Mapping the Present and Future of Dorchester’s Business Sector:
UMass Boston Creates Visual Analysis of a Dynamic Community

By Ed Hayward

Nearly 350 businesses opened their doors in Dorchester during the first six months of 2006, adding to a dynamic neighborhood commercial sector that boasts nearly 3,000 businesses, according to the results of a UMass Boston analysis that uses the latest in geographic information systems (GIS) technology.

The findings are highlighted using the sophisticated mapping software programs and expertise provided by the university's GIS Core Research Facility, which prepared the analysis for the Dorchester Board of Trade through a partnership created by the Office of Community Relations.

“Lending the university’s technical assistance to the Dorchester Board of Trade marks a deepening of UMass Boston’s commitment to the community,” said Gail Hobin, assistant vice chancellor for community relations. “The mapping of Dorchester’s business community will help the Board of Trade reach more businesses in the neighborhood and enhance the ongoing planning efforts of the city and neighborhood groups.”

The project began nine months ago in order to help the 174-member Dorchester Board of Trade better understand the neighborhood’s commercial sector and launch new membership-building initiatives, said Mary Truong, president of the Board of Trade.

“Seeing is believing, and what I see through the GIS is a vibrant business sector that can get stronger when its participants are connected,” said Truong. “The GIS mapping results give us a number of important tools, but start by allowing people to see the business community as a whole, rather than just names on a list.”

Directed by Joan N. Gardner, the university’s GIS Core Research Facility was opened by the university’s chief academic officer earlier this year to make GIS resources available to scholars and staff working across all disciplines and areas of the university. The Dorchester mapping project produced the following results:

• A comprehensive snapshot of Dorchester’s dynamic business sector.
• Presented for the first time in a visual manner a range of publicly available business data.
• Enhanced the ongoing discussion about business development between the city and neighborhood businesses.
• Developed GIS images that

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CL: A Faculty Observes Nicaraguan Elections for Carter Center

By Leigh DuPuy

Fresh from monitoring the Nicaraguan elections on November 5, UMass Boston's Jack Spence thinks we have something to learn from that polling process. Still carrying his rolling suitcase from his trip, Spence arrived at his hometown polling center. It was dismayed by the lack of privacy in casting his vote, and clearly visible ballot. "It's not a secret ballot," he says. "It would not pass muster in Nicaragua." Spence, who is associate dean of the university's College of Liberal Arts, was invited by the Carter Center in Atlanta, Georgia, to join a fifty-person team to monitor elections in Nicaragua. The Carter Center, at the behest of the Nicaraguan government, has observed elections in that country since 1989 to promote free and fair elections.

Spence, an expert in elections, diplomacy, and conflict in Central America, has been traveling to Nicaragua for 16 years as part of the Hemisphere Initiatives, a Boston-based organization of which he is president.

His was one of 19 teams that fanned out across the country; he worked in rural areas and small cities near Boaco. "It is really cowboy territory," he describes, "a place where a lot of the civil war in the 1980s was fought." Cars, Spence recalls, while not wholly unusual, were far outnumbered in most areas by people riding horses, walking by foot, or riding the occasional bicycle to the polls.

"We drove around and looked at voting places within the small city and into the countryside," says Spence. "We observed the process and reported to the Carter Center on problems or complaints about voting." To vote in the election, citizens are required to present a personal identification card and then cast color-coded ballots on each of four races: president; a slate of candidates from their department for the national legislature; another slate of a "national list" of candidates for the legislature; and delegates to the Central American Parliament. Voting centers open at 7:00 a.m. and stay open until 6:00 p.m. Officials count ballots by hand and the process runs deep into the night.

"It's quite a formal process," says Spence. Two voting officials at each polling place (with some 400 voters per place) sign each color-coded ballot and instruct voters to fold each and place it in a cardboard box with a stripe of the corresponding color. The ballots for president include photographs and a logo of their party so that "illiterate voters can cast an intelligent ballot," he says. Spence is very impressed by the dedication and hard work of those who work the polls. "In a country roughly the size of the Boston metropolitan area, there are on average nine people working at each of the 11,500 polling places. "Each voting table has three electoral officials, four or five party-nominated poll watchers who observe from inside the polling place, and one electoral policeman," says Spence. He calculates that for roughly 3.3 million voters, there are 100,000 working for three days straight, not including the pre-training, on the electoral process.

"They sit at the polling place all day to make sure that the election is fair and that everyone is following procedure," says Spence. While the elections went smoothly, Spence did witness a verbal fight that broke out at a polling station. One party representative had accused another of handing the results out the window to get a quick count of the returns.

Spence has traveled to Nicaragua at least two dozen times since 1983 to observe the nation's war and peace process, politics, democracy, and elections. He is impressed by the Carter delegation, from its training sessions, where "they prepared you on everything from how to wash your hands to what to do in case of an ambush," to its organization of a sophisticated group of participants, 40 percent of whom were not from the United States.

Spence even ran into two former UMass Boston students of his, Dennis Young, for whom Spence provided a recommendation to observe elections for the Carter Center, and Pablo Galarce ‘96, whom he met by accident in Managua. Galarce is now regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean for a nonprofit named IFES. "It was quite a pleasure to meet them both," says Spence.

Spence and his counterparts filled out reports and summaries on each polling center they visited, and their observations will be included in a larger report to be issued by the Carter Center.

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University Community Honors Beacons Basketball Champions

By Athletics Communications

On December 2, the university community showed its support for one of the Athletic Department’s proudest moments as last year’s men’s basketball team was honored for winning its first-ever Little East Conference championship.

More than 1,200 UMass Boston fans turned out for the women’s and men’s basketball games, as well as men’s ice hockey game at the Clark Athletic Center. The gym was rocking with an electric crowd, armed with complimentary thunderstick and mini-mega-phones to voice their support for the home team.

The day began with a thrilling 93-86 overtime victory over East Connecticut State University by the women’s basketball team. The women’s team had not beat

on the Warriors in over 12 years. The good feelings continued when a crowd of over 700 looked on as Chancellor Michael Collins presented each member of last year’s men’s championship team with commemorative rings.

The chancellor was also presented with a ring by the team’s captains in appreciation of his support throughout last season. He addressed those in attendance prior to the ceremony, noting the great accomplishments of the team and praising the support the athletics teams received. He also remarked on how good it felt to dance on the basketball court following last year’s memorable win over Keene State University, which vaulted the Beacons into the NCAA tournament for the first time in 23 years.

There was more revelry at halftime of the men’s basketball game as four contestants, the top competitors in a week-long “pop-shot” tournament held in the Campus Center, participated in a shoot-out for prizes. Each contestant was charged with scoring as many points as they could in a 30-second time frame while the Mission Impossible theme played in the background. UMass Boston student and men’s soccer team member Henry Marin was the top shooter and was awarded an authentic UMass Boston men’s basketball warm-up suit.

The Beacons trailed for most of the second half, but fueled by its “sixth man” and with the crowd behind them, they regained the lead with just over five minutes to play. Despite their tenacious play, they were not able to hang on for the win.

Scenes from Beacons basketball and the ring ceremony for the 2006 Little East Conference champions. (Photos by Harry Brett)

Boston State College Friends Celebrate History at Reunion

By Tom Davis

On November 2, a dynamic community of educators, learners, and achievers celebrated Boston State College (BSC)’s storied tradition at a reunion reception, held at the UMass Club and hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations and the 2006-2007 Boston State College Steering Committee.

“Boston State College is an integral part of UMass Boston’s spirit and history of excellence,” said Darrell Byers, vice chancellor for university advancement. “It’s such a pleasure to get to know BSC alumni and hear their favorite memories of a place that meant so much to them in achieving their goals.”

More than 180 alumni, faculty, and staff from BSC programs such as nursing, education, law enforcement, and athletics attended.

“The wonderful present and the great future of the University of Massachusetts Boston would not be possible without the extraordinary foundation that is Boston State College. You have given all of us who are the keepers of your legacy so much of which we can be proud,” said Deputy Chancellor Drew O’Brien.

Some of the attendees included Peter J. Berlands ’69, Bingham Consulting; Susan Davis ’83 and current UMass Boston staff; Lorainne Downey ’74; former BSC faculty Joan and John Moon, Carol C. Remick, and Edward A. Zaleskas ’53; the Honorable Anne M. (Looney) Paulsen ’61; Daniel J. Rome ’70, CRS 4; professor Carol C. Remick BSC faculty; and MacDaniel “Mac” Singleton, former BSC athletics coach.

“It is still fun to work with the young, the old, the interested and interesting. Many view this experience and education as a passport to a successful future,” said Jack Looney, a 13-year faculty member at Boston State College, a 25-year UMass Boston faculty member, and a graduate of BSC in 1960, who welcomed many former students at the event.

In celebration of the 25th anniversary of the merger of the two schools, UMass Boston will be hosting a second reunion gala reception on January 24 in the campus center ballroom that will include the screening of a tribute video to Boston State College that features alumni, faculty, and staff. The Boston State College Steering Committee is also planning a third spring event.

A new Boston State website (wwwUMB.edu/bsc/) was launched in the beginning of November that features a story board on which Boston State alumni, faculty, and staff can share their most memorable moments spent at the college.

UMass Confucius Institute Established at UMass Boston

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needed assistance to the Massachusetts business community exploring potential opportunities in China. Massachusetts is also taking a leadership role in Chinese-language instruction in its public schools. These strong ties to Chinese institutions, culture, and language will support a vibrant UMass Confucius Institute located at UMass Boston.

Chancellor Collins also thanked Kathleen Teehan, vice chancellor for enrollment management, and Dirk Messella, dean of the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, for their key contributions in pursuing the opportunity to bring the Confucius Institute to the UMass Boston campus.

In May, University of Massachusetts President Jack M. Wilson signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Tsinghua University in China. In late September, President Wilson led a delegation to China to meet with senior Chinese officials, and political and business leaders on a range of issues.

“This new partnership that we recognize today is an extension of the university’s long-standing effort to facilitate educational and cultural exchanges throughout the world. Clearly, in an increasingly interconnected world, it is essential that we prepare our students to compete successfully in the global marketplace,” said President Wilson.

UMass Boston, which will integrate the University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute with the China Program Center in the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, has signed cooperative agreements with 11 Chinese academic partners in recent years to promote academic exchanges, foreign-study opportunities, and management training.

The institute’s focus on language-educator training will serve a unique need for teachers in Massachusetts, which has more Mandarin courses in its public and private schools (55) than does any other state in the United States—nearly 20 percent of all K-12 Mandarin courses in the country. Collaborating with the Chinese Language Association of Secondary and Elementary Schools and the Massachusetts Department of Education, the University of Massachusetts Confucius Institute located at UMass Boston will develop a Mandarin teacher licensure program that incorporates best practices from China and the United States.

The campuses of the UMass system are engaged in a range of research and training programs focused on Chinese-language and culture. The UMass Amherst campus offers a Chinese-language teacher-preparation program. UMass Lowell education professor David Lustick has conducted research into early learning at dual-language schools for the U.S. China Center for Education and Excellence. UMass Dartmouth history professor Linson Chen is editing a four-volume encyclopedia of China.
By Leigh DuPuy

UMass Boston's Jan Mutchler is examining a significant barrier for aging minorities in accessing health care: a critical lack of trust in their physicians. She is leading a study to explore whether trust influences cancer screening. Specifically, her research team will evaluate whether African American breast cancer survivors' report of follow-up care and screening is influenced by their levels of trust in their physicians and the medical system. Her work is part of an exciting new collaborative center that focuses on improving the health of older adults.

Mutchler is one of three principal investigators for the new Rosalie Wolf Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center, jointly established by UMass Boston and the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS). With colleagues Jerry Gurwitz and Kathleen Miller, Mutchler will advance research in areas of aging and improve the health of older adults. The center is funded by a $200,000 grant from the John A. Hartford Foundation in association with UMass Boston's Jan Mutchler, a co-principal investigator for the new Rosalie Wolf Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center, is launching a new study on how trust influences cancer screenings in older minorities. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Jan Mutchler, a co-principal investigator for the new Rosalie Wolf Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center, is initiating research in understanding business development planning. The RAND Corporation.

“Interdisciplinary research is key in evaluating and improving health care. If we are looking at care settings, quality of care, and communications, we need both a medical and social science perspective. Interdisciplinary research is key in evaluating medicine and health care,” she says of the first formal collaboration between UMass Boston’s Gerontology Institute and UMMS’s Graduate School of Nursing and School of Medicine’s Division of Geriatric Medicine. “It’s great to have partnerships with researchers who are tuned in to these critical issues in health care.”

In Mutchler’s first pilot study for the center, she will work with colleagues to launch cutting-edge research on how issues of trust affect the health care of older people.

“Older minority populations have less trust in their physicians and it is a significant barrier to receiving quality care,” she said. It is not her first foray into questions of trust and medicine. Mutchler is professor of gerontology and associate director of social and demographic research at the Gerontology Institute and studies race and ethnicity, disability, self-described health, and the social demography of aging populations. She recently completed a study with a National Institute of Aging grant with UMass Boston colleague Gonzalo Bacigalupi that led to startling results.

The study examined the barriers older Latinos face in accessing and using medications. “We conducted focus groups and interviews to discuss possible obstacles in using medications,” says Mutchler. “I thought we would find that language barriers impacted their interactions with the pharmacists and thus affected their medication use. Instead, we found that their relationships with their physicians was the larger factor.”

If they trusted their physicians, they were able to overcome language barriers and felt that they were receiving quality health care, which affected their medication use. “It was really exciting to uncover this,” says Mutchler.

The pilot study is just one of many that will be a part of the new center, which is composed of faculty from a multitude of disciplines, including geriatric medicine, gerontological or social gerontology, economics, family medicine, human development, preventive and behavioral health, psychology, social welfare, and sociology, and urban planning.

The center focuses on improving the quality of health care for seniors through research in three key areas: patient medication safety, chronic disease, and patient communication and health literacy. The center’s first seminar will be held as part of the Gerontology Department’s colloquium series on December 11 (see calendar).

Local Veterans Honored

On November 9, a group of students and alumni attended the annual Welcome Home Celebration dinner that honors returning UMass veterans and their families. The event was organized by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences. (From left to right) First row: Sean Lande, Amy Ay, Marcia Remken, Shae McCarthy, David Wong, and James Miller. Second row: Adam Tuzio, Danny Hernandez, Jenise Copeland, Becky Arevelo, Chancellor Michael Collins, Socrates Joseph, Jonathan DaCruz, Deena Cummings, Michael Mui, and Mark Baer. Third row: David Cozmang, Martha Kelly, Ron Harris, Karlann Barrett, Christopher Araga, Simon Budzisz, Peter MacDonald, and Patrick Doherty. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Gis Mapping (cont.)

By Leigh DuPuy

In November, the Performing Arts Department's Laura Schrader-Johnson and a cast of six made the 60-odd cast members send-up their own with six performances of The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged. The performances by UMass Boston students and alumni also garnered nominations for the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival XXXIX competition.

“The original production was an innovative, improvisational approach to Shakespeare,” says Schrader-Johnson, who is the technical director of theater arts. “The creators wanted to get people ‘fired up’ about Shakespeare, so they found a way to compress all 37 plays into 90 minutes of experimental, almost Saturday-Night-Live-type skits.”

Schrader-Johnson and her students expanded the original troupe of three to six and incorporated their own improvisation, music, special effects, and props into a production that included the actors telling the story of Hamlet in reverse and rapping about Othello’s struggles.

The cast included Amy Hanley, Eric Barriere, Laura Kain, Michael Franco, Paul Norton, and Stephanie Rogers. Some members of the stage crew were alumni returning to campus to participate on the production as volunteers, such as Laura Freitas, who was stage manager, and Laura Kain, who did the light design.

The performance was adjudicated by an American College Theater Festival representative, James Fallon, for possible nomination for the Irene Ryan Actor Scholarships, which take place at the regional festival every year.

“The adjudication was glowing—the best we’ve ever had,” says Schrader-Johnson. Two nominees, Hanley and Barriere, will represent UMass Boston at the festival in January, competing for national scholarships to study abroad, with Franco and Rogers selected as alternates.

The Performing Arts Department’s next production is How I Learned to Drive, a Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Paula Vogel that will be directed by senior Lauren Clarke. The play will run December 7 through 9 at 8 p.m., with special matinee performances on December 12 and 13 at 6:00 p.m. The department is also working on the production of an original play, to be directed by Robert Lubit in the spring in collaboration with the new Research Center for Urban Cultural History. Please call the Performing Arts Department at 617-287-5460 for more details.
Political Analyst Develops Framework for United Nations Group

By Leigh DuPuy

Jalal Alamgir likes to spend his summers applying his research to real-world problems. So when he found out about an opportunity to help the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA) increase the effectiveness of its projects, he applied and was selected to develop a general framework for evaluating the socio-political landscape of developing countries.

Alamgir, an assistant professor of political science who specializes in globalization and democratic politics, has been working on the project “Environmental Scanning and Analysis” for UNPFA since July 2006.

UNPFA seeks to reduce poverty and support sustainable development by helping countries analyze demographic trends, understand the link between population and development, and promote human rights and reproductive health, explains Alamgir.

The organization focuses specifically on the link between sustainable development and reproductive health and gender equality. “A lot of these projects involve some culturally and politically sensitive issues and they can provide big challenges to their work,” says Alamgir.

For example, he explains, the UNPFA has found that they are very successful in responding to problems technically, with their world-class expertise. If disease breaks out among refugees, they know how many doctors or what kind of medical kits they need and how to get the resources there quickly, he says. Unfortunately, sometimes programs and their desired outcomes can fall short of success due to unforeseen challenges that are not technical in nature.

“They may have the funds and the technological expertise to transform a potential crisis in health, explains Alamgir. “But they may not have the people on the ground to make the necessary social changes that are required.”

In addition, D’Arrigo, feels that working with a university partnership with a university is very important. “It’s important that we work closely with the university,” says D’Arrigo.

Chancellor Ellen O’Connor and Vice Chancellor Michael Collins.

By Leigh DuPuy

Frontline employees who helped transform a potential crisis in parking into a university success story were thanked at a Campus Center luncheon sponsored by Administration and Finance Vice Chancellor Ellen O’Connor and Chancellor Michael Collins.

The university administration permanently closed the garage in July 2006, a decision that was preceded by months of study and a final conviction that the decision could be delayed no further, said Chancellor Collins. “I knew that this group of people could pull it off,” he said to the 150 staff that attended the lunch. “I was quite confident of your commitment and willingness to extend yourself to make things happen. As a result, the university remained open and we could accommodate parking.”

Vice Chancellor Ellen O’Connor praised the work of the many staff members from the Parking and Transportation, Facilities, Public Safety, Customer Service Center, Campus Center, Information Technology, Instrumental Services, Central Reprographics, Athletics, and Communications areas.

“Thank you for all the great work that you do—it is your efforts that make this a wonderful place for people and you make it a better place for students.”

University Bake Sale Supports Community Servings

Jain Ruvidich-Higgins, Geoff Combs, and the Beacons men’s and women’s ice hockey teams with their coaches and Maura Crowell and Peter Belisle, partnered to raise $2,050 for Community Servings’ Pie in the Sky fundraisers. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

In the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, the Beacons men’s and women’s ice hockey teams sold 82 pies for the annual pie sale to benefit Community Servings, Boston’s only free, home-delivered meals program for individuals and families ill with life-threatening diseases.

The project, a partnership among the hockey teams, the Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach (OSLCO), and the Campus Center, helped to raise $2,050, enough money to feed a Community Servings client for more than a year.

Community Servings is an organization that delivers 3,175 lunches and 1,375 dinners every week. During their annual Pie in the Sky event, volunteers help to sell four different kinds of pies—apple, pecan, pumpkin, and sweet potato. More than 150 local restaurants and bakeries donated 13,000 pies for the drive.

“Our student athletes know how important it is to get out there and help out as much as we can,” said Maura Crowell, head coach for the women’s ice hockey team. She worked with men’s head coach Peter Belisle and OSLCO coordinator Jain Ruvidich-Higgins to find a project for the teams to get involved in.

Ruvidich-Higgins knew that students who adopted the project, said Ruvidich-Higgins. “I think they are looking at this as a model for future partnerships. Sales were great.”

Combs, director of the Campus Center, serves on the planning and implementation committee of the fundraiser, having worked with Pie in the Sky for a number of years. He arranged for UMass Boston to be one of 38 locations around the greater Boston area where people picked up their pies before Thanksgiving.

“One of the key projects is to raise thousands for persons with critical illnesses,” says Combs. “It’s such a great cause.”
**Presentations, Conferences, and Lectures**

**Jalal Alamgriz**, assistant professor of political science, presented the paper "The Continuity of a Secular Narrative at an Anti-Terrorism Conference" on US foreign policy and chaired the panel "Transnational Social Movements" at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting.

**CPCS Professor Luis Aponte-Parés** moderated the panel "Race and Place" at the 7th Biennial Meeting of the Puerto Rican Studies Association, held at Cornell University. The conference theme was "Speaking the Unspoken: Race and Institutions in Puerto Rican Experience."

**Jennifer Norins Bardon**, research coordinator at the Center for Social Development and Education, presented "Attitudes as a Barrier to the Full Inclusion of People with Intellectual Disabilities" at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Exposition.

Professor **Flora Bassamess** of the Modern Languages Program presented the paper "Pirandello’s Magica Grecia and ‘Il capetto nero’" in October at the "Italy, the Mediterranean in the Global and Multicultural society".

**Ramon Borges-Mendez** of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy and the Gastin Institute gave the keynote at the first Latino Workforce Development Conference and participated in a Cambridge Forum debate with the Institute for Asian American Studies director **Paul Watanabe** on issues of immigration and entrepreneurship.

**Mary Brady and James Leffert** of the Center for Social Development and Education presented "Three Steps to a Social Skills Learning Classroom" and "Social Thinking Skills for Teenagers and Young Adults with Learning Disabilities" at the Massachusetts Adult Education Field Conference, held October 28.

**Jennifer Brown**, director of Institutional Research and Assessment, presented "CPS for the AIR Higher Education Data Policy Committee at Work at the North East Association for Institutional Research and Assessment Annual Conference, held in November.

**Laurel C. Charlé**, assistant professor of family therapy in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, presented "Making Room for Marginalized Voices in MFT Supervision." She also moderated the panel "Race and Place" at the 7th Biennial Meeting of the Puerto Rican Studies Association, held at Cornell University.

**Jay R. Dee**, associate professor, and **Cheryl J. Daly**, lecturer in the Department of Leadership in Education, presented two papers: "Racism and Development: The Importance of Autonomy, Competence, and Relatedness" and "Community College Faculty Turnover: A Quantitative Analysis of Organizational and Environmental Variables," at the Association for the Study of Higher Education’s annual meeting.

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**Carol Hall Ebenhecker**, associate professor and director of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy and the Gastin Institute at Cornell University. She presented "Evidence-Based Management: Understanding the Research to Address Home Healthcare Violence," and she also chaired the panel "Focusing a Community Model in Quincy," with co-presenters **Linda Samia** and **Pam Cushman** at the National Association for Home Care and Hospice 25th Annual Meeting.

**Jacqueline Fawcett**, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS) at the University, presented the paper "Nursing Theory-Practice Guided Policy and Health Policy" at the American Academy of Nursing Annual Meeting.

On October 24, **Donna Hag Friedman**, director of the Center for Social Policy, facilitated a day-long workshop for a support group for family caregivers, based on the theme of her forthcoming book, *Parenting in Public*, for the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She also chaired the panel "Focusing a Community Model in Quincy," with co-presenters **Linda Samia** and **Pam Cushman** at the National Association for Home Care and Hospice 25th Annual Meeting.

**Phillip Granberry**, Ph.D. candidate in the Public Policy Program, presented a paper on the link between participation in arts programs and Mexican men’s and women’s wages at the Southern Demographic Association’s annual meeting in November.

On October 18, **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, presented papers from the "Racial/Ethnic Minority Women in the Healthcare Workforce Project" at the CPCS Conference on Social Work with State PATH Contact Conference in Massachusetts.

On November 6, **Tatjana Meschede**, Senior Research Associate at the Center for Social Policy, presented "Housing as a Critical Factor in the Health and Health Care of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness" at the 114th annual American Public Health Association Conference. Her presentation focused on the health outcomes of 25 chronically homeless persons housed in a Housing First model in Quincy.

In October, **Sylvia Mignon**, director of the Master of Science in Human Services Program, delivered the keynote address at the Integrating Services for Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, and Mental Health Conference and presented on policy issues related to domestic violence following the pre-release screening of the Sacco and Vanzetti film directed by **Peter Miller**.

**Ruth Miller**, assistant professor of history, presented the talk "On Freedom and Feeding Tubes: Reviving Terry Schiavo and Trying Saddam Hussein" at the Cardozo Law School Forum on November 29.

**Kevin B. Murray**, associate professor of institutional research, presented the paper "Identifying the Different Behaviors and Needs of Immigrant Mothers in Public Four-Year Higher Education Institutions" at the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities 12th Annual Conference.

**Melissa Pease**, research associate with the Center for Social Development and Education and assistant professor, led a roundtable discussion on the topic "Community Partnerships in Addressing Youth Violence" at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Two research graduate students, **Brian Irwin** and **Sheila Desai**, also participated in the presentation.

**Alexia Pollack**, associate professor of biology, presented the abstract "D1- and D2-Mediated Behavioral and Neurochemical Implications of Lesioned Rats: Effects on Preprodynorphin and Preproenkephalin mRNA Expression in the Striatum" at the annual conference of the Society for Neuroscience meeting, held in Atlanta on October 17. UMass Boston undergraduates **Alex MacPherson**, **Colleen West**, and **Eric Cederberg** were co-authors.

**Marc Prou**, associate professor of Africana studies, was invited by the Massachusetts Adult Education Association of Pennsylvania to present the paper "Ecology, Culture and Identity Politics: Reframing the Attitude in Rural Haiti" to coincide with their month-long photo exhibit "Life in Fondwa: Daily Struggle, Eternal Hope."

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy’s **Paige Ramsford**, research associate, and director, **Carol Hardy-Fanta** presented the paper "Incorporation of Gender and Race in Women’s Descriptive Representation: A Comparison of Six New England States" at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, held on November 9.

**Professor Lorna Rivera** of the College of Public and Community Service presented the workshop "Assessing Working Conditions in the Adult Basic Education Field" at the Massachusetts Adult Education Conference Network 2006, held in October.

**Edward J. Romar** of the Center of Management’s Department of Management and Marketing presented "Nobel Markets: The Master/Slave Ethics in Hayek’s Free Market Capitalism" at the 13th Annual International Conference Promoting Business Ethics, held in October.

On November 13, **Russell Schutt**, professor of sociology, gave the opening address at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s annual Case Management Training Conference. Schutt shared the methods and findings from his 2005 evaluation with professor **Jacqueline Fawcett** of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s Women’s Health Network with state case management coordinators.

On October 24, **Maureen Scally**, assistant professor of management, gave the keynote "Tempered Radicalism as a Strategy for Change" at the annual summit of Innovosity, an organization dedicated to making the media and cultural sector of Canada inclusive, diverse, and reflective of a multicultural society. She was also interviewed on the topic for ROB-TV’s nightly "Workopolis" program on November 7.

**Stephen Stillman**, assistant professor of anthropology, gave an invited talk on deconstructing archaic, class-based systems in the "Childhood Archetypes" Conference, held in Calgary, Canada, on November 11.

**Marianne Street**, associate professor of art, delivered the keynote address at the conference "Hisories of Brit- ish Empire: Where Next?" at the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art at Yale University on November 2. She also chaired the session "Definitions, Boundaries, Paradigms" at the DfH International Docomomo Conference "Other Modernisms."

**Peter Taylor** of the Critical and Creative Thinking Graduate Program spoke on "Revisiting Scientific and Social Debates about Heritability in Light of the Under-Recognized Implications of Heterogamy" at a session he organized at the meetings of the Society for Social Studies of Science, held in Vancouver.

**Julia Tripp**, constituent coordinator for the Center for Social Policy, presented on constituent involvement and peer involvement at the National State PATH Contact Conference in Maryland, sponsored by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

**Julie Winch**, professor of history, presented the paper "The Mark Unmis- takably Fixed Upon Their Breasts": A Free Family of Color in America’s Borderlands" at the Conference on Comparative Perspectives on North American Borderlands, organized by the Filson Historical Society.

**Publications**

**Gonzalo Rbaicuapar**, associate professor and director of the Master of Science in Family Program in Family Therapy, published the coauthored article "The Gluten-Free Way: Diet Adherence" in The Healthy Ville Newsletter.

**Frances Carré**, research director of the Center for Social Policy, published the coauthored article "Strength in Numbers: Employment Rights and Co-Ordination" in the British Journal of Industrial Relations' special issue "New Actors in Industrial Relations."

**Arthur Eisenkraft**, Distinguished Professor of Education Science and Director of the Center of Social Science and Math in Context, published the paper "Artist as Chem- ist" in The Science Teacher.
Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, published the chapter “A Promising Practice” in J.L. Carrellas and B.J. Parker’s Conceptual Foundations: The Bridge to Professional Nursing Practice. She also published the article “Commentary: Finding Patterns of Knowing in the Work of Florence Nightingale” in Nursing Outlook.

Marie Kennedy, CPCs professor emerita, edited the Progressive Planner’s fall 2006 issue “Water and Water Quality” and wrote the editorial “Israel’s War for Water.”


Maura Mast of the Mathematics Department and Mark Pawlak of Academic Support Programs co-authored the article “Quantitative Reasoning at the University of Massachusetts Boston,” which appears in Current Practices in Quantitative Literacy for the MAE Notes series, published by the Mathematical Association of America.

Kathleen Golden McArdle, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, executive director of health and wellness, and assistant clinical GNP professor, coauthored the chapter “Workplace Substance Abuse” in Medical-Legal Aspects of Drugs, which is in press.

Dirk Messelaar, dean of the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, published the article “UMass Boston’s China Trade in the New World” in the fall 2006 edition of Harvard University’s Continuing Higher Education Review. The article details CDES’s role in establishing UMass Boston as a leader in forging groundwork U.S.-China relationships.

Ruth Miller, assistant professor of history, published the article “The Missionary Narrative as Coercive Intention: Seduction, Confession, and Self-Presentation in Women’s Letters Home” in Women’s History Review.


Lisa Riera, assistant professor of philosophy, published the paper “Pluralism, Imagination and Estrangement” in the November issue of the journal Philosophical Papers.


Gordon T. Wallace, associate professor in the Department of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences, received a grant from the American Chemical Society's Instrumentation Committee to improve its mass spectrometer to detect toxic metals in aquatic systems for the Cooperative Institute for Coastal and Estuarine Environmental Technology.

Julia Tripp, constituent coordinator for the Center for Social Policy, prevailed in her appeal of a zoning violation in consumer involvement for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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The McCormack Graduate School and the Massachusetts Judges Conference created a four-month judge-to-judge program for a delegation of Chinese judges from Beijing Municipal People’s Court and Science and Law. After spending a month at UMass Boston working on ESL proficiency, the Chinese judges worked with their counterparts in Massachusetts courts and lived with American judges.

WUMB 91.9 FM Radio received a $203,946 community service grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The grant will be used to support programming-related expenses. WUMB also received a $7,200 organizational support grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Geoff Combs of the Campus Center Administration received the Significant Volunteer Award from the Association of College Unions International at their Region 1 Conference, held in November at UConn-Storrs.

The College of Public and Community Service was honored with a Community Partnership Award from the University of Massachusetts Medical School for its work in educating people with disabilities and their preparation for the workforce as part of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission’s 50th anniversary celebration. Charles Collins, CPCs dean, received the Pro(unique) Award from疤痕 and Kishor Anand, director of community outreach at CPCs, accepted the award from Commissioner Elmer C. Bartel at a statehouse ceremony.

CPCS Professor Luis Aponter-Pacis will become president of the Puerto Rican Studies Association in January 2007.

Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Finance, accepted an appointment to the University of Massachusetts system’s 403(b) RFP Evaluation Committee.

On October 25, Rona Flippes, professor of education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, became the co-chair of the Center on the College Reading’s (CRA) board of directors.

Donna Haig Friedman of the Center for Social Policy was invited by the Mayor of Boston to serve on the Mayor’s Strategic Planning Initiative: “Closing the Achievement Gap, Fifth Subgroup.” The Committee’s work was completed in December.

UMass Boston, through its Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, received two awards at the annual New England Community Education Association (NECEA) annual conference. History professor Spencer DiScala received the Outstanding Faculty Award for the innovative pedagogy he incorporates into the online history courses he teaches through CCDE. The Online Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy (B.A. in Community Studies, CPCs) received the Innovative and Creative Programming Award, with recognition to CPCs associate professor Angelé Stefanos as academic coordinator, and Enrollment Management staff member Sarah Bartlett as administrative coordinator.

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The New England Resource Center for Higher Education celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Ernest A. Lyon Award for Faculty Professional Service and Academic Outreach at the 12th Annual International Conference of the Coalition of the Urban and Metropolitan Universities.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy hosted a reception for student government cofounders and the annual meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank, NGO. The results of the survey will be presented to the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the banking and investment communities in New York.

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Submit January calendar lists by Thursday, December 14 to umb.edu/news/calendar/.

Wednesday 6
Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series: 48 Days in the Southern Ocean: Iron & Life
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, rm. 1-006. Featuring Ming Zhong. Contact: 7-0137.

7th Annual Helping Hands Gift Wrap Party
2:30 – 5:30 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Room. Help wrap gifts for local families in need with the support of homeless and foster children. Sponsored by the Office of Service Learning and Community Outreach. Contact: 7-9791.

College of Management Forum
6:00 – 7:15 p.m., Campus Center, rm. 2445, 2nd fl. Featuring Rob Atkinson, managing director of Adage Capital Management. Contact: ccvent@umb.edu.

Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Lecture Series: Cultural Cross-Care: What Is It? Are We Prepared to Deliver It?
8:00 p.m., Campus Center, rm. 211, upper level. Featuring Eileen Staur-Storm and Sharon D. Perryman. Sponsored by the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. RSVP to 7-7500.

Thursday 7
Mindfulness Meditation Group
2:30 – 3:00 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel. Reduce stress and practice relaxation techniques in a mindful meditation group. Sponsored by University Health Services/Health and Wellness Center. Contact: 7-5624.

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Cardio Mix
11:45 – 12:45 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Open to Beacon Fitness Center members. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/.

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Boot Camp
3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Open to Beacon Fitness Center members. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/.

Umass Boston Athletics: Men’s Basketball vs. Salem State College
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Umass Boston Jazz Band Concert
7:30 p.m., Wheately Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Directed by Professor Suzanne Nesbit, seniors, and UMass Boston employees with I.D. $7. Available for purchase at McCor- mack Theatre Box Office. Show also on December 9 and at 8:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640.

Beacon Fitness Center Class: Strength and Tone
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. Open to Beacon Fitness Center members. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/.

Umass Boston Athletics: Men’s Ice Hockey vs. Salem State University
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Umass Boston Athletics: Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Salve Regina University
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Umass Boston Athletics: Women’s Ice Hockey vs. Manhattanville College
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

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3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

Monday 11
Rosalie Wolf Interdisciplinary Geriatric Health Care Research Center Colloquium

Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, rm. 1-006. Featuring Lisa Bowen. Contact: 7-6053.

Wednesday 13
Fall Semester Classes End
Shelter Poverty Report

X-treme Folk Series: End of Semester Celebration
12:00 p.m., Campus Center, cafetere- a. Contact: 7-9790. Sponsored by WUMB. Contact: 7-9790.

Thursday 14
Kripalu Yoga
1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, McCormack Hall, Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl. Kripalu yoga class open to all. Students: free. Faculty and staff: $5.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5640.

Theatre Arts Production: How I Learned to Drive

7th Annual Helping Hands Gift Party
5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge. Faculty, staff, and students distribute gifts to children. Contact: 7-7917.

Thursday 15
Study Period begins
Through December 17
A Winter Wonderland at UMass Boston: Skating Party
1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center Rink. Free skates available (first-come, first-served) or bring your own. Hot chocolate and pretzels for skaters. Contact: 7-5322.

A Winter Wonderland at UMass Boston: Celebrations
2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Campus Center, ballroom. Good food, music, and holiday cheer! Featuring: Sirena Collins, musical entertainment by The Troubadours of Truth, and the Holiday Pops ticket drawing for those who brought an unwrapped gift, December 4 through 13, to the Customer Service Center to benefit the Neely House. Contact: 7-5322.

Festival of Lights: An Interfaith Celebration of Light and Hope
3:30 – 6:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd floor. Share in an interfaith and inter-cul- tural expression of winter holidays with stories of your tradition and personal holiday memories. RSVP to interfaith.campusumb@umb.edu. Contact: 7-5838

Monday 18
Final Exam Period
Through December 22
Christmas
University closed.

Wednesday 20
Umass Boston Athletics: Men’s Ice Hockey 42nd Annual Codfish Cup
2:00 and 5:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or david.marsters@umb.edu.

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Call for Papers: The Fourth Annual Social Theory Forum, 2nd fl. Featuing: The Violences of Colonialism and Racism, Inner and Outer: Conversations with Franzz Fanon on the Meaning of Human Emancipation March 27–28, 2007, Ryan Lounge, McCormack Hall. Send completed papers (preferable) or two-page paper proposals as e-mail attach- ment to mohammad.tamdgidi@umb.edu by December 15. Upon selection and notification, submit- ters must complete paper manuscripts (around 20 pages) by February 15, 2007.

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Advancing the Latino Agenda through Research and Development
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Campus Cen- ter, Conference Room 3350. The Latino Leadership Opportunity Program (LLOP) 2006 students will present summaries of their preliminary findings examin- ing the condition of Latinos in Massachusetts. A short graduation ceremony will follow. Contact: 7-5791.

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Dispute Resolution Colloquium Series: Learning from Communi- ties That Prevent Conflict
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 3-415. Featuring Marshall Wallace, director of the STEPS and Do No Harm Projects at CDA Col- laborative Learning Projects. Spon- sored by Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution. Contact: 7-5742.

Small Business Development Center Event: Getting Started in Business
6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Quincy 2001 College, rm. 100, rm. 2nd fl., West- street, Quincy. Contact: www.ebdc. umb.edu.

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