Michael F. Collins Named as UMass Boston Chancellor

By Leigh DuPuy

On May 25, the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees approved President Jack M. Wilson’s recommendation and appointed Michael F. Collins, M.D., as UMass Boston chancellor.

“Dr. Collins will be an outstanding chancellor from Day One and for many years to come,” said President Wilson. “Throughout his career, Michael Collins has had a passion for access and excellence, and he will bring that passion to UMass Boston. He will be a tireless advocate for our students and for the cause of public higher education.”

Chancellor Collins, a clinical professor of internal medicine at Tufts University, a senior fellow in a public citizenship program at Tufts, and the former president and chief executive officer of Caritas Christi Health Care System, said, "Over the past year, I have been searching for a place that matters and a position that matters. I am thrilled that my search leads me to UMass Boston."

“My excitement derives from the opportunity I shall have to interact with bright and energetic students during such an important time in their lives. It is great that our university accepts willingly the responsibility to foster access and excellence and to develop the human potential of these students,” said Chancellor Collins. “Our faculty is a great treasure. No group has a greater vested interest in inspiring our students and in the stewardship of the education provided by the university. I look forward to the opportunity of joining them as colleagues in furthering the mission of UMass Boston.”

Following his appointment by the Board of Trustees, Chancellor Collins met with UMass Boston faculty and staff on May 26.

“I am very optimistic that Dr. Collins may well raise this campus to higher levels of visibility, credibility, stature, and the external funding that accompanies such heightened status than we have ever attained in the past. He is remarkably intelligent, sensible, good-humored, and accessible,” said Edmund Beard, dean of the McCormack School. “I predict he will be the most forceful and the most successful advocate we have yet had, and I am delighted to have him on campus as our new leader.”

“I found Dr. Collins to be knowledgeable about the university and ready to begin his work here. He seems very interested in meeting members of the university community and hearing about our concerns. I was pleased to speak with him and to find him so interested in our community,” said Connie Chan, dean of the College of Public and Community Service.

“This is a difficult time for the university and Dr. Collins seems to be aware of the challenges he faces, as well as the opportunities. In the meeting I attended, he listened carefully and said that he was interested in hearing from all sectors of the UMass Boston community, including constituencies outside the university.”

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University and Senate President Host Delegation Breakfast in May

By Anne-Marie Kent

On May 4 in the Campus Center Ballroom, members of the Boston Legislative Delegation joined UMass President Jack Wilson, Interim Chancellor Keith Motley, UMass Boston executive staff, members, deans, center directors, faculty, and staff for a special breakfast that served as an opportunity to discuss the benefits the university provides to the Legislature as well as the institution’s needs. Seated with faculty experts in targeted areas of interest, members of the Boston delegation were able to discuss issues such as health care, education, housing, and technology over breakfast.

Then UMass President Wilson gave special recognition to alumni serving on the Legislature, including Senate President Robert Travaglini, Senator Steven Tolman, and Representative Marie St. Fleur, and offered thanks for increased funding and special committees. He thanked House members for increasing UMass Boston’s budget, adding an additional $3 million—an $8 million increase in total from last year—and applauded the formation of special higher education committees in the House and Senate.

During his remarks, Senate President Travaglini voiced support for public higher education, stressing that the Commonwealth should be competitive nationally, and pointed to the fact that 72 percent of University of Massachusetts system graduates stay in the state. When he announced, “We should be investing in public higher education in Massachusetts, ” Senate President Travaglini received a standing ovation.

Interim Chancellor Motley then focused his presentation on the university’s urban mission “as it is expressed through the excellent education we provide, our economic impact, and the expertise we make available.”

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Michael Collins Named New Chancellor for UMass Boston

By Ed Hayward and Leigh DuPuy

Two brothers from South Boston received the Robert H. Quinn Award for community service at UMass Boston’s annual Community Breakfast, where they were recognized for their efforts to create youth sports programs in response to neighborhood tragedy.

Robert and Daniel Ferrara, who returned Pop Warner football to their neighborhood after a 22-year absence and then started a lacrosse league, were honored with the Quinn Award, which was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, a former speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

Concerned over the well-being of South Boston youth following a rash of suicides in 1996, the Ferraras met with members of the community with an idea of returning youth football to South Boston. The brothers started out organizing a popular flag football league in 1997. The first spring they had 25 children. By the fall, 140 kids wanted to play.

With the support of community members, local unions, elected officials, and local businesses, the Ferraras helped to raise more than $177,000, which helped them start five teams and five cheerleader squads. The program now serves 350 children with the help of 40 coaches and 25 volunteer officials. The Ferraras have been involved as coaches and operations managers, bought uniforms, lined fields and sold hot dogs at the concession stand. Dan has also served as Pop Warner president.

“My brother and I saw how structured sports can make a positive influence in people’s lives,” said Bob Ferrara of their efforts.

“It teaches our children the meaning of teamwork, commitment, discipline, and sense of family,” said Bob. “I am truly humbled and honored by this award,” said Bob. “I would like to thank UMass Boston for this recognition.”

Dan Ferrara told the gathering of 300 people at the Campus Center ballroom that he considered his efforts a way of saying “thanks” to the adults who guided him during his youth.

“The work my brother and I are doing is the work that was done for us growing up in South Boston,” said Dan.

“It’s men like these who really make a difference,” said Interim Chancellor Keith Motley, who received a standing ovation at the breakfast in recognition of his service to the university. Moved by the response, Motley said, “These are tears of appreciation for all of you, for your affirmation, love, and caring spirit. It also shows how great this institution is.”

The Quinn Award is presented annually by UMass Boston to honor individuals whose outstanding contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in one or more of the urban communities of metropolitan Boston.

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Governor Romney Proposes $40 Million to Rebuild Garage

Governor Mitt Romney pledged a minimum of $40 million to help rebuild the central foundation and parking garage at UMass Boston. Romney made the announcement at the installation ceremonies for UMass President Jack Wilson on May 12.

"A first-class academic institution like UMass Boston deserves first-class facilities," said Romney. "The condition of the campus central foundation and parking garage is not acceptable. I want to make sure funds are available to rebuild in a way that reflects UMass Boston’s bright future."

To fund project planning and reconstruction, Romney asked the Legislature for authorization to spend at least $40 million over the next four years from the state’s capital budget. Earlier this month, Romney filed a $950 million bond bill that proposed spending $450 million for improvements to state facilities, including the University of Massachusetts and state and community colleges. Romney’s bill must receive legislative approval before funds can be made available for the UMass Boston project. If his plan receives legislative approval, Romney would immediately spend $1 million for a structural engineer to assess the project, a process that could begin as soon as this summer.

Researchers Recycle Intelligent Resources

The above photo, light exiting a long strand of telecommunication fiber, illustrates a simple demonstration of a well-known nonlinear phenomenon called "stimulated raman scattering." Professor Gopal Rao of the Physics Department and postdoctoral research associate Chandra Yelleswarapu developed this new lab exercise for the Advanced Laser Optics lab-based graduate course. Green pulsed laser light is fed into the fiber and the output light is dispersed to obtain the above spectra, using a surplus grant donated by Michael Pollard of the Horlsey Witten Group.

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Labor Resource Centers Examine the Future of Work

Robert Haynes ’87, president of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO, gave the keynote address at the statewide “Future of Work in Massachusetts” conference, held at UMass Boston on April 28. The conference, a joint project of labor resource centers at UMass Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell, examined issues facing employees across all sectors of the economy, including the impact of workplace reorganization, new technology, and the intensification of work. Sessions included UMass research on women, people of color, and immigrants in Massachusetts’ workplaces; Massachusetts and the global economy; the future of high-tech in the Commonwealth; and the changing nature of work and the workplace in Massachusetts.

UMass Boston Hosts Delegation

Paul Watanae, director of the Institute for Asian American Studies; Marie St. Fleur, state representative; Donna Haig, Friedman, Center for Social Policy; and Connie Chan, dean of the College of Public and Community, together at the breakfast. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Motley noted that 56 percent of UMass Boston students are first-generation college students and 92 percent hail from Massachusetts. He also provided the number of students, alumni, and faculty and staff living in each of the legislature’s districts. (For example, 838 alumni live in President Travaglini’s district.)

He went on to discuss the economic impact of UMass Boston’s programs and alumni, particularly in the areas of nursing, education, and business. He added, “No other college or university in the city can say that three-quarters of their alumni stay in the area—86 percent in the state. We help provide an educated workforce to the city and the Commonwealth.”

Next, Provost Paul Fonteyn stressed the academic quality of UMass Boston. He noted the diversity of the faculty and the number and quality of new faculty hires, identifying prestigious institutions from which they came, including Brown, Yale, Princeton, and Stanford. He pointed to key grants, projects, and faculty whose research specialties might be of interest to legislators. “We strive to be one of the premier urban universities in the U.S.,” said Fonteyn.

Ellen O’Connor, vice chancellor for accounting and finance, then raised the issue of UMass Boston’s infrastructure needs. She said, “This new Campus Center has shown us what a first-class facility is and the difference it makes on campus.”

Representatives Rush and St. Fleur closed the meeting, both voicing support for public higher education and the work of UMass Boston. Said St. Fleur, “This is where I can call for research on the Latino community in Boston or on women in politics in Massachusetts.”

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Urban Harbors Institute Honors Boston Harbor Advocate

By Ed Hayward

In a heartfelt thank-you to a Boston jurist who played a major role in the cleanup of Boston Harbor, UMass Boston’s Urban Harbors Institute unveiled the Judge A. David Mazzone Archives at the Boston Harbor Symposium 2005 on May 23 in the Campus Center.

The symposium, dedicated as “A Tribute to Judge A. David Mazzone,” was attended by family and friends of the late judge of the U.S. District Court in Boston, his fellow judges, and some of the officials who were closely involved in the federal lawsuit to bring Boston Harbor into compliance with U.S. clean-water statutes.

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Mayor Thomas Menino, who was present, spoke in praise of UMass Boston for its research and outreach efforts. “This new Campus Center has shown us what a first-class facility is and the difference it makes on campus.”

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Michael Dukakis, professor of political science at Northeastern University; Douglas L. Foley, secretary of the Office of Commonwealth Development; and former Quincy City Solicitor William B. Golden, spoke on a panel that also included former state and federal environmental official John DeVillars; Massachusetts Water Resources Authority executive director Fred Laskey, and Boston Harbor Association executive director Vivien Li. (Photo by Harry Brett)

director Richard Delaney convinced the judge to donate all materials related to the case to the institute and UMass Boston’s Archives and Special Collections section of the Healey Library.

Delaney said the pair promised the judge that the record of the case would not gather dust. “We promised this would be an alive, accessible and useful archive for scholars, lawyers, and public policy analysts,” said Delaney, now executive vice president of the Horsley Witten Group.

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Professor Receives Top Prize for Science Education

Arthur Eisenkraft, director of the Center of Science and Math in Context and Distinguished Professor of Science Education, recently came to UMass Boston as the first Distinguished Professor of Science Education and senior research fellow at the Graduate College of Education.

Eisenkraft leads the way in helping to make the sciences accessible to students. He is currently working on developing the Active Physics curriculum, which is now used by more than 200,000 students across the country. Originated by the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Institute for Physics, the project aims to bring physics education to more American students. He is also a coprincipal investigator on the $12.5 million National Science Foundation grant received by UMass Boston faculty to support the Boston Science Partnership.

In recognition of his body of work, he has received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching and the AP Distin- guished Service Citation for "excellent contributions to the teaching of physics." The Disney Corporation also recognized him as Science Teacher of the Year in the American Teacher Awards program, and in 1993, he received an honorary Doctor of Science from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

NSTA, the world's largest organization of science educators, annually honors K-12 teachers, professors, principals, and other educators who, through active leadership and scholarly endeavor, have made extraordinary contributions to the advancement of education in the sciences and science teaching. Eisenkraft served as president of NSTA in 2000 – 2001 and has served as chair of three of NSTA's teacher and student awards programs.

Schweitzer Fellow Brings Health Care to Migrant Workers

A graduate student at UMass Boston, a full-time nurse, and a volunteer—Rachael Sargent can now add Schweitzer Fellow to her busy schedule.

The 29-year-old North Andover resident was selected as one of 30 2005-2006 Boston Schweitzer Fellows in February.

"It's the second–biggest accomplishment in my life," said the West Roxbury native, who attended Boston Public Schools and Northeastern University, adding that the number one accomplishment was getting into the master's program at UMass Boston.

Sargent is entering her last year in the program. She's on the adult nurse practitioner track and working full time, about 36 hours a week, as a nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital in the burn, trauma, and intensive care unit.

The fellowship, established in 1991, is for Boston-area graduate students in health and human services and honors the legacy of Dr. Albert Schweitzer. The fellows commit to a year of service, devoting over 200 hours to local towns and cities that lack proper health care.

Sargent said this year's fellows are "the most amazing group of people.

"It's really interesting when you're surrounded by people who share your passions," the nurse said.

The purpose of the fellowship is to take people with an interest in health and human services who are helping underserved populations, and support them, she said.

The fellows meet monthly throughout the year and kicked off their fellowship program with a weekend retreat, she said. They are working on a service project as a group and individually.

Sargent said she was amazed by the "power and potential" of the fellows. "It's just an honor to be part of such a group of people," she said.

Sargent's project is running a health care clinic for migrant workers who take care of horses near Rockingham Park race-track in Salem, N.H. She said both she and her husband, David, a physician's assistant, are interested in working for underserved populations. The couple helped run the clinic last year, and will continue the project this year, using funds from the fellowship stipend.

"There's a huge amount of need and not a lot of money to do it," she said. Sargent said finding work at the clinic very enjoyable and that the migrant workers need the services, many having no other access to health care.

There are many reasons the workers don't have access to health care, she said.

Many are moving around, following the horse-racing season throughout the country, and don't live in the same place for more than a couple of months. Some workers are paid under the table, living at the poverty level, and can't afford insurance. Others are homeless, some are veterans, but every person has a different background and different needs, she said.

She said the clinic, which operates out of a trailer, sees anywhere from five to 15 patients each morning. "It's a very fluctuating population," Sargent said.

The grad student said the fellowship and her volunteer project work perfectly together.

"The fellowship is right up my alley for interest," she said. "This just sort of matched the values and goals of the fellowship," she said of her service project.

She hopes the fellowship will allow her to uncover more free and low-cost resources available to the patients at the clinic. She and her husband also are preparing to go on a volunteer mission to Honduras in October.

She encourages other graduate students to pursue the fellowship, which is not limited to the health care field.

Community Creates Art for "The Point"

La Verne Burton (left), teacher at the Notre Dame Montessori School at St. Christopher's Church, is at work thinking about what Columbia Point means to her at a session held at UMass Boston for the public art initiative “What’s the Point?” The project invited members of the community who live, work, and learn on Columbia Point to create original works of art that describe their connection to "The Point." Throughout April, more than 100 community members participated in workshops led by professional artist Cathy McLaurin and poet Gary Duehr. The finished work will be reproduced in full color on metal panels and be permanently installed at multiple sites around Columbia Point. Wendy Baring-Gould, director of education and community outreach at Arts on the Point, directed the project, which is part of the Community Outreach Partnership Center Project at UMass Boston.
New English Faculty Member Awarded Prestigious Rome Prize

By Leigh DuPuy

Patricia Barron, winner of the Rome Prize in Modern Italian Studies, will join the English Department in fall 2005. 

The University Hosts Sailing Regatta

By Joan Arches

On May 5, more than 150 faculty and community members joined Interim Chancellor Motley for the “Celebrating and Building Community-University Partnerships for Research, Teaching, and Outreach” forum. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Patricia Barron has long been interested in the interactions between cultural geography and environmental literature. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

New English faculty member Patricia Barron has received the highly coveted Rome Prize from the American Academy in Rome. “This is one of the most prestigious awards in the United States for research and creative work in the humanities,” said Robert Crossley, chair of the English Department.

Barron, assistant professor of English and director of the Professional Writing Program, will spend 11 months in Italy conducting postdoctoral research for the project “From Pastureland to War Zone to National Park: The Three-Stage Evolution of the Abruzzo region.” He hopes to better understand how people live, respond, and work in a landscape long recovering from wartime devastation. Noting that the Abruzzo region was the scene of one of the most violent fronts during World War II, Barron looks forward to interviewing older residents on their experiences living through the war or returning to ruined homes. He hopes to better understand why certain landscapes devastated by war not only recover but occasionally even flourish.

“I think these are very interesting questions to ask about warfare and landscapes, especially in light of the current situations in Iraq and Afghanistan,” said Barron. Barron has long been interested in the intersections between cultural geography and environmental literature, one approach to what he describes as “examining texts through a lens.” He notes that environmental literature is not limited to the pastoral. “It can be an examination of human beings and their environments, which can be built, such as urban nature, as well as one that is natural,” he said.

At the 2005 Videographer Awards, UMass Boston’s Distance Learning Video Production Center (DLVPC) received an Award of Distinction for the production of the video “Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award.” Collaborators on the award-winning video were John Jessoe, DLVPC director, who served as videographer and editor; Ed Hayward, associate vice chancellor for university communications, who produced the script; and Jeff Wade, technical coordinator, who directed sound production. The Award of Distinction was given in recognition of projects that exceed industry standards. There were 2,293 entries from throughout the United States and several foreign countries in this year’s competition. Pictured above are high school students preparing to sail from Fox Point Landing on April 23 at a regatta hosted by the university. The event, sponsored by the Division of Enrollment Management and facilitated by the Division of Marine Operations (DMO) and Boston College High School, drew more than 140 competitors from eight schools. Despite the fog and overcast skies, students took advantage of a good wind, captaining 12 C420 racing sailboats around Dorchester Bay. The university provided them with lunch and hosted an awards ceremony in the Campus Center following the race. Chris Sweeney, DMO director, wants to host future regattas at UMass Boston. He said, “We hope to build a competitive sailing team here, and this is a great way to showcase our campus to juniors and seniors.”

University Celebrates Partnerships with Community

Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea Cabral gave the keynote address at the “Celebrating and Building Community-University Partnerships for Research, Teaching, and Outreach” forum. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Carroy U. Ferguson, professor in the College of Public and Community Service, presented the seminar “Peace: An Archetypical Energy for Personal Growth and Transformation” at the Association for Humanistic Psychology’s Annual International Conference, held in June at California State University.

In May, Rona F. Flippo, associate professor of education, chaired meetings of the International Reading Association’s (IRA) Intellectual Freedom Committee at its 50th Annual Convention. Rona Flippo served as co-chair of Intellectual Freedom for IRA through 2006.

Joan Gantt, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented “Concepts from King’s Personal and Interpersonal System Applied to Grief Studies: Al Ahliyiah Family Care Givers” for the inaugurate Sylvia Gregorow Lecture, held at UMass Boston on May 20. The lecture was established by Professor Jacqueline Fawcett.

Stephanie Hartwell of the Sociology Department was the invited speaker for the colloquium “Glamorization and Mental Illness” at the Consortium for Applied Research and Evaluation in Mental Health, held on May 10 in Ontario, Canada.

On April 28, Ellen Hume, director of the McCormick Graduate School’s Center on Media and Society and senior research fellow in Communication Studies, was the 2005 Hardman Lecturer at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts on April 28, where she gave the public lecture “Talk Shows, Bloggers and the Future of News.” She also presented “What Is Happening to the News?” at the Tiger Bay Club in Pensacola, Florida on April 15.

In April, Pascale Joosart, assistant professor of economics, presented “Closing the Gap between Places of Work and Residence: The Role of Rental Housing Assistance” at the Association of American Geographers’ annual meeting and at the Junior Faculty Colloquium at UMass Boston.


In May, Jeffrey M. Keisler, professor of management science and information systems, chaired the conference “Drivers, Roles and Challenges of Portfolio and Project Management in the Pharmaceutical Industry,” where he presented “Focussed Project Portfolio Decision Processes.”

Peter Kiang, Asian American Studies program director and professor of education, presented “Lessons from Local Asian American Community and Education” at the 9th Annual Summer Institute for Women Administrators at Bryn Mawr College on June 27. In July she and husband Jun Livingstone will present “The Use of Primary Resources in Teaching History” at the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Women’s Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls.

In June, Marc Proc, assistant professor of Africana Studies, will present “Minimizing Risks Whose Responsibility?” at a “Risk and Responsibility for Education-Abroad Programmes: The Euro-Canadian Perspective” seminar, hosted by The University of the West Indies in collaboration with Queen’s University, Ontario.

Jennifer Radden, professor of philosophy, presented the paper “Technology and Values” at the Annual Meeting of the Association for the Advancement of Philosophy and Psychiatry, held on May 21 in Atlanta.

Lisa Rivera, assistant professor of philosophy, gave the talk “Walter White and the Influence of Democracy” on April 29 at the Central Division Meeting of the American Philosophical Association.

With colleagues Linda Samia and Margaret Cushman, Carol Hall Elbesee, associate professor and director of the Ph.D. Program in Nursing, presented “Job Retention Among Home Healthcare” at the Eastern Nursing Research Society for the second year in a row. In May, she presented “Exploring Work Environment Characteristics That Make a Difference in Home Healthcare Nurse Satisfaction” at the Annual New England Home Care Hospice Conference and the Home and Health Care Association of Massachusetts.

In May and June, Nina M. Silverstein, associate professor of Gerontology, presented “State Driver Licenses Requirements and Reporting Laws: Implications for Persons with Dementia” at the Alzheimer’s Association 17th Annual Public Policy Forum. She also presented “Reflections on Action-Research” at UMass Boston, “Student, Faculty, and Community Partner Perspectives” at University of Maryland Baltimore County, “Community Mobility and Dementia” for the Alzheimer’s Association, and the keynote address “Driving Safety Issues and the Driver with a Progressive Memory Disorder” for the Alzheimer’s Association of Massachusetts and Rhode Island Initiative organization.

Malcolm Smuts, professor of history, co-edited a special issue of the journal The Court Historian on the subject of “Queens and the Tudor Monarchy: Elizabeth I and William the Case of Early Modern France.” With Geoffrey Symcox, Smuts co-organized the conference “Courts and Scientific Exchange,” which was held at UCLA in May. Both projects are connected with Smuts’s role as president of the North American Society for Court Studies.

Jun Suzuki, assistant professor of computer science, and graduate student Manikya Madhu Babu Eadera will give an invited tutorial lecture, “Design and Applications of the UML 2.5 Metamodel and UML Profiles,” at a technical meeting of the Object Management Group on June 12. The article “Leveraging Metamodeling and Attribute-Oriented Programming to Build a Model-Driven Framework for Domain-Specific Languages” by Suzuki was won best paper at the 2005 International Conference on Attribute-Oriented Programming and Its Applications.

In April, Peter Taylor of the College of Education led the second New England Workshop on Science and Social Change in Woods Hole on the topic “How Complexities of the Environment Influence the Ways that Society Makes Use of Knowledge about ‘Genetic’ Conditions.” Tom Flanagan of the College of Management helped facilitate the workshop.

Randall Wilson, research consultant for the Center for Social Policy and a Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy, presented at the Future of Work Conference, held at UMass Boston in April, and at the “Career Ladders in the Massachusetts Long-term Care Sector: Prospects for Job Mobility in the New Economy” for the Massachusetts Center for Community Disability Agencies and the Institute for Community Inclusion, which was held at the Book The Future of Work in Massachusetts.

Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn, assistant professor at the Graduate School of Education, published an article on using the theories of Paulo Freire in preparing educators to teach in marginalized bilingual communities in RES–Revista Electrónica Iberoamericana sobre Calidad, Eficiencia, y Cambio en Educación.

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Saturday 18

Boston Folk Festival Songwriting Contest and Concert 6:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Hear five finalists perform their original works for a panel of judges in hopes of being chosen to perform at this year’s Boston Folk Festival. Judges include Jenni fer Kimball, Greg Greenway, and Eric Andersen. Contact: 7-6901 or folkfest@umb.edu.

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