On the Job: A Busy Summer for Chancellor Collins

By Anne-Marie Kent and Ed Hayward

He’s been out on the Fox Point Landing, where neighborhood kids come for sailing lessons each summer; he’s been shaking hands in the Campus Center to welcome UMass Boston’s incoming freshmen; he’s gone downtown to the State House to lobby on behalf of the campus; and he’s been throughout the campus—from the loading docks to the labs—getting acquainted with the people who make UMass Boston run.

In short, summer has been more like summer school for Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D. When he assumed leadership of UMass Boston late in May, the former clinical professor of internal medicine and senior fellow at the University College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University, knew that these months would be well-spent getting to know the people and programs of the university, as well as members of the nearby community.

He’s found a student body that is both diverse and astute, a treasure faculty, a location more spectacular than he first thought, and a warm welcome from the people he’s met. Beyond the campus, he’s found an increasingly welcoming audience that wants to focus on UMass Boston.

“This is a great time to be the leader of UMass Boston,” said Collins. “On a local and national level, people are focused on competitiveness. That’s placed the spotlight on higher education and UMass Boston and the role we play to make this state a competitive force. So it’s an exciting time to serve as chancellor.”

The question most frequently asked of the new campus leader: What’s your vision for UMass Boston?

“I’ve really been in a listening and learning mode,” said Collins, the former president and CEO of Caritas Christi Health Care System. “It’s my nature to look at things and see how they can be improved. But the vision is going to come from the 13,000 people who come here every day. We also have a strategic plan in place to follow. My job is to give these ideas form and create the structures to support people who carry out our core business of education.”

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UMass Boston Archaeologists Lead Summer Dig at African Meeting House

By Leigh DuPuy and Ed Hayward

Hoping to learn more about the lives of African-Americans in nineteenth-century Boston, a team of archaeologists from the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research at UMass Boston spent the summer months unearthing artifacts from the African Meeting House on Beacon Hill.

“These objects can tell us a lot about their everyday life,” said David Landon, director of the excavation, which was done in partnership with the Museum of African-American History. The meeting house, a National Historic Landmark, is the oldest extant African American church building and was the center of the active, organized, and mobile free black community throughout the nineteenth century.

“The artifacts can speak to the social importance of the building in the community as a place for religious ceremonies, as well as political and social gatherings,” said Landon. The archaeological work is in preparation for a renovation project to celebrate the bicentennial of the meeting house in 2006.

Landon, who is associate director of the Fiske Center and an adjunct faculty member in the Anthropology Department, was joined on the project by archaeological entomologist Alison Bain of Laval University in Quebec; Heather Trigg, the Fiske Center’s paleoethnobotanist; and Dennis Piechota, the conservator of the Fiske collections, in addition to a group of undergraduate and graduate students from UMass Boston and other universities.

The team focused excavation on a “privy,” which should reveal clues and artifacts about the life of this Beacon Hill community during the 1800s. Specifically, researchers looked for kitchen waste, animal bones, parasites, insect parts, fabric, buttons, bottles, dishware, and household trash that can lend more information about work, diet, recreation, and other cultural activities.

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Governor Pledges $50 Million for Repairs at UMass Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

On July 18, faculty, students, and staff, and a cadre of local journalists crowded into the Alumni Room of the Campus Center, where Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney announced a capital spending plan that includes $50 million for repairs to the UMass Boston campus, a $10-million increase in the amount he had initially committed to the garage-repair project.

“This welcome news is the result of tremendous efforts by our campus community, as well as the office of UMass President Jack Wilson,” said Chancellor Michael Collins. “Part of the great challenge for our campus is not simply getting people to understand the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff, but to make clear our needs. Many of your colleagues have dedicated themselves to making our case on Beacon Hill, and we are now seeing the results.”

According to the $1.28 billion capital budget plan for the 2006 fiscal year, the University of Massachusetts system would receive $200 million, with $50 million earmarked for repairs to the UMass Boston megastructure. Romney said that he plans to file a spending bill to take from the state’s operating surplus and supplement it with an ambitious $400 million capital investment program for public higher education.

At the press conference, Chancellor Collins joined the governor, along with UMass Board of Trustees chairman James J. Karam, Board of Higher Education chairman Stephen Touco, and Eric Kriss, the governor’s secretary of administration and finance. Chancellor Collins applauded the spending plan, noting that the campus needs $200 million in physical plant problems in order to advance initiatives that boost faculty hiring, upgrade research facilities, and improve teaching and learning resources on campus.

“This proposal could not come at a better time,” said Collins. “Great universities boast faculty members who earn distinction, students who achieve their goals, and programs that meet student needs and workforce demands. UMass Boston has come a long way in these three areas, but to advance our campus on these important fronts means our physical plant has to meet 21st-century standards.”

Over the past 10 years, state bond funding for public higher education capital improvements has averaged $67 million per year. This level of spending has not been sufficient to permit major renovations and new-building initiatives at public colleges and universities to advance as quickly as they should, according to the governor.

“This is a huge shot in the arm for our public colleges and universities,” said Romney. “By targeting these resources to construct new facilities and upgrade existing ones, we can put our higher education system in a position to deliver the first-class facilities that our students deserve.”

“The governor’s commitment to supporting public higher education is vital if we’re going to meet our goals to better serve our students and our communities,” Chancellor Collins said. “We thank the governor for selecting UMass Boston as the place to highlight his commitment. We look forward to working closely with him and the legislature on these important issues.”

Following the press conference, Chancellor Collins led an unprecedented media tour through the lower level of the university garage, pointing out areas requiring immediate attention and repairs already under way.

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strengthen his executive staff. On June 15, he announced the appointment of Darrell C. Byers, a proven development executive with experience in higher education, research and health care, to the post of vice chancellor for institutional advancement. In July, he upgraded intercollegiate athletics and intramural recreation programs by promoting longtime athletic director Charlie Trisus to the new position of vice chancellor for athletics and recreation, special projects and programs.

“Public higher education in Massachusetts is getting a lot of attention, and UMass Boston is worthy of the attention focused on it right now,” said Collins. “But we have to get better for both our students and Massachusetts if we are going to sustain that interest. My focus is on making us better.”

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Specifically, the chancellor expects to see a growth in campus research; he wants the campus academic agenda defined by excellence, without sacrificing accessibility; there are significant physical plant issues to be addressed; and he wants to see the university improve its relationships with the communities the campus serves.

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Now the Chancellor is looking forward to welcoming students back for the fall semester and, on September 20, participating in the university’s Convocation day events. These include an address to civil rights scholar and Harvard Law School professor Lani Guinier; the Chancellor’s Convocation addresses to faculty and staff in the morning, students in the afternoon, and community members in the evening; the special Fest-of-Us student activities, and the traditional barbecue for students. At the barbecue, students will be served by administrators, including the Chancellor and his wife, Maryellen, who plans to take an active role in the day. Maryellen and I look forward to Convocation. It’s a day that will celebrate the mission and people of the university and bring everyone together.”
A Conversation with New CPCS Dean Adenrele Awotona

By Leigh DuPuy

Adenrele Awotona, a prominent intellectual whose career has led him to the United Kingdom, Africa, Asia, South America, and the Middle East, has set down roots in Boston as the new dean of the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS), beginning his tenure on July 5. How has he found his new city? “Boston is an absolute delight, and I am glad to be here,” said Awotona.

A fervent proponent of local and global community development, Awotona was drawn to UMass Boston because of its urban mission. “The urban mission is very relevant to our society, locally, nationally, and globally,” he says, “and UMass Boston is perhaps one of the very few universities that have an entire college devoted to community development, social justice, and public service.”

A scholar of architecture and urban studies, Awotona has immersed himself in the study of community reconstruction in the aftermath of disasters, whether they are natural or man-made. “I am interested in how we can help communities rebuild in sustainable ways by identifying and mobilizing available local resources,” he says. Not only concerned with areas ravaged by a tsunami or war, Awotona urges people to think of AIDS and poverty as catastrophes as well. “There are disasters all around us,” he says. “For example, when needy people are denied access to human services, that is a form of disaster.”

While some may dismiss the notion of local troubles having a worldwide impact, Awotona believes we must pay attention and resist “compartamentalizing the local and global.” He says, “What impacts a small, remote island in one corner of the world has direct implications globally. The local and the global are a seamless continuum, not a dichotomy.”

Awotona is passionate about developing a holistic approach in connecting local and global communities, wherever they are, especially as he points out, the majority of the world’s population will be living in urban areas in 20 years. “For these cities to be successful, we need to integrate our local community-development endeavors with worldwide issues,” he says. Eager to begin his work, Awotona has been meeting one-on-one with colleagues at CPCS and UMass Boston, as well as those in the community. “I want to consolidate the good work that my colleagues have done, and build upon the partnerships that we currently have with community organizations and other UMass colleges and institutes,” he says. “I shall also vigorously expand student recruitment both locally and internationally, and establish collaborative engagements with universities and research organizations in the USA and abroad.”

“CPCS has some of the best brains in the world in the fields of human service, urban housing, social justice and equity, workforce development, community planning, and conflict resolution,” he says. “I want to be able to mobilize all of these resources for local and international improvement so that communities here and abroad may live a better quality of life.”

Awotona leads his field with research in sustainable community-based planning, urban studies, international development planning, and local and regional economic development. He has a master of philosophy in architecture, urban studies, and housing from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and a Ph.D. in land economy, urban studies, and architecture from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

He most recently served as dean of the School of Architecture at the Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and held positions at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and the University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom. In addition to authoring book chapters, journal articles, and many grants, Awotona was named an outstanding academic by the International Biographical Centre in Cambridge, UK, in 2002.

Students Unveil Mural at Aquarium

By Ed Hayward

Middle school students, teachers, and scientists unveiled a 1,100-tile mural of the Neponset River Watershed at the New England Aquarium on June 23 to celebrate a three-year project that sends University of Massachusetts Boston graduate students to work with scientists in the middle schools of Boston, Dedham, and Milton.

The 10-foot by 15-foot mural in the Aquarium’s café depicts the watershed with colorful tiles decorated by students from the three school systems. The mural is one part of the three-year Waterhed-Integrated Science Partnership (WISP), supported by a $1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The WISP program is just one of three major NSF-funded science education initiatives involving UMass Boston faculty, partner institutions such as the New England Aquarium, and local public schools.

“We know the middle school years represent a critical juncture for our children in the areas of science and math education,” said Chancellor Michael Collins. “The watershed mural reflects the commitment of UMass Boston faculty to bringing challenging, real-world science instruction into the Boston Public Schools, as well as suburban districts such as Milton and Dedham.”

WISP connects UMass Boston faculty and graduate students with middle school science teachers to help bring alive the lessons of earth, life, and physical sciences, said Professor Robert Chen of the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department, and the grant’s principal investigator.

“The mural represents crossing socioeconomic and school district boundaries with a common theme—the local watershed—as a way to learn science,” said Chen. “The mural also integrates science and art, as well as schools and community.”

The mural will be on display for up to six months at the aquarium, on an appropriate site since the aquarium is a partner in another NSF-funded science education initiative, the New England region’s Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence (COSEE). The $2.5 million COSEE-New England project is a partnership between the aquarium, UMass Boston faculty, and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute to increase the capacity of ocean scientists to be involved in education and outreach.

Last year, Boston, Dedham, and Milton middle school students participated in the program, during which students decorated 1,100, four-by-four-inch tiles with paintings of organisms found in the watershed. Getting the tiles from the classroom to the New England Aquarium involved the help of a Quincy businessman who volunteered his services. Bradley Backer, proprietor of the Creating Pottery Place, fired the tiles and assembled the massive mural.

The 10-foot by 15-foot mural was created by the CPCS COSEE Center’s Partnership for Public Education, the COSEE New England community planning, the Mary and John Danforth Foundation, WISP, and Boston Public Schools. The mural, which was designed by art teacher John Herries, will be moved to the aquarium’s community planning area.

UMass Boston Gives Teens Summer Jobs

By Lisa Gentes

UMass Boston welcomed a new group of students to campus this summer. But the 23 teens weren’t attending class. They were working in various offices and departments throughout campus as part of the university’s Summer Jobs Program.

The group of teens, age 15 to 17, came to UMass Boston from Hyde Park, Roxbury, Dorchester, Roslindale, Mattapan, Everett, and South Boston to earn some extra cash during their summer break. The seven-week program ran from July 11 to August 26.

Kim Howard, director of Human Resources Services, said the young workers worked all kinds of jobs, ranging from administrative tasks to cleaning boats on the docks to delivering mail. Students worked in the recycling program, central re- prographics, human resources, financial aid, student housing, and athletics, among other departments.

Denise McNair, HR business manager, said Chancellor Michael Collins discussed the program with Mayor Thomas Menino at an event and the idea sprang up to incorporate at the university the mayor’s summer jobs program for youth. UMass Boston’s program was funded by the vice chancellor for administration and finance, Ellen O’Connor, and the chancellor’s office.

“We were able to make this program available for the first time at UMass Boston,” McNair said. And staff members from the Human Resources Department pulled the program together in only four days, she said. McNair said the department planned “social check-in points” for the teens throughout the program, including a pizza lunch, ice-cream social, and farewell cookout.

“The children were able to come in, talk about their experience here on the campus, and give us feedback,” she said, noting how helpful this was in the first year of the program. She hopes to improve the program and offer it again next year.

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Sylvester Manor Site Draws Open House Crowd

By Leigh DuPuy

For the seventh year in a row, UMass Boston’s Steve Mrozowski and a team of archaeologists and students gave the public a chance to see the fascinating fieldwork they do every summer at the Sylvester Manor on Shelter Island, New York.

On July 16, more than 500 people from Long Island and Manhattan came to tour the dig, take part in lectures given by Mrozowski, and learn more about the history of this seventeenth-century northern plantation and Shelter Island itself.

“There is always tons of interest in the site,” says Mrozowski, director of the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research and associate professor of anthropology.

Over the years archaeologists from UMass Boston have explored the grounds of the current 270-acre agricultural manor in search of the remains from the earliest phase of the plantation.

“Our findings reveal much about the Europeans that were colonizing the area, the Native Americans who were laborers here, and African Americans who were slaves on the plantation,” says Mrozowski. Students from UMass Boston and the REU program work on the project every year. “It’s a great opportunity to see the way big archaeology research is done,” says Mrozowski. “This project is a wonderful example of interdisciplinary archaeology.”

Archeologists Excavate on Summer Digs

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The undergraduate students who participated at this site included ten students accepted into the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program (REU), a National Science Foundation-funded program that provides research opportunities and stipends to students. The REU group was made up of three UMass Boston undergraduates and seven students from other universities in the United States. They worked on this site, in addition to Shelter Island, New York (see below).

“We are trying to attract the best and the brightest to the sciences by exposing them to the reality of research in the discipline,” said Landon.

The 2005 Boston Folk Festival Is Here!

It’s the time of year for amazing performances, great food, harbor cruises, and more! Folk Radio WUMB is at it again, aiming to wow music fans from all over at its eighth annual Boston Folk Festival, to be held on September 24 and 25.

This year legendary singer/songwriters Suzanne Vega and Patti Griffin headline a slate of gifted musicians. Many know Vega best for her commercial hits “Tom’s Diner” and “Luka,” and Griffin for her gifted singing and songwriting. They are only two well-known musicians to grace the stages at UMass Boston for the two-day festival. Other performers include Janis Ian, New York City’s phenomenal gospel/blues band Ollabelle, noted blues man Guy Davis, Ruthe Foster, bands such as Matapop and Modern Man, and New England folk “royalty” such as Chris Smither, Redbird, and Lori McKenna.

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Yung-Ping Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, presented "How to Create a Social Insurance Program for Basic Long-Term Care Coverage" at a hearing on retirement policy challenges for the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

On September 11, Chancellor Michael F. Collins, Pamela Jones, associate professor of UMass colleague Robert Finberg will make presentations for the symposium "Plague, An Abiding Scourge." The symposium will be followed by a tour of Jones’s exhibition "Hope and Healing: Painting in Italy in a Time of Plague, 1500-1800" at the Worcester Art Museum.


On June 22, Spencer Di Scala, professor and chair of the History Department, gave a paper on nineteenth-century Italian patriot Giuseppe Mazzini in Milan, Italy.

On August 19, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS)’s Carol Hall Elkinner and Ph.D. students Linda Samia and Peg Cushman presented an audio telecast, "Retention Study Forum," for members of the Home and Health Care Association of Massachusetts. Ellenberger will also present a paper at the international conference “Approaches and Methods Century,” to be held in China.

Teo Ewing, labor extension coordinator at CNHS, led a workshop on leadership skills for Japanese union women and allies at the International Christian University, held in Tokyo July 22 and 23.

In June, Carolyn Hardy-Fanta, director and Massachusetts Political in Women and Public Policy (CWPFF), made presentations at the Annual Conference of the National Council for Research on Women, the Annual Conference of June Doe, and at a roundtable for Latina leaders in business, sponsored by the Commonwealth Institute. She also spoke about the center’s C.R.E.W. (Coalition to Recruit and Elicit Women) at a July 16 networking event hosted by Harvard University, sponsored by the Caucus of Massachusetts Women State Legislators.

Shelia Fesko of the Institute for Community Inclusion facilitated a positive messaging workshop for a White House conference on disability and aging. Her group developed policy recommendations for the next ten years.

In June, Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, was a keynote speaker at the "Preventing Homelessness: Success Stories," sponsored by the center and the Boston Foundation.


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On June 1, Russell K. Schutt, professor and director of the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology, directed a final expert panel discussion at the Science of Social Problems’ Summer School. Chairs of seven task forces were directed by UMass Boston research assistants, who presented recommendations to the Department of Sociology, and Social Problems.’

On July 2, Lloyd Schwartz, the Frederick S. Kip Professor of English, gave the commencement speech for the first graduating class of Lesley University’s low-residency MFA creative writing program. He also presented “Movies and Music” for the Yellow Barn Music Festival in Putney, Vermont.

Nina Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, presented “Community Mobility and Dementia: Driving Assessment, Monitoring, and Aversion Counseling” and “Strategies for Improving Dementia Care in the Emergency Department” at the Dementia Care Conference, held in July in Chicago.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy’s Donna Stewartson and Chen Selby participated in the Commonwealth Legislative Seminar on June 14 at the State House.

Jun Suzuki, assistant professor of computer science, presented “Biologically-Inspired Adaptive Networking with Super Distributed Objects” at a technical committee meeting of the Object Management Group on June 21. Suzuki also published and presented four papers at the 55th Annual Meeting of the ACM on Computer and Communications.

In June, David Tekla, professor in the Department of Economics, presented an analysis of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ economic stimulus bill and the results of a statewide survey of chief executive officers to the Science and Technology Caucus of the Massachusetts Senate. He also presented findings on the marine science and technology industry to the Cape Cod Economic Development Commission and a seminar on the topic to the New England Eco- nomic Study Group at the Federal Reserve Bank.

Several Institute for Communi ty Inclusion staff members presented at the national ASPE. The Network on Employment” conference in July.

Lyne Terrell, associate professor of philosophy, presented the paper “Promises, Apologies, and the Politics of Reconciliation” at the conference “Pathways to Reconciliation and Global Human Rights,” held in Sarajevo in August.

On July 27, Robert Winem, chair of the MA International Relations Track, presented the paper “Moldovan Foreign Policy” at the 5th World Congress of the International Council for Central and Eastern European Studies.

Jack Waggin, interim director of the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI), presented the results of UHI’s “Feasibility Study of Renewable Energy in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area” at the Coastal Zone ’05 conference, held in New Orleans on July 18.

James Willie, associate professor of sociology, gave the invited talk “Faithness and Effectiveness in Policing and Punishment: An Assessment of the American Experience” at the J.F.K. Library in July as part of the American Studies Summer Institute’s program “Debates over Public Life: An Examination of the American Experience.”

On July 24, Randy Albelda, interim director of the Economic and Policy Program, published the paper “What Can We Do? Moving Debates Over Genetic Determinism and Interactionism in New Directions” to the Interna- tional Society for History, Philoso- phy, and Social Studies of Biology.


CNHS professor Karen Dick published the coauthored book Clinical Management of Patients in Subacute and Long-Term Care Settings with Mosby.

History professor Spencer Di Scala gave an interview, “I Democratici, Italiam,” that was published in the review Critica Sociale.


CNHS’s Carol Ellenbecker, Jacqueline Fawcett, and Greer Glazer published “A Nursing Ph.D. Specialty in Health Policy: University of Massachusetts Boston” in Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice.

In Nursing Science Quarterly, Jacqueline Fawcett, professor of nursing, published the written article “Influences on Advancement of Nursing Knowledge” and “Adaptation to Cesarean Birth: Implementation of an International Multidisciplinary Study,” which was written with CNHS’s Cynthia Auer, Susan Hauser, Alumna Virginia Silva, and colleagues.

John Fulton, assistant professor of English, published his novello The Annual Girl in the September Alaska Quarterly Review.

Patricia Gallagher and Jack Fowler of the Center for Survey Research were coauthors of the article “Determinant Validation of a New Health-Related Quality of Life Instrument for Patients with Sinusitis,” which was published in Quality of Life Research.

Sherrie Hartwell, associate professor of sociology, contributed the chapter “The Organizational Response to Community Re-Entry” for the book The Organizational Response to Persons with Mental Illness Involved with the Criminal Justice System, which Hartwell edited and published in June.

Pascal M. Joussart, assistant professor of economics, published the coauthored article “Fiscal Consequences of Concentrated Voting in a Metropolitan Region” in Annals of the American Geographers.


Arthur MacIwan, professor and chair of the English Department, published the book The New Man at the World Bank” in the May-June issue of Dollars & Sense magazine.

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, published two co-authored papers— “Immigrant Voting in a Home-Country Election: Potential Consequences of the Franchise to Expatriate Mexicans” in Mexican Studiies/Estudios Mexicanos and “Transnational Twist: Pecuniary Remittances and Socioeconomic Integration among Authorized and Unauthorized Mexican Immigrants in Los Angeles County”—in International Migration Review.

Enrico Marcelli and Phil Granberry of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy contributed three articles to Oxford University Press’s Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States that describe Latinos in New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont and highlight changes to their population in the 1990s.

Legislating Authority: Sin and Community in the American South” and 19th-Century California” in the Journal of Field Archaeology.


Joyce Peseroff, lecturer in the English Department, has edited a collection of essays, Simply Lasting: Writers on Jane Kenyon, published this month by Graywolf Press.

Rebecca Romanow of the English Department published the essay “Tracing the Rhinoceros Sing,” in the Journal of Comparative Literature and Culture.

American Studies faculty Luis Rudnick, Judith Smith, and Rachel Rubin are editors of American Identities: An Introductory Textbook published by Blackwell Publishing in September. The book and accompanying instructor’s manual are based on their course “American Identities.”

Karlene Schwartz, adjunct biology faculty, reviewed Nature’s Strongest Bread. The World’s Most Valuable Reserves by Laura and William Riley, which was published in July’s BioScience.

Stephen Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, published the article “Obaidian Studies and the Archaeology of Nineteenth-Century California” in the Journal of Field Archaeology.


EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

In July, John Fulton, assistant professor of English, gave a fiction reading at the Eromerus Room in Cambridge on September 20. Margie Martz, chair and associate professor of art, exhibited multimedia works in the Texas Visual Arts Association National 2005 All-Media Juried Art exhibition in July and August. She will also have three images reproduced in the photography journal PORTRAIT.
A play by Africana Studies chair Robert Johnson, Jr., “Patience of Nantucket,” was selected for a stage reading at the August 2005 National Black Theatre Festival at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Liz Marran, assistant professor of art, recently received $2,500 from the national group exhibition “Mud Mark and Wit” at the Williams Tower Gallery in Houston in June and was one of many presented in a group exhibition in June called “Small works,” a national juried exhibition at the Attleboro Arts Museum.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Patrick Barron, assistant professor of English, received a $22,000 National Endowment for the Arts fellowship in September to help support his translation of the works of the major Italian poet Andrea Zanzotto, many of whose poems have never appeared in English.

The McCormack Graduate School’s Center for Democracy and Development received two grants from the U.S. Department of State. The first allows the center to continue its mock trial programs in the People’s Republic of China. The second grant supports the center’s ongoing efforts to promote intellectual property rights protection in Russia. McCormack School Dean Edmund Edmund is principal investigator for both grants, which are conducted in partnership with the Massachusetts Judges Conference.

Ramon Borges-Mendez of the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs was named one of four fellows in the 2005 competition for a David Stevenson and William Diaz Faculty Fellowship.

Jeffrey Burr, professor of gerontology, was named a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America.

Françoise Carré, research director of the Center for Social Policy, received $196,000 from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation for a field documentation study of U.S. trends in socioeconomic disadvantage.

Erika Kates, research director for the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, is the principal investigator on a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Correction to continue the center’s research on women in prison and family connections. The center recently released the report “Women in Prison in Massachusetts: Maintaining Family Connections.”

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, received two $30,000 Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Grants for 2005-2006. He is principal investigator for “Sleep and Stress as Mediators of the Socioeconomic Status-Body Weight Gradient” and a co-principal investigator for “U.S. Trends in Socioeconomic Disparities in Premature Mortality: 1960-2000.”

“Sophomores Who Cut Class: Antecedents and Outcomes,” a research project of Professor Susan O’Toole, director of the McCormack Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution and a colleague, was accepted for the National Center for Education Statistics database training seminar.

Alexia Pollack of the Biology Department received an international research grant of $39,853 from the Parkinson Disease Foundation for her project “Behavioral Sensitization in 6-Hydroxydopamine Lesioned Rats: Dopamine-Adenosine-Glutamate Interactions.”

Jean E. Rhodes, professor of psychology, received one of six new fellowships from the William T. Arthur Grant Foundation to further her training in mentoring. Rhodes will study mentoring at Big Sister of Greater Boston and Big Brother of Massachusetts Bay this year.

Anthony Roman, senior research fellow in the Center for Survey Research (CSR), received a $1.076 million grant to study the spread of sexually transmitted infections in Baltimore, Maryland, as part of an overall $5.5 million grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

In July, the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development released the report “Enhancing Homeless Management Information System Data Quality.” Written by the Center for Social Policy’s Brian Sokol, Tatiana Meshched, and John McGah.

Heidi Stashim, assistant professor of exercise and health sciences, received a research grant of $80,000 from the Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Fund for the project “Promoting Physical Activity Participation, Health-Related Fitness, and Perceived Physical Competence in Children with Mental Retardation: A Pilot Project in an Urban Community.”

David Terkla, professor of economics, received a $21,000 grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission to analyze “suburban enclaves” public transportation issues in the greater Boston area.

Brian Thompson of the Modern Languages Department received a grant from the Florence Gould Foundation to support his 247 Webcast of music from the French-speaking world. “L’Air du Temps” is on wumb.org.

CNHS has been selected as one of 27 schools of nursing nationwide for the Safe Patient Handling Project, funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and sponsored by the American Nurses Association. Faculty members Judith Healey, Welch, and Diana Newman are co-investigators and will implement the 18-month research project.

In July, Nantucket contracted with the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) for $67,500 to update the harbor management plans for Nantucket and Maacket Islands. In addition to Jack Wigen and Dan Hennon from UHI, the team includes John Duff, EEDS assistant professor, Sarah Okaty, managing director of the Tucker Institute, and Chris Sweeney, director of the Division of Marine Operations.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, has been awarded a grant for $281,030 from the Department of Justice’s Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services. Along with a colleague, he will be examining the relationship between two policing reforms: COMPSTAT and community policing.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP) received a grant from the Boston Women’s Fund to examine the impact of changes in Massachusetts welfare policies on low-income mothers. CWPPP’s Erika Kates and UMass Boston students will conduct the research.

The Lifelong Learning Program called LETS (Life Enrichment Through Studies) received a $100,000 grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation. As a condition of the grant, the LETS program will now be called the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Professor Joan Arches of the College of Public and Community Service was selected as a finalist for the Campus Compact’s 2005 Thurber Hall Faculty Award for Service-Learning.

Gonzalo Bacigalupi, associate professor and director of the Family Therapy Program, was elected board member of the American Family Therapy Association and elected chair of its research committee. He was also elected to the executive board and education chair of Healthy Villi, Greater Boston Celiac Support Group.

Arjan Jayadev, assistant professor of music, received a John Kenneth Gallip Hall Award for Excellence in Research from the University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Department of Economics.

In August, Marie Kennedy, professor emerita of CPCS, joined the editorial board of Progressive Planning.

CNHS’s Diana Newman and Jacqueline Favretti were appointed to the Royal National Capital Vegetation Association in June.

Laurl Radwin served as a member of the Annual Meeting Program Committee for Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues of the AcademyHealth Scientific Sessions 2005.

John A. Saltmarsh was appointed director of NERGIE (New England Research Center for Higher Education) and professor in the doctoral program in higher education administration in the Graduate College of Education. Saltmarsh recently served as the director of the Project on Integrating Service with Academic Study at Campus Compact and held a joint appointment as a professor of history and cooperative education at Northeastern University.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and its Graduate Certificate Program honored an honorary mention from the American Association of University Women. Donna Stewartson, center assistant director, accepted the certificate on the center’s behalf.

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University closed.

**Tuesday 6**
First Day of Classes: Opening-Week Activities
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide. Information tables for student services, Healey Library, Central Reproduction, Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, and more; free bagels, lemonade, and apple cider; student employment job fair: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Campus Center terrace (Tuesday - Thursday); musical performances by the Cbusband: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Campus Center, upper level; Kraft Family Blood Donor drive: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd fl.; open houses for Greenhouse and Beacon Fitness Center. Activities scheduled through September 9. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

**Wednesday 7**
Opening-Week Activities
7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide. Information tables for student services, Healey Library, Central Reproduction, Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, and more; free bagels, lemonade, and apple cider; Student Information Festival: 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; Boston Duck Tours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; John F. Kennedy Library and Museum tours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.; raffles, games; student employment job fair; open houses for Greenhouse and Beacon Fitness Center. Activities scheduled through September 9. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

**Thursday 8**
Opening-Week Activities
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide. Information tables for student services. Meet the Chancellor: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Campus Center, upper level. Carnival games: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; free bagels, lemonade, and apple cider; open houses for Greenhouse, Beacon Fitness Center, and Webb Center. Activities scheduled through September 9. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

**Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Exploring WEBCT Vista**
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., ITC Center, Healey Library, lower level. Explore tools and features including: My WEBCT, Mail, and My Files. Registration number: 00471. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3910.

**Monday 12**
Beacon Fitness Center: Ab Blast
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Mondays, McCormick Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics room, 1st fl. Exercises focused on abdominal training and flexibility. Contact: 7-6787 or chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu.

**Tuesday 13**
**UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Volleyball vs. Simmons College**
6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-6590 or forathletics.umb.edu for full schedule.

**Friday 9**
Opening-Week Activities
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide. Final day of opening week activities. Information tables for student services; live broadcast of WUMB Morning Express, 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.; Campus Center, upper level; free bagels, open house for Greenhouse. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

**Monday 16**
**UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Soccer vs. Mitchell College**
1:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-6781 or forathletics.umb.edu for full schedule.

**Tuesday 17**
**Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Saving Your Promethean Course Disk**
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., ITC Center, Healey Library, lower level. Workshop to provide faculty with a strategy and essential skills for saving Promethean course. Registration number: 00485. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3910.

**Saturday 21**
**UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Soccer vs. Eastern Nazarene College**
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-6781 or forathletics.umb.edu for full schedule.

**Sunday 22**
**Beacon Fitness Center**
Contact: 7-6786 or forathletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

**Campus Ministry**
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**University Terrace, 1st fl.**
**Eco-tours of UMass Boston**
9:00 a.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. Featuring Ph.D. candidate Mary Jyawal. Contact: 7-3702.

**Monday 19**
**UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Basketball vs. Farmingdale State**
7:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-6781 or www.umb.edu/beach for full schedule.

**Thursday 25**
**2005 Boston Folk Festival**
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., UMass Boston. Stage performances to include: Matraca Gay Davis, Esther Foster, Chris Smithers, and Suzanne Vega. More on pavilion and coffeehouse stages. For complete schedule and tickets, visit www.bostonfolkfestival.org.

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