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By Anne-Marie Kent

Once inside, guests mingled and filtered throughout the Campus Center entrance by the Samurai Taiko Drummers, costumed musicians who furiously beat giant drums with thundering rhythms. The sea of faces filling the Campus Center Ballroom cheered in agreement.

The “blast”—UMass Boston’s second annual gala to raise money for student scholarships—had begun with great fanfare. Guests were welcomed to the main Campus Center entrance by the Samurai Taiko Drummers, costumed musicians who furiously beat giant drums with thundering rhythms.

A performance by The Temptations Review featuring Dennis Edwards closed out an evening of good food, lively speeches, and enthusiastic celebration of UMass Boston. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

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When Massachusetts General Hospital vice president and Harvard Medical School assistant professor Dr. Jean Elick ’82 accepted the Chancellor’s Medal for Exemplary Leadership at the “Building One Community” Gala on April 20, she beamed at the crowd and said, “So is this a blast or what?” The sea of faces filling the Campus Center Ballroom was humming with music, until everyone was dancing and clapping to the music and laughter. While some favored cocktail seating and conversation, others boldly took to the floor, dancing and clapping to the music, until everyone was shepherded into the ballroom for the main program, emceed once again by Boston State alumna and WBZ-TV news reporter Dan Rea ’70.

After receiving a standing ovation, Chancellor Keith Motley

Veteran Journalist to Address Graduates at 37th Commencement

By Leigh DuPuy

What do a top journalist, a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, the president of a Caribbean nation, a fighter of minority health disparities, a veteran of the banking industry, and over 2,600 graduates of UMass Boston all have in common? On Friday, June 3, they will receive degrees from UMass Boston and participate in the first outdoor commencement exercises held at UMass Boston in ten years.

Commencement speaker Emily Rooney, Aerosmith’s Steven Tyler, Dominican Republic President Leonel Fernández, National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities Director John Ruffin, and the Boston Foundation’s Gail Snowden will be receiving honorary degrees during a ceremony held on the Campus Center lawn.

Previous ceremonies had been held at the nearby Bayside Expo Center, and administrators worked throughout the year to plan for an on-campus ceremony. “We thought it was important to bring commencement back to the university,” said Chancellor Keith Motley. “We have the most stunning views of Boston harbor and a beautiful new campus center. What better way to celebrate the achievements of our graduates while at UMass Boston than to host graduation here?” Veteran journalist Emily Rooney will be giving the principal address. She is the host and executive editor of the nightly news and public affairs program Greater Boston on WGBH-TV, and the former director of political coverage and special events at Fox Network and executive producer of ABC’s World News Tonight. Rooney is known for her views on ethics and standards in broadcast journalism and advocacy of media accountability. Daughter of 60 Minutes’ Andy Rooney, Emily has more than 25 years of experience in the newsroom. She has received the prestigious National Press Club’s Arthur Rowse Award for Press Criticism, a series of New England Emmy Awards, and Associated Press recognition for “Best News/Talk Show” for the Greater Boston segment “Beat the Press.”

UMass Boston will also be honoring four other luminaries with honorary doctorates at its 37th commencement. Leonel Fernández, president of the Dominican Republic, will be receiving an honorary degree for his leadership and promotion of democracy in his country and beyond. He is the head of the Dominican Liberation Party, an active participant in many other

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Community, Alumni, Students, Temptations Rock Scholarship Gala

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recognized members of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees, UMass Boston vice chairs, former chancellor Sherry Penney, 2004 honoree Clayton Turnbull, local political figures, student ambassadors, and event co-chairs William F. Kennedy and Bennie Pratt Wiley, as well as major donors.

The list of major donors included Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; Comcast; The Mabbett Group; Jane Murphy Gaughan and Gerald L. Gaughan; MassHealth, in memory of Adalberto M. Lourenco ‘94; Partners Healthcare; Savings Bank Life Insurance of Massachusetts; Bank of America; The Chickering Group; Massachusetts General Hospital Administration; and Mystic Valley Dermatology Associates—Donald J. Grande, MD.

Noting that UMass Boston is celebrating its 40th year in 2005, Motley said, “We are a mature, public urban university offering a solid education. We are a place of vigor and vitality, a place of dynamic possibility.”

The vitality was palpable. The wall-to-wall audience was cheerful and responsive, so much so that when University of Massachusetts president Jack Wilson took to the podium, he exclaimed, “What spirit in the room tonight!”

Wilson went on to speak about the power of public higher education to change lives. He added, “The individuals being recognized tonight are shining examples of the promise and fulfillment of a UMass education.”

Those individuals—Dr. Elrick, Arthur Mabbett, and Pamela Trefler—were then presented with the Chancellor’s Medals for Exemplary Leadership. Each presented a unique story about UMass Boston and stressed the importance of supporting public higher education. Crediting her success in large part to teamwork, and the support of friends, family, and mentors, Elrick said, “It feels odd being up here receiving this award alone.”

Arthur Mabbett thanked family and Professor Herbert Lipke, who inspired his interest in environmental science. President and founder of The Mabbett Group, specializing in pollution prevention and control, occupational safety, and engineering services, Mabbett established the Arthur and Beverly Mabbett Family Endowed Fund in Support of Faculty Development in the Environmental Sciences at UMass Boston in 1999.

The third medal was presented to Pamela Trefler, who noted, “My relationship with UMass Boston has gone way beyond my attending school here.” The Trefler Foundation has committed more than $6.5 million to improve educational opportunities for Boston’s youth in partnership with UMass Boston’s Graduate College of Education. Award presentations were followed by the reading of a special poem by UMass Boston’s poet laureate Duncan Nelson, professor of English, reflecting on the past forty years at the university.

The evening ended with a performance by the Temptations Reunion featuring Dennis Edwards. Dressed in matching glittery rainbow-embazoned blue suits, they hit the notes, struck the poses, and sang the songs that took the audience back in time—and into the aisles for some dancing.
Center Unveils “As Tough As It Get” Analysis of Women in Politics

By Lisa Gentes

It’s not easy being a female politi-
cian in Boston, and a report by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP) at UMass Boston shows just how dif-
cult it is.

“It’s the first-ever study of women in Boston politics and the first-ever history of women in Boston polit-
ics,” said Carol Hardy-Fanta, Cen-
ter director of the report, “As Tough As It Get’s: Women in Boston Pol-
tics, 1921–2004.”

Hardy-Fanta oversaw the study, which covers women’s representa-
tion in cities and town governments from 1921 to 2004 and portrays the decline of women in local politics.

The Center published the 56-page study in March and held a panel dis-
cussion with State Representative

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Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP), Maura Heinnamon, city councilor, and Kristten Peterson, CWPPP 2004-2005 Polly Logan Visiting Scholar; smile together at the March 24 panel. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The idea for the study arose back in 1997 out of an interest at looking in women in politics in the Com-
monwealth, including political party activists in Boston, according to the director.

The study focuses primarily on

the legislation that created

women in elective office through a

The study discusses the fact that women of color have never been elected to the city council but have been elected in record numbers to the state legislature.

According to Hardy-Fanta, the state legislature is “an alternative path to power for women of color seem to be taking.” She believes it’s harder to run for city council because the districts represented there are larger than those in the legislature.

Now that the study has been pub-
lished and is beginning to be circu-

stage with Mayor Menino for his

The study is the nineteenth year the

of experts, activists, and legislators

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New Cyber Café for

Community Breakfast Recognizes South

Boston Brothers and Mayor Menino

By Leigh DuPuy

Each year, UMass Boston

Robert H. Quinn Award to an individual who dis-

plays exemplary community leadership. This year, on May 20, the university honors two

brothers, Bob and Dan Ferrera,

for their hard work on behalf of

South Boston’s Pop Warner

League and the children who participate.

Concerned over the well be-

ing of area youth following a rash of teen suicides in 1996, the

Ferraras met with members of the community with an idea of

returning youth football to South

Boston after a 22-year absence.

Following the busing crisis in

the 1970s, Bob notes, many commu-
nities didn’t want to come into

South Boston to compete.

However, the Ferreras had

witnessed a need for the positive influence that organized sports

gives children, and they organ-

ized a popular flag football


“Our first spring, we had 26 kids playing football,” Dan notes. “By the fall, we had 140 kids who wanted to play.”

With the support of commu-
nity members, local unions, ed-
elected officials, and local busi-

nesses, the Ferreras helped to

raise over $177,000 in a series of

fundraisers that was used to cre-
de football teams and five
cheerleader teams.

Bob, Dan and Bob have been

involved as coaches and opera-
tions managers, overseeing details as wide-ranging as buying uni-
forms, lining the field, and selling

hot dogs at concession stands.

Dan has also served as Pop

Warner president.

“It’s been a good experience,”

said Dan of the many community

ties he and his brother have

made. “It’s really interesting to

see the kids change and grow

over a short period of time,” he

added. Every year, boys and girls,

ages 7 to 14, participate in

the program, which begins on

August 1 and runs throughout

the fall. The league has been

successful; three out of the seven

years, teams have made the play-

offs. Less measurable but more

important, children in the league

have flourished off the field as

well.

“Pop Warner is like a carrot

stick for our kids,” says Bob,

who both coaches and serves as op-

erations manager. “They can partici-
nate if they make academics a pri-

ority.”

Bob notes that the most re-

owarded thing is to know that

many of the kids who play for

Pop Warner go on to play in high

school and college; they learn the

importance of a good work ethic

and benefit from a positive com-

munity experience. “You can

learn a lot on the playing field,”
said Bob, thinking of his own ex-

perience as a football player at

Don Bosco Technical High

School. “Being a high school

player kept me on the track—it

kept me focused.”

This is the nineteenth year the

university presented the award, which is conferred in the spirit of

community service and com-

mitment to higher education
demonstrated by Robert H.

Quinn. As a member of the

Massachusetts House of Repre-
sentatives, Quinn co-sponsored the

legislation that created

UMass Boston and has worked

for over 38 years to make higher education available to the citi-

zens of Boston.

The university is also giving a special recognition to Mayor

Thomas M. Menino ‘88 for his

long-standing commitment to all of the communities of

Greater Boston.

Menino is a graduate of the

College of Public and

Community Service.

A student enjoys one of the Jazzman’s gourmet treats. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

Think you can’t get a decent latte

this far afield of Newbury Street?

Think again! UMass Boston has

opened a new coffee bar and

café in the lobby of the Healey Li-
rary that offers a wide range of

goods, and sandwiches and salads.

The menu includes all kinds of

expressos and sumptuous treats

bound to ruin anyone’s diets, such

as croissants, cookies, and muffins.

The café offers table seating in the

library lobby, countertop seating by

the café, and a back room lit by

skylights and furnished with nine

computers with Internet access.

The university officially opened

Jazzman’s Café on April 20 with a

Chancellor’s Tea Party, followed by

the official ribbon cutting for the

latest dining at UMass Boston.

Jazzman’s is open Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to

7:00 p.m., and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Gerontology Forum Examines the Future of Social Security

By Ed Hayward

The national discussion about the future of Social Security came to UMass Boston last month when the Gerontology Department and the Gerontology Institute brought the chief analyst from the Social Security Administration to campus to present the facts behind the 70-year-old social program.

In contrast to the political debate taking place in Washington, Chief Actuary Stephen C. Goss provided the audience of 150 students and community members with a look at the history and future of the safety net for America’s retired and disabled workers, their dependents, and survivors.

Goss, a career analyst for the Social Security Administration (SSA), was joined by television journalist Margie Reedy and Professor Yong Ping Chen, a nationally recognized researcher who holds the Frank J. Manning Emi-

nual Scholar’s Chair in Gerontol-

ogy. “We put together this forum to bring the national debate about how to reform Social Security to the Boston area,” Pro-

fessor Chen said. “This wasn’t just for retirees. People of all ages need unbiased information to dis-

tinguish among different ideas for reform. We couldn’t think of a better way to eliminate the con-

fusion than bringing Mr. Goss to Boston to provide his objective, neutral analysis.”

The forum was designated an official 2005 White House Con-

ference on Aging event, accord-

ing to Professor Chen. But it was not to be confused with one of the “60 stops in 60 days” events con-

nected with President George W. Bush’s efforts to tout his reform proposals across the country.

Goss is one of the nation’s foremost experts on Social Security and the pending reform propos-

als. He heads SSA’s Office of the Chief Actuary, which is respon-

sible for cost estimates on all re-

form proposals.

Goss outlined a program fac-

ing challenges defined by U.S. population dynamics over the last half century, as well as by a broad range of economic factors. The chief issue is the dramatic decline in the number of workers per program beneficiary, Goss said. As they age, 77 million mem-

bers of the “Baby Boom” genera-

tion are going to receive their ben-

efits. The task of funding the pro-

gram will fall to an increasingly outnumbered workforce.

Even Goss acknowledged, “Without change, trust funds will run out and benefits will be re-

duced.” However, he noted, there has been much debate about the number of years the program can continue to successfully function. Goss said the trust funds would run out in 2041 unless there is a

adjustment to Social Security’s revenues and expenditures.

Professor Chen took issue with coverage of this important and complex debate by national news media, while Reedy acknowl-

edged that Social Security reform is a tough issue for journalists to package.

“Social Security doesn’t get the kind of coverage it deserves,” said Reedy. “But how many issues can lay claim to bringing together AARP and Rock the Vote?” she continued, in reference to the American Association of Retired Persons and the get-out-the-vote programming of MTV, which appeals to a much younger demo-

graphic.

Second Social Theory Forum Looks at the Legacy of Edward Said

By Anne-Marie Kent

The second annual Social Theory Forum, held in the Cam-

pus Center Ballroom April 6 and 7, drew a host of distinguished lec-

turers, including Professor Charles Lermert, the Andrus Professor of Sociology at Wesleyan University; Professor Bruce Mazlish from Mas-

sachusetts Institute of Technology; Professor Hamid Dabashi from Columbia University; as well as scholars from all over the United States, Canada, Brazil, Germany, England, and Israel. Several UMass Boston faculty members encour-

aged their classes to attend the for-

rum.

The Social Theory Forum is a se-

ries of conference workshops, or-

ganized jointly by the Sociology De-

partment and other interested fac-

ulty and students at UMass Boston, designed to explore, develop, pro-

mote, and publish cross-discipli-

ary social theory in an applied and liberating critical framework. The forum offers faculty and students an interactive medium to discuss various aspects of the ways in which particular theoretical traditions can be relevant to present everyday is-

sues, the current state of social theory, and the future of social theory.

Titled “Theories and Praxes of Difference: Revisiting Edward Said in the Age of New Globalizations,” this year’s event addressed topics such as identity, the politics of Orientalism, the challenge of globaliza-

tion, the psychoanalysis of difference, and the future of Pales-

nine. In the words of co-organizer Professor Siamak Movahedi, the event was “a huge success.”

Professor Neil McLaughlin of McMaster University in Canada concurred. “The keynote addresses were first-rate, the level of intellec-

tual discussion throughout the two days was excellent, and we were exposed to the exciting work of some emerging young scholars,” he said. “I learned much about the legacy and theories of Edward Said, a global public intellectual of the highest rank.” McLaughlin said that the event was both “solidly socio-

ological and interdisciplinary in its scope and range.”

Thanking College of Liberal Arts Dean Donna Kuizenga, Movahedi said, “With the university’s support, we hope to continue organizing this intellectual forum annually.” The first forum, “Liberating Social Theory: Inspiration From Paulo Freire for Learn-

ing, Teaching, and Advancing So-

cial Theory in Applied Settings,” was held in April 2004.

University Partners with Dana-Farber to Provide Mammography Screenings

By Catherine Gardiner

University Health Services recently worked in conjunction with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to bring mammography screening and health education services to UMass Boston on April 19 in the form of two vans—a mammogra-

phy screening van and the Blum Resource Van, which provides edu-

cational health materials. Both are part of a community service pro-

gram created at Dana-Farber three years ago that provides annual screening to women 40 years and older, as well as screening to women 35 years and younger with a history of breast cancer. The vans target underserved women in the community. 35 women at UMass Boston took part in the screening day. “This event gave our nursing students a wonderful educational opportunity to participate in health promotion on-site and to see how health screening works,” says Kathleen Golden McAndrew, as-

sistant vice chancellor of student affairs and executive director of University Health Services.

Campus activities were planned to coincide with National Minority Cancer Awareness Week beginning April 17. Dana-

Farber’s Laurie Naish-Bechiton, director of minority and women’s health, and Karen Burns White, assistant director for minority ini-

tiatives, spoke on campus about disparities in health-care services between minority and well-off communities.

“Anyway we can bring pro-

grams on-site that help to improve the health of the campus commu-

nity, we are delighted to do so. We are trying to remove any barriers that prevent access to health care,” says McAndrew.

On April 19, two health services vans from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute offered screening and other educational tools to the university community. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

McAndrew worked with Col-

lege of Nursing and Health Sci-

ences dean Greer Glazer to ap-

proach Dana-Farber about bring-

ing the mammography van services to campus.

Focusing on prevention is key, McAndrew notes, adding, “Dana-

Farber’s health screening fits our missions and goals. They are an important partner for us now and in the future.”
In Memoriam: Robert C. Wood

By Leigh DuPuy

Word of Robert C. Wood’s death on April 1 came as sad news to the University of Massachusetts, which he served as president from 1970 through 1977. Wood suffered from stomach cancer.

A prolific academic, prominent policy advisor, and astute writer, Wood was long involved with UMass Boston as an administrator and scholar. During his presidency, he was instrumental in the push to add the Boston campus to the university system at its present location, as well as in bringing the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum to Columbia Point. Wood also taught political science at UMass Boston and collaborated on critical research with colleagues at the McCormack Institute, now the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

Born in St. Louis in 1923, Wood was raised in Florida and won a scholarship to Princeton University. His studies were interrupted by a stint in the army; Wood was also taught political science at the university since 1998. Wood wrote seven books on political science, including Suburba: Its People and Their Politics.

In addition to teaching at Harvard University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Wesleyan College, Wood also served as chairman of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and as superintendent of the Boston Public Schools. The New York Times, Washington Post, and Boston Globe all carried obituaries of Wood.

Rwandan Genocide Focus of Stotsky Lecture

By Catherine Gardiner

Rwandan native and activist Jean Ngenji was scheduled to speak about his country’s genocide for the 2005 Bernard A. Stotsky Lecture on April 5. Unfortunately, Ngenji was unable to travel from Rwanda as planned, but his work in raising awareness of the tragic events in Rwanda was highlighted through a speaker series video produced by the renowned organization Facing History and Ourselves.

Paul Bookbinder, professor of history, provided opening remarks on the history of Rwanda and its genocide before the video was shown. Bookbinder, a scholar of the Holocaust, discussed the similarities between Germany’s holocaust and Rwanda’s genocide. “Within both societies, neighbor turned against neighbor with disastrous results,” said Bookbinder, observing that both countries’ government, media, and propaganda machines played roles in escalating hate and violence and that the rest of the world was slow to acknowledge the crisis and intervene.

While Ngenji was in the United States during the genocide, his parents and two brothers were murdered in his home country. Ngenji works to raise awareness of Rwandan genocide through promotion of two films that he helped produce, 100 Days and Kapers of Memory, and speaks such as “Mass Recruiting for Mass Murder.”

The Bernard A. Stotsky Lecture Series is hosted by the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. In 1990, Dr. Stotsky created the series in memory of his parents, George and Bess Stotsky, who were instrumental in bringing the Holocaust to academic study.

UMass Boston’s Chess Team Wins the Mass Inter-Continental Tournament

By By Leigh DuPuy

UMass Boston’s top chess team took first place in the Mass Inter-Continental Chess Tournament, held at the university on April 3. The winning team, Joe Perl, Dmitry Frenklakh, Kelsin Lo, and Dan Korunsky, scored 11 out of 12 points in three rounds of competition against teams from Assumption College, Brandeis University, Boston University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Wenworth University, and two teams at UMass Boston. The chess team thanks Donna Neal of Student Life and Campus Center staff for helping to put this event together. (Photo by Robert Ravelle.)

Telecommunications Expert Analyzes Industry at CM Forum

By By Leigh DuPuy

By Mary Ann Manchin Carol J. Meier, executive director of the Massachusetts Network Communications Council (MNCC), addressed attendees of an early-April Senior Executive Forum on changes and opportunities in the Massachusetts Telecommunications Industry. The event was sponsored by the College of Management.

According to Meier, there are over 100,000 technology-industry jobs in Massachusetts and employment increased this year in four of the seven telecommunications segments: communications software, wholesale trade, retail trade, and construction. Although telecommunications services declined from 2003 to 2004, there were moderate increases in new jobs, said Meier.

Her speech addressed the decline in employment in communications manufacturing equipment, a trend that started in 1998. The industry has shifted away from manufacturing jobs in New England and towards value-added software jobs. Through improvements in technology and productivity, manufacturing today is less labor-intensive, creating a reallocation from low-paying jobs to technology-driven work.

According to Meier, gains in productivity and the application of new technologies to the manufacturing process will ultimately accrue benefits to employees; future manufacturing jobs will require trained and skilled workers and thus result in improved employment and higher pay.

She told the audience that the telecommunications industry is still young, with significant entrepreneurial spirit. With innovations in telecommunications technology and entrepreneurs continuing to start new businesses in Massachusetts, the Commonwealth should see the creation of new telecommunications companies and, consequently, jobs.

MNCC, formerly the Massachusetts Technology Council, is an industry advocate and provides its members with a venue for education and collaboration that gives them a common voice. The council also has affiliated relationships with organizations in the legal, accounting, consulting, and finance areas, and with educators such as UMass Boston.

Got News?

E-mail news@umb.edu. Campus Notes are due May 16.
Michael Chesson, professor of history, spoke about the book The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln at the new Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, Illinois, on April 17 and presented a talk on civil war medicine and surgeon J. Franklin Dyer on April 26 at the Boston Public Library.


Jane Cloutertas, associate professor of nursing, presented “Dementia Caregiving in the African American Family: Responses in Family Care Givers of an Individual with Alzheimer’s Disease: A Review of the Literature” at the 42nd Annual Isabel Maitland Stewart Conference on Research in Nursing: Globalization of Nursing and Health Care Practice, held at Columbus University.

On April 7, Judith Goleman, professor and associate director of the English Composition Program, lectured at the University of Pittsburgh on “Critical Reflexivity, Dogmatism, and the Teaching of Writing.”

In May, James Green, professor in the College of Public and Community Service, presented the keynote address for the Illinois Labor History Society in Chicago on the Haymarket affair of 1886, the subject of his forthcoming book. He also presided over the Labor and Working Class History Association’s annual meeting, held at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Susan Foley of the Institute for Community Inclusion presented research on women with disabilities in the workplace at Mass Bay Commu- nity College and UMass Boston.

Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, presented “Parenting in Public” at the Young Children without Exclusion: The Moral Quandary of Race at an “Author Meets Critics” session organized by the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association and held in San Francisco.

On April 8, Oscar Gutierrez, associate professor of management science, conducted a focus group on the Homeless Management Information System Utilization for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In March, Harlyn Halvorson, director of the Policy Center for Marine Center Biosciences and Technology, hosted the two-day workshop “State of Lobster Science” at UMass Boston.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Public and Community Policy, presented “Creating Cultural Diversity in Policy-making” at the New Hampshire Conference on Women in Policy.

Robert C. Hayden, lecturer in the College of Public and Community Service, served as chair of the Rail: The History of Black Railroad Workers in Boston and Nationwide—1865 to 1960” at the Massachusetts Bay Community Railroad Conference and “Celebrating Railroad Workforce Diversity” on March 8. He also presented a discourse on research-based African American family histories at a meeting of the American Historical and Genealogical Society of New England.

Kathleen Malcolm McAndrew of Student Affairs and University Health Services presented “Substance Abuse in the Workplace: Signs and Symptoms of Impairment” at the Addictions at Work: More Than Just a Workplace Management Problem” conference.

Tatjana Meschede and Brian Sokol of the Center for Social Policy delivered a presentation on data integration and analysis at the National Human Services Data Consortium Conference.

Michael Milburn, professor of psychology, presented “How to Raise Socially Responsible Children: Helping You Make the Choices” for a district-wide talk at the South Mountain School in New Jersey on April 7.

Ruth Miller, assistant professor of history, presented “Collective Criminality, Sexual Deviance, and Convicted Criminals in a National Criminal Law in Turkey” for the Clark Legal History Series, held at Boston University School of Law in March.

In April, Thomas O’Grady presented the paper “Out on His Own: The Incredible Jazz Guitar of Louis Stewart” at the American Conference for Irish Studies, held at the University of Notre Dame.

Mary Oleskiewicz, assistant professor of music, spoke on the subject of woodwind instruments for a symposium on historical tuning and temperaments at the American Musical Instrument Society Conference, held in May.

Marc Pru, assistant professor of Africana studies, presented “Perspectives on the Current, Social, and Political Contexts of Haiti” at the National Haitian American Student Organization Symposium on the Future of Democracy and Development in Haiti, held in Washington, D.C.

Jennifer Radden, professor of philosophy, presented “The Virtuous Mental Health Profes- sor” at a 2005 Heuristic Seminar, held at St. Vincenzo’s Mental Health Service and the Department of Psychiatry, University of Melbourne, Australia, on March 18.

Professor Lorna Rivero of the College of Public and Community Service presented the paper “Contradictions in Policy: Homeless Women and Adult Basic Education” at the 86th annual meeting of the American Educa- tional Research Association.

Rebecca Romanov of the English Department chaired the panel “The National Haitian American Student Organization Symposium on the Future of Democracy and Development in Haiti, held in Washington, D.C.”

Stephan Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, organized a symposium on cultural and historical approaches to field schools and cosponsored the paper “Working on Paths for Futures: Eastern Pequot Field Schools: Archaeological Contexts” at the Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, held in April.

In April, Nina M. Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, presented two papers, “Dementia and Wandering: Why Families and Professional Should Be Con- cerned” and “Strategies for Managing Wandering Behavior in the Community, Hospital, and Long Term Care Setting,” at the 27th National Conference of the Alzheimer Society of Canada, and “Dementia and Driving: Issues and Resources” at the Department of Mental Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Virginia Smith Harvey, professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, made two presentations at the National Association of School Psycholo- gists’ annual conference, “Supervi- sion Variable and School Psycholo- gists’ Burnout” and “Hybrid Graduate Courses and Programs.”

Philip L. Quaglieri, dean of the College of Management, Sherry Penney, professor of leadership, J. Franklin Dyer, surgeon J. Franklin Dyer on April 17 and presented “Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln” for the Human Biology Association and held in San Francisco.

Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn, professor of education, presented “Keeping the Promise of the Change Living Through Literature” program at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Randy Albelda, associate professor of education, organized the panel “From the Haymarket to the Homeless Management Information System Utilization” for the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Jacqueline Favrett, professor of nursing, published the coauthored chapter “Ethnic Elders” in Geropsychiatric Mental Health Nursing.


The Urban Harbors Institute received $1.5 million to assist the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission with a statewide investigation into the potential model of recreational boating facilities and demand. They also received a $23,000 contract from the Massachusetts State Department of Conservation and Recreation to conduct research on the Parker River/Essay Bay Area of Critical Environmental Concern project.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Professor Emerita Ann E. Berthoff of the English Department was honored on her eightieth birthday in a special issue of Random Essays in Reader/Oriented Theory, Criticism, and Pedagogy. It included discussion by three UMass Boston colleagues of her Emerita Susan R. Horton and Professors Neil Bruss and Judith Goller, on her contribution to composition pedagogy.

The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education awarded Elizabeth L. Clements, instructor of gerontology, with the 2002 Part-Time Faculty Recognition Honor for exemplary work in the teaching of gerontology, commitment to students, and maintenance of high academic standards. Clements, one of eight recipients nationwide, received the award on May 1.

Valera T. Francis was appointed the Office of Research and Sponsored Projects. Francis previously worked at Xavier University of Louisiana, where she was associate director of the Office of Sponsored Programs.

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On May 1, 2005, the University Reporter explored the Centaur Records, released by Centaur Records.

Something to do, a play by Rebecca Saunders, lecturer in the English Department, was presented at the Panoply Arts Festival in April. Her ten-minute play He Looks Like a Burrito was accepted into the Seventh Annual Boston Theater Marathon, to be held on May 22.

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Tuesday 4
Beacon Fitness Center Class: Total Upper Body 12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Location TBA. A free event to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of mothers. Contact: 7-6879 or armscenter@yahoo.com.

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