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NERCHE supports administrators, faculty, and staff across the region in becoming more effective practitioners and leaders as they navigate the complexities of institutional innovation and change.

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NERCHE Updates is a bimonthly electronic newsletter for the UMass Boston community to inform you about recent events and activities. We welcome your feedback.

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NERCHE announces recipient of 2007 Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement

Lorlene Hoyt, Assistant Professor of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT, has been selected as this year's Ernest A. Lynton Award recipient. NERCHE also instituted a new award category this year, the *Citation for Distinguished Engaged Scholarship*, which went to two engaged scholars: **Pennie Foster-Fishman**, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Community-Ecological Psychology Program at Michigan State University and University Outreach and Engagement Senior Fellow; and **Irma Ramirez**, Assistant Professor, Architecture Department of the School of Environmental Design, California State Polytechnic University.

For a description of the recipients and their work, please visit the [Lynton Award page of NERCHE's website](#).

NERCHE Accepting Nominations for 2007-2008 Think Tanks

One of NERCHE's hallmarks is its Think Tanks for faculty and administrators from New England colleges and universities. Think Tanks meet five times a year for intense discussion around the most pressing issues facing higher education. Each of the six NERCHE Think Tanks is currently accepting nominations for membership for the 2007-2008 academic year. To nominate a member for one of the six Think Tanks, please [complete a nomination form](#) and submit it to NERCHE.

For more information, please visit the [Think Tank page of NERCHE's website](#)

NERCHE hosts Annual Spring Colloquium

On June 19, 2007, NERCHE hosted an evening of dinner and dialogue with Dr. Jon Wergin, author of the newly released *Leadership in Place: How Academic*

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Professionals Can Find Their Leadership Voice (Jossey-Bass, April 2007), at the Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center in Shrewsbury, MA. The Colloquium offered an important opportunity for participants to think and talk together about how faculty and other academic professionals can have a greater impact on their own institutions. Thirty-five participants were in attendance; the audience comprised current and past Think Tank members, administrators, faculty, practitioners, scholars, policymakers and graduate students in higher education from across New England.

[Click here to learn more about the Annual Colloquium](#)

NERCHE convenes Senior Associates/Advisory Board meeting

On May 21, 2007, NERCHE convened a meeting of its Senior Associates, regional and national leaders in higher education, to help reflect on NERCHE's current practice, develop strategies for change, and lay out future areas of focus. Senior Associates function as an ad hoc advisory board to the Center, offering an array of expertise, experience, and interests that can be employed to help NERCHE assess current directions and set future ones.

[Click here for a list of NERCHE's Senior Associates](#)

NERCHE holds Meta-Think Tank Meeting

On May 7, 2007, NERCHE brought together a group of longstanding Think Tank participants for a "Meta-Think Tank" meeting at the UMass Collaborative Services Center in Shrewsbury, MA. Grounded in a review of the original intent of NERCHE's Think Tanks and a summary of their current status, the goals of the Meta-Think Tank were to: (1) discuss what is working well with the Think Tanks as well as potential modifications to existing practice; and (2) consider alternative and/or complementary models for change. The meeting was facilitated by Glenn Gabbard, NERCHE's Associate Director.

[Click here to learn more about NERCHE's Think Tanks](#)

April Leadership Speaker Series with Rev. Mark Cregan

As part of NERCHE's ongoing Leadership Speaker Series, Rev. Mark Cregan, President of Stonehill College, led a presentation and discussion on "Sustaining the Mission: Leading Change" on Friday, April 20, 2007, at UMass Boston. Sponsored by NERCHE on behalf of the doctoral program in higher education administration at UMass Boston, the Speaker Series is an opportunity for doctoral program students, alumni, and faculty to meet in an informal environment with state, regional, and national leaders, acknowledged for their vision and ability to make substantive change in higher education.

Dana Mohler-Faria, President of Bridgewater State College, will lead the next Leadership Speaker event on Friday, October 26, 2007.

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