UMass Boston Debate Places Ethnic Media and Issues at Center of At-Large Boston City Council Race

By Ed Hayward

Talking about education, public safety, and the equal distribution of basic city services to each neighborhood, the eight finalists for Boston’s four at-large City Council seats brought the campaign to the University of Massachusetts Boston last month for a debate sponsored by the Center on Media and Society. The topics brought into focus for the 250 people in the Campus Center ballroom on October 19 centered on issues of concern to Boston’s ethnic neighborhoods, as well as the ethnic and community media who cover a rapidly changing city—referred to by some observers as “the New Boston”—where, for the first time, people of color make up a majority of residents.

“This was a debate focused on Boston’s neighborhoods and the issues critical to the voters who live in them,” said Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society. “As Boston’s demographics change, so does its political debate. The city’s ethnic and community media have been covering these dynamic stories closer than anyone else.”

The eight at-large candidates who took the stage included incumbents Felix Arroyo, Michael Flaherty, and Stephen Murphy, and challengers John Connolly, Ed Flynn, Matt O’Malley, Sam Yoon, the only Asian American citywide candidate for a councilor-at-large seat, and two newcomers in the race: Ed Flynn, Matt O’Malley, Patricia White, and Sam Yoon. Television producer and WGBH-TV commentator Callie Crossley moderated the 90-minute debate, while questions were posed by Sara Suarez, producer, WUNI-TV/Univision; Anh Nguyễn, news correspondent, Sampan; and Anh Miller, senior editor, The Bay State Banner and a fellow this year at the center. The diverse press panel was drawn from the ranks of the center’s Ethnic Media Project in order to highlight the role of the city’s burgeoning ethnic and community media, which increasingly are used as primary sources by the city’s diverse electorate, said Bill Forry, managing editor.

The diverse panel included:

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- Anh Miller, senior editor, The Bay State Banner

The debate centered on issues of concern to Boston’s ethnic neighborhoods. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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The College of Nursing and Health Sciences’ Susan DeSanto-Madeya, Jacqueline Fawcett, and Cynthia Aber investigate how people adapt to life-changing events in several collaborative research projects. Amy Rex Smith, who also collaborates on studies that use the Roy Adaptation Model as a conceptual framework for her research, “gives us a great opportunity to examine how culture and geographic regions influence women’s adaptation,” says Fawcett.

Fawcett is using the Roy Adaptation Model as a conceptual framework for her research. “According to this model, people adapt in four ways,” says Fawcett. “We look at how people adapt psychologically; in their concepts of self; in their role function, or how they adjust in their daily lives; and interdependence, or how they adapt in their relationships.” She hopes this research will help inform current nursing practices.

For example, the first study, which is nearly complete, examines women’s perceptions of and responses to having a cesarean birth. Preliminary results suggest that new nursing interventions are needed to help women, especially those having unplanned cesareans, to better adapt to their birth experiences.

Not only designed to improve nursing practice, Fawcett also wants to use these studies to expand on students’ clinical experiences.
 UMass Boston Hosts Joint Committee on Higher Education Meeting

By Anne-Marie Kent

On the morning of October 11, University of Massachusetts president Jack Wilson, chair of the Board of Trustees Robert Karam, UMass Boston chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., and chancellors and one deputy chancellor from the five UMass campuses addressed the Joint Committee on Higher Education in the Campus Center ballroom.

Led by co-chairs Senator Robert O’Leary and Representative Kevin J. Murphy, the Joint Committee is composed of members of both the Senate and the House and considers all matters concerning higher education in the Commonwealth for the state legislature. During the two-hour meeting, the committee interviewed the president, chair, and chancellors on issues regarding access and affordability in public higher education.

Co-Chair Robert O’Leary began the meeting by stressing the importance of public higher education to the Commonwealth’s business community. “The effort we are all involved in here is gaining visibility and public support and is becoming more widely recognized,” said O’Leary.

Opening the testimony, Chair Robert Karam, himself an alumnus of UMass Dartmouth, said, “Over 200,000 residents of the Commonwealth are graduates of UMass. They help drive, direct, and develop the local economies,” said Karam, who also noted that one quarter of Massachusetts legislators hold UMass degrees.

President Wilson then praised the leadership of Senate President E. Travaglini, an alumnus of UMass Boston, House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi, the chairmen, and members of the committee. He added, “We are inspired by the developments we have seen during this past year: the diligent and important work conducted by Senator Panagiotakos, Senator Rosenberg, and the other members of the Senate Taskforce on Higher Education; we are inspired by the advocacy being demonstrated by Chairman Murphy and other members of the House; inspired by Chairman O’Leary’s commitment; and we are truly inspired by the decision to create a standing committee dedicated to the advancement of higher education.”

He recalled the Saxon Commission that fifteen years ago studied the higher education landscape in the Commonwealth. Chaired by former MIT Corporation chair and University of California president David Saxon and boasting a blue-ribbon roster of members, the Saxon Commission, reported Wilson, came forward with “an overarching recommendation, that Massachusetts must build a world-class public university.”

That a world-class public university is needed in Massachusetts was well agreed upon by those in attendance. How to achieve such a system within tight budget constraints remained a matter for discussion. Legislators questioned the panel of chancellors on their funding priorities, key programs, and ideas regarding the feasibility of a “rainy day fund.” In response, many of the chancellors reacted to what some described as “roller-coasters” experiences of funding cuts during past years, resulting in the inability to carry out long-term planning goals. In his remarks, Chancellor Collins cited needs including investment in campus infrastructure, particularly to remediate serious deferred maintenance issues, including the garage foundation of the university; investment in faculty and staff salaries and honor past commitments with regard to salaries and raises; as well as maintaining key programs. Chancellor Collins also pointed to the need for financial aid for students.

“Many of our students work at least one, sometimes two or three jobs,” said Chancellor Collins. “We need to find more creative ways to help them finance their education and to perpetuate the reputation of access and affordability for which this university is known.”

Professor Rachel Rubin, president of the Faculty and Staff Union, thanked the chancellor for drawing attention to salary issues and, speaking to the larger discussion of higher-education funding cuts and their impact on long-range planning and operation, referred to the roller-coaster metaphor. “We [faculty] are trying to teach on the roller-coaster. We need to get off the roller-coaster.”

South African Anti-Apartheid Leader and Author Speaks at UMass Boston

An audience at UMass Boston had the chance to hear firsthand about the struggles and successes of a former political prisoner of South African apartheid at an on-campus event held October 18. Ahmed Kathrada was among the seven original political prisoners, including Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu, who were convicted of treason in 1963 and sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labor on Robben Island for their efforts to end the South African government’s apartheid policies. Kathrada served 26 years in prison before being released and subsequently entered South Africa’s parliament. Following his address, Kathrada signed his book Memoirs, which chronicles his life story. (Photo by Harry Brett).

UMass Boston Tops Reputation Survey

UMass Boston continues to draw praise from Massachusetts businesses, according to a new survey by a local reputation management firm Morrissey & Company. The university ranked 14th in a list of 69 well-known businesses and organizations in the latest Massachusetts Corporate Reputation Survey (MCRS). The survey annually asks business executives to rate the reputations of the Bay State’s leading private and public enterprises on a variety of important corporate attributes.

The survey asked 200 senior-level executives to rate a select list of well-known Massachusetts companies and organizations on six attributes—general reputation, products and services, social responsibility, ethics and corporate governance, workplace and financial performance. This is the second time UMass Boston has joined the ranks of top-20 institutions such as Harvard University, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Tufts University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and others.

Researchers found that non-profit institutions in higher education and health care enjoy the best reputations among business executives in Massachusetts.

The MCRS was conducted by Opinion Dynamics Corporation, a national leader in market research, polling, and consulting for Morrissey & Company and is available on their web site: www.reputationsurvey.com.
“Deep Routes”: New Urban Cultural History Center Debuts Exhibit

By Lisa Gentes

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New Class of Emerging Leaders Take on Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

“The Emerging Leaders program has provided the road map on how to become a collaborative leader—a leader who is involved, not only in business, but in the community. I can make a difference in my community utilizing the leadership and team-building skills provided by UMass Boston,” said Patricia Theberge, information technology executive at Raytheon and Emerging Leader 2005 fellow.

Theberge and other fellows gathered at the Boston Marriott Copley Place on October 20 for the Emerging Leaders Program luncheon, featuring a keynote address by Liberty Mutual Chairman, president, and CEO Edmund F. Kelly. The event recognized the forty-two young Boston-area professionals in the fourth cohort of program fellows and the nominees for the fifth class. Chancellor Michael E. Collins, UMass president Jack Wilson, and many program alumni joined 300 business and community leaders who attended the graduation “of the new fellows and meet those poised to take on new leadership roles in the Greater Boston area.”

Sponsored by the Center for Collaborative Leadership at the College of Management and Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts, the Emerging Leaders Program provides unique opportunities for young professionals. Each fall, senior executives in corporations and non-profits are called on to nominate candidates with five to ten years of experience who have demonstrated leadership potential and want to enhance their leadership skills and opportunities.

“We are directly taking on the leadership challenges posed by our community’s changing demographics and offering a different kind of collaborative model for problem solving,” said Sherry Penney, director of the Center for Collaborative Leadership and program founder.

The nine-month program starts each January with a week-long seminar exploring leadership skills and examining critical issues facing the region. Fellows learn about resources, networks, and ways of identifying and achieving common goals. Fellows meet monthly from February through September, working in teams to produce and present to Mayor Thomas Menino action plans to address issues facing the Greater Boston region.

“The Emerging Leaders program provides Boston’s young leaders with the skills and network they need to become innovative problem solvers and help keep Greater Boston and their companies competitive,” said Cleve Killingsworth, CEO of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

City Councilor Debate (cont.)

of the Dorchester Reporter, who assisted in organizing the debate as a fellow of the center.

“Tonight’s debate aims to bring you something special that is very much in line with UMass Boston’s urban mission,” Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., told the audience. “Tonight’s debate brings you crucial access to Boston City Council candidates, and tonight, the questions will come not from members of the mainstream media, but from reporters who represent our city’s ethnic media, offering important perspectives that are not always given center stage.”

The Center on Media and Society created the Ethnic Media Project in 2004 to improve the quality and vitality of ethnic media in New England and build bridges across ethnic communities. The Center, which is part of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, serves as a resource for the university, the community, and the professional worlds of journalism and politics.

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Adaptation to Motherhood (cont.)

She approached her nursing colleague Cynthia Aber with the idea of engaging students enrolled in the undergraduate maternity nursing program to participate in research and data collection for the studies.

Aber, chair of the Nursing Department and coordinator of the Maternity Nursing and Women’s Health undergraduate course, thought it was a good idea. She says she thought they really start to see the relevancy between teaching, research, and practice. As part of their coursework, they are assigned to a client who gave birth in a local hospital, and set up a home visit. They then write up the results of their interview as a clinical paper.

“It is an easy way to get data, students understand the research process better, and it gives them credit for class,” says Fawcett. She also noticed that students, once nervous at the thought of conducting home visits, were excited by the experience and found interviewing the new mothers much easier than they thought it would be.

Following data collection, Fawcett analyzes the information and collaborates with colleagues to write and publish articles in prominent publications such as the Journal of Obstetrical, Gynecological, and Neonatal Nursing, and the Journal of Professional Nursing.

What have Fawcett and her colleagues discovered in these studies? “What I find most surprising—and I’ve been doing these studies since the 1970’s—is that no matter how well-educated or prepared a woman is for childbirth, she still has difficulties in adjusting to motherhood and faces the same challenges,” she says.

These challenges are universal regardless of whether a woman has given birth before. “For first-timers, I don’t think there is any way to try and prepare someone for the fatigue. You can’t store up sleep, and I don’t think women can really anticipate the level of sleep deprivation they will face until they are in the situation,” says Fawcett.

“Mothers who have other children still face the same fatigue, but also need to find ways to adjust their family’s life and routines to those of a new baby.”

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Carlos Fernandez ’99, men’s soccer player and most recent graduate, was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, celebrated the occasion with his mother, Fatima Wright, her husband, Stephen Wright, and his wife, Vania Fernandez. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The UMass Boston Athletics Hall of Fame Induction has quickly become one of the biggest and most spectacular annual events for the athletics program. In now its third year, the Hall of Fame welcomed ten new inductees into the fold in a ceremony that was held on October 13 to recognize not only athletes from UMass Boston’s athletics program, which has been in existence since 1980-81, but also those from Boston State College (BSC).

Longtime television reporter and alumnus Dan Rea served as the master of ceremonies for an evening that celebrated the accomplishments of former Boston Celtics legend and Boston State men’s basketball coach Jim Loscutoff, as well as basketball star John Buckley ’66, hockey standout Bob Quinn ’69, and football and lacrosse player James Kent ’75. UMass Boston’s Jackie James ’87 was inducted for her exemplary track and field career, along with Carol Thomas ’87, who was enshrined for her All-American efforts in basketball and track and field. Men’s soccer player Carlos Fernandez ’99 was the most recent graduate to be inducted, and Charlie Titus became the first UMass Boston administrator to receive the honor. Two championship teams were also immortalized as the 1981-82 ECAC Champion Men’s Ice Hockey squad and the 1986-87 Indoor Women’s Track and Field teams received their due.

Loscutoff, the biggest name at the event, said it felt good to be included in such an outstanding class.

Critic Examines American Occupation in Iraq

Author and critic Larry Diamond spoke of his experiences as advisor for the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq at an October 12 event sponsored by the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution. A leading scholar on democracy, Diamond spent three months in Baghdad in 2004 per a request from former Stanford University colleague Condoleezza Rice. Diamond shared his critique of the Bush administration’s handling of the war and its post-war consequences, as well as his theories of democracy-building, all of which inform his new book, Squandered Victory. His book and expertise have been frequently featured or included in stories on NBC News, on National Public Radio, and in the New York Times. (Photo by Harry Brett)
Scholars and Leaders Revisit “Dear Haiti” at 17th Annual Conference

By Leigh DuPuy

More than 1,500 participants came to UMass Boston to discuss Haiti and the Haitian Diaspora at the 17th annual Haitian Studies Conference, which returned to UMass Boston in October after a 11-year hiatus. Throughout the three-day event, scholars, activists, and community leaders held discussions on how the media views the Caribbean nation, the identity of Haitian youth, how immigration law affects Haitians living in the U.S., and issues of education, religion, politics, and the economy.

“We want to connect with academics and help frame discussions that influence policy and move the country forward,” says Marc Prou, African Studies professor and executive director of the Haitian Studies Association (HSA), which organizes the annual event. Prou cofounded the organization 18 years ago, saying, “I saw there was a need to create an agenda for Haitian studies, share knowledge, and to create a ‘garde fou,’ to use an old French expression for to ‘guard a fool.’”

Prou uses that phrase in response to stereotypical perceptions of Haiti, a nation frequently described in one-dimensional terms by the media and others. He explains, “The nation is always labeled a ‘poor country’ without any acknowledgment of its rich culture, language, and environment.” Prou cites as an example the popular misconception of voodoo as a witchcraft practice that uses pins and dolls as tools for punishing others. “It’s actually a very sacred religion,” he says, not at all what filmmakers portray it to be.

HSA was created, he says, to foster research on Haiti and Haitians and identify and disseminate information on Haiti. The association is headquartered at UMass Boston, publishes The Journal of Haitian Studies, and has an expert database of more than 1,000, 300 of whom are scholars on Haiti. “We like to see ourselves as a clearinghouse for information on the country,” says Prou.

Prou sees HSA’s mission as seeking to debunk or demystify these popular misconceptions of a “renegade nation,” considered by many since the days of the 1804 Haitian Revolution that resulted in unprecedented black self-government in a former colony. “We need to redress historical prejudice that continues to this day,” he says.

Not only an academic investigation, these efforts directly affect Haitian immigrants, Prou says, and he has seen changes in many of his students and their self-identity. “There was a time when students wouldn’t admit that they were Haitian,” says Prou. “Now many see that there are deans, presidents, provosts, musicians, filmmakers who are all successful and from Haiti.”

The theme for this year’s conference, which was relocated from Haiti to UMass Boston due to political turmoil, was “Haiti: ‘Chérie’: Creating New Pathways for Tomorrow.” Prou explains, “It means ‘dear Haiti!’ Despite all the tribulations there, the country is still so very dear to us.”

Among those in attendance at the conference were Chancellor Michael F. Collins and Massachusetts State Representative Linda Dorcena Forry, who both gave opening remarks, and more than 100 panelists. Prou and HSA members collaborated with the many conference sponsors, including: the Office of the Chancellor, the Department of African Studies, the William Monroe Trotter Institute, Massachusetts Bay Community College, Wellesley College, the Center for Community Health and Research, and Asosiyasyon Fanm Ayisyen nan Boston.

WUMB Radio Honors Those Who Serve the Community

By Marilyn Rea Beyers

At their second annual Voice for the Community Awards presentation, local public radio broadcaster WUMB-FM presented Massachusetts singer/songwriter Patty Larkin with a plaque and an evening of accolades held at UMass Boston, the station’s home. Long-term donors and hardworking volunteer staffers were also recognized, where members and honorees gathered for a meal, camaraderie, and music at the Campus Center.

There, WUMB honored a number of people who contributed to the folk music community by working behind the scenes. “It’s such a pleasure to take time out and honor those who have contributed steadily for twenty years or more,” said Patricia Monteith, WUMB general manager. “Our four volunteer award recipients have put in more than just hours; they’ve contributed to the spirit of public radio and the folk community.” Volunteers Frank Burke, Laura Chase, Carol Day, and Cindy Nelson received a clock as a thank-you present for working at the station for a full work day every week.

Those who have supported folk music and public radio with financial contributions were also celebrated. The station honored thirty-seven who have donated to WUMB for 20 years or more. Of those, more than a third are alumni of UMass Boston or members of the greater university community. Alumnus Frederic Hanson, Jr., and Mark Schlesinger of the American Studies Department were on hand at the event and received special recognition. Hanson was news director back in the early 1980s, when the station was still an on-campus-only operation; and Schlesinger was a charter contributor.

To cap off the evening, Larkin performed a 20-minute set. She received WUMB’s community service award for her efforts on behalf of a wide array of organizations, ranging from those that protect wildife and seek to end domestic violence to those in support of breast cancer and AIDS research.

Monteith says, “Patty is the ideal honoree for our Voice for the Community Award. She’s spent years looking for ways to make the world around her a little bit better, not only with her music, but with hard work, too.”

Accreditation for Visual Impairment Track Addresses Education Gap

UMass Boston recently received accreditation from the Massachusetts Department of Education for its Teacher of Visual Impairment track in the Master’s Degree in Visual Impairment program, making it the region’s only training program for educating teachers in the field of visual impairment.

“Children with visual impairments are currently being undererved within the educational system, and it is crucial that the severe national shortage of personnel serving children with visual impairments be addressed,” said William Kiernan, director of the Institute for Community Inclusion.

“This brings us one step closer to providing children with visual impairments a quality education with a proper student/teacher ratio.”

In addition, through the efforts of the Northeast Regional Center for Vision Education (NERCVE) program, the Graduate College of Education has received two five-year federal grants totaling $2.75 million to prepare personnel to serve children with visual impairments—specifically, teachers of the visually impaired and orientation and mobility specialists.

NERCVE is an established center within the Institute for Community Inclusion and is academically affiliated with the graduate college. NERCVE is dedicated to improving the quality of education and rehabilitation services to children and adults with visual impairments by supporting regionally accessible educational opportunities throughout New England. A primary mission of NERCVE is to support visually-impaired children and adults with visual impairments through the restructuring of education program to address this shortage.

“It is amazing to reflect on all that has been accomplished in a relatively short time frame,” said Robert McCuilley, NERCVE director. “In just three years, NERCVE has built a network to obtain federal, state, and private resources, designed an entirely new graduate curriculum, prepared faculty to teach online, enrolled over sixty matriculated students with representation from each New England state, and completed the process toward accreditation that ultimately resulted in the approval for state licensure.”

The first six graduates of the program have officially been endorsed by the university for state licensure from the State of Massachusetts Department of Education on September 24.

Ninth Annual Chancellor’s Years of Service Celebration

November 17
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.
McCormack Hall
Ryan Lounge

Celebration for those who have given 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, or 40 years of service to the university. This year, 149 employees will be recognized, including four with 40 years of service.

In September, Carol Hall Ebenbecker, associate professor and director of the Ph.D. Program in Nursing, made several presentations in the People's Republic of China. She presented "Predictors of Postpartum Outpatient Nurse Job Satisfaction and Intent to Stay" and "Nursing Education at the University of Massachusetts Boston" in Yantai, as a visiting scholar at Ta'an Medical University, and at the School of Nursing at the Second Medical University in Shanghai.

Silvia Dorado and Theordora Welch, faculty in the College of Management (CM), presented "Creating Mutual Versus Interdependent" at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action Conference, held in Washington, D.C., in November.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), presented "Evaluating Conceptual-Theoretical-empirical Structures for Science of Unitary Health: Holistic Based Research" at the Society of Rogerian Scholars Conference. In November, Fawcett was the distinguished lecture at the University of South Florida College of Nursing, where she presented her paper "Conceptual Models, Theories, and Research: Myths and Realities of Programs of Nursing Research."

Anamaria Frankic, faculty member in the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences (EEOs) Department, presented the lecture "Integrad Costal Management and Marine Protected Areas" at the International Conference on Integrated Ocean Policy, held in Lisbon on October 14.

CM faculty Lawrence Franko, Eric Hayden, and Theordora Welch served as panelists for the college's annual directors' roundtable. The event was held in association with Choate, Hall, and Stewart LLP. Firm partner and CM advisory board member Lauren Genari served as moderator.

Joan Garity, CNHS associate professor, delivered the paper "Experiences of Grief in the Alzheimer's Family Care Giver: Analysis of the Literature," at the 35th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, held in November.

Nanahung Hamilton, Virginia Smith Harvey, Lisa Cosgrove, Yarda Konstan, and MaryAnna Hans of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology presented the symposium "Pedagogy and Technology—Issues Relevant to Teacher’s Psychological Counseling" at the American Psychological Association convention.

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work on the political economy of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa with the Center for Democracy and Development. Weiner discussed the role of Boston in the world.


Julie Winch, professor of history, was invited to speak on the subject of Aaron Burr’s biracial son, John P. Burr, and his career as an abolitionist and civil rights activist in antebellum Philadelphia.

PUBLICATIONS

A cowritten article by Pratyush Bharati, assistant professor of management science and information systems, “Managing IT for Quality of Services: The Case of Disquette Light,” was published by the International Journal of Information Management.

Adam Colón-Carmona, assistant professor of biology, was coauthor of the article “Arabidopsis TCTP20 Links Regulation of Growth and Cell Division Control Pathways” in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA. He also published the article “Stress Responses to Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in Arabidopsis Include Growth Inhibition and Hypersensitive-Response-Like Symptoms” in a radio interview on November’s Journal of Clinical Research.

Mary Davis, EEOS assistant professor, recently published “Environmental Polities in the U.S.: A Study of State Sulfur Dioxide Standards” in Environmental Assessment Policy and Management.


Quantum: Metaphysical Illustrations by Tomasz Bunk with Physical Explanations by Each Essayist and Larry D. Kirkpatrick was published in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit at the New York Hall of Science. Essentials is director of the Center for Science and Math in Context and distinguished professor of science education.

“The Hunters,” a short story by John Fulton, assistant professor of English, was awarded a Pushcart Prize and will be published in Pushcart Prize XXX: Best of the Small Presses. The story was also cited as one of the year’s 100 best in Best American Stories 2005. His short story “The Soldier’s Wife” was published in Ontario Review.

Joan Ganty, CNHS associate professor, reviewed the manuscript “Concept Analysis. Malpractice and Modern Day Nursing Practice” for the Journal of Advanced Nursing.

Roderick Jensen, the Brann Distinguished Professor of Physics, Biology, and Mathematics and director of the Center for Environmental Health, Science, and Technology, published the paper on his collaboration with the Brigham and Women’s Hospital, “Validation of Genomics-Based Prognostic Tests in Malignant Pleural Mesothelioma,” in Clinical Cancer Research.

In the 50th-anniversary issue of Connection: The Journal of the New England Board of Higher Education, Esther Kingston-Mann of the History Department and American Studies Program was named one of ten “visionaries in New England higher education; her essay “Diversifying Academic Knowledge” is in its October issue.

A new book by Betsy Klimasmith of the English Department, At Home in the City: Urban Domesticity in Modern American Literature and Culture, 1850-1930, will be published by the University Press of New England in November.

The Globalization of Racism, edited by Donaldo Maccado, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education, and Donatella Gomiari, assistant professor in the Applied Linguistics Graduate Program, was published by Paradigm Publishers.

Marc Prou, assistant professor of African Studies, published the review essay “Haiti’s Condemnation: History and Culture at the Crossroads” in the Latin American Research Review and the cowritten article “Minimizing Risks in Caribbean Study Abroad: Whose Responsibility?” in an on-line publication of the University of the West Indies, Jamaica.

EEOS professor William Robinson and recent doctoral graduate Timothy Ward published “Evolu-

tion of Cadmium Resistance in Daphnia magna” in Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry. Professor Lorna Rivera of the College of Public and Community Service published the article “Social Inequality, Social Mobility, and Education” in Democracy & Education.

“Commentary: Older Driver Safety: Why Emergency Physicians Should Care About Medical Advisory Boards” by Nina M. Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology and senior research fellow at the Gerontology Institute, was published in the Annals of Emergency Medicine in October.

Web Professor Miren Uriarte, Ph.D. Program in Public Policy students Phillip J. Granberry and Megan Halloran wrote the chapter “Immigration Status, Employment, and Eligibility for Public Benefits among Latin American Immigrants in Massachusetts” in Latinos in New England, to be published by Temple University Press next year.


EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, RECORDINGS

The play Mother G by African Studies chair Robert Johnson, Jr., was presented in staged reading by Our Place Theatre Project on September 26 in Roxbury.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

In October, GCOE’s Lisa Gonvalas, principal investigator, and co-investigators Jorgelina Abatto-Vaughn, Brian White, Marietta Schwartz, and Allison Skerrett were awarded a $100,000 Robert F. Noyce grant from the National Science Foundation to implement the Robert Noyce Scholarship Teacher Preparation Program at UMass Boston. Working in partnership with the Boston Public Schools, the project will recruit and prepare talented science, technology, engineering, and mathematics undergraduates and professionals to teach science in Boston public schools.

A project designed to help improve the teaching of American history and involving GCOE’s Jonathan Chu, “Walking in the Footsteps of Legends and Ordinary Folk: Boston in Backdrop and Battleground,” received a grant of $798,175. Partners in the grant are The Historical Society of Boston, Old Sturbridge Village, the Freedom Trail Foundation, Old South Meeting, and the Museum of Fine Arts.

In October, GCOE’s Miren Uriarte, director of the Other Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), received a $96,300 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for his project “Examining a New Narrative Model for Old Age in Literature and Film,” a series of informal courses to be offered through 22 Lifelong Learning Institutes in 14 states.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Barbara Davis, administrative assistant in the Anthropology Department, has been elected vice chair of the Holbrook School Community. This is her tenth year on the committee, for six of which she has served as vice chair.

Patricia A. Halon, director of general medicine in University Health Services and part-time CNHS faculty, was awarded the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners State Award for Excellence at their 20th Annual National Conference. The award recognizes nurse practitioners who demonstrate excellence in practice, research, nurse practitioner education, or community affairs.

Harlyn Halvorson, EEOS emeritus professor and director of the Policy Center for Marine Bioncesience and Technology, was appointed to the National Science Foundation’s Biomedical Research Advisory Council.

Margaret McAllister of the College of Nursing has been appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration’s Nursing Division of Professional Licensure Task Force to review and make recommendations on “244 CMR 4.00: Massachusetts Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in the Expanded Role.”

D.V.G.L.N. Rao of the Physics Department was named a winner in the annual STS/Outreach/Breed’s Nano 50 Awards in the technology category for his project “Light-Scattering of Periodic-Aligned Carbon Nanotubes.”

Miren Uriarte has been appointed as interim director of the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy.

The Women in Politics and Public Policy graduate certificate program was awarded the University Continuing Education Association’s Innovative and Creative Program- ming Award for 2005 by its New England Chapter. The program is one of two operated by the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education to receive recognition. The Boston Area Advanced Technological Education connections won in the non-credit category.

Richard Jackiw, director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UMass Boston (OLLI), was identified as a student.

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Michelle Washko successfully defended her dissertation “Volunteering and Aging Adults: An Exploration of Behavioral Determinants and Their Effects on Volunteer Commitment,” earning a Ph.D. in Gerontology from the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

EVENTS

The College of Management’s Department of Accounting, the CM Career Center, Delta Sigma Pi and the Accounting and Finance Academy sponsored a networking event with CPA firms and related companies that represented many of the organizations at the event. The event was spearheaded by professor Tom Hogan and career services specialist Kusely Callahan.

The College of Management welcomed new chair Michael Collins, M.D., to its first senior executive forum of the new academic year. Chancellor Collins, a professor of management, spoke on the important issue of health care costs in a well-attended event, held in the Campus Center.

CORRECTION

In a caption for a photograph of conversation activities in the October issue, Chancellor Collins is shown speaking with Kennedy Oppong, who is a student senator, and African Studies professor Annalise Pflug, who was originally identified as a student.

IN THE NEWS

Jeffrey Andrea, associate professor of sociology, was interviewed five times recently by Free Radio Asia on topics concerning China’s impact on adolescence, education, mental health, college readiness, and the new anti-family abuse law.

Virginia Smith Harvey of the Counseling and School Psychology Department commented on the topic “perfectionism in children and adults” in a radio interview on October 13 with Elizabeth Dalton on WGAU 1340 a.m.

In October, African Studies professor Marc Prou was featured in an article in the Boston Haitian Reporter and was quoted in another article on Umass Boston’s Creede Institute. He was also quoted in the Boston Globe in an October 23 article on the 175th anniversary celebration of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

The Small Business Development Center at the College of Management and its clients were featured in an article in the Boston Herald.
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Biology Department Seminar Series: Genes Expressed in Development
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Dr. Normarniy of Tufts University. Contact: 7-6609 or mara.mahoney@umb.edu.

Friday 11

Veteran’s Day. University closed.

Monday 14

Gerontology Institute and Department Colloquium Series: Social Security Reform
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-125. Featuring Peter Diamond, Institute Professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Contact: 7-7300.

Tuesday 15

Yoga for All
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st Fl. For all levels. Students free. Faculty and Staff: $3.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5680.

Monday 16

EEOS Guest Speaker Series: Halogenated Organic Compounds in Marine Mammals Indistinguishable from or Derived From Mother Nature?

Friday 4

Biological Science Department Seminar Series: Checkpoint Responses and Repair of a Broken Chromosome
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Jim C. Haber of Brandeis University. Contact: 7-6609 or mara.mahoney@umb.edu.

Creation of the World and Other Business
8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre, 2-008. Play by Arthur Miller and directed by Wendy Overly. Ticket prices: $10.00 general admission, $7.00 students with valid ID and seniors. Also on November 11 and 12 at 8:00 p.m. and on November 8 at 5:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5640 or mark.vaz@umb.edu.

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Gerontology Institute and Department Colloquium Series: When Aging Issues Lead to Family Conflit
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1-125. Featuring Richard Larsen and Arlene Kardasis, mediators at Elder Decisions. Contact: 7-7300.

Tuesday 8

5:30 – 6:45 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-925. Featuring Linda Dittmar of the English Department. All are welcome. Readings are available in the Graduate English office (W-6-40). Contact: 7-6702.

Wednesday 16

EEOS Guest Speaker Series: Current Status and Future Prospects for Marine Aquaculture in the U.S.

Thursday 17

Diversity Luncheon Series: Discussion of Domestic Violence in Different Cultures
12:15 – 1:30 p.m., Campus Center, Bay View Conference Room, 3-1540. Hosted by Leona Franklin of the UHS Counseling Center. First 20 students to register by November 14 will receive a free lunch. Contact: 7-5640 or educa.presler@umb.edu.

Thursday 10

Brown Bag Luncheon: Boston’s First Female Photographer
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Campus Center, Founders’ Room, 3rd Fl. An illustrated talk about S. R. Charters, the first woman to operate a commercial photography studio in Boston. Featuring Ron Polito, retired art faculty member. Contact: 7-5330 or alumni@umb.edu.

Chancellor’s Years of Service Reception
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd Fl. Annual reception to honor employees’ years of service to the university. This year, 149 employees will be honored for 10, 15, 20, 35, 40, and 50 years of service. Contact: 7-5176.

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7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See complete schedule at www.athletics.umb.edu. Contact: 7-7802.

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UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra Concert
8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom A, 3rd Fl. Conducted by Jon Cramer Mitchell, with Priscilla Taylor-Bull, cellist; Suzanne Ehly, soprano; and David Geissaw, baritone. Program includes pieces by Holst, Mozart, Brahms, and Purcell. Reception to follow. Contact: 7-5640 or mark.vaz@umb.edu.

Thursday 24

Thanksgiving Day University closed.

Monday 28

Overeaters Anonymous Monthly Newcomers Meeting
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Campus Center, 2-2107. Fellowship of people recovering from compulsive overeating. Contact: oaa.mass@hotmail.com.

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Wednesday 30

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy Fall Women’s Research Forum: Political, Policy and Personal Perspectives on Women and Homelessness in Massachusetts
1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor’s Conference Room. Featuring a panel of researchers at the Center for Social Policy. Contact: 7-5569.

EEOS Guest Speaker Series: Coastal Ocean Forecast – The Gulf of Maine Story

M.A. English Program Fall 2005 Colloquium Series: The Progenitc Pause; or, Anna or Denmark as Queen of Da Nill in Bun Johnson’s Masque of Blackness
5:30 – 6:45 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-925. Featuring Scott Massano of the English Department. All are welcome. Readings are available in the Graduate English office. Contact: 7-7802.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum
6:30 – 7:00 p.m., Campus Center, Founders’ Room, 3rd Fl. Featuring James Kloccke, executive vice president of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. Contact: cmevents@umb.edu.

MIScircellaneous

Alcohols Anonymous Meeting
Wednesday, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Campus Center, 4-4201. Meeting for people involved in recovery from alcohol or drug abuse. All are welcome. Contact: 7-7981, sprg150@aol.com.

Campus Ministry
Offers include interfaith Bible study, gospel choir rehearsals, Catholic Christian Ministerial worship, justice coalition workshops, etc. Contact: 7-5839 or www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry/

Clark Athletic Center
Open Monday through Friday: 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. See www.athletics.umb.edu for schedules, scores, rosters, coaches, building community program, Beacon Fitness Center membership, etc. Contact: 7-7801.

Eco-tours of UMass Boston
3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays. Just off campus, 2nd Fl. Campus Center. Learn about UMass Boston’s eco-friendly practices. RSVP to 7-5083 or umb.green@umb.edu.

WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal
Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.