Advocate for Haitian Women, Local Banker Honored at 2009 Quinn Community Breakfast

By Anne-Marie Kent

Two activists—one local leader, and another whose good works are both local and global—were honored last week by UMass Boston's extended community at the annual Robert H. Quinn Community Breakfast, a longtime university tradition. Honored during the ceremony at the Campus Center Ballroom were Carline Desire, executive director of the Association of Haitian Women in Boston, who received the Robert H. Quinn Award, and George A. Russell Jr., executive vice president and director of community affairs for State Street Corporation, who received the Chancellor's Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service.

"UMass Boston is proud each year to recognize the commitment of those who are working to build stronger communities," said Chancellor Keith Motley to the assembled crowd of community activists, friends, and family, including Desire, Russell, and past Quinn Award winners Father George Carrigg, Joe Chaisson, Bob and Dan Ferrara, Iaura Mendes, and Joyce Stanley.

"We want to be more than a good neighbor, we want to be your university—your student-centered, urban research university," said Motley, who assured those gathered that as the university moves forward, it will not lose sight of its urban mission.

"Today, we celebrate our mission and your mission together," added Motley.

Before presenting the awards, Motley recognized UMass Boston staff responsible for aspects of community outreach, as well as elected officials present, including City Councilor Rob Consalvo, City Councilor John Tobin, City Mayor Thomas Menino, and City Councilor Rob Consalvo.

Chancellor J. Keith Motley, Quinn Award winner Carline Desire, Chancellor's Award winner George A. Russell Jr., and Robert H. Quinn. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Senator Kerry to Deliver Commencement Address

By DeWayne Lehman

Chancellor J. Keith Motley today announced that U.S. Senator John Kerry will deliver the principal address at the University of Massachusetts Boston's 41st commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 29, 2009. Kerry, a decorated war veteran who has represented Massachusetts for 25 years in the U.S. Senate, will be joined by honorary degree recipients Joseph Kennedy, former U.S. Representative for 12 years, and Sister Margaret, and others to found the Vietnam Veterans of America to advocate for veterans' benefits for extension of the G.I. Bill for Higher Education, and for treatment of PTSD. In 1984, Kerry was elected senator from Massachusetts and since then has distinguished himself as one of our nation's most respected voices on national security and international affairs. He has been a leading voice on American policy in Iraq and Afghanistan, the war on terrorism, the Middle East peace process, and Israel's security, and he currently serves as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Former U.S. Representative and founder of Citizens Energy Joe Kennedy will be presented with the degree doctor of laws, honorary causa for his leadership and service to the community. Kennedy, who represented the eighth Congressional District of Massachusetts in the U.S. House of Representatives for 12 years, devised creative and innovative approaches to help communities achieve economic growth and prosperity by tapping into the private sector. In 1988, he founded (continued on page 2)

Senator Kerry will deliver the principal address at UMass Boston's 41st commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 29, 2009. (Photo courtesy of the office of Senator John Kerry)
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Councilor Michael Flaherty, City Councilor Bill Linehan, Representative Marie St. Fleur, Representative Marty Walsh, and Representative Linda Dorcena Forry.

The Chancellor’s Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service was then presented to George A. Russell Jr., executive vice president and director of community affairs for State Street Corporation. With over 30 years of experience in banking and finance, Russell is currently responsible for State Street’s philanthropic and community support programs nationally.

One of his local initiatives is the State Street Scholars Program, which provides scholarships and paid internships at the company, which provides scholarships and internships at the company to high-achieving UMass Boston juniors and seniors interested in careers in financial services.

“He knows what a good investment in people and programs looks like,” said Motley.

In addition to expressing thanks for the award, Russell recognized the State Street Scholars in the audience.

“Quinn Award honors individuals whose outstanding contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in the Greater Boston area.

Carlene Desire, this year’s Quinn Award recipient, is executive director of the Association of Haitian Women in Boston and graduate of the Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy. In that role, she leads a charge to empower low-income Haitian women and their children by expanding women’s knowledge and developing their abilities to be self-sufficient, independent, and confident. Desire helped found the organization in 1998.

By partnering with representatives from the District Attorney’s Office, the Department ofTransitional Assistance, and a number of shelters and community agencies, she helped launch the Round Table on Domestic Violence, which has evolved into a partnership that continues to enhance services and resources to empower abused women and end domestic violence in their lives. In 1999, Desire received a certificate from UMass Boston’s Women in Politics and Public Policy Program.

“We are especially proud of this year’s recipient. Not only has she worked on behalf of members of our community in most need and distinguished herself as a collaborator and bridge builder—she also has distinguished herself as a graduate of this institution,” said Motley.

Camp Shriver Campers, Counselors Reunite

By Karen J. Friedman

Although it was a 40-degree day in February, one young girl stood in the Clark Center amidst piles of winter coats with summer on her mind. Wearing a bathing suit top, she made her way through tables filled with kids and parents, walked up to the director of Camp Shriver, and asked, “When do we swim?”

For the past three summers, Camp Shriver at UMass Boston has touched the lives of hundreds of campers with and without intellectual disabilities from low-income, inner-city neighborhoods. For many, it is their first experience at summer camp and their first experience visiting the UMass Boston campus, although most live in Boston, Brockton, and Quincy.

What sets Camp Shriver apart from other recreational opportunities is its unique commitment to creating an inclusive, sports-oriented day camp experience at no cost, in which children with and without intellectual disabilities play and learn together. Campers are provided transportation to and from camp, breakfast and lunch, and camp gear. While at camp, children receive instruction in a variety of sports (soccer, basketball, swimming) and participate in field trips. Not only do the campers learn new sports skills at Camp Shriver, they also build new friendships.

The strength of the friendships formed at Camp Shriver were revealed as campers and their families came together for the Camp Shriver Reunion on February 21. Campers eagerly reconnected with old friends, sharing stories from past summers and making plans for new adventures this year.

After a pizza lunch and slide show of pictures from last summer, the families headed to the pool. Interestingly, unlike a typical day at camp, instead of counselors leading the way to the pool, campers led their parents and siblings, with the counselors looking on in approval. Campers took it upon themselves to explain—especially to their younger siblings—the rules that they came to know all too well over the summer: no running, stay with your team, and listen to the counselors!

Everyone was met in the pool by Camp Director Mark Spolidoro. Mark, usually overseeing the camp with whistle and clipboard in hand, was instead in the pool waiting to greet the campers and their families. For some campers, it was the first opportunity to show off their new swimming skills to their parents. Parents were quite impressed with the comfort, confidence, and ability of their children in the pool.

At the end of the day, families took applications for the coming summer, with a number of families completing and submitting theirs right on the spot. Aware of the long waiting list for Camp Shriver each summer, and with budget cuts looming in school systems, after-school programs, and community programs, families were anxious to submit applications in order to ensure their children’s summers would still include playing sports, making friends, and having fun.

Camp Shriver will be held on the campus of UMass Boston this summer, expanding (as it has every year) to serve over 100 campers. For more information about Camp Shriver, contact the Center for Social Development and Education (www.csd.umb.edu) at 617-287-7250.
Eastern Bank and Doug Flutie Celebrate Urban Scholars

By Nanette L. Cormier

On March 24, UMass Boston hosted representatives from more than 40 Eastern Massachusetts charities at Eastern Bank’s fifth annual Community Quarterback Awards in the Campus Center. The event, which pays tribute to the organizations which received grants from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, also honored the university’s Urban Scholars Program as one of its grant recipients.

In welcoming the guests, Chancellor Keith Motley spoke to the significance of the bank’s charitable giving during the current economic recession. “Your contributions to our community are a ‘Hail Mary’ pass,” he said, referencing the bank spokesper- son and former Boston College, NFL, CFL, and USFL quarterback Doug Flutie, who was on hand for the award presentations.

UMass Vice Provost Joan Becker, cofounder of the Urban Scholars Program, adeptly called a “Flutie Pass” from the legendary Heisman Trophy winner. This years marks the pre-collegiate program’s 25th anniversary of preparing 1,500 high-achieving Boston Public Schools students, predominantly from minority and low-income backgrounds, for the life-changing opportunity of a college education. Each year Eastern Bank selects one of its grant recipients as the site to showcase the importance of community philanthropy. Eastern Bank Chairman and CEO Richard Holbrook said that the charities represented are all “quarterbacks” in the community, especially during a recession when people are hurting. “They rely more and more on the agencies in the room to give them a leg up on the future.”

The ever-youthful Flutie said that the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, a key sponsor of the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, mirrors his family’s own commitment. Now ten years old, the foundation raises over $1 million a year to provide families with a place to turn when they are in need of support and autism resources. Flutie Jr., now seventeen, was diagnosed with autism at the age of three.

Each of the participating charities, either “caught” or more safely “received” their Flutie pass and posed with the football star and CEO Holbrook. Diane Portroy, founder of the immigrant learning center in Malden, was one of them. Eastern Bank’s support allows her organization to offer free English classes to immigrants and refugees. Portroy arrived on Ellis Island at the age of three as a Holocaust refugee. Special Olympics Massachusetts Board Chair Geoffrey North- nagle received sponsorship from his son, Jay, who has Down syndrome. Jay, grinning with his football, stepped up to the mike and shared that he is an international goal medalist in sailing.

Retired minister Dick Coleman, a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, was honored for his organization’s work to build homes in Massachusetts, Louisiana, and El Salvador. “I’ve spent my life focused on ‘words’ and I’m never certain that my words are making a difference. Habitat gives me a concrete chance to help someone.”

Chancellor Motley captured the spirit of the evening. “Some folks say that this is not the time to invest in our community. We say charitable contributions are more vital than ever.”

For more information about Urban Scholars, go to www.umb.edu/ua/urban_scholars.

By Will Kilburn

Building on his successes at bringing together leaders from divided societies in South Africa, Northern Ireland, and Iraq, Padraig O’Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, is convening a meeting of leaders from places where the dividing lines run straight down city streets.

Called the “Forum for Cities in Transition” (FCT), the conference, to be held April 14 through 16, will bring together leaders and representatives from Kirkuk, Iraq; Mitrovica in Serbia and Mitrovica in Kosovo; Belfast and Derry/ Londonderry in Northern Ireland; and Nicosia, Cyprus. Conceptually, the conference builds on O’Malley’s long-held belief that people from divided societies are the best people to help others in divided societies.

“In most cases, these cities bore the brunt of the conflicts in their societies, and sometimes they are left to deal with the residuals even when some kind of settle- ment is reached,” says O’Malley. “The transition in these cities is emblematic of the larger trans- formation that is taking place in their societies.”

“This conference is precisely the kind of creative reconcili- ation work that Joe Moakley envisioned for the UMass Boston chair in his name,” said McCormack School dean Stephen Crosby. “It is particularly fitting to have this conference in Boston, a city which has itself struggled with racial and ethnic divisions. We will learn from the interna- tional delegates, as I hope they will learn from one another.”

In addition to dealing with issues such as race, ethnicity, religion, and political ideology, as well as the geographical flash- points within each city where different sides clash, confer- ences will also discuss, in smaller groups, nonpartisan topics such as electricity, water, and sewer systems—seemingly mundane topics, but topics about which O’Malley believes opposing par- ties can find common ground, and then work toward a greater understanding.

Ultimately, says O’Malley, the hope is that the representatives will agree to form a “club” of divided cities—annual meetings with each of the participating cit- ies hosting the others on a rotating basis. For now, though, O’Malley just hopes to bring the group to- gether, show them their common ground, and let the participants take it from there, including the setting of each day’s agenda.

“If they say, ‘Where’s the agen-da?’ my response will be ‘There is no agenda, because this confer- ence is yours,’” says O’Malley, “‘and you, as people from divided cities, have a far better idea of what you should be talking about to each other than I do. This con- ference is yours, not ours. We are here to serve you, not to impose on you.’”

The conference will end with a public panel discussion on Thurs- day, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at UMass Boston’s Campus Center, titled “Divided Cities: Common and Uncommon.”

The conference is being cre- ated through a partnership with the American Ireland Fund, with sponsorship from Robert and JoAnn Bentonson, the Connors Family Fund, the Doubletree Hotel Bayside, the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts Uni- versity, the John Joseph Moakley Archive and Institute at Suffolk University, the Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences at UMass Boston, the University of Massachusetts system, the University of Mas- sachusetts Boston, the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and the William Monroe Trotter Institute at UMass Boston.
The new Web portal streamlines everything from learning about the campus to finding out how to transfer credits.

Another part of the grant is the development of a Web portal for transfer students. Currently being created by a team in the Web Services Division of Information Technology, the portal will include content on admissions and financial aid, as well as academic highlights, profiles of students, and information on campus activities and events. Web designer Lisa Link said the portal is designed to be light and uncluttered, with a focus on content so students can easily find what they need. Link said the portal will also feature a modular design with Web 2.0 capabilities and will serve as a pilot for mobile Web design that users can access by cell phone.

Additionally, former vice president for academic services Patricia Davidson has returned post-retirement to work with faculty from both UMass Boston and the community colleges to better align courses at each. Staff members from Institutional Research are observing men’s and women’s retention rates, such as the pre-arrived at UMass Boston. With this comprehensive Title III project, campus administrators hope to increase not only enrollment, but retention and graduation rates for transfer students as well.

By Emily Sullivan
The correlation between sports programs and youth development has long been recognized in the United States, but in developing countries such as Senegal, the benefits of such programs are still being discovered. A group of educators from UMass Boston is helping that process along through the International Sports Programming Initiative, which recently received a $174,763 grant from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs.

This initiative is a collaborative effort between UMass Boston’s Center for African, Caribbean and Community Development (CACCD), and the Division of Athletics, Recreation and Special Projects under the direction of Professor Jamaari Davidson, chair of the Center for African, Caribbean and Community Studies Department and founding director of the CACCD, and Charlie Titus, vice chancellor of the Division of Athletics and Recreation, Special Projects and Programs. “I think it is an important partnership for UMass Boston. It has an international reach, which is exciting,” says Titus.

The initiative builds on the successful Youth, Education and Sports (YES) with Africa program, established in 1999 by UMass Boston. YES with Africa is a multietnic, coeducational sports and leadership development experience serving over 1,500 boys and girls in the West African countries of Senegal and Benin. The goal is to create an increased long-term capacity for helping boys and girls use sports as a tool for personal maturation, economic well-being, educational growth, and health.

“Building up an interest in youth development in the country helps lay the foundation for larger development,” explains Titus. But despite YES with Africa’s success, there have been several hurdles Kamara now hopes to clear: “We've usually had a limited amount of time to work on staff training and development in Senegal. This initiative will allow us to actually show them how we do things here.”

The initiative began with Kamara traveling to Senegal in December 2008 to work with key sports federation representatives, community groups, and athletics organizations to design future workshops. A delegation of six Senegalese trainers and educators then came to UMass Boston in February, taking part in workshops designed to enhance their skills in coaching, project organization and management, and mentoring. “It was exciting observing men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletics, and meeting with other public and private athletic and economic development institutions in the Greater Boston area, such as the Boston Celcits and the Kraft Group,” said Kamara.

As a result, the Senegalese deepened their understanding of sports and society in America and learned skills that will help them develop similar programs back home, which is the ultimate goal of the initiative. “We want to increase the capability for self-sustainability. Those kinds of things clearly will help them in terms of making the infrastructure stronger,” says Titus. As Kamara sums up: “The whole concept is training trainers to train other people.” It may be a mouthful, but the results should be quite clear once the project gets under way. This is really an investment in the future of Africa.”

UMass Boston Gets YouTube Channel

By Nanette L. Cormier
If only you could see Barack Obama’s 2006 commencement speech one more time, or the one by Tim Russert. Or maybe you want to research Governor Patrick’s latest visit to the Campus Center.

Now you can. These and dozens of other videos showcasing university life are now available at UMass Boston’s new YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/umassboston, which, unlike standard channels, is designed specifically for nonprofit institutions and doesn’t include advertisements.

Development of the channel was led by the IT Department’s Lisa Link while she was looking for a place on YouTube to post a video in honor of the school’s Scholars’ Program’s 25th anniversary (an interview by current Scholars with program cofounder Charlie Desmond). After finding a number of unconnected UMass Boston videos but no cohesive home for them, Link, a Web designer, contacted Google as a generous peer at the University of California, Berkeley, who together helped UMass Boston secure its “enhanced,” ad-free channel.

University Advancement also collaborated with IT on the effort. “Our job as fundraisers rests on our ability to show the stories that make up UMass Boston’s mission,” said Vice Chancellor Darrell C. Byers. He believes that as these stories reach alumni, donors, friends, and the wider public, it potentially motivates them to make gifts to the campus.

To suggest a video posting, contact Director of Communications DeWayne Lehman at 7-5302 or Lisa Link at 7-5301.
By Danielle Shuckra

How do oil-drilling rigs affect ocean life? What are the consequences of climate change on polar bear habitats?

Those are questions that Professor of Biology Michael Rex hopes to help answer, both in his research and through his service to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), a division of the Department of the Interior which is charged with finding ways to develop offshore natural resources—chiefly oil and deep-sea minerals—in an environmentally safe manner.

Appointed by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt in 2001, Rex was reappointed two more times, serving for eight years before stepping down last fall due to term limits. All through this time, Rex, who has now been with the Biology Department for 37 years, continued his teaching and research, which focuses on patterns of biodiversity of deep-sea communities and how it varies with depth (for which he received the Chancellor’s Distinguished Scholarship Award in 2002), and publishing extensively, including in the journals Science, Nature, and Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Last fall, Rex received a prestigious award from the MMS to honor his hard work and length of service—six years longer, in fact, than the typical MMS appointee. Rex, who continues to serve on the MMS’s Deepwater Subcommission on Marine Biodiversity, values time on the main committee, and says he believes in the vital role the committee plays to protect the environment.

“Since I have been involved with MMS, they have funded around 100 environmental studies to better safeguard the marine environment,” said Rex. The studies, he explained, vary from analysis of seafloor life in the Gulf of Mexico to the conservation of deep-sea coral reefs. Socioeconomic studies also are conducted to determine the effects of the oil industry on coastal towns, and examine the impact of offshore oil production on marine life which native populations in Alaska depend on for survival.

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cassant for a conference, titled “Hy-brid Material Culture: The Archaeol-ogy of Syncretism and Ethnogenesis,” held at the Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University in late March.

Professor of Sociology Samak Mo-vakeli was one of four invited speakers for a national conference, “Sex and PSYCH,” organized by the New York Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies and was an invited speaker at the Paul Rosaze Group on the History of Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis at Harvard University.

In March, Donna Friedman and Jon Cohen facilitated a co-analysis process last week as part of academic consultation and support CSP is providing to a non-profit leadership development program in Israel.

Assistant Professor of Biology Alexey Veraksa and graduate student Marla Tipping participated in the 30th An-nual Eastern Gold Medal Student Research show, held in Chicago from March 4 through 6. Veraksa organized a workshop on drophilia proteomics at the meeting and gave a talk on his research in this area, while Tipping presented a poster on her research related to the signaling functions of beta-arrestin protein in the fly.

Maurice T. Cunningham, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, was invited to take part in a new “No Contest,” an inquiry into why so few individuals challenge incum-bents in Massachusetts and what can be done about it. The panel was hosted by Masdoc at the UMass Club on March 12.

Assistant Professor of Public Policy Heather MacIndoe organized a panel on “New Roles for Urban Nonprof-its” at the Urban Affairs Association conference in Chicago on March 7. She will also present her paper, “Exploring the Mobilization: Public Policy Initia-tives of Nonprofit Member Associ-a-tions,” co-authored with public policy Ph.D student Sarah Hogue.

PUBLICATIONS

Associate Professor Eben Wotzman of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution contributed to a report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) titled “Americans Speak on Health Re-frame: Report on Health Care Community Discussions.” The report summarizes comments from Amer-i-cans who hosted and participated in Health Care Community Discussions across the country.

Associate Professor Darren Kew of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution presented his forthcoming chapter on civil society roles in peace-building in the Niger Delta at the International Studies Association con-ference, held in New York City in late January. The paper appears in a forthcoming volume on the role of civil society groups in peace-building, published by Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Lecturer Ivan Sascha Sheehan of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Reso-lution has contributed an article, “Has “War on Terror” Changed the Terrorist Threat? A Time Series Analysis,” to the July edi-tion of the journal on Conflicts and Terrorism.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Reif Youngren recently co-authored the article “Identity Maintenance and Comparative Test Performance,” for the journal Social Research -Research Honors Program associate director Dick Clutter’s translation of Guili-lerno Fadanelli’s story “Questioning Samantha” has just been published in the anthology Best of Contemporary Mexican Prose, and is featured on the PEN American Center’s website along with a translator’s commentary. Cluster will join Fadanelli at a presenta-tion of the PEN World Voices Festival, to be held in New York April 27 through May 3. Also, Cluster’s article “The Ven-acular Dialogue and the Discourse of Sexes,” Tipping on Latin America and Beyond, the Winter 2009 issue of VexReVis, published by Harvard University’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies.


Professor of Philosophy Jennifer Radden has had a volume of her col-llected papers, titled People and Mind: Essays on Melancholy and Depression, published by Oxford University Press.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs Christian Weller recently co-authored a column, titled “The Mirage of Hispanic Job Pro-motion,” for Benefits and Compensation Digest, the jour-nal of the International Founda-tion of Employee Benefit Plans.

Assistant Professor of Political Science Jalal Alamigir recently published three op-ed articles, in OpenDemocracy, the National and Global Post, on U.S. foreign policy and democratic stabil-ity in Bangladesh.

Associate Professors of Sociology Stephanie Hartwell and Xiaogang Deng, along with Professor William Fisher of UMass Medical, recently co-authored an article, titled “The Impact of Regionalization on Reentry Service Outcomes,” for the journal Psychiatric Services.

Professor of English and CLA as-sociate dean Pamela Annas recently published two poems, “The Crunch of Leaves” in slicing and “June” in Ploughshares.

A paper by former CM student Christina Wurster, Assistant Profes-sor Benjamin B. Lichtenstein, and student Tasha Hobgood, titled “Improving the Efficiency of an IT System in a Large Hospital,” has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Healthcare Management.


Associate Professor of Econom-ics Jeremiah Cotter has had a number of initial acceptance letters for his work on Economic Volatility and Governance on the Norwegian Shelf Regions,” in Deep-Sea Research.

Economics department chair Janis Kaplan published the article “The Invention of the Novel: A Study of Competition, and the Transnational Corporation” in Competition and Change. She will also present her paper, “Reform, Reinvestment and Integration: The Pharmacueti-cal Industry” at the Conference on Offshoring and Outsourcing: The Organizational and Geographic Relocation of High-Value Functions in April in Milan, Italy.

Associate Professor of Economics Marcia Kim contributed an article, “Women of Color and Double Dis-crimination,” to the September 2008 issue of American Prospect.


Aduna presented a draft of a paper, titled “Trade Liberalization Lift Farmers Out of Poverty?” at the Eastern Economic Association (EEA’s) annual meeting in March. Aduna will also present a paper, “Transforming Education: U.S. Multinational Firms” in Milan, Italy, in April.

Professor Mary Stevensson has recently co-authored an urban policy textbook, The Urban Experience: Economics, Society, and Public Policy, published by Oxford Uni-versity Press.

Professor of Economics David Tekla contributed an entry on the fishing industry to the International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. He was also recently appointed to the Ocean Science Advisory Committee, which is charged with assisting in the development of the first ocean management plan for Massachusetts.

A book coauthored by Professor Psychology Jean Rhodes, titled Becoming Manny: Inside the Life of Baseball’s Most Egregious Slugger, has been published by Scribner.

Assistant Professors of Psychology Zsuzsa Kaldy and Erik Blaser re-cently published the article “How to Compare Apples and Oranges: Infants’ Object Identification Tested with Equally Salient Shape, Lumi-nosity, or Location Changes” in the journal Infant.

Professor of History Michael Cheson gave a talk Febrary 25 for Black History Month at the Trotter Insti-tute Forum in the Campus Center Ballroom on Toni Morrison’s recent novel “Sula” and Morrison’s “The Chariot and the Challenge of American Slavery.” Chesnon was also invited speaker at the Hingham Historical Society’s annual dinner on March 16 at which she spoke on the question “Was Abraham Lincoln a Christian?” He also spoke for the Medford His-toric Society at the West Medford Community Center on March 20 on African-American Soldiers in the Civil War, in connection with the Society’s new exhibit “On the Side of People: Faces of the Civil War,” for which he wrote the captions and source documentation of fifty images. On April 5, Chesnon participated in Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick, Georgia, on the Battle of Bull’s Bluff.

Associate Professor Lorna Rivera of the College of Public and Com-munity Service published two essays, “Mobilizing the Voter” and “Landscaping Academe” in the book Empowering Women Through Literacy: Views from Experience, published by Information Age in March.

Assistant Professor of English Cheryl Nixon’s book Novel Definitions: An Anthology of Commentary on the Novel, 1689-1815 has been published by Broadview Press. The book collects eighteenth-cen-tury criticism of the novel, captur-ing the critical debates surround-ing the invention of the novel.

Graduate College of Education lec-turer Laron Lao-Wong contributed a paper, titled “Racial-Ethnic Identity and Asian American Studies,” accepted for publication in the Journal of Negro Education.


The Institute for Community Inclu-sion at Boston College (ICP) (NSIP) was the subject of a Huffington Post article on March 16. The piece described how many volunteer programs have been made accessible through NSIP’s guidance.

Susan Foley, Bonnie O’Day, Heike Boelting, and John Butterworth, along with co-authors, recently published two articles in IMPACT Journal in an issue focused on women with intellectual disabilities.

Professor of Sociology Russell Schutt and colleagues have two new articles out, in Women & Health and The Journal of Policy History Journal. Additionally, the sixth edi-tion of his Investigating the Social World and the second edition of his coedited text The Practice of Black Research in Social Work are due out in 2009.


EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

Associate Professor of Music Mary Oleszewski will appear on classical 8-keyed flute with the Handel & Haydn Society on Friday, April 24 and on Sunday, April 26, at Sym-phony Hall in Boston in the program “A Musical Portrait of Sir Roger Norrington.” Works will include Symphony No. 99, Sinfonia da Requiem, English Songs, and Sym-phony No. 92 “Ouessant,” which also performed on modern flute in J.S. Bach’s St. Matthew Passion at Mechanics’ Hall in Worcester on March 7. She also performed a recital of 18th-century solo chamber music on Baroque flute at Providence Col-lege on February 27.

Professor of Music Jon Mitchell conducted the Stara Zagora State Opera Orchestra and Chorus in a performance of Verdi’s “Amons” No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125, by Ludwig van Beethoven at the State Opera House in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, on March 19.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Over a five-month period ending in March, Associate Professor Darren Kew of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution completed a re-view of UN/Nigeria’s Lead State Strategic, which channels greater aid to Nigerian states that show greater commitment to reform. He will travel to Nigeria in April to attend a National Institute of Psychology (INP) conference on the development of its democracy support strategy.

Arthur Eisenkraft, Distinguished Professor of Science Education and Director of the Center of Science and Math in Context (COSCIM), assisted Mexican in their preparation for the International Physics Olympiad. He will also assist during the annual competition in July, for which 85 countries will send their top five high school students and two delegation leaders to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.
Assistant Professor of Economics Randy Albelda, in collaboration with the Center for Social Policy and the Washington D.C. think tank Brookings Institution and Policy Research, completed a multiyear project examining the combination of earnings and public work supports that families receive and their ability to make ends meet in Massachusetts and nine other states. She coauthored two reports from this project: “A Picture of How Work Supports Work in Ten States and Bridging the Gaps Between Earnings and Basic Needs in Massachusetts” and “Assistance in S. cerevisiae:ing Functional Genomics to Define tant Professor.”

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

UMass Lowell chancellor Marty Meehan has appointed Padraig O’Malley, the John Joseph Moulay Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormick Graduate School of Policy Studies, as the 2009 Gleeley Scholar for Peace Studies. As the Gleeley Scholar, O’Malley will participate in CoPALS, a program by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Massachusetts, in recognition of his work. O’Malley’s mission is designed to strengthen the basic leadership skills among emerging community leaders and activists in the greater Boston area.

EOOS associate professor Robert Bowen has been appointed as a member of the Plymouth Marine Laboratory Science Advisory Council (PACSI). Plymouth Marine Laboratory is the primary marine research facility in the United Kingdom.

EVENTS

The Center for Women in Policy and Public Affairs partnered with the National Archives to hold a public forum featuring, “’Big Strides, Diverse Women: Women’s Journeys to Political Leadership’” written by Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center, the historical context in her introductory remarks.

In the NEWS

An op-ed by Fatemeh Hajighahrigostar, “Exploding US Talks with Iran,” was published in the March 12 Boston Globe. Hajighahrigostar is a Visiting Scholar at the McCormick Graduate School for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

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Wednesday 8
6th Annual Social Theory Forum
8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., McCormack Hall, various locations. Also Thurs., April 9, from 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Presented by the Department of Sociology. More information at jorge.cappeloni@umb.edu.

Reading
4 p.m., Harbor Gallery. Reading by Elizabeth McCracken, author of *An Exact Replica* of a Fragment of My Imagination, *The Giamt’s House*, Niagara Falls All Over Again, *Here’s How Your Hair What’s Your Hair*. Part of the MFA in Creative Writing Program’s Global Voices Reading Series.

Saturday 11
Bilingual Poetry Reading
3 p.m., Jamaicaway Books, Jamaica Plain. Hispanic Studies lecture Mark Schuler will be giving two bilingual readings with the Mexican poet David Huerta in celebration of Schuler’s new anthol-

Wednesday 15
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Master Class
6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Campus Center, third floor, Ballroom A. Lawrence K. Fish, former chairman and CEO of Citizens Financial Group, will be discussing the present and future of banking, nationally and interna-

Thursday 16
Lecture
3 p.m., Healey Library, 11th floor, Lounge. Christopher T. Matthews, visiting professor in Harvard’s Department of African and African American Studies, presents “The Archaeology of Captivity and Freedom in Early New York.” Spon- 

Thursday 23
Seminar
2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., Wheatley, fourth floor, Room 3540. Assistant Professor of Sociology Lomma Rivera discusses her research on adult literacy programs in Greater Boston. Organized by the Gaston Institute. More information at 7-5791.

Thursday 14
Gerontology Open House
11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Campus Center, third floor, Ballroom A. Lawrence K. Fish, former chairman and CEO of Citizens Financial Group, will be discussing the present and future of banking, nationally and interna-

Friday 14
Lecture

Friday 24
Symposium
9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., McCormack Building, third floor, Ryan Lounge and McCormack Conference Room. Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. “Older Workers and Social Policy in the 21st Century: International, National and Regional Perspectives.” Sponsored by the Gerontology Institute at McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

Thursday 28
Lecture
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom. Annual Robert C. Wood Professorship Lecture, featuring Barbara J. Nelson, Profes-

Wednesday 12
Celebration
Noon – 5 p.m., Campus Center. “Hidden Treasure: Celebrating the Annual Non-Tenure Track Faculty.” Hosted by CLA’s Non-

Tuesday 22
Open house sponsored by the ger-
ontology undergraduate program in conjunction with Carriers in Aging Week. Come learn about the gerontology programs including the

Monday 13
Poetry Reading
11 a.m., Campus Center Book-

Tuesday 23
Speaker: Empowering Literacies
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, conference room 3345. Associate Professor of Sociology Lomma Rivera discusses her research on adult literacy programs in Greater Boston. Organized by the Gaston Institute. More information at 7-5791.

Friday 3
Lecture
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, room 1313. Professor Gary Horflick of the University of Pennsylvania presents “The Internal Sense in the Medievals and in Doncuss.” Sponsored by the Philosophy Department.

Saturday 4
Welcome Day
8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., campuswide. Welcome day for accepted students, featuring tours, information booths, and workshops. Volunteer at www.umb.edu/welcome.

Monday 6
Nobelist Speech
9 a.m. – Noon, Campus Center, third floor, Ballroom. Appearance and speech by Indian rights activist, 1992 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and UNESCO Goodwill Ambas-

Thursday 7
Lecture

Wednesday 16
New Faculty Seminar
4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Campus Center, conference room 3345. Assistant Professor of Biology Katherine Gibson presents “A Novel Bacterial Regulator of Cell Cycle Progression and Chronic Host Colonization.” More information at 7-5727.

Panel Discussion
7:30 p.m., Campus Center Ball-


Telephoneconference
1:30 p.m., Wheatley, third floor, Room 3540. Venture Development Center. Video interview with Haitian-born author Edhied Dantan, author of *Breath, Eyes, Memory*, moder-

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Governo Desal Patrick held a press conference at the Campus Center on March 24, at which he announced that $16.2 million in federal stimulus funds will go to public colleges in Massachusetts. His speech is one of many videos on UMass Boston’s new YouTube Channel (story, page 4). (Photo by Harry Brett)

Meanwhile, in March, football great Doug Flutie went long for Urban Scholars (story, page 3), and Camp Shriver campers returned to UMass Boston for a cold-weather reunion (page 2), taking a quick dip in the pool and looking back on, and forward to, summer fun and friendship on Columba Point. (Photos by Harry Brett)