robert Mahoney; Board of Trustees Chair Grace Fey of Frontier Capital Management; Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino '68 and recipient of the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership; UMass trustee Diane Bissonnette Maas; and Jack Wilson, president of the University of Massachusetts.

Left (L to R): Reverend Kathleen B. Card '76 receives the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership from Chancellor Jo Ann Gora during the ceremony. Card is a lay minister at the Trinity United Methodist Church in McLean, Virginia.

Right (R to L): Judy Collins receives roses from a Boston firefighter following her special performance at the gala. Collins received WUMB Radio's first Voice for the Community Award.
ECOS Professor Brings the Ocean to Kindergarten

Juanita Urban-Rich is assistant professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

Juanita Urban-Rich is known as the “Ocean Lady” to five-year-olds at the Helen Keller Elementary School in Franklin, MA. For three years, Urban-Rich, a biological oceanographer and assistant professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, has visited kindergarten classrooms to help kids learn more about ocean habitats. This year, she extended the program to a full week, teaching five classes with 96 kindergarten students as part of the National Science Foundation and Department of Education’s ESTEEM (Excellence in Science, Technology, and Mathematics Education) week.

“Two-thirds of these students haven’t seen the ocean,” notes Urban-Rich of the community about 15 miles or more from the nearest shoreline. Urban-Rich’s program features hands-on activities to help students touch and feel what different ocean habitats are like, whether it is a sandy beach, rocky shore, or the deep sea. She does this by bringing “touch tanks” into the classrooms, full of animals the students can see and feel.

For example, for her unit on sandy beaches, Urban-Rich has her students simulate the motion of a wave in a “wave tank,” showing them how the motion of the wave impacts the sand, how colors in the tank are affected by the water’s motion, and what animals could thrive in this environment.

Another day is devoted strictly to rocky shores and tidal pools, with a wave tank so kids can learn what kinds of animals live in the different types of holes or homes in this habitat. With her deep-sea unit, she uses a darkened view box with a window that kids can shine a flashlight into and see glow-in-the-dark sea animals.

Her touch tanks contain animals such as mussels, snails, fish, hermit crabs, sea stars, and more. The children even get excited at the microscopic level, says Urban-Rich.

“I bring in samples of zooplankton, tiny invertebrates that whales and other marine life eat, and we look at them under microscopes. The kids love it,” she says.

While some kids are initially reluctant to put their hands in the tanks, by the week’s end, they are all touching the creatures Urban-Rich brings in. “There was one little girl who was up to her elbows in a tank, soaking the sleeve of her velvet dress. She didn’t care—what was in the tank was much more important to her.” Urban-Rich ends the week with an art project on Friday, where the kids will choose one of the habitats and create drawings of animals that could live in that habitat.

“I like being able to bring the ocean to people who have never experienced it,” says Urban-Rich, “and outreach is so important at this age. We really need to reach out to children if we want them to find science and math rewarding.”

It’s not just the kids who have fun. Urban-Rich relishes her time in the classroom: “The kids love to ask questions, and they aren’t afraid to ask anything. It really forces me to think about these different questions,” she says.

Children at the Helen Keller Elementary School eagerly stick their hands into touch tanks filled with sea creatures. (Photo by Urban-Rich)

Students Celebrate Campus Center

Campus Center student celebrations, held from March 31 through April 21, were wildly successful and drew people of all ages to the new building for events such as the Campus Center festival, which offered basketball hoop shooting, sumo wrestling, and other games, live music from WUMB musicians, faculty readings, and Friday night’s “Celebrations of Stars” Gala. (Photos by Harry Brett)

Sociology Department Launches Social Theory Forum Series

By M.H. (Behrooz) Tamgidgi

The Social Theory Forum (STF) is a series of conference-workshops organized jointly by the Sociology Department and others to creatively explore, develop, promote, and publish cross-disciplinary social theory in an applied and liberating (critical) framework. The first gathering, held on April 7, drew a large audience from a wide range of faculty and graduate and undergraduate students from across academic departments, both on and off campus.

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The chess team’s next event is the UMass Boston High School Open, to be held on May 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Campus Center’s University Dining Room. UMass Boston students are welcome to come and experience a real tourna­ ment atmosphere, as well as have an opportunity to take part in an introductory chess clinic hosted by chess Master V. Martinsson.
Wood Visiting Professor Examines Multiculturalism of 21st Century Cities

Professor Michael Keith, director of the Centre for Urban and Community Research at Goldsmiths College, London, is the 2004 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor. He led a full visit to UMass Boston in March. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Elaine Werby

In a challenging and scholarly public lecture before more than 100 students and faculty on March 23, Professor Michael Keith, recipient of the 2004 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professorship, addressed the issue of the multiculturalism of cities of the 21st century. Keith is the director of the Centre for Urban and Community Research at Goldsmiths College, University of London.

"Ethically we need to consider what it means to live in cities that are constituted by communities that may be products of both different histories and histories of differences to bear the imprint of colonialism, slavery and domination," said Keith.

"Just as the economic drivers of contemporary capitalist globalization challenge the sovereignty of the nation state, the flows of labor, as well as capital create transnational networks of culture and people," added Xavier de Sousa Briggs, the 2000 recipient of the Wood Visiting Professorship.

Keith's four-day visit to UMass Boston was crowded with activities that reflected his various interests as a scholar and community and political activist. In recognition of earlier work, Keith was a member of the Board of Directors of the Dorchester Area Community Development Corporation and a member of the Dorchester Area Community Development Corporation, the Center for Social Policy, and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program.

Keith, who designed and directed Berkeley's Multicultural Program, also led students and faculty in a public dialog on social housing in the U.S. and U.K.

In addition to public events, Keith participated with Professors Stone and Andrew Leong and students in the Ph.D. Practicum on Urban Networks of Culture and Britain, was the keynote speaker at the UMass Boston Visitor's Forum.

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Commencement 2004 (cont.)

Forry began his career as a reporter for the Dorchester Argus-Citizen and later served as community relations liaison for the First National Bank of Dorchester. He left the bank in 1972 to pursue a public health policy career, having taught at Howard University, University of Medicine, Tufts University, and Harvard Medical School.

"I am very pleased to be here," said Keith. "I look forward to beginning his doctoral degree in political science at Goldsmiths College in London, City Councilor Charles Yancey presented Keith with a m

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Honors Student to Pursue Love of Politics and Teaching at Columbia

By Leigh DuPrey

In September, Walter Martinez enrolled at UMass Boston so he could return to his career in retail management with a college degree. Three years later, Martinez has rewritten his future—he is one of six nationwide to receive a Minority Fellowship from the American Political Science Association and looks forward to beginning his doctoral degree in political science at Columbia this fall.

"I worked ten years in retail after I graduated from high school," says Martinez. "I figured college wasn't for me." However, within his first months here, Martinez became vitalized by his new role as scholar and changed his path.

"Great things happened to me. My first semester at UMass Boston. I took an introduction to politics class with Professor Busseri, I took a first-year seminar on religious issues in the United States with Professor Sands, and I took English 101 with Professor Klimasmith," says Martinez. "These classes were so exciting to me—I decided I had to pursue more of them."

The enthusiasm was mutual. Professor Elizabeth Busseri, the chairman of the Political Science Department, describes Martinez as "a very mercurial student whose arguments are careful and nuanced. He is a very talented student." Her colleagues agree. "Even in an introductory writing class, Walter set very high standards for himself ... he was not content just to complete assignments ... he made the most of each learning opportunity the class offered," says Professor Betsy Klimasmith of the English Department.

With new confidence in his writing skills and an insatiable curiosity about politics, Martinez became a political science major, with a minor in economics. He also got involved in numerous roles as mentor and leader, serving as a student enrollment roll leader, an assistant instructor in the Directives for Student Potential Program, and most recently, as Chapter President of the Golden Key Honor Society. Martinez is also an Honors Program student.

"I really like interacting with students," says Martinez, "and helping them experience the best UMass Boston.

These interactions fueled his goals to teach. After completing his Ph.D., Martinez wants to return to a "place like UMass Boston and become a college professor. "I'd really like to be a professor that integrates all students into the classroom," he says. His love of teaching is obvious.

"He is incredibly sensitive to other students in the class. He would make huge efforts to include everyone in the classroom," says Busseri of Martinez. "He really wants to build a classroom community."

Martinez plans to specialize in American politics at Columbia, and hopes to integrate his interest in the law and the courts with the development of Latino political participation in the United States. He recently completed work on his thesis examining Supreme Court decisions made between 1901 and 1922 that both defined Puerto Rico as a U.S. territory and limited citizenship rights of Puerto Ricans. "I was born there," says Martinez, "but never really knew much about this period of history."

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Joan Arches and Luis Aponte-CAMPUS Pares, and Robert Beattie, director of the conference. English, presented the workshop authored articles: "Using and Prevention Procedures and College of Management's James Perceptions and philosophy, presented the paper in Particpation" and Puerto biology, presented the paper delivered presentations on Systems. "Concerning The University Reporter at the 41st Annual Isabel Maitland practice;" In April, Donna Haig Friedman, "Chinese Friedman, research fellow at the Center for Massachusetts Medicaid Research Conference, Joseph Goldsmith presented the paper "Plebiscites Is a Kinesin Long-term Plague Prou, effect."

Kenneth L. Campbell, professor of biology, presented the lectures "An Introduction to Endocrinology and "Concerning Diabetes: Basics and "Drug" at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez and delivered presentations on endocrine disruptors, diabetes, thyroid function, and endocrine career paths at Texas A&M University.

Yung-Ping Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar's Chair in Gerontology, gave the keynote address "Keys to Productive Later Years: Financial and Non-financial Strategies and Challenges for a Future Working Woman" conference.


In March, Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was the keynote speaker at the Massachusetts Office of Transportation's "Women Inspiring Hope and Possibilities" event and spoke on women's political leadership at Worcester State College.

Nan Zhang Hampton, associate professor of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, presented the paper "Yin and Yang of Disability and Cultivating: Exploring Chinese and American Attitudes toward Disability and the Role of Gender in High School Achievement" at Wellesley College.


Elisabeth Karmosch of the Modern Languages Department gave a paper at the 32nd Annual French Literature Conference and "The Dying Carribbean Nation: Haiti in the Global Context" at Hartwick College.

On March 30, Jennifer Radden, professor of philosophy, presented "Women "Thinking the Centuries of Melancholia" at the Philosophy Department at Vassar College.

Lorna Rivera, professor in the College of Public and Community Service, Elaine Ward, director of CIRCLE program, and Valerie Hahloft, CPCS undergraduate, presented the workshop "Empowerment of Refugee and Immigrant Women Through Literacy" at the Women, Literacy, and Resources Conference.

Lloyd Schwartz, the Frederick S. Troy Professor in the Department of English at the University of Massachusetts, working with the poet Elizabeth Bishop ized the Associated Writing Programs conference in Chicago. At the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society Russell Schutt, professor of sociology, copresented the paper "How the Job Seekers with Disabilities Effectively at the One-Stop Center in Washington on April 20."

Joe Marrone of the Institute of Community Inclusion presented "Providing Good Business Services While Job Seekers with Disabilities Effectively" at the One-Stop Center in Washington on April 20.


The Urban Harbors Institute presented "Improving the Links Between Science and Coastal Management" at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean and Coastal Programs Meeting, held in Washington, D.C., in March.

The University of Houston presented "How Can We Improve the Hospital Experience and Fruitful Outcomes for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias." Nancy Sutcher, assistant director of the Art Department, gave the lecture "Modernisms and Modernisms in Dutch Social Housing" at the "Public Housing and the Legacy of Modernism: Europe and America" conference.

Nina Silverstein of CPCS and the Gerontology Institute presented at the joint meeting of the American Society on Aging and the National Council for the Aging: "Basing Seniors' Cost: Follow-Up Study of Citywide Door-to-Door Outreach Effort" with Heather Comors, "Grandfamilies House at Year 4: Growing Pains and Challenges" with research associates at Hanson Gottlieb, and "How Can We Improve the Hospital Experience and Fruitful Outcomes for People with Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias." Nancy Sutcher, assistant director of the Art Department, gave the lecture "Modernisms and Modernisms in Dutch Social Housing" at the "Public Housing and the Legacy of Modernism: Europe and America" conference.

M.H. (Behrouz) Tavangdi, assistant professor of sociology, presented the paper "Freire Meets Gurdjifff and Rumi: Towards the Pedagogy of the Oppressed and Oppressive Selves" at the first Social Theory Forum, held at UMass Boston.

On March 26, Brian Thompson of the Modern Languages Department presented a workshop on interactive methods in foreign language-teaching for the French teachers at the French Library and Cultural Center/Alliance Francaise. juice Winch, professor of history, presented the paper "Little Did I Think That Such Exciting Times Were Near": Jason Glasgow and "The Paper of the Past: A paper at the 69th Annual Meeting of the Organization of American Historians.

Aimee Wong, assistant professor of philosophy and senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School, gave the talk "Africa at Cross Roads: From Subject to Citizen" at Georgia State University on April 9.

Through the support of the Graduate Student Association, psychology students traveled to Dallas to present the results of research studies concerning service learning and computer-mediated communication at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists.

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Kristine Alster, interim dean of the College of Nursing, published a paper in Nursing: Education and Nursing Practice” in Vivian Zarnell’s and Ruth Speck’s Crossing the Curriculums: Multilingual Learners in College Classrooms.

The article “What Do Accounts of ‘Racism’ Do?” by Lawrence Blum, professor of philosophy, was published in Racism in Mind by Cornell University Press.


Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has had two coauthored articles published: “Advanced Practice Nursing Education: An Agenda for Graduates” in Nursing Science Quarterly and “OASIS, MDs, and Orem’s Self-Care Framework: Using Existing Healthcare Organization Data for Nursing Research” in Self-Care, Dependent-Care, and Nursing.

Research on a rechargeable green battery by Stuart Litch, professor and chair of the Chemistry Department, and a colleague was published in Science News and Chemical Communications.

Kathleen Golden McAdean, executive director of University Health Services and assistant clinical professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has published the coauthored paper “An Evaluation of Pupil Size Standards Used by Police Officers for Detecting Drug Impairment,” in the Journal of the American Optometric Association.


Mark Pawlik, director of Academic Support Programs, has edited PresentTense Poets in the World, a new anthology of contemporary political poetry.

Professor Lorna Rivera of the College of Public and Community Service published the article “Learning Community: Homeless Women and Popular Education” in Women’s Studies Quarterly.

Deborah Metzel of the Institute of Community Inclusion published the chapter “Historical Social Geography” in NYU Press’s Mental Retardation in America.

The article “Shelterization in Theory and Practice” by Russell Schutt, professor and director of the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology, was published in Anthropology of Work Review.


Robert Weiner, faculty chair of the International Relations track in the MSPA program, has published a review of Yosif Govrin’s Israeli-Romanian Relations at the End of the Connes Era in Journal of Cold War Studies.


Leventer J. Zompa, professor of chemistry, and alumnae Damian Dussault ’03 published the coauthored paper “Studies of Copper (II) and Nickel (II) Complexation by Bis (1,4,7-triazacyclononane) Ligands Containing Alkylene and Alkylene Bridging Groups” in Inorganica Chimica Acta.

In April, the Urban Harbors Institute, with senior research associate Jim Coleman, was contracted by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to assess global and regional trends in container shipping in relation to a proposed expansion of the Port Colony container terminal in Australia.

Biologist professor Adan Collin-Carmona, in collaboration with Joe Lindhard, was awarded a $228,750 grant from the National Institutes of Health for his project “Arabidopsis Kinines in Cell Division and Development.”

Professor Jacqueline Fawcett of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences is principal investigator on a project to evaluate the Women’s Health Network Case Management Program, funded by $132,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Professor Russell Schutt, director of the master’s program in Applied Sociology, is the co-investigator.

Gail Gall, a P.D. student in nursing, is the project director.

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) in the College of Management received a gift of $45,000 from the Fleet Financial Foundation to support fellows from the nonsenior sector. The college presented to Professor Sherry H. Penney and the current ELP cohort by Mary Trong of Fleet Bank in April.

The Center of Democracy and Development at the McCormack Graduate School received a $179,000 grant from the U.S. State Department to continue its work under the Multinational Government of the Palestinian Republic.

In April, the Center for Social Policy received a new multiyear contract with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue its work assisting families with self-sufficiency in implementing Homeless Management Information Systems.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Kristine Alster, interim dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has been appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing Education Policy Advisory Committee.

Alex Des Forges, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, received an ACLS/ SIRGNEH International and Area Studies Fellowships Program research on the politics of classical Chinese prose.

Jaimie Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, received the Friend of Nursing Research Award on May 5, the first given by the Winchester Hospital Research Council.

Sonia Michelson, genontology instructor for the College of Public and Community Service, was awarded the Alumni Special Recognition Award for her “extraordinary contribution to the field of genetric social work practice” by Simmons College.

Jennifer Radden, professor of philosophy, was appointed to the American Bar Association Taskforce on Mental Illness and the Death Penalty.

The New England Chapter of the Visual Resources Association (VRA) has elected Kristin Solis, visual resources curator in the Art Department, to be its first chairperson. Solis has also been appointed Chair Liaison to the VRA Membership Committee.

Peter Taylor of the Critical and Creative Thinking Program received a grant from the National Foundation to develop the New England Workshop on Science and Social Change, an annual faculty development workshop.

Dissertations

James Budke, Richard McGonaghy, Lanyi Bruner-Canhotto, and Donna Sullivan successfully defended their dissertations and will receive their doctorates in genontology.

Tiffany Mann has successfully defended her dissertation “Giving Mercenaries a Chance to be Missionaries: Making the Case for Universal Paid Family Leave in the United States” for her Ph.D. in Public Policy.

Kevin Murphy of the P.H.D. Program in Public Policy and research analyst for the Office of Institutional Research and Policy Studies, received funding from the Association for Institutional Research at the National Center for Educational Statistics, a National Science Foundation grant program, and has been awarded the Charles E. Brown Fellowship for his dissertation proposal.

MISCELLANEOUS

CPCS Professor James Green has been awarded a writing fellowship by the Bogliasco Foundation to complete a book manuscript at the Liguria Study Center in Italy. He will spend several weeks in residence at the center during his sabbatical leave in the fall.

Brian Thompson of the Modern Languages Department co-produced and co-hosts a regular two-hour show, “French Touch,” on music from the French-speaking world on MPT’s WMBR-FM (88.1).

In March, Brian Sokol and Susan Ma at the Center for Social Policy completed work on MAShelter Data Center, a web application that allows users to generate comprehensive aggregate, undisputed reports on homeless individuals using Massachusetts shelters.

For its international work in examining global solutions, the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Science’s Policy Center for Marine Biosciences and Technology has been invited to join Research America, an organization that promotes the benefits of basic biomedical research and supports the federal health research budget.

In the News

UMass Boston student David Guy was featured on WBUR’s “The Connection” on April 15 to discuss his experience as a “lost boy” of Sudan.

Carol Hardy-Facts, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was a guest commentator on New England Cable News on March 20.

Richard Horsey, Distinguished Professor of Labor and the Study of Religion, was interviewed for a special three-hour documentary by Peter Jennings: “Jesus and Paul: The World and the Winner,” which aired on April 5.

Avery Faigenbaum, associate professor of exercise science and physical education, was interviewed in the article “Poking Too Hard Too Young – Take Away the Fun Factor in Sports and Kids Can Burn Out” on MSNBC.com in April.

WCVB’s “Chronicle” featured the College of Nursing and Health Sciences’ directive on nursing shortages, Marion Winfrey, associate dean, and two undergraduate nursing students, Dorothy Bowers and Michelle Anderson, were featured.

Harriet Tubman: The Life and the Life Stories by Jean Hamme, director of women studies, was reviewed in the Boston Globe on March 30.

Voter attitudes toward the gay marriage debate, as revealed in a new UMass Poll by Lou DiNatale, senior fellow at the McCormack Center in Italy. He will spend several weeks in residence at the center during his sabbatical leave in the fall.

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Submit June calendar listings by May 17. Submit all calendar listings online at www.umb.edu/news/calendar/. See the News and Events page on www.umb.edu for calendar listings online.

FRIDAY 7

Gumma Upsilon Honor Society Induction
11:30 – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center, Bayview Conference Rooms, 3rd fl. Ceremony to recognize excellence in the students of gerontology, aging, and those in professional aging services.
Contact 7-7088.

Bioengineering Seminar Series: Twenty Years of Hunting Emerging Diseases on the Nantucket Field Station
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Sam Tilden III of Tufts University. Refreshments served. Contact 7-6600 or diana.rudd@umb.edu.

Grand Opening of the Clark Taylor Center for Media, Arts, and Technology
4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 2nd fl. Box-cutting ceremony, refreshments, and interactive tour of center. Contact 7-7124 or suzanne.all-mending@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Talent Show 3: The Variety Extreme
6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1st fl. Proceeds benefit the Yellow Brick Road Project, a home for battered women. Contact talentshowum@100.umb.edu.

University Chamber Orchestra
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 15 fl. State Street, Brookline, MA. Featuring Jon Crandall Mitchell as conductor with Grigoris Zambaras, pianist, and Priscilla Taylor, cellist. Request donation: $5.00 ($3.00 for students/seniors). Children under four years of age not admitted. Contact 7-5640 or mark.vaz@umb.edu.

Performing Arts Present: Antigone
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2nd fl. Two tickets: $10.00 for adults, $7.00 for stu- dents. Children under four years old not admitted. Also on May 8. Contact 7-5640.

SATURDAY 8

UMass Boston Beacons: Men’s Basketball vs. Rhode Island College
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact 7-9800 or david.marster@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Jazz Band Spring Concert
7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Peter Jansson, director. Requested donation: $5.00 ($3.00 for students/seniors). Contact 7-5640 or mark.vaz@umb.edu.

MONDAY 10

University Health Services: Yoga
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: $5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact 7-5680.

UMass Boston, ITC Workshop: Using Excel to Create Transitions and Turn Numbers into Letters

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12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: $5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact 7-5680.

College of Management Distinquished Executive Luncheon
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., The Library, The Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street, Boston. Featuring CM Dis- tinguished Executive for 2004. Thomas May, chairman, and president and CEO of NSTAR. Reservations and tickets ($60.00 required). Contact 7-7734 or events@umb.edu.

Spring 2004 Music Series: Inca Son: Music and Dance of the Andes
2:40 – 4:00 p.m., Plaza level, between Campus Center and Science Center. Rain location: Student Dining Room, Campus Center, 1st fl. Contact 7-3500.

ECO-Tours of the Campus
3:00 – 3:40 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Service Area, upper level. Get to know the sustainable and “green” efforts at UMass Bos- ton. Also on May 19. Contact 7-5083 or umass.green@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 14

Dance Kaleidoscope
8:00 p.m., McCormack Theater. Directed by Anne Tolbert with original works by students and faculty, including Emily K. Beattie of Providence College. Other special guest artists include soloist Carol Sonner and the Day Job Dancers under direction of Adrienne Hawkins. Sponsored by the Dance in Performing Arts Program. Tick- ets: $5.00 for students. $10.00 for adults. Also on May 15. Contact 7-9213-1749.

SATURDAY 15

Fourth Annual Senior Lunch
11:30 – 1:00 p.m. in honor of graduat- ing seniors. Contact 7-5330 or alsonum@umb.edu.

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12:30 – 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Free for students. Faculty and staff: $5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact 7-5680.

ITC Workshop: Creating a Dynamic E-Learning Space in Promethea
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop to introduce you to e-learning pedagogy. Presented by Eileen McMahon. Registration: 00356. Contact www.itc.umb.edu.

Master Class with Ed Forry
4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Location TBA. Ed Forry of the Tennis Hall of Fame. Contact 7-5680.

Three UMass Students Headline Performance at Exposition Center’s 50th Anniversary Gala
7:00 p.m., Exposition Center. Commencement Friday, June 4.

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SATURDAY 1

UMass Boston High School Open
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Campus Center, University Dining Room. Experience a real chess tournament atmos- phere! Contact 7-7124 or suzanne.all-mending@umb.edu.

CPCS Celebrations and Awards Ceremony
7:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Contact 7-7124 or suzanne.all-mending@umb.edu.

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ITC Workshop: Technology
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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.