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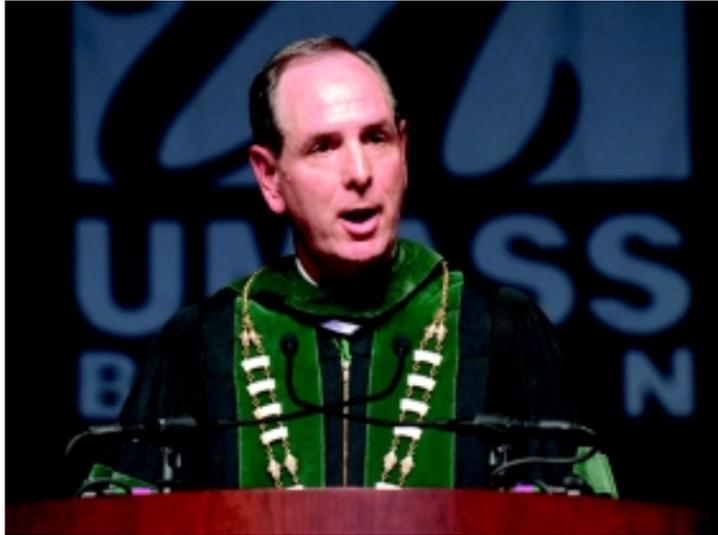


Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, Tells Inauguration Audience: The UMass Boston Experience Is “For Real”

By Anne-Marie Kent

On Friday, April 28, nearly 1,200 people filled the Clark Athletic Center for the inauguration of Michael F. Collins, MD, as UMass Boston's seventh chancellor. The procession, heralded by the music of Riverside Brass, included a colorful display of 60 flags representing the native countries of UMass Boston students and their families. Over 150 university athletes dressed in UMass Boston track jackets cheered the procession from the Campus Center to the doors of the Clark.

The event was marked by greetings from distinguished guests and members of the UMass Boston community; the presence of nearly 50 delegates from sister schools



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nationwide; chancellors from the other UMass campuses; past UMass Boston chancellor Sherry Penney and former interim chancellor Keith Motley; performances by alumna Christina DeVaughn and the UMass Boston Chorus; and special remarks from a man Chancellor Collins mentored through medical school, Dr. Robert Harrington, now director of cardiovascular clinical trials at Duke Clinical Research Institute.

Opening the ceremony, University of Massachusetts President Jack M. Wilson welcomed dignitaries, including Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino '88; City Councilors Felix Arroyo, Robert Consalvo, Stephen J. Murphy, John M. Tobin, Jr., and Maureen

Feeney; Massachusetts Senate President Robert E. Travaglini; State Senators Jack Hart, Joan M. Menard, Marian Walsh, and Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr.; Secretary of Economic Development Ranch C. Kimball; and U.S. Congressman Stephen F. Lynch.

“In a city renowned for higher education, UMass Boston plays a special role in our city. UMass Boston offers a high-quality education at an affordable price for a diverse student body,” said Mayor Menino, leading the roster of those offering greetings. “Chancellor, as a proud graduate of this university, I am so thrilled to stand here today as this university embarks on a new and exciting chapter in its history.... To the faculty staff and

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UMass Boston Study Reveals Financial Links Between Mental Health Guide Advisors and Pharmaceutical Companies

By Lisa Gentes

Experts on mental disorders who serve on a leading medical manual's advisory panel have undisclosed financial ties to drug companies, according to a new study written by a team of UMass Boston and Tufts University professors and graduate students.

Lisa Cosgrove of UMass Boston's Department of Counseling and School Psychology in the Graduate College of Education, Tufts University Professor Sheldon Krinsky, and UMass Boston graduate students Manisha Vijayaraghavan and Lisa Schneider authored the

study, which was published April 21 in *Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics*, a leading medical journal in Europe.

A number of UMass Boston students participated in this first-of-its-kind study, according to Cosgrove. Over a year and a half, the team researched the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)* panel members and their financial ties to pharmaceutical companies.

Before this study, no one had looked at the financial ties between the DSM panel members and the drug companies, according to Cosgrove.



Lisa Cosgrove is the lead author of a study that finds more than half of the panel members for the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders have financial ties to pharmaceutical companies. (Photo by Harry Brett)

DSM is an official medical manual for psychiatric diagnosis in the United States and has been published continually since 1952. Nearly 400,000 mental health professionals consult with the manual, which is also used for third-party payments for psychiatric treatment, according to the study.

“The DSM is considered the bible of psychiatric disorders,” Cosgrove said.

The study examined 170 DSM panel members and revealed some startling results. According to the findings, all of the members for panels on mood disorders, schizo-

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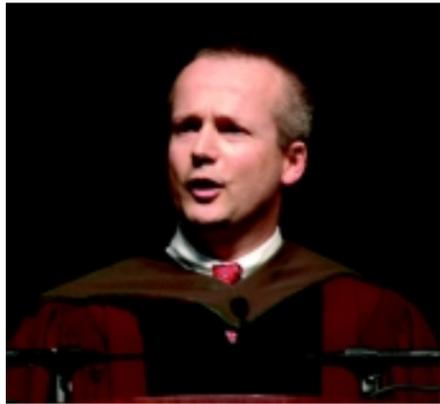
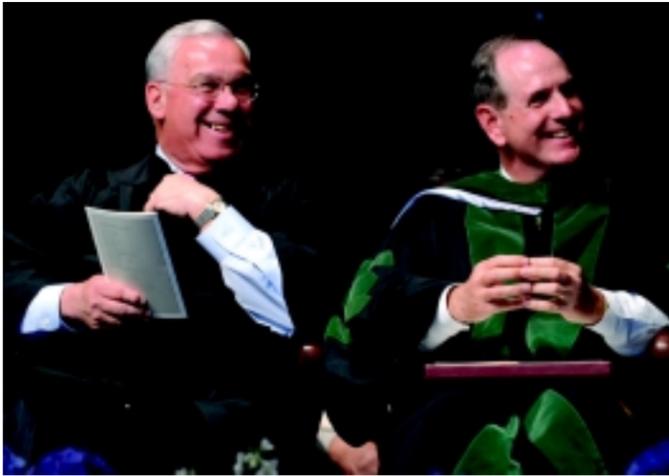
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students here at UMass Boston, I say ‘Congratulations,’ you have a terrific leader and a bright future.”

Senate president and UMass Boston alumnus Travaglini added, “I’m excited: the energy between the board of higher education, the chemistry on the campuses, as evidenced by the athletes here today, and Michael’s performance up to this point in time is clearly worthy of our continued investing in a system that I think is going to reap tremendous dividends very shortly.”

The University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees was represented by Chair James J. Karam, Vice Chair Karl E. White, Dennis G. Austin, William F. Kennedy, Robert M. Mahoney, Robert B. McCarthy, William T. O’Shea, Stacey R. Rainey, and Robert K. Sheridan. Chair Stephen Tocco and Chancellor Judith Gill represented the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

After the Chamber Singers presented the fanfare *Sabuwona! (I See You!)* by Professor David Patterson of the Music Department, University of Massachusetts Board Chair Karam read the charge of office, and UMass President Wilson placed the medallion of office upon Chancellor Collins, who was flanked by Mayor



Top left: Tufts University President Lawrence S. Bacow arrives at the inauguration ceremony.

Top right: Mayor Menino and Chancellor Collins smile together at staff member Rosalina Guity-Joseph’s humorous address.

Bottom left: Performers of *Sabuwona! (I See You!)* by David Patterson included the UMass Boston Chamber Singers, the UMass Boston Chorus, the UMass Boston Gospel Choir, representatives of the Ross Center for Disability Services, and the Riverside Brass Quartet. The piece was directed by UMass Boston’s Jeffrey Rink.

Bottom right: Robert A. Harrington, MD, of Duke University Medical Center and Duke Clinical Research Center, spoke of the guidance and support Chancellor Collins gave him as a student and the importance of mentoring.

(Photos by Harry Brett and Richard Howard)

Menino and Senate President Travaglini.

Collins then delivered his inaugural address, in which he identified the fundamental aspects of an ideal education: dedicated, respected teachers; a robust exposure to the liberal arts; inspiring minds and lives; enthusiastic mentors; an established common ground; and adequate funding.

“UMass Boston is for real, people: We are for students who really want to learn, for teachers and scholars who really are superior, for employees who really are exceptionally skilled; our courses are really rigorous, our graduates are prepared for the real world, and, soon, our physical campus will be in really beautiful condition, reflecting, finally, the real distinction within it,” said Chancellor Collins to resounding applause.

“I have truly enjoyed my interactions with so many members of the UMass Boston community, often discussing their opinions about what we could do together to make this an ideal university,” said Chancellor Collins. “I expect these conversations to deepen and to carry on for years to come as we make strides in realizing our shared goals and in reexamining the effectiveness of this university and the various obligations of our urban mission.”



Campus Spring Picnic

Though the wind was chilly, the sun was shining brightly on UMass Boston’s front soccer field filled with faculty and staff, their families, and friends at the Campus Spring Picnic, held on Saturday, April 29. There was a wide array of activities to choose from—good eats at the tented barbecue; fun for kids at a face-painting station, a mini-golf course, and a basketball shoot-off; softball and lacrosse games for the competitive spirit; and an opportunity to lip-sync and jive to the “Dance Heads” videos. Others went on the water for one of the harbor tours offered. (Photos by Harry Brett)



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UMass Boston Hosts 3rd Annual Student Scholarship Gala to Cap a Week of “Inspiration. Achievement. Celebration.”

By Ed Hayward

UMass Boston’s 3rd Annual Student Scholarship Gala capped a week-long celebration by raising more than \$400,000 during a night featuring a twilight tasting of food from area restaurants, silent auction, and an elegant dinner performance by Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul on Saturday, April 29.

The evening started off with Tasting on the Point, where guests enjoyed Campus Center views of Dorchester Bay, bid on silent auction items, and tasted selections from the menus of area restaurants Aura, Burton’s Grill, C.F. Donovan’s, Fratelli’s Bakery, Kashmir, La Paloma, Pho Hóa, Poppa B’s and the UMass Club. A dinner attended by 500 friends of the university followed in the ballroom, where Ivers and her band performed for the audience.

“The support for UMass Boston was overwhelming and our students will benefit from the generosity of our sponsors and donors,” said Darrell Byers, vice chancellor for institutional advancement. “Many of our neighbors in Dorchester and South Boston, as well as communities throughout the area, helped to make the Student Scholarship Gala a huge success.”

Leading sponsors included: New Balance, Bank of America, Liberty Mutual, Tufts Health Plan, The Chickering Group, Citizens Bank of Massachusetts, Corcoran Jennison Companies, Ernst & Young LLP, Lexington Insurance, Savings Bank Life Insurance, and Suffolk Construction.

The highlight of the speaking program featured undergraduates Michael Metzger ’08 and Catherine Reyes ’06. Metzger, of Marblehead, and Reyes, a native of Columbia whose family was forced to flee the country, talked about the personal



and financial support they have received during their undergraduate study. Both students are part of the University Honors Program.

The gala guest list included University of Massachusetts president Jack M. Wilson; UMass trustees James J. Karam, chairman, William Kennedy (honorary event co-chair), partner Nutter, McClennan & Fish, and Robert Sheridan, CEO, Savings Bank Life Insurance; Mark Atkins ’71, president & CEO, Invention Machine Corp.; Denise Coll, senior vice president for human resources, Starwood Hotels; James DiStasio, CEO, Ernst & Young LLP; Jean Elrick, MD ’82 (honorary event co-

chair), senior vice president for administration, Massachusetts General Hospital; Boston City Councilor Maureen Feeney; Arthur Mabbett ’69 (honorary event co-chair), president and CEO, Mabbett & Associates; Ed Merritt, CEO, Mount Washington Bank, and State Representative Marie St. Fleur.

Proceeds from the gala will support undergraduate and graduate scholarships. UMass Boston awards nearly \$5 million in need-based aid and scholarships. Combined with student loan programs, the campus currently meets nearly 90 percent of the need for students who demonstrate need.

Top left: Chancellor Collins embraces two students, Michael Metzger ’08 and Catherine Reyes ’06, who shared stories of what scholarships meant to them in their academic pursuits.

Bottom left: Darrell Byers (center), vice chancellor for institutional advancement, welcomes staff from C.F. Donovan’s who provided a sampling of their best on the menu for Tasting on the Point.

Top right: Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul gave the audience a rousing performance.

Middle: At the gala, (right) President Jack Wilson with Representative Linda Dorcena Forry and (left) Boston City Councilor Maureen Feeney and her husband Larry.

Bottom right: Ed Merritt, president and CEO of Mt. Washington Bank; his wife Susan Merritt; Gail Hobin, assistant vice chancellor for community relations; and Harry Dwall, executive director of the South Boston Boys and Girls Club.

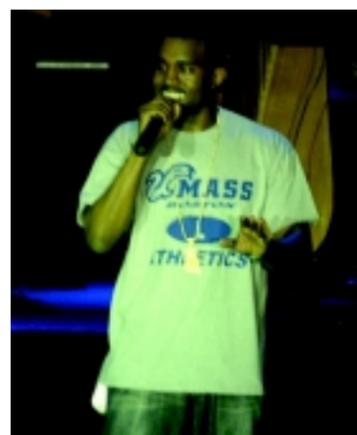
(Photos by Harry Brett and Richard Howard)

Kanye West Gives Private Concert for Students and Community

By Leigh DuPuy

Six-time Grammy winner Kanye West gave a private concert for 3,000 students and the UMass Boston community on April 26 at the university’s Clark Athletic Center. The hip-hop sensation came to campus as part of the university’s week-long “Inspiration. Achievement. Celebration” program.

Prior to the show, West did a meet-and-greet with students, faculty, and staff, and took the stage shortly before 9:00 p.m. In an energetic, highly-produced performance, West played a full set of songs from his two best-



West delighted the crowd when he changed from his usual concert wear into a UMass Boston shirt, ending the night wearing the familiar gray-and-blue athletics tee. (Photo by Harry Brett)

selling albums, “The College Dropout” and “Late Registration,” including “Diamonds,” “Drive Slow,” “We Don’t Care,” as well as a number of covers. West ended the night with the crowd favorites “Gold Digger,” “Jesus Walks,” and “Testify.” He was accompanied onstage by a live classical string ensemble, gospel singers, and a DJ who together performed an unexpected medley that included the songs “Eleanor Rigby” and “Bittersweet Symphony.”

Opening acts for West were Boston-based DJ On and On and singer Phaedra.

Symposia Highlight the Best of UMass Boston

The university sponsored nearly 20 academic symposia as part of UMass Boston's "Inspiration. Achievement. Celebration" week-long program, April 24 – 28. Of those, each college sponsored symposia to highlight UMass Boston's role in local and global communities. Here are snapshots of these events:

College of Management Symposium: Urban Leadership



nectors," said Jones, scholar, activist, and former special assistant to the chancellor for urban affairs at UMass Boston. "What is the glue that holds us together? Opportunity made possible by public amenities and private philanthropy."

Calling out for a new vision for the City of Boston, community leader Hubie Jones said that "our challenge is to build a culture of collaboration" at an April 25 symposium.

"Urban leaders need to be con-

He was joined by a panel of alumni from the Emerging Leaders Program, moderated by Professor of Leadership Sherry H. Penney, that included: Eduardo Crespo '72; R.J. Donofrio, MBA '98; Joseph Morrissey '05; and Mary Truong '92.

Office of Graduate Studies: On Apology

UMass Medical School Chancellor Aaron Lazare, MD, said that the act of apology is an "unappreciated human behavior" that has assumed greater importance in an increasingly crowded 21st century society at an April 25 symposium.

Lazare said offering an apology can help relieve the humiliation felt by someone who has been wronged in some way. "The only cure for humiliation is apology. An apology says 'It wasn't you who was the fool. It was me.' It is the only good way to restore human dignity fol-



lowing humiliation," he said.

Lazare was joined by a panel consisting of UMass Boston's Paul Bookbinder, Robert Weiner, Lynne Tirrell, and Clementina Chery of the Louis D. Brown Peace Foundation in Boston.

College of Science and Mathematics: A Survey of 100 Years of Light Quanta



Roy J. Glauber, a winner of the 2005 Nobel Prize for Physics and Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics at Harvard University, delivered a short history of human understanding of light and light energy at the April 26 symposium.

"This science is well-developed," said Glauber, "but it does not proceed through a systematic logic, which is the image of science many people have. Sometimes science advances through mistakes and inadvertencies, many of which are of great value."

He was joined by a panel of College of Science and Mathematics faculty: Benjamin R. Mollow, D.V.G.L.N. Rao, Gregory Sun, Marc Pomplum, William Hagar, and Juanita Urban-Rich.

College of Management: A Conversation with Tom Stemberg

The great entrepreneurs of the 21st century need to "see opportunities in the adversity that's around them" and ultimately focus sharply on the needs of their customers, said Staples founder Tom Stemberg at an April 25 symposium.

Stemberg, now a venture partner at the Highland Capital Partners, believes that the most successful business ventures are run by people who "break the rules" governing business development.



"Entrepreneurs, while breaking the rules, are making new ones," said Stemberg. "The most important thing about entrepreneurs is that they can see the opportunities in the adversity that's around them."

McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies: The Role of Social Movements in Policy Development



Scholars of race, welfare, and public policy joined experts in media and government affairs to discuss social movements and policy development at an April 27 symposium.

Gerald Torres, the 2006 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor, drew examples from his work as a legal advocate and community builder fighting for education rights in Texas, where he is now at the University of Texas at Austin. He focused on rule shifting and law making, pointing to their shared goals to: create a new standard of behavior; change relationships and create a basis of enforcing those relationships; recognize rights and remedies; and ultimately change the conduct of public and private actors.

City University of New York's Frances Fox Piven talked about the transformative power of popular movements. She cited the role of the "mob" during the American Revolution, as well as "pioneering movements" including the abolitionist movement; the employment protests of the Great Depression; the feminist, environmental and gay rights, as well as the Civil Rights and anti-war movements of the 1950s and 60s.

They were joined by moderator Sarah-Ann Shaw and a panel made up of Yawu Miller of the *Bay State Banner*; and UMass Boston professor Miren Uriarte and graduate student Jennifer Raymond.



College of Public and Community Service: The Future of Work: The Labor Movement's Role in Workforce Development

AFL-CIO advocate Nancy Mills spoke of the role of labor, public education, and tax dollars in workforce development at the April 26 symposium.

"Our bottom line is that any job that is producing something of value for society is a job that is one that should sustain a family," said Mills, executive director of the AFL-CIO Working For America Institute. "Work must pay enough to sustain a family."

"How do we empower workers to be active participants in their future and not just consumers of a training program?" posed



Enid Eckstein, vice-president of 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, who participated in the program.

Labor Resource Center director Susan Moir moderated the event. "The university is a place for activists to come and think together in dialogue," she said.

Graduate College of Education: Educators Partnering to Eliminate the Achievement Gap

Carolyn Stone called for teamwork, challenging the status quo, and using the power of data to help school counselors to eliminate the achievement or "opportunity" gaps during an April 26 symposium.

"School counselors are responsible for the educational climate," said Stone, who has been a counselor educator since 1995 at the University of North Florida. She underscored the ways in which schools do not provide equal opportunity for its students. "Education is the single institution that



is supposed to level the playing field, and yet we continue to see that kids with low socioeconomic backgrounds are given fewer resources," she said.

"Equity and access is the key" to questioning the status quo, said Stone.

College of Liberal Arts: Inspiration and Creativity



With humor and inspirational tales of serendipity, four alumni from the College of Liberal Arts shared personal stories of career success at an April 27 symposium.

"We may have learned in geometry that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line," said Philip Levendusky '68, vice president for network develop-

ment and director of the Psychology Department and Psychology Training at McLean Hospital. "That's one of the biggest lies. It's certainly not the richest way to go between two points. The crooked line is the richest way—and the liberal arts degree is a personification of that."

Dianne Finch '91, writer and freelance public radio producer; Sunta Izzicupo '75, principal for prime time development, MAGNA Global Entertainment; and Lauren Craig Redmond '00, partner, Redmond & Corbo LLP, also shared their stories.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences: There Are No Impossible Dreams!

Lois E. Silverman, the first woman chair of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, shared the details of her journey from orphanage to nursing student to running her own business at an April 28 symposium.

Orphaned at a young age, Silverman spoke of the difference that a \$300 scholarship made in her life by allowing her to attend nursing school. "The help I got from that scholarship—it is the ba-



sis of all good things that happened in my life," she said. "Giving back is my life's blood."

Silverman's career includes founding CRA Managed Care and The Commonwealth Institute.

Four Researchers and Faculty Members Receive Fulbright Fellowships

By Leigh DuPuy

Poised to take on new research and teaching challenges, four UMass Boston faculty and staff are packing their bags and brushing up on their language skills in preparation for their travels as Fulbright fellows.

Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, received a research and teaching Fulbright at the University of Haifa, where in spring 2007 she will lead a research team to examine the work of three area non-governmental organizations (NGOs) involved in supporting new immigrants and other persons affected by emerging social welfare reforms underway in Israel. She traveled to Israel for the first time a year ago to learn more about the work of NGOs during an intensive three-day learning exchange and was inspired by the experience to apply for a Fulbright. "It was particularly moving for me," said Friedman. "And I also wanted to learn more about carrying out qualitative research in multicultural and multi-



Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, and Betsy Klimasmith, assistant professor of English, share their upcoming travel, research, and teaching plans as recipients of 2006–2007 Fulbrights. Marie Kennedy, professor emeritus of the College of Public and Community Service, and Patrick Barron, assistant professor of English, are also recipients of Fulbrights and will travel in 2007 to conduct their projects. (Photo by Harry Brett)

lingual environments."

She and a research team of graduate students will be exploring the adaptive capacity of NGOs to respond to their changing roles in society on behalf of the people they serve.

For Patrick Barron, assistant

professor of English, the fellowship allows him to continue his study and translation of the work of contemporary Italian poet Andrea Zanzotto. Barron most recently received the prestigious Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome and spent 11 months in Italy

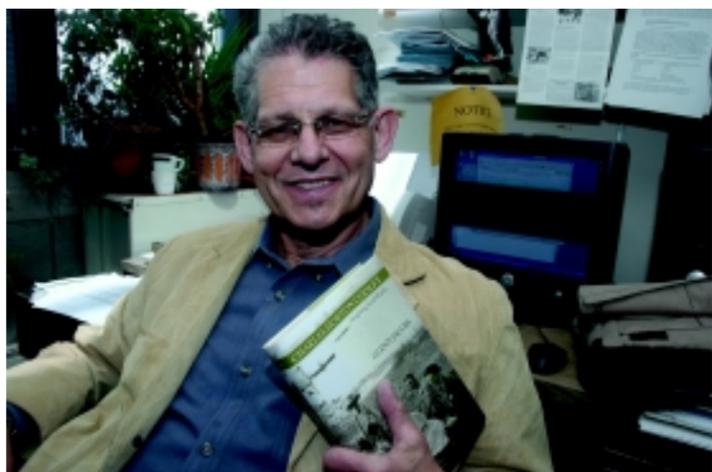
conducting postdoctoral research for his project "From Pastureland to War Zone to National Park: The Three-Stage Evolution of the Majella Massif in Abruzzo, Italy." He is returning to UMass Boston for the 2006 and 2007 semester to teach and will be based at the University of Pisa during the summer of 2007.

Marie Kennedy, professor emeritus of the College of Public and Community Service, will share her experience in transformative community planning with students and faculty at the Colegio de Tlaxcala in Mexico. "We are examining citizen participation in community planning," explains Kennedy, who has worked with the Colegio previously. There, she will work with students and faculty to evaluate a series of local planning experiences in terms of the specific goals of each project, such as the number of houses built or jobs created, as well as the degree to which those most affected by the project were empowered through the planning process. Kennedy will also lend her expertise to

evaluate the Colegio's new graduate curriculum in community development.

Betsy Klimasmith from the English Department is studying a new language for her upcoming trip to Brno, the second-largest city in the Czech Republic. There, she will lead lectures in American studies and literature at Masaryk University. Klimasmith, who is of Czech descent, her husband, and eight-year-old daughter will live there from August 2006 through June 2007. "I can't wait to get to know the country," says Klimasmith. The Czech Republic's university town, Brno, is beginning to embrace international capitalism and is described by Klimasmith as "pre-Prague by perhaps 15 years." She says, "The city is in a transitional period and its citizens are very interested in becoming engaged politically and economically with the global world." In addition to teaching, she will be helping to build the university library's American literature collections with her research budget.

Professor Publishes New Work on Sociology Pioneer



Sociology professor Glenn Jacobs wrote a biography of Charles Horton Cooley, recently published by the University of Massachusetts Press. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Lisa Gentes

Longtime UMass Boston associate professor Glenn Jacobs was inspired by two former teachers

and mentors to write his first book on a pioneer in American sociology—Charles Horton Cooley.

In March, the University of Massachusetts Press published Jacobs's first work, *Charles Horton Cooley: Imagining Social Reality*, a biography of the late American sociologist.

"Cooley is part of my own intellectual foundation," Jacobs said. "Part of it I wrote [because I was] inspired by two of my own mentors," he said. Leo Chall and Alfred McClung Lee, both of whom died in the early 1990s, were teachers, sociologists, and mentors to Jacobs and "inspired me to write this book," he said.

Jacobs, who did his dissertation on Cooley's diaries after Chall had made the suggestion, has been an associate professor

of sociology at UMass Boston since 1976.

"The book is kind of a repayment to what I had learned, gained and understood, and what had sustained me intellectually," the author said. The book is also about giving Cooley, who was born in 1864 and died in 1929, and was a founding father of sociology in the U.S., the credit he deserves, Jacobs said.

Cooley has "been a friend of mine for more than 30 years," since Jacobs started reading his work and completed his dissertation on him in the early 1960s.

The professor said the pioneering sociologist was "one of those people that sociologists and

people dip into and get a lot of inspiration from."

Cooley is a visible figure, known for his notions of the looking-glass self and for the primary group, according to Jacobs. "Every introductory book in the field has his name and contribution [in it]," he said. The sociologist was known for the tradition of symbolic interactionism, according to Jacobs.

He believes that the biography helps give Cooley "his rightful place" in American sociology history.

Charles Horton Cooley: Imagining Social Reality is available through the University of Massachusetts Press, or online at www.umass.edu/umpress.

Conflict-of-Interest Study (cont.)

phrenia, and other psychotic disorders have financial ties to drug companies. Most drugs are prescribed for these two categories of mental illness, the study states.

According to the study, of the 170 panel members, 56 percent had one or more financial ties to companies in the pharmaceutical industry

In 2004, antidepressants and antipsychotics were the fourth- and fifth-leading class of drugs, generating a total of over \$34 billion in sales worldwide, according to the findings.

"Nowhere in the DSM is there

a conflict-of-interest policy," Cosgrove said. One hundred percent of the panel experts on mood disorders and schizophrenia had financial ties to drug companies, she said. "It's so outrageous," she said of the findings.

"Probably what the general public isn't aware of is in order for drug to be approved by the FDA, there must be a disorder for it to be approved," Cosgrove said.

A marketing of disorders and psychiatric disorders exists because the drug companies have a vested interest in them, she said.

For example, the drug compa-

nies were motivated to find another use for Prozac, in order to continue generating income, which led to severe premenstrual syndrome (PMS) being marketed as a psychiatric disorder, according to Cosgrove. She said panel members were affiliated with the drug companies and the FDA later approved Prozac under a different name to treat PMS. "Many women were not aware they were taking Prozac," she said.

"We point out and suggest in [the study] that although medical journals have a conflict-of-interest policy, one of the things we discov-

ered is the fact that psychiatric journals have a low rate of disclosure policy," Cosgrove said. "We're hoping by raising awareness that all journals should have conflict-of-interest policies.

"Our ultimate hope would be that the FDA does not allow people to provide expert testimony if they have financial ties to a pharmaceutical company," she said. "Receiving financial support shouldn't automatically disqualify someone from serving on [the panel] of the DSM but the public has a right to know about these jobs," she said.

The study has received wide coverage in the media, including articles in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, Reuters, *USA Today*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Bloomberg News*, *Salt Lake City Tribune*, and *ABC Science Online*.

Cosgrove's work has also attracted the attention of colleagues in her field. She recently received the Christine Ladd Franklin award at the 31st annual conference of the Association for Women in Psychology for her work in psychology and for the association.

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

The Graduate College of Education's **Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn** organized a workshop for the New England Educational Research Organization with **Lusa Lo** and **Ann Freeman** and presented the paper "Now You're In, But Now 'Mejor Digo Esto en Español' (I'd Better Say This in Spanish): Cross-Cultural and Cross-Discipline Research Within a Latino Ethnic Community" with **Melissa Pearrow**. She organized a symposium and wrote a paper for the AERA conference with **Lisa Gonsalves**, **Brian Wright**, and **Monica Byrne-Jimenez**, who served as chair, presenter, and discussant.

On April 9, UMass Boston senior **Panther Alier**, formerly one of the "Lost Boys of Sudan," spoke on a panel, held at Temple Israel in Boston, addressing the tragedy in Darfur.

In March, **David S. Areford**, assistant professor of art history, presented the paper "The Sacred Multiplied: The Fifteenth-Century Woodcut as Reproduction and Simulation" for a symposium that marked the end of a Germanisches Nationalmuseum exhibit. Areford also gave the paper "The Child of Sorrows: Woodcuts, Devotion, and Theology" at the annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America.

Chukwuma Azuonye, professor of Africana studies, presented the paper "Christopher Okigbo at Work: Manuscripts and Drafts of His Previously Unpublished Igbo Poems" at the 4th Annual Conference of the Igbo Studies Association. He presented "African Ethnic Identities in North America: The Story of the New Igbo Diaspora" at the 2nd Annual Conference of the Africana Diaspora.

Ann Blum, assistant professor of Hispanic studies, organized a panel and presented a paper exploring medical constructions of gender and infancy at the International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). She also chaired a workshop examining intersections of science and medicine in Latin America. She was elected co-chair of LASA's section on health, science, and society.

Chris Bobel, assistant professor of women's studies, presented "From Rad Mamas to Hip Consumers: Resistance, Cooptation, and the Case of the Natural Mothering Movement" at the University of Akron. She helped to organize and participated in the first annual Graduate Consortium for Women's Studies Graduate Conference. She also presented "'Take This Class if You Like to Be Brainwashed': Walking the Knife's Edge Between Education and Indoctrination" at the Social Theory Forum.

Professor **Connie Chan** of the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS) presented the invited address "Sexuality and Culture: Considerations for Mental Health" to the Asian American Medical Association's New England Regional conference, held in Boston in April.

In April, **Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen**, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar's Chair in Gerontology, gave the talk "2005 White House Conference on Aging: Reflections of a Delegate" to the Multicultural Coalition on Aging of Greater Boston and to Sigma Phi Omega, the National Honor Society in Gerontology.

Professor **Michael B. Chesson** of the History Department spoke on the First Battle of Bull Run at the Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia, held on St. Simon's Island on March 28.

Linda Dittmar and **Pamela Annas**, professors of English, co-edited a special issue of the journal *Radical Teacher* "Teaching in Time of War." In April, Dittmar hosted a public screening and discussion of the Palestinian/Israeli/Dutch documentary film *Arna's Children* with director Juliano Mer Khamis.

English MA student and teaching intern **Mark Earley** presented the paper "Weblogs, English 101, and Beyond: Creating and Fostering a Dialogic Space for Writing Students" at the Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference and at the Conference on Writing Teaching and Technology.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor of nursing, made several presentations to faculty and graduate students as a visiting professor at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in April, including "Advancing Nursing Knowledge: The Myths and the Reality" and "Dialogue on Nursing Theory."

The first annual COSEE-NE community conference, Partnerships in Ocean Science Education-New England (POSE-New England), was held on March 4 at UMass Boston. **Kim Frashure**, PhD candidate in the Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences (EEOS) Department, helped to organize the program. EEOS professor **Bob Chen** is the principal investigator for the COSEE/NSF grant that funded the event.

Dale Freeman, digital resources archivist at the Healey Library, recently presented the lecture "Melancholy Catastrophe of 1801! The Story of Jason Fairbanks and Elizabeth Fales" at the Dedham Historical Society.

Joan Garity, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), gave a presentation on differences in grief and loss of the Alzheimer family caregiver at the annual meeting of the Alzheimer's Association's Massachusetts Chapter, held on May 3.

On March 7, **Robert C. Hayden**, CPCS lecturer, inaugurated the William Monroe Trotter Institute's "Tuesday Series" with the talk "Writing African American History: Issues and Challenges."

Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, was a panelist for the Askwith Education Forum, held at The Graduate School of Education at Harvard University on March 3. Kiang also spoke on "Asian American Issues in the Metro Boston Schools" at the Sixth Annual Fund Education Forum.

Scott Maisano, assistant professor of English, presented "Shakespeare's Dead Sea Scroll: On the Apocryphal Appearance of *Pericles*" to the Shakespeare Association of America in Philadelphia. He presented "Academiana: If It Makes Sense, Then You've Misunderstood" at Indiana University for the Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate.

While visiting Israel, Professor **David Matz** of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution, gave four lectures examining the U.S. legal practice and the use of mediation for the Israel Bar Association; the limitations of mediation for the Israel Academic Research Institute for Conflict Resolution; four major mistakes found in mediation literature for the College of Management Academic Studies; and courts as case settlers for the University of Haifa Program for Judges.

Director of Creative Writing **Askold Melnyczuk** introduced UMass Boston student **Matiop Wal** at PEN-New England's annual discovery night at the John F. Kennedy Library.

Dorothy Shubow Nelson, lecturer in the English Department, presented "Where Are the Indigenous Voices?" to the Ecomposition Roundtable at the annual meeting of the College Composition and Communication Conference, held in Chicago.

Nadia Nurhusein, assistant professor of English, gave the paper "Dunbar's Performances and Epistolary Dialect Poetry" at the Paul Laurence Dunbar Centennial Conference, held at Stanford University in March.

Joyce Peseroff, Distinguished Lecturer in English and Poet-in-Residence, chaired the panel "Jane Kenyon—Her Life and Art" at the national meeting of the Associated Writing Programs. She also gave a reading with poet Donald Hall for a tribute to Kenyon, held at the Concord Poetry Center.

Laurel E. Radwin, associate professor of nursing, presented "Reconceptualizing Desired Health Outcomes of Patient Centered Cancer Nursing Care" at a Phyllis Cantor Center Brown Bag session, held at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She presented "Examining the Quality of Patient Centered Nursing Care" at a meeting of the Massachusetts Organization of Nurse Executives and the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Nursing Program in Development.

On March 28, **Paige Ransford**, research associate at the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP), participated in the panel "Forgotten Offenders: Perspectives on Women in Prison," held at Anna Maria College.

Rebecca Romanow, lecturer of English, chaired the panel "The Queer Space of the Postcolonial" at the New England Modern Language Association meeting, held in Philadelphia in March.

In April, NERCHE director **John Saltmarsh**, with GCOE professor **Dwight Giles** and Asian American Studies Program director **Peter Kiang**, co-led the workshop "Research Design and Documentation of the Scholarship of Engagement" at the Northeast Regional Campus Compact.

On March 17, **Lloyd Schwartz**, the Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, opened the Green Mountain Film Festival in Montpelier, Vermont, with the talk "Classical Music in the Movies." He also recently taught a master class, "Reading One's Own Work Aloud," at the New School.

Stephen Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, presented the paper "Materializing Social Identity, Past and Present" at the Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, held in San Juan, Puerto Rico, in April.

Mohammad H. Tamdgidi, assistant professor of sociology, presented the paper "Middle Eastern Insights into Anzaldúa's Utopystic and Quantal Sociological Imagination: Toward New Agenda" at the Third Annual Social Theory Forum. He presented two papers, "Transcending the Dualism of Social Stage and Mental Space: Bridging Utopystics with Borderlands Sociology in the Liberating Social Theory of Gloria Anzaldúa" and "From the Sociological Imagination to Imaginative Sociology: Utopystics, Sociology of

Self-Knowledge and Human Architecture as Transformative Exercises in Sociological Practice, Theory, and Method" for the Eastern Sociological Society.

GCOE's **Peter Taylor** was a speaker at an international interdisciplinary workshop, "Building on Borders: Constructions of Ecological Knowledge," held in Germany in April.

On April 15, **Lynne Tirrell**, associate professor of philosophy, spoke on atrocity and evil at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. She presented the paper "The Three Monkeys Meet *The Atrocity Paradigm*: Epistemic Reconsiderations of Foreseeable, Intolerable Harm."

PUBLICATIONS

Pamela Annas, professor of English and director of the English MA Program, has published the fourth edition of *Literature and Society: An Introduction to Fiction, Poetry, Drama, Nonfiction* with Prentice-Hall.

Professor **Chukwuma Azuonye** published the article "Feminist or Simply Feminine? Reflections on the Works of Nana Asma'u, a 19th Century West African Woman Poet, Intellectual and Social Activist," in *Meridians: Feminism, Race, Transnationalism*.

Professor **Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen** published two articles in the *Encyclopedia of Aging*: "Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)" with Leon W. Klud and "Home Equity Conversion" with Richard W. McConaghy.

Susan DeSanto-Madeya, assistant professor of nursing, published the article "The Meaning of Living with Spinal Cord Injury 5 to 10 Years After the Injury" in April's *Western Journal of Nursing Research*.

CNHS's **Laurel E. Radwin**, along with Gail Wilkes and current and former research assistants **Linda Curtin**, **Christine Saba**, **Lisa Tracey**, **Joanne Garvey**, **John Whitehouse**, **Camille Sanabria**, **Amber Schrantz**, **Liliana Teixeira**, **Mary Hackel**, and **Kim Willis**, published the abstract "Enhancing Patients' Trust in Oncology Nursing Care: A Challenge for Nursing Leaders" in March's *Oncology Nursing Forum*.

The poem "Leaves" by **Lloyd Schwartz**, the Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, was reprinted in the fourth edition of *Literature and Society*. His article "Peter Sellars on DVD" was published in the April issue of *The Yale Review*. His poem "Friendships and Time" was translated into Portuguese by Marcilio Farias on the Brazilian website O Alma do Beco.

CAMPUS NOTES

Professor of English **Taylor Stoehr** translated and illustrated poems of Francois Villon for his edition *Ask the Wolf: Ballads and Bequests from the Testament of Francois Villon*, published by Unicorn Press.

“Shakespeare, Nash, and *Sir Thomas More*,” by Professor of English **John Tobin**, appeared in March’s *Notes and Queries*.

Joseph Torra, lecturer in the English Department, published a memoir, “Boston Boom Boom,” in the literary journal *The Poker*.

The Department of Counseling and School Psychology’s **Felicia Wilzenski** and **Rebecca Schumacher** published the article “Giving and Growing: Service-Learning Applications in School Counseling” in the March/April *School Counselor*. Wilzenski and graduate student **Susan Coomey** published the article “Cyber-communication: Finding Its Place in School Counseling Practice, Education, and Professional Development” in April’s *Professional School Counseling*.

An essay by history professor **Julie Winch**, “‘Onward, Onward, Is Indeed the Watchword’: James Forten’s Reflections on Revolutions and Liberty,” is included in Timothy Patrick McCarthy and John Stauffer’s *Prophets of Protest: Reconsidering the History of American Abolitionism*.

EXHIBITS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

In Memoriam Messiaen by **David Patterson** of the Performing Arts Department was selected for a reading and recording by the New England Conservatory Wind Ensemble under the direction of Charles Peltz on April 21. Patterson studied at the Paris Conservatory with Olivier Messiaen, who is remembered for his love of birdsong.

Brian Thompson, professor of French, organized four concerts with visiting French singer-songwriter Jacques Yvart, held in April at Holliston High School, Brown University, UMass Boston (with WUMB’s X-treme Folk Series), and in Providence for high school students.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Professor **Chukwuma Azuonye** was awarded the Andrew Mellon Fellowship for a preliminary study of Christopher Okigbo at the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin for the summer of 2006. He was chosen as a fellow of the W. E. B. DuBois Institute at Harvard University for the duration of his forthcoming sabbatical leave, September 2006 to July 2007. There, Azuonye will

complete his project “Christopher Okigbo at Work: A Study of the Manuscripts and Drafts of His Previously Unpublished Papers.”

Professor **Jeff Dukes** of the Biology Department received a CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation to fund his proposal “The Boston-Area Climate Experiment.” The five-year research project has a budget of \$625,000.

CNHS’s **Kathleen Golden McAndrew** served as faculty during the two-week National Drug Recognition Evaluation Training Course for Massachusetts and New Hampshire Law Enforcement Officers, held at Edwards Air force Base in March.

Lucia Mayerson-David and the Institute for Learning and Teaching are the recipients of a new grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for the amount of \$150,000 for support of the Talented and Gifted Mentoring PANAS Mentoring Program. This grant is one of five selected for a 2006 innovation fund grant.

College of Management professor **Jeff Keisler** is a co-recipient of a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to study alternative technology.

Peter Kiang and **Sophia Kim**, instructor of Asian American Studies, have been awarded a \$7,000 contract by the Brookline Public Schools’ superintendent through the Division of Corporate and Continuing Education to provide a professional development graduate course, “Teaching and Learning in Asian American Studies,” for Brookline Public Schools teachers and administrators.

The Asian American Studies Program has received a grant of \$28,175 from the Barr Foundation to conduct research about Asian immigrant parent participation in the Boston Public Schools. The collaborative research team includes: **Peter Kiang**, **Lusa Lo**, **Kunthary Thai-Johnson**, **Tri Quach**, **Chu Ly**, **Dzung Nguyen**, **Jennifer Nguyen**, **Maho Hatano**, **Soramy Le**, and **Victorie Yue**.

Class Dismissed, a film by **Pepi Leistyna** of Applied Linguistics, was screened at the Silver Lake Film Festival, held in Hollywood. Leistyna participated in a Q&A session following the screening. The film was also selected for the Das Globalisierungskritische Film Festival in Berlin and for Fired Up Films, sponsored by Muhlenberg College. Leistyna was interviewed on WMUA and on the nationally aired Bread and Roses program.

Professors **Patrick O’Neil** and **Elizabeth O’Neil** of the Computer Science Department received a grant for doctoral student support from Vertica Systems for \$145,000 through December 2007. The grant supports doctoral student research, conference travel, and hardware and software for use in research. O’Neil and O’Neil took part in the multi-university research consortium “C-Store.” The published results of their research were commercialized by Vertica Systems.

Alexia Pollack, assistant professor of biology, received a Joseph P. Healey grant for \$3,653 for her project “Evaluation of Abnormal Involuntary Movements (AIMs) in a Rat Model of Parkinson’s Disease.”

Shirley Tang of the American Studies and Asian American Studies Departments and **Rajini Srikanth** of the English Department and Honors Program won a \$9,000 award from the Association of American Colleges and Universities to attend the Greater Expectations Institute in June. There, a five-member team from UMass Boston will build on the accomplishments of the Honors Program’s study of international epidemics and Shirley Tang’s work with communities in Lowell, Revere, and Lynn, expanding and sustaining the campus’s circles of dialogue and action around HIV/AIDS initiatives.

Julia Tripp, constituent coordinator for the Center for Social Policy, was one of three consumers from Massachusetts invited to attend the two-week training in March for the Georgia Mental Health Certified Peer Specialist Project, under the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Professor **Connie Chan** of CPCS was elected to a three-year term (2006-2009) on the national ethics committee of the American Psychological Association.

The graduate public policy programs of Zagreb University, Croatia, announced that **Charles F. Cnudde**, senior fellow in the Center for Democracy and Development and professor of political science, will lead its international program on U.S. policy toward the South Eastern European region this summer. Cnudde’s travel will be funded by a grant from the U.S. State Department.

Kristin Mallek, research analyst with the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI), and **Lisa Bowen**, a graduate student with UHI, have been selected to serve as staff members for the Governor’s Coastal Hazards Commission.

Kathleen Golden McAndrew, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs, executive director for health services, and clinical assistant professor of nursing, has been selected as a 2006 Fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). She will be inducted during the AANP national conference in June.

The Asian American Studies Program’s Gulf Coast Research Team, including students **Phuong T. Nguyen**, **Jennifer Nguyen**, **Catherine Tran**, **Judy Mai**, **Nam Le**, and **Soramy Le**, received the 2006 Community Service Award of the Asian American Resource Workshop in Boston.

The Passim Folk Music and Center in Cambridge honored WUMB on-air host **Dick Pleasants** with the “Living Legend” award for more than 30 years of devotion to presenting and preserving folk music in and around Boston and Cambridge.

Boston’s Institute of Contemporary Art has invited **Lloyd Schwartz**, on behalf of the Creative Writing Program at UMass Boston, to choose the poems for its new program “Words on the Harborwalk.” Four times a year, Schwartz will select a new poem for the new building’s signboard.

An article by **Lloyd Schwartz**, “Stretching Exercises: The BSO Challenges Its Audience,” published in the *Boston Phoenix*, won third prize in the New England Press Association Awards for arts reporting.

CNHS’s **Laurel E. Radwin** has been appointed to a national project team for the Oncology Nursing Society charged with examining multi-site data sharing in research and clinical sites.

Robert Weiner, chair of the international relations track of the MSPA Program, has been reappointed as a center associate at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University for a three-year term, July 2006 to June 2009.

Eben Weitzman of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution was named to the core faculty of the Institute for Change, an internal organizational change and leadership development institute for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). Weitzman is leading the institute’s work in the area of conflict resolution.

The College of Management (CM) has named Anne Finucane of Northeast, Bank of America as its Distinguished Executive for 2006. She will receive the award and address the CM community on May 3.

CM named **George Kassas** MBA ’85 of Cedar Point Communications as its Distinguished Alumnus for 2006. Kassas will receive the award on May 30 when he addresses graduating students at CM’s convocation.

EVENTS

On March 24, the Center on Media and Society of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies hosted the “Future of Ethnic News Business” conference. Speakers included State Representative Linda Dorcena Forry; Bill Forry of *Reporter* Newspapers; Chazy Dowaliby of the *Patriot Ledger*; Pat Purcell of the *Boston Herald*; Foon Rhee of the *Boston Globe*; Javier Marin of *El Planeta*; Charles Kravetz of New England Cable News; Adam Smith of Sampan; Ric Oliveira of *O Jornal* and *El Latino Expresso*; and others.

Scholar Phyllis Kritek presented “Beyond Band-Aids: Conflict Management in the U.S. Health Care System” for the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution’s 2006 Benjamin and Sylvia Slomoff Lectureship in Dispute Resolution.

DISSERTATIONS

Shellie Simons successfully defended her dissertation, “Workplace Bullying Among Newly Licensed Nurses in Massachusetts and the Relationship to Intention to Leave the Organization,” to earn a PhD in nursing.

MISCELLANEOUS

Professor **Connie Chan** of CPCS ran her 15th consecutive Boston marathon on April 17.

IN THE NEWS

Darrell Byers, vice chancellor for institutional advancement, was quoted on the results of fund-raising efforts on campus in an April 6 *Dorchester Reporter* article.

Professor **Jim Green**’s new book *Death in the Haymarket* was reviewed by the *New York Times* on May 7 and recently in the *Nation*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Chicago Sun Times*, *New York Sun*, *Tucson Citizen* and *San Diego Union-Tribune*. He was interviewed on NPR’s “All Things Considered” program, which aired on April 29 and 30.

In March, CWPPP’s **Paige Ransford** was quoted in the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* on incarcerated women and the effects on their families.

Paul Hayes Tucker, professor of art and director of Arts on the Point, was featured in the *Boston Globe* and the *Seattle Post Intelligencer* in April for his work as curator of the Seattle exhibit “DoubleTake: From Monet to Lichtenstein.”

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus, dial (617) 28 and the last five digits below each event.

Submit June calendar listings by **Thursday, May 18**, to umb.edu/news/calendar/.

Monday 8

Department of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series

2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Angeliki Evgenidou, Erika Delcastillo, and Anne Isham. Contact: www.es.umb.edu.

Critical and Creative Thinking Presentations: Synthesis Projects by Graduating Students

6:45 – 9:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Rm 628. Contact: www.cct.umb.edu/synth06.html or peter.taylor@umb.edu.

Tuesday 9

Retirees Luncheon

12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge. Sponsored by the Department of Human Resources. Contact: 7-5150.

Yoga for All

2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st Floor. Mixed-level Kripalu yoga class, open to all. Yoga mats will be provided. Students: free. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Contact: 7-5680 or linda.jorgensen@umb.edu.

Jazz Band Concert

7:30 – 9:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Sponsored by the Department of Performing Arts. Contact: 7-5640.

Wednesday 10

Spring semester classes end

OLLI Brown Bag Lunch Series: Coincidences

11:30 to 1:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2-417. Sponsored by the Gerontology Institute. Contact: 7-7090.

Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology - Presentation of Certificates

12:15 – 1:15 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni room, 2nd fl. Featuring Daniel O'Leary, executive director of the Mystic Valley elder Services, Inc., presenting "The Challenges of Consumer Directed Care." Certificates will be presented the Manning Gerontology students and the Gerontology bachelor degree graduates will be recognized. Contact: 7-7330 or mary.stjean@umb.edu.

Yoga for All

1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st Floor. Mixed-level Kripalu yoga class, open to all. Yoga mats will be provided. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. Students: free. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Contact: 7-5680 or linda.jorgensen@umb.edu.

Department of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Seminar Series: Responses and Feedbacks to Global Environmental Change: A Grassland Perspective

2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Jeffrey S. Dukes of UMass Boston. Contact: www.es.umb.edu.

The Watermark Book Release Party

2:30 – 5:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Party for UMass Boston's literary magazine *The Watermark*. Contact: 7-7950

Thursday 11

Study period through May 14

Mindfulness Meditation Group

2:30 – 3:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd Floor. A mindfulness meditation group open to all. No prior experience required. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5624 or lauren.mayhew@umb.edu.

Friday 12

OLLI Brown Bag Lunch Series: Ending Human Tracking

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2-417. Sponsored by the Gerontology Institute. Contact: 7-7090.

Writer's Circle

4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd Floor, Student Media Center. Gathering of creative writers adept in both poetry and fiction. Anyone is welcome to submit their work for criticism, or just to get a sense of how the work is read by an audience. Contact: itarter@hotmail.com.

Saturday 13

Diversity in Motion

8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2nd fl. Performances and choreography by UMass Boston dance faculty and students. General admission: \$10. Students and seniors with ID: \$5. Contact: 7-5640 or angela.papierski@umb.edu.

Monday 15

Final exams: May 15 - 19

OLLI Spring Workshops: Irish Emigration and History

10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Wheatley Hall, student lounge, 4-0148. Sponsored by the Gerontology Institute. Contact: 7-7322.

Reception for Andres Torres Fund

6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge, 2nd fl. Sponsored by the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy. Contact: 7-5791.

Tuesday 16

ITC Workshop: No Static: Part 1: Creating a Dynamic E-Learning Space in WEBCT

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Healey Library, P1, lower level. First in a two-part introduction to e-learning pedagogy. Workshop will provide strategies and techniques for using WEBCT to enhance teaching and learning. Suggested prerequisite: familiarity with WEBCT CT Vista. Presenter: Eileen McMahon. Registration no: 86. Contact: www.umb.edu.

Chancellor's Achievement Award Ceremony and Annual Ice Cream Social

2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Contact: 7-5189.

Wednesday 17

Eco-Tours of UMass Boston

3:00 - 3:40 p.m., Wednesdays, Campus Center, off catwalk, 2nd fl. Learn more about UMass Boston's eco-friendly practices such as green buildings, energy efficiency, recycling, composting, and biodegradable bags. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally-responsible campus community. RSVP to 7-5083 or umbe.green@umb.edu.

Master of Science in Public Administration Capstone Presentations

5:00 – 8:30 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Contact: 7-6938.

Thursday 18

Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy Speaker Series

1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, 3rd fl. Contact: 7-5791.

Friday 19

CPCS Celebration of Graduates

7:00 – 9:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. All graduates and their guests, faculty, staff and friends of CPCS are invited. The dean's award for academic excellence and the community service award will be presented and each graduate will have an opportunity to speak of their CPCS experience. The UMass jazz band will play and refreshments will be served. Contact: 7-7124 or suzanne.allmendinger@umb.edu.

Tuesday 23

Biology and Biochemistry Honors Presentations

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge, 2nd fl. Sponsored by the Department of Biology. Contact: 7-6600.

Bringing the Best to Nursing Year-End Celebration

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Sponsored by the Department of Nursing. Contact: 7-7548.

Urban Scholars Drama Class Performance

7:00 – 9:30 p.m., Science Center, Lipke Auditorium, 2nd fl. Contact: 7-5830.

Wednesday 24

MS in Human Services Graduation Celebration

5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Campus Center, University Dining Club, 2nd fl. contact: 7-7421.

Upward Bound Graduation

6:00 - 9:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Contact: 7-5812.

Workforce Development Roundtable

5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, Rm 3540, 3rd fl. Sponsored by the College of Management. Contact: 7-7734.

Thursday 25

Political Science Department Graduating Seniors Event

4:30 – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge, 2nd fl. Sponsored by the Department of Political Science. Contact: 7-6920.

Urban Scholars Graduation

5:00 – 7:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Contact: 7-5830.

Monday 29

Memorial Day

University closed.

Friday, June 2

Commencement 2006

10:00 a.m., Campus Center Lawn. UMass Boston's 38th commencement will honor students and special guests U.S. Senator Barack Obama, who will deliver the keynote address; Marvalene Hughes, president of Dillard University in New Orleans; Thomas W. Payzant, superintendent of Boston Public Schools; and Sylvia Poggioli, senior European correspondent for National Public Radio. Contact: www.umb.edu/commencement.

Friday, June 16

UMass Boston Golf Classic

8:00 a.m., Franklin Park Golf Course. 20th Annual Golf Classic. Shotgun start. Hosted by the Department of Athletics. Visit the Golf Classic link on the department's website for registration form: www.athletics.umb.edu.

Miscellaneous

Beacon Fitness Center

McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Open to UMass Boston students, alumni, staff, and faculty. Programs offered include personal training, aerobics classes, massage therapy, orientations and fitness assessments, among other services. Hours through May 26, 2006: Monday - Thursday: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Friday: 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm

Campus Ministry

Offerings include interfaith Bible study, Grief Support Group, The Power of Now Brown Bag Lunch series, prayer and workshop opportunities, gospel choir club, Catholic Campus Ministry, Islamic Campus Ministry, Jewish Student Campus Ministry, Muslim Student Campus Ministry, and Protestant Campus Ministry. Contact: www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry/.

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)

Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at www.itc.umb.edu or contact: 7-2990.

Tuesday Harbor Cruises

June 21 - September
12:00 - 1:15 p.m., Fox Point Dock. Cruise around the Boston Harbor Islands aboard the M/V Hurricane. Free with a current and valid UMass ID and \$5.00 without. Tickets given on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations required. Contact: 7-5404.

WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal

Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.