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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 nationwide; chancellor’s 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. Naciforor, 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 (Cont. on page 2)

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 Krimsky, 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)

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Chancellor Collins Tells Audience That UMass Boston Is “For Real”

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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,
“T’m excited: the energy between
the board of higher education, the
chemistry on the campuses, as evi-
denced by the athletes here today,
and Michael’s performance up to
this point in time is clearly worthy
of our continued investing in a sys-
tem that I think is going to reap
tremendous dividends very
shortly.”

The University of Massachu-
setts’s Board of Trustees was repre-
sented by Chair James J. Karam,
Vice Chair Karl E. White, Dennis
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Stacey R. Rainey, and Robert K.
Sheridan. Chair Stephen Tocco
and Chancellor Judith Gill repre-
sented the Massachusetts Board of
Higher Education.

After the Chamber Singers pre-
sented the fanfare Sabuwona! (I
See You!) by Professor David
Patterson of the Music Depart-
ment, University of Massachusetts
Board Chair Karam read the
charge of office, and UMass Presi-
dent Wilson placed the medallion
of office upon Chancellor Collins,
who was flanked by Mayor
Menino and Senate President
Travaglini.

Collins then delivered his inau-
ugural address, in which he iden-
tified the fundamental aspects of an
ideal education: dedicated, re-
spected teachers; a robust exposure
to the liberal arts; inspiring minds
and lives; enthusiastic mentors; an
established common ground; and
adequate funding.

“Heavy Boston is for real,
people: We are for students who
really want to learn, for teachers
and scholars who really are supe-
rior, 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, re-
flecting, finally, the real distinction
within it,” said Chancellor Collins
to resounding applause.

“I have truly enjoyed my inter-
actions with so many members of
the UMass Boston community, of-
ten discussing their opinions about
what we could do together to make
this an ideal university,” said Chan-
cellor Collins. “I expect these con-
versations 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 Cam-
pus 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 and Rich-
ard Howard)
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 Campaus 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, Kashmi, La Paloma, Pho Hoa, 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.”


The highlight of the speaking program featured undergraduates Michael Metzger ’08 and Catherine Reyes ’06, who shared stories of what scholarships meant to them in their academic pursuits. Metzger, of Marblehead, and Reyes, a native of Columbia whose family was forced to flee the area, helped to make the Student Scholarship Gala a huge success.


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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, president & CEO, Invention Machine Corp.; Denise Coll, senior vice president for human resources, Mabbett ’69 (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 scholarships awarded 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.

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-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 “Bitter-sweet Symphony.”

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

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)
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

Calling out for a new vision for the City of Boston, community leader Hube Jones said that “our challenge is to build a culture of collaboration” at an April 25 symposium. “Urban leaders need to be connectors,” 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.”

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 Moriarty ’05; and Mary Truong ’92.

Office of Graduate Studies: On Apology

UMass Medical School Chancellor Aaron Lazar, 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.

Lazar 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 following humiliation,” he said.

Lazar 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

Rory 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 inadequacies, 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.

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 Depressions; 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 Uziarte 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 Endicott Eckenstein, 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: Eliminate the Achievement Gap

Carolyn Stone called for a new vision for education. “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.”

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 development 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; Senta Izicupo ’75, principal for prime time development, MAGNA Global Entertainment; and Lauren Craig Redmond ’00, partnt, 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 $100 scholarship made in her life by allowing her to attend nursing school. “The help I got from that scholarship—it is the basis 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.
Professor Publishes New Work on Sociology Pioneer

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 Chal 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 Chal 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 1844 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 textbook 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.)

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

In 2004, antidepressants and antipsychotics were the fourth-largest medical expense category, according to Jacobs. “Also, 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 companies 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.

“The research has received wide coverage in the media, including articles in the New York Times, 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.

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Professor Connie Chan of the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS) presented the invited address “Sexuality and Cultural Competencies for Mental Health” to the Asian American Medical Association’s New England Regional conference, held in Boston on April 1.

In April, Yuan-Ping (Bong) Chen, the Frank J. Manning Emmanuel 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. Cheson of the History Department spoke on the First Battle of Bull Run at the Civil War Reenactment Table of Coastal Georgia, held on St. Simon’s Island on March 28.

Linda Dittmar and Patricia 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 “Aging and 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-NE 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 COSEE-NE.

Dale Freeman, digital resources archivist at the Healey Library, recently presented the five-part lecture “Melancholy Catastrophe of 18011 The Story of Jason Fairbanks and Elizabeth Fades” at the Dedham Library.

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 Aikw Educational Forum, held at The Graduate School of Education at Harvard University on March 5. Kiang also spoke on “Asian American Issues in the Metro Boston Schools” at the sixth Annual Fund Education Forum.


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 Programs for Judges.

Director of Creative Writing, Askold Melnyczuk introduced UMass Boston student Matnop 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 Ecocriticism Roundtable at the annual meeting of the College Composition and Communication Conference, held in Chicago.

Nadja Nurbuxussen, assistant professor of English, gave the paper “Dunham’s Performances and Epistolary Doodle Poetry” at the Paul I. Berenson Centennial Conference, held at Stanford University in March.

Joyce Peeroff, Distinguished Lecturer in English and Poet-in-Residence, chaired the panel “Jane Kenyon—Her Life and Art” at the memorial 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.

Lauri E. Radwin, associate professor of nursing, presented “Research Utilizing 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/Cancer Center Nursing Program in Development.

On March 28, Paige Ramsford, research associate at the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP), participated in the panel “Forgotten Others: 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 Robert Emery, with COGER 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 Stillman, 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. Tadmajid, assistant professor of sociology, presented the paper “Multiple Eastern Insights into Anzaldua’s Utopistic and Quotant Imaginaries: Toward New Agenda” at the Third Annual National Conference of the Mexican American Historical Society at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Professor Yung-Ping (Bong) Chen published two articles in the Encyclopedia of Aging: “Indi- vidual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)” with Leon W. Kudl and “Home Equity Conversion” with Richard W. McCready.

Susan DeSanto-Meadya, 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 Lauri E. Radwin, along with Michael Wilkes and current and former research assistants Linda Curtis, Christine Sabu, Lisa Tracey, Joanne Garvey, John Whitehouse, Camille Sanabria, Amber Schrautz, 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 Culture for the Modern World: “Peer Sellers on DVD?” was published in the April issue of The Yale Review. His poem “Friendships and Time” was translated into Portuguese by Marcelo Farias on the Brazilian website O Alma do Beco.


The Department of Counseling and School Psychology’s Elisia Wizenczuk and Rebecca Schumacher published the article “Counseling and School Psychology’s School Counseling Development” in April’s American School Counselor. Wizenczuk and graduate student Susan Coonan 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 historian Professor Julie Wunsch, “Owney, Owlie, I Am Indeed the Watchwolf,” 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 Message by David Patterson of thePerforming Arts Department was selected for a reading and the recording by New England Comedy 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 Vartan, 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 Azonu was awarded the Andrew Mellon Fellowship for a preliminary study of Charles Baudelaire 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. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University for the duration of his forthcoming sabbatical leave, September 2006 to July 2007. There, Azonu 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 Experimen.” The five-year research project has a budget of $623,000.

CNH’s Kathleen GoldenMcAndrew served as faculty during the two-week National Drug Recognition Evaluation Program at UMass Boston in 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 $110,000 for support of the Talented and Gifted Mentoring PANAS Mentoring Program. This grant is one for five selected for a 2006 innovation fund grant.

College of Management professor Jeff Kosler 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 $28,173 from the Barr Foundation to conduct research about Asian immigrant parent participation in the Boston Public Schools. The collaborative research team includes: Peter Kiang, Laura Lo, Kuntathy Thai-Johnson, Tri Quach, Chu Lu, Drum Monroe, Jennifer Nguyen, Malo Hatano, Soramy Le, and Victoria Yue.

Glass Dismissed, a film by Pepi Leisuena of Applied Linguistics, was screened at the Silver Lake Film Festival, held in Hollywood. Leisuena participated in a Q&A session following the screening. The film was also selected for the Das Globalisierungskrismische Filmfestival in Berlin and for Freed Up Films, sponsored by Muhlenberg College. Leisuena was interviewed on WNUA and on the nationally aired Bread and Roses program.

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

Alexa Pollack, assistant professor of biology, received a Joseph P. Healy grant for $3,683 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 Ramin Skandari 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 supporting 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 Zayed University, in Dubai, 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 Government Coastal Hazards Commission.

Kathleen GoldenMcAndrew, 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 at Gulf Coast Research Team, including students Phuong T. Nguyen, Jennifer Nguyen, Catherine Tran, Judy Mai, Le, and SangEun Lee, received the 2006 Community Service Award of the American Asian Resource Workshop in Boston.

The Passion Folk Music and Center in Cambridge honored WUMB on-air host Dick Peasants 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.


CNH’s Laurel F. 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 MPS Program, has been appointed to a three-year term as center associate at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University for a three-year term, July 2006 to June 2009.

Elen 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 Interna- tional 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 CMV’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” conference. Speakers included State Representative Linda Dorcena Forry; Bill Forry of Reporter Newspapers; Chay Dowaliby of the Patriot Ledger; Pat Purcell of the Boston Herald; Foon Rhee of the Boston Globe; Javier Marín of El Planeta; Charles Kravetz of New England Cable News; Adam Smith of Sampam; Ric Oliver of the Boston Globe; and Elia Davoudpour of El Latino Expressivo; and others.

Scholar Phyllis Kristol presented “Beyond Rand-Aids: Conflict Management in the U.S. Foreign Policy Care” for the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution’s 2006 Benjamin and Sylvia Stommel Lectureship in Dispute Resolution.

DISERTATIONS

Sheille Simonsen successfully defended her dissertation, “Workplace Bullying Among Newly Licensed Nurses in Massachusetts and the Relationship to Intentions 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 Worcester Telegram 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, CWPPPP’s Paige Ramsford 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, 1st Floor. Featuring Angélique Estridé, Erika Delcastillo, and Anne Isham. Contact: www.es.umb.edu.

Critical and Creative Thinking Presentations/Synopsis Projects by Graduating Students
6:45 – 9:35 p.m., McCormack Hall, Rm 628. Contact: cac@umb.edu 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: 7-3150.

Yoga for All
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st Floor. Mixed-level Kiripali 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.jorgenson@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: 7-7951.

Thursd 11

Study period through May 14
Mindfulness Meditation Group
2:30 – 3:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd Floor. A mind- fulness meditation group open to all. No prior experience required. Spon- sored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5624 or lauren.mayhew@umb.edu.

Friday 12

OLU Brown Bag Lunch Series: Ending Human Tracking
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2-417. Sponsored by the Ger- ontology 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: starter@hotmail.com.

Saturday 13

Diversity in Motion
8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theater, 2nd fl. Perform- ances and choreography by UMass Boston dance faculty and students. General admission: $10. Students and seniors with ID: $5. Contact: 7-6640 or angela.papierski@umb.edu.

Monday 15

Final exams: May 15 - 19
OLU Spring Workshops: Irish Emigration and History
10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Wheatley Hall, Alumni Lounge, 2nd fl. Contact: 7-7310 or mary.cijan@umb.edu.

Tuesday 16

I TC Workshop: No Static: Part 1: Creating a Dynamic E-Learning Spaces
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Science Center, Li- brary, PL, lower floor. First in a two- part introduction to e-learning peda- gogy. Workshop will provide strate- gies and techniques for using ITC in enhancing teaching and learning. Suggested prerequisite: fa- miliarity with ITC. Contact: Eileen McMa- hon. Registration reservations required. Contact: 7-0008.

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

Workforce Development Roundtable
9:30 – 11:30 a.m., McCormack Center, Rm 3540, 3rd fl. Sponsored by the Col- lege of Management. Contact: 7-7316.

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 Sci- ence. Contact: 7-6790.

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

Monday 29

Memorial Day
University closed.

Tuesday 23

Biography and Biochemistry Honors Presentations
5:00 – 8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Alumni Lounge, 2nd fl. Sponsored by the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy. Contact: 7-7591.

Monday, June 2

Commencement 2006
10:00 a.m., Campus Center Lawn. UMass Boston’s 38th commenc- ment will honor students and special guests U.S. Senator Barack Obama, who will deliver the keynote address; Marvalette Hughes, president of Dillard University in New Orleans; Thomas W. Payzant, superintendent of Boston Public Schools; and Sylvia Poggioli, senior European correspon- dent of National Public Radio. Contact: www.umb.edu/commence- ment.

Friday, June 16

UMass Boston Golf Classic
8:00 a.m., Franklin Park Golf Course. 20th Annual Golf Classic. Shotgun start. Hosted by the Depart- ment 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: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Friday: 8:00 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
Offersings include interfaith Bible study, Grief Support Group, The Power of Now Brown Bag Lunch se- ries, prayer and workshop opportu- nities, gospel choir club, Catholic Campus Ministry, Islamic Campus Ministry, Jewish Student Campus Ministry, Mass Student Campus Ministry, and Protestant Campus Ministry. Contact: www.umb.edu/ students/campusministry.

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)
Interested in expanding your technol- ogy horizons? Visit the ITC website at www.itc.umb.edu or contact 7-2990.

Tuesday Harbor Cruises
June 21 - September 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., Fox Point Dock. Cruise around the Boston Harbor Is- lands aboard the MV 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
Sunday: 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.