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## Center for Survey Research Team Examines Impact of Smoking-Cessation Aids and Mass Media Among Quitters

By Peter Grennen

“Image is everything,” proclaimed a 1990s ad campaign. A debatable notion, to be sure, but it has nevertheless become a truism for some trend spotters—those, for example, who analyze influences and patterns in tobacco use. Consider that when smoking was recognized as a public health concern, the federal government blamed television and the tobacco industry later withdrew from broadcast advertising. More recently, a number of scholarly studies—including one spearheaded by Lois Biener of UMass Boston’s Center for Survey Research (CSR)—have acknowledged TV’s central role in successful efforts to get smokers to kick the habit.



A new study led by Lois Biener (center), senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, with senior research fellow Karen Bogen (left) and assistant study director Catherine Garrett (right), found that televised messages are far more effective than any other strategy in overcoming nicotine addiction. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The CSR study, “Impact of Smoking Cessation Aids and Mass Media Among Recent Quitters”—funded by the National Cancer Institute and published in the March issue of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*—was conducted locally but has far-reaching implications. Assisted by a group of CSR researchers and colleagues from other universities, Biener canvassed 787 Massachusetts residents who had become smoke-free within the past two years to find out which quitting strategies had done the trick. Respondents considered not only TV messages but an array of conventional pharmacologic and behavioral therapies—prescription

medicine, professional counseling, self-help materials, telephone quit lines, and so on.

The full impact of a particular quitting aid was calculated by taking into account both the aid’s effectiveness and its participation rate—that is, its penetration into the population. “It is important to consider which types of assistance will have the greatest impact on the population,” notes Biener, who has examined issues surrounding tobacco use for more than a decade.

In this survey, it’s fair to say, TV ads smoked the rest of the field. The study found that televised messages are far more effective than any other strategy in overcoming nicotine addiction.

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## From Dorchester to Hollywood and Back: Actor Kevin Chapman Honored with Two Others at 2006 Community Breakfast

By Ed Hayward

For an actor who has a distinct way with words, Dorchester native Kevin Chapman found himself searching for a way to explain why he remains committed to causes in Boston and surrounding communities.

“Anytime I’ve ever done anything was for the right reason: because I could,” said the man known as “Chappy” to the nearly 300 people who attended the 2006 Community Breakfast. “Don’t do it because you should, or someone told you to or because it looks good. Do it because you can.”

Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, presented awards for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service to Chapman and Dorchester businessman Lee M. Kennedy.

The highlight of the March 14 annual breakfast was the presentation of the 20th Robert H. Quinn Award for Community Service to Roslindale resident Maggie De Jesus, a family advocate who coordinates domestic violence prevention programs at the Geiger-Gibson Community Health Center in Dorchester.

“Community partnerships are crucial to our urban mission. By

hosting this breakfast each year, we are able to celebrate this mission and honor individuals who are working on behalf of the community, committed to the values that we uphold as an institution,” Chancellor Collins said.

De Jesus, who was raised in a household marred by domestic violence, turned her painful personal lessons into sensitive support and meaningful training for Dorchester and South Boston families trying to rid their homes of domestic violence. Most recently, she has focused on the impact of domestic violence on teenagers.

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(From left to right) Robert H. Quinn, Kevin Chapman, Maggie De Jesus, Lee M. Kennedy, and Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, smile together following the Community Breakfast, held on March 14 in the Campus Center Ballroom. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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# Community Leaders and Advocates Gather at Quinn Breakfast

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She joined the Geiger-Gibson staff last year after serving in a number of positions at Casa Myrna Vazquez. De Jesus can be seen on the street, posting fliers announcing services, and works behind the scenes to secure food, shelter, and emergency support for families. She also assists with fundraising efforts, training, and advocacy.

"She does an amazing job," the chancellor said moments before presenting De Jesus with a plaque.

The Quinn Award, which recognizes individuals whose outstanding contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in the greater Boston area, was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, who served the Commonwealth as speaker of the House of Representatives, attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

Quinn praised De Jesus for working with those most in need. "Maggie De Jesus saw people in trouble and she went to go help. She helps the most vulnerable people in our society and the most troubled. I'm honored to see her recognized here today," he said.

De Jesus said she hoped that the award and the breakfast would help her in her efforts to make both teenagers and adults aware of the perils of domestic violence and the solutions that exist for people who need help.

"We go out into the neighborhoods to let people know that domestic violence is a community issue," said De Jesus. "Domestic violence knows no barriers."



Top left: Joe Sammons, executive director of Geiger-Gibson Community Health Center, with coworker Maggie De Jesus, who is the 20th recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award for Community Service, and Senator Jack Hart.

Top right: Lieutenant Jack Watts from Boston Police District C-6; Kevin Chapman, recipient of the Longstanding Community Commitment and Service award; and Michael Kineavy, chief of policy and planning for the City of Boston.

Middle: Tom Lyons, Walter Salvi of NStar, Marybeth Kennedy, Lee Kennedy, recipient of the Longstanding Community Commitment and Service award, and one of his two sons, Lee Michael Kennedy.

Bottom: Marvin Gilmore of the Community Development Board of Boston; Eric Turner, formerly of Catholic Charities; State Representative Marie St. Fleur; and Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD.

(Photos by Harry Brett)

Lee Kennedy founded the Dorchester-based Lee Kennedy Co., Inc. construction company, among numerous other enterprises. He was honored for his extensive work in support of local community organizations. Kennedy serves as a director for the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club, Franciscan Hospital for Children, and the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund. He is also an advisor to the city's Back Streets Program.

Chapman grew up in Dorchester and worked in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and with the Cultural Affairs staff. He now lives in Los Angeles, where he is a professional actor. He is currently working on the film *Flags of Our Fathers*, with Clint Eastwood, and the Showtime series *The Brotherhood*.

Chapman remains close to his neighborhood and friends and is actively involved with several community groups, in particular the Marr Boys and Girls Club, the Paul R. McLaughlin Youth Center, and the Doug Flutie, Jr. Autism Foundation.

## Smoking and the media (cont.)

"When impact at the population level is considered," Biener notes, "televised anti-tobacco advertisements rank higher than conventional aids, with 30.5 percent of all recent quitters reporting that the advertisements contributed to their quitting."

That result is at least partly explained by the nature of the medium. As a source of information, TV is so pervasive today that the public receives messages about

smoking almost willy-nilly. "Televised anti-tobacco messages are disseminated to smokers proactively," Biener observes. "Consequently, their population penetration is vast." So these ads are not likely to miss their targets—particularly young adults, who, the data showed, are helped to a much greater extent by TV ads as opposed to conventional aids.

In addition, TV is a natural conduit for the most effective type

of anti-smoking messages—those that present images, such as photos of smoking-damaged tissue, to startle viewers into thinking candidly about the consequences of their own dependency. "Television ads that depicted the serious harm done to health in an emotional or graphic way were most often recalled as helpful," says Biener. "Psychology tells us that when our emotions are aroused, we're more likely to attend to the

stimulus."

The CSR researchers hope their study will find a receptive audience in Congress and among public health officials. At a minimum, they expect their work to reinforce a federal interagency committee recommendation that the National Action Plan for Tobacco Cessation—a major government initiative—contain anti-smoking measures grounded in the technology of mass commu-

nication. That approach is nothing if not overdue: "The power of mass media campaigns tends to be overlooked when cessation services are planned," the study concludes.

It's one more reminder that we ignore at our peril a basic truth about communicating in the modern world: In large-scale attempts to alter public attitudes and behavior, both the medium and the message play a part.

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# A New England Patriots Legend, A Nobel Prize Winner, and More

By Anne-Marie Kent

For months now, academic groups from throughout UMass Boston have been planning special symposia that will take place during inauguration week, April 24 – 29. These special events were planned to reflect the diversity and depth of the university's academic pursuits.

"Every day, there will be events that will draw not only university students and staff, but also visitors to the university," said Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. "It's a terrific opportunity for the university to shine as a beacon of scholarly activity."

There will be an array of special visitors and guest lecturers who will speak throughout the week, beginning with Winona LaDuke, Native

American environmentalist, economist, and writer, who speaks on Monday, April 24. Later that day, the Healey Library is sponsoring a special showcase of UMass Boston faculty research.

The College of Management is sponsoring two symposia on Tuesday, April 25. First, urban affairs expert Hubie Jones will be joined by a panel of UMass Boston alumni who are fellows of the Emerging Leaders program in the Center for Collaborative Leadership. Later, Tom Stemberg, founder and former chief executive officer of Staples and current venture partner with Highland Capital Partners, will help identify new entrepreneurial investment opportunities.

The Graduate Studies Symposium also takes place on Tuesday,

featuring Aaron Lazare, MD, chancellor of UMass Medical School in Worcester and author of the book *On Apology*, an analysis of apologies and why they are important to individuals, groups, and nations.

Wednesday, April 26, is another full day in the Campus Center, beginning with a College of Science and Math symposium featuring 2005 Nobel prizewinner for physics Roy J. Glauber, Mallinckrodt Professor of Physics at Harvard University. The College of Public and Community Service presents its symposium later that day featuring Nancy Mills, executive director of the AFL-CIO Working for America Institute, speaking on "The Future of Work: The Labor Movement's Role in Workforce Development." That afternoon, the Graduate Col-

lege of Education presents a talk by Carolyn Stone, president-elect for the American School Counselor Association.

The McCormack Graduate School symposium on Thursday, April 27, features an examination of the role of social movements in policy development with special guests: Gerald Torres, president of the Association of American Law Schools, and Frances Fox Piven, distinguished professor of sociology at City University of New York and author of several books on social policy and political movements. Thursday afternoon, the College of Liberal Arts presents a panel of College of Liberal Arts alumni.

Friday, April 28, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Symposium "Heroes Who Heal: An

Inspirational Personal Story of Achievement" will feature a conversation with New England Patriots legend Andre Tippett.

Even WUMB Folk Radio is presenting a symposium. Their event, focusing on the renaissance of folk music in Boston, features "Morning Express" announcer Dick Pleasants, *Boston Globe* writer Scott Alarik, Bill Knowlin of Rounder Records, and *Black Sheep Review* editor Kari Estrin.

"If there were one feature that characterized all of the academic symposia, it is that of celebrating the campus in a broad participatory fashion," said Winston Langley, associate provost for academic affairs. For more information, visit: [www.umb.edu/inauguration/](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration/)

## Campus Rallies Behind Beacons' Play-Off Bids

By Athletics Communications

UMass Boston experienced a taste of "March Madness" recently as the university's men's basketball and women's ice hockey teams both made exciting play-off runs. The teams also benefited from a changing climate on campus that has led to more support and recognition from the university community. This was obvious at UMass Boston's Fan Day on February 4. The men's basketball team fed off the energy from a packed Clark Athletic Center gym and defeated the top team in the Little East Conference (LEC) to establish itself as the team to beat in the league.

In games leading up to the conference title, the Beacons' "home court" advantage vs. Rhode Island College was evident as the team defeated the Anchormen and rode the momentum to a convinc-



A UMass Boston fan cheers during the men's basketball team NCAA game against the State University of New York College at Cortland on March 3. (Photo by A.J. Rourke)

ing victory over Keene State College in the championship game on February 25. The Beacons won the LEC crown for the first time in school history and earned a spot in the NCAA Tournament

for the first time in 23 years.

Meanwhile, the women's ice hockey team was making history of its own, hosting the first ECAC East playoff game in the program's history. The Beacons defeated University of Southern Maine, 4-1, to advance to the conference semifinals vs. Manhattanville College for the second time in their three-year history.

A March 1 campus rally was held to support the teams and featured addresses from Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, Vice Chancellor and Head Men's Basketball Coach Charlie Titus, and Head Women's Ice Hockey Coach Maura Crowell. The music was pumping and a good feeling was felt by all as the players from each team were introduced like campus celebrities.

At the rally, men's basketball captain Charles Yuan spoke of a

new pride and sense of belonging that fueled their confidence. "Last Saturday, a bunch of people piled into a gym, some were cheering, some were booing," he said. "There was a lot of laughter and a lot of tears, some careers ended that day, a championship was won, history was made, but for the Beacons—it was just Saturday."

The men's basketball team went on to play State University of New York College at Cortland in the first round of the "Big Dance," but fell, 68-54, in a contest that was beamed across the world via a webcast. The following day, the women's ice hockey team also succumbed to the nation's number three ranked team, 6-3, but not before making a statement, leading the game three different times in the first two periods of play, before running out of steam in the final stanza.

## Biology Professor Explores a "Journey to India" in New Book

By Lisa Gentes

About 75 attendees turned out to "Journey Through India" in late February—taking in a photography exhibit and presentation on a book co-authored by a UMass Boston professor.

Kamal Bawa, a biology professor at UMass Boston, and wildlife photographer and documentary filmmaker Sandesh Kadur presented their coffee-table book *Sahyadris: India's Western Ghats, a Vanishing Heritage* to the university community at an event sponsored by the Office of Institutional Advancement.

The co-authors discussed with the crowd the history and making of *Sahyadris*. The book explores biodiverse regions in the world, including the mountain range along

the Arabian Sea, known as the Western Ghats, or Sahyadris. The book is a biological journey of the region's wild heritage and biological, cultural, and ethnic richness.

Bawa is an evolutionary ecologist and conservation biologist. He's been at UMass Boston since 1974, is the president and founder of Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment, and a founder and trustee of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development, both in Bangalore, India.

Kadur, a photographer and filmmaker with the University of Texas at Brownsville/Texas Southmost College and Gorgas Science Foundation, uses imagery to show the need for conservation and protection of natural re-

sources. He has received several film festival awards, including a "Green Oscar" nomination at Wildscreen in 2002.

"To me it's one of those books that everyone will appreciate. The beauty is absolutely incredible," said Darrell Byers, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement. The presentation was "a wonderful way to show off our university to people whom we haven't reached before, and to highlight our professor."

Bawa said he collaborated with Kadur after meeting him at a conference, where he showed an award-winning documentary on the Western Ghats of India.

The UMass Boston professor said he was inspired to write the text for the book "to inform the general public about the incredible



Sandesh Kadur, Kamal Bawa, and Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, display the photography book *Sahyadris: India's Western Ghats, a Vanishing Heritage* at a February 28 event. (Photo by Harry Brett)

biodiversity and the beauty of the Western Ghats of India. After writing hundreds of scientific papers, I wanted to find out if I could write for the general public and draw

their attention to an important problem."

For more information, visit [www.gorgassciencefoundation.org/wg](http://www.gorgassciencefoundation.org/wg).



# Joiner Center Hosts VA Director Max Cleland at Vietnam Conference

By Lisa Greggo

In the early-morning fog of March 10, UMass Boston Chaplain Adrienne Berry-Burton stood at the Dorchester Vietnam Memorial and sang a song in honor of her cousin who was killed during the Vietnam War. Immediately following her tribute, students, family members, and friends of American servicemen and –women who lost their lives in the conflicts in Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, Lebanon, Somalia, Iran, Afghanistan, and the Persian Gulf began to read their names aloud. Thus opened the weekend-long event “Vietnam: Looking Forward, Looking Back,” sponsored by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

This free event, held in conjunction with a two-day symposium on “Vietnam and the Presidency” at the John F. Kennedy Library, included panel discussions, conferences, and a luncheon with former Georgia senator and former direc-



Max Cleland, former Georgia senator and director of the Veterans Administration, spoke of his experiences in Vietnam and his vision of American democracy on March 10 in the Campus Center. (Photo by Harry Brett)

tor of the Veteran’s Administration Max Cleland.

Panel topics included “Lessons of the Vietnam War,” “Veterans’ Coming Home,” and “The War at Home.” These discussions encouraged interaction between audience and panel members and “provided a needed space for those who struggle with issues of war and peace, and the consequences of

war in their lives and in their communities on a daily basis,” said Kevin Bowen, director of the Joiner Center.

“Panelists representing every side of the war, both military and civilian, participated in discussions, as did disabled veterans and veterans from the African American, Asian, and Hispanic communities. National leaders on PTSD

[Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder], Agent Orange, and postwar relations were also present. Getting all these people together to speak of their experiences, their work, and their ideas about the future is a first,” said Bowen.

One of the conference highlights was a speech given by Cleland. After an introduction by Chancellor Michael Collins, MD, who referred to the former senator as “an inspiring mind and an inspiring life, helping vets to lead inspiring lives themselves.” Cleland was welcomed by an audience of faculty members, students, and veterans and their families with a standing ovation.

Cleland, a veteran who was injured in Vietnam, where he lost a hand and both legs to a grenade, is adamant about his political education, stressing the first lesson he learned: “American democracy goes to those willing to get involved.” He shared his own Vietnam experience, as well as his vi-

sion for all veterans to be able to achieve the “American dream.”

When asked why he felt it was important to be at an event that focused on the Vietnam War, Tom Hannon of the Boston Veterans Center said, “We all heal in community.” And community was certainly apparent. Veterans from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., and New England came together to discuss the past, the present, and most assuredly the future, referring to one other as “brother” throughout the weekend-long event.

Organizers believed that it was this sense of community that kept people reading the names of their family members and friends for 46 hours. “The support we received from people who volunteered and from others who stopped by at all hours of the day and night to read names was wonderful. The event was successful beyond our expectations,” said Bowen.

## Kingston-Mann Wins Leadership Chair



Esther Kingston-Mann, professor of history and American studies, is the first recipient of the Roy J. Zuckerberg Endowed Leadership Chair. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

History and American studies professor Esther Kingston-Mann knows what it’s like to be the first in her family to attend college and remembers well that her former teachers had no idea how to support a nontraditional student. Since then, she has worked passionately throughout her career at UMass Boston to help faculty teach students with diverse backgrounds. With this philosophy, scholarship, and teaching record, it is clear why Kingston-Mann was selected as the first recipient of the Roy J. Zuckerberg Endowed Leadership Chair.

The chair, described by its creators as “designed to reward people of courage, conviction and selflessness who have devoted their time and talents to helping the University of Massachusetts to accomplish its goals,” was established by Zuckerberg, a UMass Lowell alumnus who was also the

first in his family to attend college and who went on to build a successful career as a businessman and philanthropist. Chair of the Investment Committee of the University of Massachusetts, he was responsible for establishing an endowment at UMass Lowell to foster the Assistive Technology Program, which trains senior engineering students to design and build devices to assist people with disabilities throughout the Commonwealth.

According to Kingston-Mann, “He represents a kind of success story to which many UMass Boston students aspire.”

She describes her work as inspired by the wish to create a better learning experience for students than she had as a student of one of the premier research universities in the country. “I want to find ways to ensure that students at UMass Boston encounter faculty who are more sophis-

ticated and knowledgeable about the diverse paths that bring students to their classrooms,” she says.

A pioneering scholar and author who has taught at UMass Boston for over thirty years, Kingston-Mann has been recognized many times over for her achievements, including the recent 2005 Chancellor’s Distinguished Scholarship Award. She has also served as former director of the Center for the Improvement of Teaching (CIT) and former project co-director for the New England Center for Inclusive Teaching (NECIT).

The Zuckerberg Endowed Leadership chair includes funding to support research, teaching or service, in addition to a stipend for the recipient. Kingston-Mann hopes to use part of the funds to support continuation of a program to reward student academic achievement for contributions to diversity/inclusion scholarship, which is linked with the NECIT project.

She also hopes to create an interdisciplinary research initiative to support untenured faculty, based on the CIT model of collaborative faculty seminars. “Many younger scholars work in isolation,” observes Kingston-Mann. “I’d like to create a program that enables them to share their work, their doubts, and their questions, and helps them to develop a better understanding of the ‘rules of the game’ in the world of scholarship.”

## “Zip Code Meetings” Uncover Shared Communities

By Lisa Gentes

Zip codes are providing more than just postal directions at UMass Boston. In March, the university began a series of “zip code meetings” with employees who live in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

The Office of University Communications and Community Relations kicked off the program by asking faculty and staff living in Dorchester and South Boston neighborhoods to attend meetings, share their perspectives, and talk about how UMass Boston could become better involved in their neighborhoods.

Gail Hobin, assistant vice chancellor for community relations, said the department is working on these meetings in conjunction with Deputy Chancellor Andrew O’Brien. The Human Resources Department provided a list of faculty and staff who live in specific Dorchester and South Boston zip codes. To date, the university has held four zip code meetings with about 50 attendees, according to Hobin. The concept fits in with Chancellor Michael Collins’s focus on outreach and his commitment to the community, she said.

The meetings will continue throughout the spring semester in Dorchester and South Boston, but “we want to do as many neighborhoods as we can,” Hobin said.

UMass Boston will compose a database of the information, she said. “The purpose [of the project]

is to find out what neighborhoods they’re in and let them know what we’re doing in the neighborhoods” and understand how faculty and staff would like to see the university participate in their communities, Hobin said.

The ongoing process has been helpful to the university and the community, she said, adding that the project is allowing employees and neighbors to see what UMass Boston is doing in the community, she said. It is also making them aware of the outreach projects the university does, and allows the university to be proactive, she noted.

One project the university is working on is with the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association. A “Community Portraits” class is assessing the needs around the closing of St. Williams Church, after being approached by the civic association for assistance, according to Hobin. Students are gathering data on economic, elderly, youth, and crime impacts of the closing and will present the findings to the civic association, she said.

The zip code meetings are helping the university develop stronger relationships and the brainstorming sessions are aimed at enhancing outreach activities, she said.

So far, participating faculty and staff have had a positive response to the sessions. “They’re thankful we’re doing this. It’s the first time we have ever reached out to our employees like this,” Hobin observed.



# Serenity at UMass Boston: Staffer Offers Stress-Management Tools

By Leigh DuPuy

It's no secret that life can be very stressful. Less obvious for many is how to handle stress or even find the time to take a breather.

While stress is an inevitable part of life, too much stress can impact a person's work, relationships, health, and sense of well-being. "While we can never completely eliminate stress in our lives, we can learn to manage it better," says Lauren Mayhew, health education and wellness coordinator for University Health Services (UHS).

Drawing from the mind-body philosophies of Herbert Benson, Jon Kabat-Zinn, and others, Mayhew has found new ways to teach relaxation techniques to anyone in range of a meditation or yoga class, computer, or telephone.

"People need tools, practical tools, for stress management," says Mayhew, who is a certified yoga instructor and leads regular

classes in Kripalu yoga and mindfulness meditation. "I wanted to provide resources that people could access from anywhere, anytime."

To that end, Mayhew created a new CD, "Serenity at UMB," that offers relaxation exercises, gentle yoga, guided meditation, and deep-breathing techniques.

"The CD was designed with busy people in mind," says Mayhew. "The tracks are shorter in length than most commercial relaxation exercise CDs, and the exercises are meant to be accessible to everyone—even those who do not have any experience with yoga or meditation."

With the support of a STARS grant, Mayhew wrote the script, created exercises, and recorded the narrative at the studio of music faculty Peter Jansen. The CD incorporates Jansen's music and features a cover photograph taken by Peter Shmiro of the Web Services Department. "It really was a true UMass Boston project," she says.



Lauren Mayhew, health education and wellness coordinator for University Health Services, seen here with attendees of her mindfulness meditation class, is helping faculty, staff, and students find new, accessible ways to relax and relieve stress through workshops, a new CD, and a relaxation phone line. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Mayhew plans to distribute the CDs to the UMass Boston community via stress-management workshops and consultations, yoga and meditation classes, and at the UHS-sponsored "East Meets West" health fair in May. The CD is free of charge and is available to anyone by request. In

addition, University Health Services will have an MP3 recording of the CD on their web site, [www.umbwellness.org/relax.htm](http://www.umbwellness.org/relax.htm), so people can download the recording for their players or to make their own CDs.

It doesn't end there, though. Mayhew also helped to create an-

other stress-reduction resource: 617-28-RELAX (7-3529). The phone line offers a recording of a mini-relaxation exercise that is three to five minutes in length, and that anyone can access. A new exercise will be recorded every four to six weeks.

"I love to teach," says Mayhew, who leads a guided meditation class open to all, Thursdays, 2:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Ryan Lounge in McCormack Hall. Mayhew plans to create more yoga workshops and is attending the Mind/Body Medical Institute's clinical training this summer to further develop her experience.

"I really want to help improve the quality of life for everyone in the UMass Boston community," says Mayhew, who has worked in various capacities at the university for eight years. "I want to provide practical tools to help people manage their stress more effectively and to ultimately feel and function better."

## WUMB Friends Council, Fans Raise \$14,000 to Help Keep Signal



Chancellor Collins greets friends of WUMB Laura and Bob Sillerman at a March 4 benefit concert where generous fans rallied to keep the 24/7 folk radio frequency from being subsumed by other broadcasters. (Photo by Richard Howard)

By Marilyn Rea Beyer

On March 4, WUMB held a benefit concert for its "Save Our Signal" fund and raised \$14,000. In attendance were Chancellor Michael Collins, MD, and his wife, Maryellen, state representative Jay Kaufman, and numerous UMass Boston faculty, staff, and alumni. Legendary folksinger Tom Rush performed. Why does WUMB's signal need saving, and from what? The answer is not a simple one, but the threat is very real.

WUMB folk radio is enjoyed by listeners in the Boston area on 91.9 FM. The signal now extends to the northwest suburbs, where many of the station's most avid fans live and work, and where a majority of folk music venues—mostly all-volunteer coffeehouses—are lo-

located. Now, an application for a new license on 91.7 FM, very close to WUMB's 91.9 FM, threatens to blot out its folk radio frequency in 27 towns in the area around Lexington. For several years, WUMB has been working cooperatively with WAVM at Maynard High School, which currently broadcasts on 91.7 FM. The two stations share the airwaves in such a way that the school could continue its long tradition of educating students in radio, while WUMB listeners in the northwest suburbs would have access to the folk music they love.

Two broadcasters, Living Proof of Texas and CSN International of Idaho, have applied to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for licenses to broadcast on 91.7 FM from Lunenburg and Lex-

ington, respectively. The FCC has tentatively granted one of those applications and is considering approval of the second. WUMB and WAVM are now involved in a legal struggle to appeal that decision. Legal expenses have already amounted to more than \$40,000 and the battle is far from over.

Enter the Folk Radio Friends Council. Made up of leaders from the folk music community, broadcast professionals, UMass Boston faculty and alumni, and civic leaders, this group of 13 individuals set out to garner support for a "Save Our Signal" rally. They orchestrated a highly visible campaign to encourage listeners to file petitions and write letters to the FCC and Capitol Hill legislators. As Lexington's state representative, Jay Kaufman has been one of the most outspoken and active advocates for WUMB, as has congressman Marty Meehan.

"Without the Friends Council," says WUMB general manager Patricia Monteith, "the March 4 benefit could never have happened."

The work of friends and fans of WUMB to "Save Our Signal" is ongoing. For more information, visit the WUMB Friends Council web page: [www.wumb.org/about/friendscouncil.php](http://www.wumb.org/about/friendscouncil.php) or call the station at 617-287-6900. WUMB broadcasts from studios located at UMass Boston and can be heard at [www.wumb.org](http://www.wumb.org).

## Chess Society Takes First Place at Eastern Class Championships



Congratulations to the UMass Boston Chess Society. Team members Joe Perl, Dmitry Frenklakh, Dan Korsunsky, Kelvin Lo, and newcomers James Jean and Leo Kharin won the collegiate first place at the Eastern Class Championships, held in early March. It is the third year in a row that the UMass Boston team has won the contest. Next up for the champions, they compete in the Foxwoods Open on the second weekend of April.

## Financial Services Forum Debuts MA Investor Sentiment Index

By Mary Ann Machanic

The College of Management's Financial Services Forum debuts a new resource: the Massachusetts Investor Sentiment Index (MISI).

The forum calculates this index daily using stock price information on firms in the Massachusetts Bloomberg Index. The index quickly captures reactions of stock market participants to news related to firms that have a significant presence in Massachusetts and news related to the regional and the national economy. The website is updated daily with the

index number for the previous day; the figures and charts also automatically adjust to the daily updates.

College of Management faculty Anne Jones, Atreya (Chuck) Chakraborty, and Arindam Bandopadhyaya, who is chair of the Accounting and Finance Department and director of the Financial Services Forum, worked on constructing the index. For more information on the project, visit [www.financialforum.umb.edu](http://www.financialforum.umb.edu) and <http://cmmisi.org/MISI.php>, or e-mail Arindam Bandopadhyaya.



# CAMPUS NOTES

## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

College of Public and Community Service (CPCS) professor **Luis Aponte-Parés** moderated the panel “The Making of Modern New York: Puerto Rican Architects and Their Contributions to New York.” The panel was sponsored by the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College, City University of New York.

**Lawrence Blum**, professor of philosophy, presented “Race and Class: A Normative Framework” at the panel “Katrina: Lessons on Race, Class, and Ethics in America,” sponsored by the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics in March.

Professor **Connie Chan** of the College of Public and Community Service gave the invited address “Asian and Immigrant: Complexities, Fears, and Accommodations” at the American Psychological Association Expert Summit on Immigration, held in February.

**Spencer Di Scala**, professor of history and chair, delivered a paper and participated in a roundtable discussion at the international conference “Fascism in Italy, Totalitarianism in Europe,” sponsored by the city of Rome, Italy, and held in February.

In February, **Estelle Disch**, professor of sociology, gave a lecture, in Spanish, on research ethics to 150 psychology students at the University of Buenos Aires. She also presented the paper “When Place Is Transformed: A French Newfoundland Fishing Village Responds to Change and Crisis” at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meetings, held in Boston.

**Jacqueline Fawcett**, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), presented the workshop “Constructing and Evaluating Conceptual-Theoretical-Empirical Structures for Nursing Research” at the Royal College of Nursing International Nursing Research Conference, in York, England, and the paper “Conceptual Models, Theories, and Research” at the University of Ulster Institute of Nursing Research.

**Rona Flippo**, associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, was the facilitator and discussant of two presentations by graduates students at the Massachusetts Reading Association’s annual conference. **Alyssa Brymer**, **Kaitlin Chandonnet**, **Laura Docherty**, **Nicoleta Filimon**, **Tina Fisher**, **Dari-Ann Holland**, **Andrea Levins-O’Connell**, **Dawn Millard**,

and **Phoebe Odermatt** presented “Assessing Schemata and Metacognition” for classroom teachers. **Andrea Orlando** and **Dari-Ann Holland** presented “Special Learners, the MCAS, and Classroom Assessments.”

In March, **Rona Flippo** gave the keynote address “Student Engagement in Learning” at Holy Family University in Philadelphia for an annual professional development day for faculty.

**Phillip Granberry**, PhD candidate at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, presented the paper “No Guaranteed Return on Investments: Social Capital and Mexican Immigrant Wages” at the Eastern Sociological Society Meeting. **Enrico Marcelli** of the Economics Department is coauthor on the paper.

**Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP), gave a presentation on the status of women in Massachusetts statewide politics at the March 2 event “A Conversation with Martha Coakley, Candidate for Attorney General.” The event was cosponsored by the Graduate Program for Women in Politics and coorganized by assistant program director **Donna Stewartson**.

In March, CWPPP’s **Carol Hardy-Fanta** was the keynote speaker at the “Latinas Making History at the State House” conference and chaired a panel, “Voting Mechanisms, Third Parties, and the Shape of the Electorate,” at the Western Political Science Association’s annual meeting.

In March, **Virginia Harvey**, associate professor of counseling and school psychology, made two presentations at the conference of the National Association of School Psychologists. She was a panelist in a special session, “Clinical Supervision of the Practicing School Psychologist,” and presented the paper “Facilitating Appropriate Outcome Measurement Through Outcomes-Based Supervision Strategies.”

On March 9, **Dan Hellin** of the Urban Harbors Institute presented findings from the 2005 Massachusetts Marine Trades Workforce Assessment to the Legislative Boating Caucus at the State House.

**John Hess**, adjunct lecturer in the English and American Studies Departments, delivered opening remarks and introduced Andrew Bacevich, author of *The New American Militarism* and *The American Empire*, at the March 22 lecture “Lessons of the Iraq War.”

**Roderick Jensen**, the distinguished Alton Brann Chair of Biology, Mathematics and Physics, participated on the panel “Molecules to Models” at the conference “Discovery Day, Catalyzing Technologies: Innovative Tools for Biopharmaceutical Success,” sponsored by the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council and held on March 8.

**Peter Kiang**, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, was an invited speaker for the panel “War and Our Communities” at the national conference “Vietnam Looking Forward—Looking Back” organized by the William Joiner Center in March.

**James Leffert**, senior research associate at the Center for Social Development and Education, presented “The Interpretation of Intentions by Children with Intellectual Disabilities” at a symposium conducted at the Gatlinburg Conference in Research and Theory in Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, held in San Diego on March 17.

**Donaldo Macedo**, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, has given keynotes or major speeches at the Wisconsin Bilingual Education Annual Conference, the National Bilingual Education Association Annual Conference, the Oregon Association for Latino Administrators, the “Culture, Education, and Citizenship” conference, the “International Conference of Education and Thought,” and the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Annual Conference.

**Sylvia Mignon**, director of the Master of Science Degree Program in Human Services at CPCS, gave the invited presentation “Substance Abuse and Family Violence: Treatment Implications” at the Harvard Medical School’s “Treating the Addictions” conference, held on March 3.

Professor **Susan Opotow** in the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution was a panelist for the session “Integrating Excluded, Marginalized, and Invisible Children and their Families as Key to the Eradication of Poverty” at the 44th Session of the Commission on Social Development, held at the United Nations on February 16.

**Melissa Pearrow**, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, presented the paper “School Functioning for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance Enrolled in a Multi-Site Wrap-around Program” at the 19th annual research conference “A System of Care for Children’s Mental Health: Expanding the Research Base.”

CPCS professor **Lorna Rivera** presented the paper “Teaching Class Across Social Classes” at the 76th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.

On March 8, GCOE professor and NERCHE director **John Saltmarsh**, along with senior associate **Cathy Burack**, presented “An Assessment Workshop: Advancing Civic Engagement through Strategic Assessment” for the Massachusetts Campus Compact. On April 6, Saltmarsh and **Dwight Giles**, NERCHE senior associate and GCOE professor, will present the preconference workshop “Research Design and Documentation of the Scholarship of Engagement” at the Northeast Regional Campus Compact Conference.

Gerontology’s **Nina Silverstein** served as the cochair of the transportation track for the 2006 Joint Conference of the National Council on the Aging and the American Society on Aging, held in March. She moderated a research update on transportation and aging and copresented with Gerontology PhD alumna **Bei Wu**, “Factors Related to Contributory Behavior Among the Oldest Old in the United States and China.”

On March 1, **Judith Smith**, professor of American studies, introduced a screening of Richard Broadman’s 1978 documentary “Mission Hill and the Miracle of Boston” and moderated a panel of Boston documentary photographers at the Coolidge Corner Cinema in conjunction with the exhibit “Contemporary Social Documentary Work from Greater Boston,” showing at the Photographic Resource Center.

Professor **Michael E. Stone** of the College of Public and Community Service and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program presented the paper “Shelter Poverty by Race” at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society.

Professor **Lauren Sullivan** of the Anthropology Department presented the paper “Ceramic Research in the Three Rivers Region” at the 71st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, held in April.

In March, **Peter Taylor**, director of Programs in Science, Technology and Values, was an invited speaker and commentator for the workshop “Political Ecologies of Knowledge, Science, and Technology,” held at the University of Wisconsin, and a series of related sessions at a meeting of the Association of American Geographers in Chicago.

Environmental, Earth and Ocean Science (EEOS) Department assistant professor **Yong Tian** presented the paper “UMass Boston GIS Certificate Program for Education, Research, and Employment” at the Northeast Regional Computing Program’s annual meeting, held on March 7 at the College of the Holy Cross.

On February 24, **Robert Weiner**, chair of the international relations track of the MSPA program, attended the daylong symposium “Russia’s Future: More of the Same or Something Different,” which was held at the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University.

On February 16, **Julie Winch**, professor of history, gave a presentation on African American Revolutionary War veteran James Forten at the Fraunces Tavern Museum in New York in conjunction with the museum’s ongoing exhibit “Fighting for Freedom: Black Patriots and Black Loyalists.”

**Ajume Wingo**, assistant professor of philosophy and senior fellow at the Center for Democracy and Development, presented the lecture “An Image of Freedom for Emerging African Democracies” at the University of Montreal on February 24.

EEOS associate professor **Meng Zhou** and research associate **Yiwu Zhu** presented seminars at the National Oceanographic Research Institute in Korea: “Observations and Theories of Biomass Spectra: Distribution, Population Processes and Trophic Dynamics” and “LOPC Data Processing and Applications.” In February, Zhou and Zhu presented at the American Geophysical Union’s annual ocean science meeting.

**Meng Zhou** presented “Mesoscale Physical Processes and Their Impacts on Biogeochemical Processes in the Southern Drake Passage” at the Korean Oceanographic Research and Development Institute.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Jalal Alamgir**, assistant professor of political science, published “Globalization of Software” in *Globalization: Encyclopedia of Trade, Labor, and Politics*.

**Pratyush Bharati**, professor of management science and information systems, published the cowritten article “Product Customization on the Web: An Empirical Study of Factors Impacting Choiceboard User Satisfaction” in *Information Resources Management Journal*.

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**Song Ci**, assistant professor of computer science, coauthored two journal papers: “Cross-Layer Based Modeling for Quality of Service Guarantees in Mobile Wireless Networks,” published in *IEEE Communications Magazine*, and “A Dynamic Resource Allocation Scheme for Delay-Constrained Multimedia Services in IS-2000 Forward Link,” published in *IEEE Journal of Selected Areas of Communications*.

**Jacqueline Fawcett**, CNHS professor, published the chapter “Nursing Philosophies, Models and Theories: A Focus on the Future” in *Nursing Theory: Utilization and Application*.

The fourth edition of **Rona Flippo’s** textbook *Assessing Readers: Qualitative Diagnosis and Instruction* was published in March. Flippo is a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the Graduate College of Education.

**Esther Kingston-Mann’s** book chapter “Statistics, Social Change, and Social Justice: The Russia Case” was included in *Russia in the European Context: 1789-1914: A Member of the Family*, published by Palgrave Press. Kingston-Mann is a professor of American studies.

**Benyamin Lichtenstein**, assistant professor of management and entrepreneurship, published the cowritten article “Measuring Emergence in the Dynamics of New Venture Creation” in *Journal of Business Venturing*.

**Donaldo Macedo**, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, published an extended second edition of his book *Literacies of Power: What Americans Are Not Allowed to Know* with Westview Press. Macedo also published “AIDS and Human Dignity” in *Humanizing Pedagogy Through HIV and AIDS Prevention*.

Gerontology associate professor **Nina M. Silverstein** and research associate **Alison Gottlieb**, with former research associate Elizabeth Van Ranst, published the article “Use of Video Intervention to Increase Elders’ Awareness of Low-Cost Vehicle Modifications That Enhance Driving Safety and Comfort” in *Transportation Research Record: Journal of the Transportation Research Board*. They also published a book chapter, “Promoting Safe and Comfortable Driving for Elders,” in *Future of Intelligent and Extelligent Health Environment*.

EEOS assistant professor **Yong Tian** coauthored the article “Evaluation of Nexrad Stage III Precipitation Data over a Semi-arid Region,” which was published in *Journal of the American Water Resources Association*.

EEOS associate professor **Meng Zhou** published the paper “What Determines the Slope of a Plankton Biomass Spectrum?” in *Journal of Plankton Research*. **Zhou** was also coauthor on the paper “Seasonal Dynamics and Ecosystem Impact of Mesozooplankton at Station ALOHA, Based on OPC Measurements” in *Journal of Geophysical Research*.

## EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

**Susan Eisenberg**, CPCS faculty, will read her poetry on April 9 at the Sixth Annual Boston Poetry Festival, held each year at the Boston Public Library.

**Lauren Mayhew**, health education and wellness coordinator for University Health Services, produced “Serenity at UMB: A Relaxation CD” with the support of a STARs grant from the Division of Student Affairs. The CD, available to the UMass Boston community, provides guided instruction in meditation and relaxation techniques.

## GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

**Alan Harwood**, emeritus professor of anthropology, received a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research to prepare his papers for inclusion in the National Anthropology Archives of the Smithsonian Institution. The collection will include his ethnographic study of the Safwa of southwestern Tanzania; his research on the health beliefs and practices of South Bronx residents; his research project on the ideas of health and well-being among four Boston ethnic groups; and his correspondence as editor of the book series *Studies in Medical Anthropology*.

**Cheryl Nixon**, assistant professor of English, has won a fellowship to the Huntington Library in San Marino, California. She will pursue archival research during a summer residency as the Mayers Fellow.

NERCHE received an 18-month, \$200,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to enhance and deepen the effectiveness of NERCHE’s signature think tanks for administrators and faculty in the New England region; create regional consortiums for gathering institutional data that will assist campuses

in New England in improving institutional practice and informing policy; and expanding its capacity to provide resources for higher education regionally and nationally.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy’s research on maintaining family connections for incarcerated women in Massachusetts was highlighted at the briefing panel “Dedicated Female Offender Review,” which was sponsored by the Women in Prison Working Group of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators.

## APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

**Ellen Bruce**, associate director of the Gerontology Institute and leader of the Pension Action Center of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, has been appointed to serve on a blue ribbon commission charged with examining Massachusetts’ current pension classification system and making recommendations for implementing a more cohesive approach to the system’s organization.

“Class Dismissed: How TV Frames the Working Class,” a documentary produced and written by **Pepi Leistyna** and two colleagues, was selected for screening at the Silver Lake Film Festival, held in Los Angeles in March. The documentary is based on a forthcoming book by Leistyna, who is an associate professor in the Applied Linguistics Graduate Studies Program.

In March, **Stephen Silliman**, assistant professor of anthropology, received the “2006 Editor’s Award for Historical Scholarship” from the Sonoma County Historical Society for his book *Lost Laborers in Colonial California*, published by the University of Arizona Press in 2004.

Doubleday has selected *Improving Hospital Care for Persons with Dementia*, coedited by the Gerontology Department’s **Nina Silverstein**, for a collection recommended to professionals belonging to their behavioral science book service.

The Columbia Point Community Garden (CPCG) at St. Christopher’s Church, a part of a Department of Housing and Urban Development: Community Outreach Partnership Center grant at CPCS, received the “Rookie Garden of the Year” award. Those responsible include: CPCS professor **Robert Beattie**, student interns **Michael Young** and **Heidi Rheinhard**, Harbor Point residents, especially current CPCG garden president Angel Walsh, Lelia Stokes-Weinstein, who designed the garden, and Father George Carrigg and Saint Christopher Parish Church.

## EVENTS

The Center on Media and Society at the McCormack Graduate School hosted an ethnic media workshop on March 24. Attendees included State Representative Linda Dorcena Forry; Bill Forry of *Reporter Newspapers*; *Boston Herald* publisher Pat Purcell; *Boston Globe* city editor Foon Rhee; *Patriot Ledger* editor Chazy Dowaliby; *New England Cable News* manager Charles Kravetz; and *Sampan* English editor Adam Smith, among many from the business community.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy hosted a lunch honoring Milagros Ortiz-Bosch, former vice president of the Dominican Republic, on March 8, in celebration of International Women’s Day.

## IN THE NEWS

The New England Pension Assistance Project was cited in a front-page article of the *Boston Globe* on March 14. The article highlighted the project’s services that assist individuals throughout New England obtain retirement income they are entitled to. The article quoted project director **Ellen Bruce**.

A study by **Jim Campen** of the Gastón Institute finding that higher-priced loans go disproportionately to black and Latino buyers was featured in the *Boston Herald*, *Patriot Ledger*, and *Black Enterprise*.

“Curing Fear’s Paralysis,” an op-ed about dealing with violence in Boston by McCormack Graduate School senior fellow emeritus **Albert P. Cardarelli**, was published in the *Boston Globe* on January 7.

**Julia Clarke**, new music director for WUMB-FM (91.9 FM), was profiled in the *Boston Globe* on March 2.

In February, Chancellor **Michael F. Collins**, MD, was the subject of the *Boston Business Journal’s* executive profile feature, and in March, he was profiled in the *Boston Irish Reporter*.

**Jeff Dukes**, assistant professor of biology, was interviewed about the environmental impacts of biofuel use by the Swedish Public Broadcasting Corporation. His research was also featured in a guest editorial in *The Guardian* (UK) and on *Salon.com*.

On January 29, CPCS professors **Carroy U. Ferguson** and **Ann Withorn**, along with alums **Diane Dujon**, director of CPCS’s Competency Connection, and **Debbie Chambers**, founder of DC Empowering Children, were guests on “The Family Tree,” a community affairs radio broadcast on WRBB. The topic of discussion was “The History and Survival of CPCS.”

In March, *The New Yorker* featured *Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement, and the Bombing That Divided Gilded-Age America* by labor studies professor **James Green** in its critical look at the history of the anarchist movement in America.

**Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was interviewed by Univision WUNI-TV and La Semana WRCA 1330 AM for their coverage of the “Latinas Making History at the State House” event. Her letter to the editor on the status of women in politics was published in the February 23 *Boston Globe*.

WUMB-FM (91.9 FM) and general manager **Pat Monteith** were featured in a *MetroWest Daily News* article on March 8 detailing a joint FCC proposal the station has filed in partnership with Maynard High’s student-run radio station.

The *Boston Globe* featured **Charlie Titus**, vice chancellor and men’s basketball coach, and player **Tony Barros** in a story about their team’s NCAA playoff game in Cortland, NY. Titus, in his 30th season as head coach, was named Little East athletic conference Coach of the Year; Barros was named Player of the Year.

A March 4 *MetroWest Daily News* column written by **Miryam Wiley**, a student in the Women in Politics and Public Policy Graduate Certificate Program, highlighted the program and the remarks made by director **Carol Hardy-Fanta** at a forum featuring Martha Coakley.

In March, sociology professor **Deng Xiaokang** was interviewed on Radio Free Asia on portrayals of women in China’s media.

On March 14, the *Boston Globe’s* “Names” column featured domestic violence prevention worker Maggie De Jesus, who received the Robert H. Quinn Award for community service, and actor Kevin Chapman and businessman Lee Kennedy, who were honored for their support of local nonprofit groups at the annual Community Breakfast. The *Boston Herald* included the news in its March 15 edition.



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 May calendar listings by **Thursday, April 13** to [umb.edu/news/calendar/](http://umb.edu/news/calendar/).

### Wednesday 5

**The Third Annual Social Theory Forum: Human Rights, Borderlands, and the Poetics of Applied Social Theory: Engaging with Gloria Anzaldúa in Self and Global Transformations**  
8:30 a.m. – 6:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Two-day forum featuring keynote speakers, panels, and discussions of the ideas of Anzaldúa. Also on Thursday, April 6, 8:30 – 6:15 p.m. Visit [www.sociology.umb.edu](http://www.sociology.umb.edu). Contact 7-3954.

**Chemistry Seminar Series: The Amphoteric Nature of N-heterocyclic Carbenes**  
12:30 p.m., Science Center, Chemistry Conference Room (1-089). Featuring Colin Abernethy of Keene State College. Contact: 7-6130.

**Computer Science Seminar Series**  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Healey Library, presentation room 2, lower level. Featuring Bill Campbell of UMass Boston. Contact: 7-6440.

**EEOs Seminar Series: Peering Into the Private Lives of Microbes: Techniques and Motivations for Understanding the Role of Uncultivated Microbes in Global Carbon Cycling**  
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Peter Girguis of Harvard University. Contact: 7-7440.

### Friday 7

**Gastón Institute Speaker Series: Walking in Two Worlds**  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring Pablo Menendez, who will speak about commonalities in the histories of the U.S. and Cuba. Cosponsored by the Community Media and Technology Program. Contact: 7-5791.

**Biology Seminar Series: RNAi Screening Identifies Regeneration and Stem Cell Regulatory Genes in Planarians**  
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Jeb Byers of the University of New Hampshire. Contact: 7-6600.

**Labor Resource Center Event: Shoes, Glues, and Families: Working Conditions in Informal Sector Footwear Manufacturing in Indonesia and the Philippines**  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Featuring Pia Markkanen of UMass Lowell. Contact: 7-7426.

### Monday 10

**Gerontology Speaker Series: The Experience of Retirement**  
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. Featuring Robert Weiss, senior fellow at the Gerontology Institute. Contact: 7-7305.

### Wednesday 12

**Chemistry Seminar Speaker Series: Quantitative Thermodynamic Descriptions of Aromaticity**  
12:30 p.m., Science Center, Chemistry Conference Room (1-089). Featuring Terrence Gavin of Iona College. Contact: 7-6130.

**Computer Science Seminar Series: From Formality to Agility: Directions in Software Engineering Education**  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, 02-2545. Featuring Eric J. Braude of Boston University Metropolitan College. Contact: 7-6440.

**EEOs Seminar Series**  
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Ferdi Hellweger of Northeastern University. Contact: 7-7440.

**Book Release Party: James Green**  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge. Green will read from his new book, *Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement, and the Bombing That Divided Gilded-Age America*, and sign copies. Cosponsored by the CPCS Labor Resource Center and the Labor Studies Alumni Network. Contact: 7-7426.

**Creative Writing Program Presents: Reading by Novelist and Poet Russell Banks**  
5:30 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Featuring award-winning author Banks reading from his latest work. Sponsored by the Creative Writing and Afro-American Studies Programs, the Joiner Center, the Trotter Institute, *The Watermark*, and the UMass Boston Bookstore. Contact: 7-6703.

### Thursday 13

**Women in the Middle**  
12:30 – 3:30 p.m., Healey Library, 11th floor, Faculty Lounge. Workshops on issues midlife and older women face. Featuring Evelyn Murphy, author of *Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men—And What to Do About It*. Sponsored by the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of the Older Women's League, the Gerontology Institute and the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy. Contact 7-7305.

**Computer Science Seminar Series**  
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Healey Library, presentation room 1, lower level. Featuring Klemens Bohm of the Universitat Karlsruhe. Contact: 7-6440.

### Friday 14

**Biology Seminar Series: The Evolutionary Physiology of Mammalian Torpor: Integrating Biochemistry, Nutrition, and Climate Change**  
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Craig L. Frank of Fordham University. Contact: 7-6600.

### Monday 17

**Patriot's Day**  
University is closed.

### Wednesday 19

**College of Management: Second Annual Case Competition**  
12:00 – 4:00 p.m., Campus Center. A day-long competition for students in CM's "Strategic Management" class. Contact: [theodora.welch@umb.edu](mailto:theodora.welch@umb.edu).

**Chemistry Seminar Series: Synthesis of Calixarene and Quinoxaline Compounds**  
12:30 p.m., Science Center, Chemistry Conference Room (1-089). Featuring Eric. E. Dueno of the University of Eastern Kentucky. Contact: 7-6130.

**EEOs Seminar Series**  
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Gloria Callard of Boston University. Contact: 7-7440.

### Thursday 20

**Celebration Events—Stavros Cosmopoulos**  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center. Featuring a founder of Boston-based Hill Holiday. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

### Friday 21

**Biology Seminar Series: Learning from Rejection: The Evolutionary Biology of Self-Incompatibility in Lycium (Solanaceae)**  
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Jill S. Miller of Amherst College. Contact: 7-7440.

### Monday 24

**Celebration Events—Winona LaDuke**  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Campus Center. A presentation by the Native American activist, environmentalist, and writer. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Gerontology Speaker Series: Productive Activity in Later Life: An Overview**  
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. Featuring Jeffrey Burr, professor and director of the Ph.D. Program in Gerontology. Contact: 7-7305.

**Biology and Chemistry Departments Joint Seminar: Biomedical Material and Process**  
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Michael Helmus of BioPharma /Advance Nanotech, Inc. Contact: 7-6600 or 7-6130.

**Celebration Events—Unmasking the World: UMass Boston Faculty Research**  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Healey Library. Featuring faculty research. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

### Tuesday 25

**Celebration Events—College of Management Symposium**  
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center. "Urban Leadership" with community leader Hubie Jones and a panel of fellows from the Emerging Leaders Program. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Gastón Institute Speaker Series: Bipolar Disorder: Latina Culture as a Force for Healing**  
1:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring Demetria Martinez reading from her book *Confessions of a Berlitz-Tape Chicana*. Contact: 7-5791.

**Celebration Events—Graduate Studies Symposium**  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Campus Center. Featuring Aaron Lazare, MD, chancellor of UMass Medical School, speaking about his book *On Apology*. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Celebration Events—Early 20th-Century African American Literary Societies**  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Healey Library. A lecture by Elizabeth McHenry, author of *Forgotten Readers*. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Celebration Events—College of Management Symposium**  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Campus Center. A conversation with Tom Stemberg, the founder of Staples, Inc. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

### Wednesday 26

**Celebration Events—Chancellor's Inaugural Urban Research Forum**  
8:00 – 10:00 a.m., Healey Library, 11th fl. Presentation on immigrant entrepreneurship study by authors. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Celebration Events—College of Science and Mathematics Symposium**  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Campus Center. "A Survey of 100 Years of Light Quanta." Presented by Roy J. Glauber, a winner of the 2005 Nobel Prize for Physics. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Chemistry Seminar Series: Biochemistry**  
12:30 p.m., Science Center, Chemistry Conference Room (1-089). Featuring Sarah O'Connor at MIT. Contact: 7-6130.

**Celebration Events—College of Public and Community Service Symposium**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Campus Center. "The Future of Work: The Labor Movement's Role in Workforce Development." Principal speaker: Nancy Mills of the AFL-CIO Working for America Institute. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**EEOs Seminar Series: Coastal Vulnerability: Are We Designing for Disasters?**  
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Margaret Davidson, director of NOAA Coastal Services Center. Contact: 7-7440.

**Celebration Events—Graduate College of Education Symposium**  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. "Educators Partnering to Eliminate the Achievement Gap." Speaker: Carolyn Stone of the American School Counselor Association. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Celebration Events—UMass Boston Student Concert Featuring Kanye West**  
7:30 p.m., Campus Center Lawn. Student tickets: \$20. Guest tickets: \$30. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

### Thursday 27

**Celebration Events—McCormack Graduate School Symposium**  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom. "The Role of Social Movements in Policy Development." Speakers: Gerald Torres and Frances Fox Piven. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Celebration Events—College of Liberal Arts Symposium**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Campus Center. "Inspiration and Creativity: Liberal Arts Alums Discuss Career Success." Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Celebration Events—The Renaissance of Folk Music in Boston: After the '60s**  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Campus Center. Panel discussion sponsored by WUMB Radio. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

### Friday 28

**Celebration Events—College of Nursing and Health Sciences Symposium**  
9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Campus Center. "Heroes Who Heal: An Inspirational Personal Story of Achievement." A conversation with Lois E. Silverman of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and New England Patriots legend Andre Tippett. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

**Biology Seminar Series: Community Assembly at Small and Large Spatial Scales**  
2:30 p.m., Science Hall, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Nick Gotelli, University of Vermont. Contact: 7-6600.

**The Inauguration of Michael F. Collins, MD**  
3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. The inauguration of Michael F. Collins, MD, as the seventh chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston. By invitation. Visit [www.umb.edu/inauguration](http://www.umb.edu/inauguration).

### Saturday 29

**Celebration Events—Campus Spring Picnic**  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Campus South Field. Event for UMass Boston employees and their families. RSVP [www.umb.edu/picnic/](http://www.umb.edu/picnic/)

**Celebration Events—The Annual Scholarship Gala**  
5:30 – 11:00 p.m., Campus Center. A "Tasting on the Point" reception, dinner, and entertainment. Tickets required. Visit [www.umb.edu/gala/](http://www.umb.edu/gala/)