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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 presents Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement

On October 21, 2007 NERCHE presented the Ernest A. Lynton Award for the Scholarship of Engagement to Lorlene Hoyt from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Citations for Distinguished Engaged Scholarship went to Pennie Foster-Fishman from Michigan State University and Irma Ramirez from California State Polytechnic University. [Read more about the Lynton Award...](#)

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Project Compass hosts Learning Community Meeting

On November 5 and 6, 2007 NERCHE held the first of two Project Compass Learning Community meetings at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Worcester, MA. Funded by the Nellie Mae Education Foundation and administered by NERCHE, Project Compass is a multi-year regional initiative to help more underrepresented students succeed in and graduate from public four-year institutions of higher education in New England. Six institutions—Bridgewater State College, Eastern Connecticut State University, Lyndon State College, University of Maine at Presque Isle, University of Massachusetts Boston, and Western Connecticut State University—were awarded planning year grants to prepare proposals for four years of implementation funding from the Foundation.

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NERCHE to host Open House and student art display

On February 1, 2008, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. NERCHE invites the UMass Boston community to join us for an open house featuring a display of

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undergraduate student art at our new offices in the Graduate College of Education. The event will take place in NERCHE's Conference Room & Library (Wheatley, 01-77U). Details will follow.

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Invitational Colloquium on "Democracy and Higher Education: The Future of Engagement"

NERCHE and the Kettering Foundation are collaborating to host an Invitational Colloquium of 25 academic and community leaders focused on the theme of *Democracy and Higher Education: The Future of Engagement*. The Colloquium will take place at the Kettering Foundation in Dayton, Ohio, February 26-27, 2008. NERCHE received a grant from the Spencer Foundation to support this project. [Read more...](#)

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Evaluation of the Community College Transfer Initiative

NERCHE is partnering with Brandeis University's Center for Youth and Communities at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, on a five-year project funded by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to evaluate the *Community College Transfer Initiative: Improving Access for Community College Transfers to Selective Four-Year Schools* (CCTI). [Read more...](#)

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NERCHE Think Tanks: Call for Nominations

NERCHE is accepting nominations for membership in its Think Tanks for administrators in New England for the 2008-2009 academic year. Since 1988, NERCHE has convened Think Tanks for administrators and faculty representing the diversity of colleges and universities in New England. The Think Tanks embody the essence of NERCHE's work—collaboration, diversity, and scholarship rooted in practice. Participants are nominated and selected because of their reputations for leadership, creativity, and interest in establishing collegial networks beyond their institutions. The Think Tanks serve not only as a venue for exchanging information and resources, but also as a forum for translating theory into practice as members draw policy implications from their discussions. [Read more about NERCHE's Think Tanks...](#)

To nominate a member for one of the Think Tanks, please [complete an online nomination form](#).

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NERCHE's Leadership Speakers Series begins its second year

Now in its second year, the Leadership Speakers Series is sponsored by NERCHE on behalf of the doctoral program in higher education administration at UMass Boston. The Series is an opportunity for UMass Boston 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.

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Publications

- Rhonda M. Gabovitch, Dean of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment, Bristol Community College, reviews *Student Success in College: Creating Conditions that Matter* by George D. Kuh, Jillian Kinzie, John H. Schuh, Elizabeth J. Whitt, and Associates.
- In Spring 2007, an interview with 2006 Lynton Award recipients Glynda Hull, Julia Lupton, and Kate O'Donnell entitled "Scholarly Engagement: An Interview with the Recipients of the 2006 Ernest Lynton Faculty Award for Professional Service and Academic Outreach" was published in *Metropolitan Universities*, Volume 18, Issue 2.

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NERCHE Notes

- John Saltmarsh, Director of NERCHE, has joined the board of The Democracy Imperative (TDI) a **new** national network of multidisciplinary scholars, campus leaders, and civic leaders in the fields of democracy building, public dialogue and deliberation, and social change with the goal of improving public life and advance deliberative democracy in and through higher education. John attended the first meeting of The Democracy Imperative June 3-6, 2007 at the University of New Hampshire.
- John Saltmarsh presented a faculty development workshop on "Civic Engagement through Community-Based Teaching and Learning" at Endicott College in Beverly, MA on September 30, 2007.
- John Saltmarsh gave two talks on "An Integrated Model for Advancing the Scholarship of Engagement: Creating Academic Homes for the Engaged Scholar" at the Miami University of Ohio on September 11, 2007.
- John Saltmarsh represented NERCHE in a meeting of the Higher Education Network for Civic Engagement (HENCE) held at the Wingspread Conference Center in Racine Wisconsin on September 14-16, 2007.
- John Saltmarsh was recently appointed as a Senior Scholar with the Center for Excellence in Curricular Engagement at the North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He serves on the Advisory Board of the Center and visited the Center on September 17-18, 2007.
- John Saltmarsh presented a workshop on Service-Learning at the University of Connecticut Service Learning Forum, September 21, 2007, in Hartford, Connecticut.
- John Saltmarsh was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement (IARSLCE) and attended the annual conference of the Association in Tampa, Florida on October 5-8, 2007.
- John Saltmarsh delivered a keynote address on "The Civically Engaged Institution: Contributing to a Larger Community" at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) Core Commitments Fall Symposium, October 17-18, 2007, in Denver, Colorado. The theme of the symposium was "Education for Personal and Social Responsibility: Building Collective Institutional Commitment." John also serves on the Board of Advisors for the Core Commitments project.
- John Saltmarsh presented a workshop on "Designing Institutional Structures for Campus-Wide Integration of Civic Learning" at the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) Network for Academic Renewal Conference in Denver, Colorado on October 19, 2007.

The Theme of the conference was "Civic Learning at the Intersections: U.S. Diversity, Global Education, and Democracy's Unfinished Work."

- John Saltmarsh presented a session on "Institutionalizing Civic Engagement" at the Annual Conference of the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities, October 21, 2007, in Baltimore, Maryland.

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