Prostate Cancer Study Examines Treatment Decisions by Doctors

by Leigh DuPuy


The paper surveyed a national sample of urologists and radiation oncologists on their perceptions of prostate cancer treatments. In a choice between two aggressive treatments, specialists most commonly recommended the treatment with which they had the most experience, urologists suggesting prostate surgery and radiation oncologists suggesting radiation.

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The hazards of relying too much on the recommendation of one kind of specialist become obvious with prostate cancer. There is no clear evidence in clinical trials that either approach is effective or more effective in treating prostate cancer. What is clear are the risks associated with both procedures. Inconsistency and impotence are common side effects many patients experience, particularly with surgery.

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Convocation Focuses on Civic Education

By Leigh DuPay

To complement the presidential debate, UMass Boston has devoted opening convocation to examine the theme of “Civic Education for Civic Responsibility.” From August to October, the University has sponsored a series of educational panels, workshops, and discussions for the University community to explore some of the major issues of Campaign 2000. Programs will take a second look at environmental sustainability, health policy, aging and social security, race relations, campaign finance reform, presidential character, defense spending, housing and the economy.

“Our convocation series is a wonderful opportunity for our students who are leading now and who will be future leaders to grapple with these issues and examine what it means to be a responsible citizen in a multicultural society,” explains Vice Provost Theresa Mortimer who is playing a critical role in planning.

Convocation Day will be held on September 20. Among the day’s activities includes a breakfast with faculty and staff, a luncheon with student leaders, and a colloquium panel which will address the topic: “Run or Not to Run? Does the glare of the Media Spotlight Discourage People from Running for Public Office?” The panels sujet and guests are being finalized.

Also held on September 20, the College of Nursing will sponsor a healthcare panel, Health Policy Issues in the 2000 Presidential Election. Howard Koe, Commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, will discuss key health issues in the state. Nursing program doctoral students also will present a report card on the presidential candidates’ health policy programs.

Other educational events include a voter registration kickoff sponsored by the Golden Key National Honor Society on Welcome Day, September 5, to increase civic awareness and provide information on the voter registration process.

The UMass Honors Program will lead a discussion with honors students and others of the book Democracy’s Discontent: America in Search of a Public Philosophy by Michael Sandel, professor of Government at Harvard University, on campus and in an evening session with the author at the Kennedy Library.

UMass Boston will take another look at bridging the digital divide in schools and communities in a public forum discussion at the Federal Reserve Bank in Boston. The panel will include representatives from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the Museum of Science, the Children’s Museum, Intuit Inc., and City Hall.

These are just a few of the activities on campus. Many faculty are offering debate-related curriculum in their classrooms and have extended invitations for students campus-wide to attend and participate on a space-available basis.

More information about convocation activities will be available on www.umb.edu/debate. The Kennedy Library also is planning a series of forums focusing on presidential debates, rhetoric and leadership that are open to the UMass community. Details are available at www.umb.edu/library.

New E-mail for the University Reporter

You can submit all your news items, comments, and feedback to the Reporter staff to our new e-mail address: news@umb.edu. E-mail us and let us know what you think of the September issue and what stories you’d like to see in future issues!

UMass Boston Anticipates Historic Debate

by Leigh DuPay

With only four weeks until October 3, faculty, staff, and students are busy preparing for the arrival of presidential hopefuls George W. Bush and Al Gore for the 9:00 p.m. debate at the Clark Athletic Center.

UMass Boston has been hard at work ever since it received word from the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) on January 6 that it was selected to co-host the first presidential debate of the 2000 general election with the John F. Kennedy Library.

With so many details to coordinate, the CPD, UMass Boston, and the Kennedy Library organized a debate team to oversee planning and campus activities. Tom Keady, alumnus of UMass Boston and Debate Project Manager, has been working with Annemarie Lewis Kerwin, UMass Boston’s Assistant Chancellor for University Communications and Debate Coordinator, as well as representatives from the Kennedy Library, to help plan every facet of the event.

This involves everything from renovating the Clark Athletic Center, coordinating marketing and promotional components, communicating information to the press and public, and working with the CPD and the Secret Service.

UMass Boston will be the backdrop for up to 100 million TV viewers expected to watch the debate. In addition to being the only debate site in the Northeast, it will be the site for the first presidential debate ever held in Boston and at a public university.

More than 2,000 journalists are expected to cover the event, including those from the five major networks, ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, CNN and CNN. They will watch the debate from the “skating rink” area, which has been selected to serve as the Media Center.

UMass President William S. Bulger and Chancellor Sherry Penney will address the debate audience prior to the start of the televised program. UMass Boston also will host a reception in conjunction to the debate and a possible additional viewing location on campus for students, faculty, and staff.

The CPD will be responsible for providing credentials for the media and for ticket distribution, which will be limited. More information about ticket allocation will be available in early fall. This information and other detailed arrangements are available at: www.umb.edu/debate. All interested in the proceedings should refer to it daily for the latest information.

To the Campus Community...

After more than twelve years of remarkable service to the University of Massachusetts Boston, Sherry H. Penney has announced her desire to return to the faculty. While we are saddened by the thought of her departure from the Chancellorship, we celebrate the tremendous advancements realized under Sherry’s leadership. The University of Massachusetts Boston is now poised to seize its place as one of the nation’s premier urban public institutions of higher education.

I have been asked to Chair the Search Committee which will have the difficult challenge of recruiting the next Chancellor who will be expected to continue our positive momentum and lead us to the next echelon. We are seeking the very best individuals—outstanding leaders who can galvanize the University of Massachusetts Boston community to move ever forward in our quest for recognized excellence in all we undertake.

As a valued friend of our University, I am writing to seek your assistance in this important search. Please share with me—or any of the other members of the Search Committee—any nominations or suggestions you would like for us to consider. We are casting a broad net and want very much to include your thoughts and ideas.

Our Search Committee is comprised of 18 members who represent a cross-section of the University’s many constituencies. Each person has committed his/her valuable time to this effort. Please join me in thanking them for their service to our University.

The Board has also retained the services of R. William (Bill) Funk, the Managing Director of the Education Practice of the international executive search firm of Korin/Ferry International, to assist the Search Committee and Board in this mission. Mr. Funk is perhaps the best known university president search consultant in the country and has recently successfully completed similar searches for University of Illinois at Chicago, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, University of Missouri at Kansas City, Babson College, University of Houston, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, and Bucknell.

Also working with our Committee will be Susan Kelly, Assistant to the President. Please don’t hesitate to send your suggestions to Susan if it is more convenient. My sincere thanks to you for your continuing support of the University of Massachusetts.

Kind personal regards, Diane Bissnette Moe Chair, Search Committee

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NPR President and CEO Visits WUMB

WUMB General Manager Pat Montebich, President and CEO of National Public Radio Kevin Kloe, and UMass President William S. Bulger (photo by Harry Brett)

By Kim Burke

WUMB played host to a national radio figure, Kevin Kloe, president and CEO of National Public Radio, visited UMass Boston on June 26. He spent the day learning about the folk radio format at WUMB and talking with students about the challenges of college radio programming.

Kloe began his visit with a breakfast meeting with UMass President William S. Bulger at the President's Office. Members of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, WUMB, NPR, Boston radio station WILD, the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, and the Kennedy Library discussed creating diversity for the listening public and the strengths and popularity of WUMB’s folk roots.

After a private luncheon with WUMB staff on the harbor campus’ dock, Kloe participated in a college roundtable discussion with area college radio stations. WUMB, Emerson College, Boston College, Tufts University, M.I.T., Curry College, and Maynard High School students gave Kloe uninhibited answers to questions about the types of radio programs that appeal to college radio listeners. He was eager to learn issues important to a demographic not typical of NPR. Kloe explained, “In 30 years, NPR has never found a way to reach college broadcasters and repurpose it to make it available to college radio.”

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Professor John Warner, Chemistry Department, encourages Gear-up students with their scientific experiments (Photo by Harry Brett)

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By Anne-Marie Kent

With over 6,000 students taking summer classes, UMass Boston is hardly dormant in the summer months. On June 9th, however, the campus was especially busy—and the students particularly young.

That day, as part of a federal Gear-Up Grant funded program, 150 Gavin School sixth-graders became freshmen for a day. They attended mini lectures on subjects from web-page creation to the study of rock and soil, river water, and polarized light. They participated in sports activities, toured the UMass Boston Greenhouse, and WUMB studios—and even got their own UMass Boston ID cards.

“The goal of this event was to emulate the college experience and encourage them to set high goals for the future. We wanted to open their eyes to great possibilities,” explained Director of Undergraduate Admissions Liliana Mickle.

Gavin Gear-Up Director Susan Swan said, “The students were truly engaged in the college experience thanks to the creative and organizational skills of Liliana and her staff assistant, Heather; the faculty who made their lessons active and exciting; and the university students and staff who guided them through their day. What a triumph for school/college partnerships!”

Over 20 members of the UMass Boston community participated, including faculty, staff, students, and recent graduate Steven Burns, who spoke about his career as a Training Specialist for Fleet Bank.

In one session, students listed reasons for attending college. They cited the range of career options available to college graduates, increased earning potential, and overall enrichment.

Asked why some kids don’t go to college, the sixth graders immediately pointed to issues of confidence and cost. One girl said, “It’s too expensive, plus you might be the first in your family and you may not be sure that you can do it.”

Heads nodded.

Encouraged to see these as obstacles to overcome rather than reasons to give up, the students then began generating solutions. They discussed the value of taking the right classes to build skills, studying hard to earn scholarships, getting tutoring when necessary, and finding mentors who know about college education.

Academic support, mentoring, and encouragement are all provided as part of the Gavin program, one of two Gear-Up funded partnerships at UMass Boston. After middle school, Gavin students can expect continued support if they attend one of five targeted Boston high schools that offer UMass Boston pre-collegiate programs.

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The fifth author of the paper was Diana Elliot, a UMass graduate and Center employee. In her role, Diana managed data collecting, coding of data, and data analyses. Dr. Fowler notes, “She was an integral part of the project.” Diana will use her experience in her next venture, pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology at the University of Maryland in September.


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You think you're busy, try taking 25,000 calls in one day. And that would be a casual day at the office for the UMass Boston web site, which routinely fields that many "hits" from users all over the world. Much has been going on with the campus site and its related sites over the past few months. Here are just some of the highlights:

Presidential Debate: www.umb.edu/debate. As you likely know, UMass Boston will be hosting the first of the 2000 Presidential Debates on October 3. As we near the big day, expect more interactive features here. Anyone in the campus community with a particular idea for this site is invited to contact the Web Department via webmaster@umb.edu.

News and Events: www.umb.edu/news_and_events. The Web Department revised the News and Events page during the summer. Here you can find all sorts of information about UMB (including the latest University Reporter online).

Beacon Leadership Project: www.umb.edu/leadership. The "Beacon Leadership Project: Leaders at the Point" is a new program that has grown from the Student Leadership Development Program. It is designed to provide both undergraduate and graduate students with credit- or competency-based opportunities to develop and enhance their leadership skills and potential.

Purchasing: www.umb.edu/administration/purchasing/index.htm. Purchasing's web site includes purchasing policies, a PDF contract, and a searchable database of those all-important object codes for filling out purchase orders.

Undergraduate Registrar: www.registrar.umb.edu. The Undergraduate Registrar overhauled its site a few months ago. There you can find links to the Academic Calendar (www.registrar.umb.edu/Academic_Calendar) and a search engine for courses currently offered (www.registrar.umb.edu/Courses_Registration_an-/Courses_Offered.html).

The International Student Services: www.isis.umb.edu. International Student Services has debuted its own Web site as a service to the more than 1,000 international students who attend UMass Boston. 

Athletics: www.umb.edu/umb/athletics. The athletics department recently revamped its web site in time for the fall sports schedule.

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# UMass Boston Views the Tall Ships

UMass Boston faculty and staff boarded the Lady E on July 13 to take a 2-hour Boston Harbor Cruise to view the Tall Ships. (Photo by Harry Brett)

# The Third Annual Boston Folk Festival

Saturday, September 23
11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

$25 discount tickets are available for faculty, staff, and students at the WUMB station until September 21.

Top, left to right: Roger McGuinn, founder of "The Byrds", Folk Favorite Cheryl Wheeler. Bottom, left to right: Legendary Richie Havens and singer-songwriter John Gorka.
Spotlights

Teach Next Year Wins Grant

UMass Boston's Dorchester High School Partnership has been awarded a $500,000 grant from the Boston Public Schools for its Teach Next Year program. UMass Boston will receive $100,000 per year for five years to prepare Graduate College of Education students for teaching in urban environments. The grant will be used to assist in the professional development of ten Teach Next Year interns, who will be working in Dorchester High School. The Teach Next Year interns will simultaneously earn a graduate degree and a teaching certification during the year-long program. The interns will teach a full school year as well as participate in a service project, both at Dorchester High School. Upon completion of the program, Boston Public School officials will award top teacher candidates with a promissory note for a future position in Boston schools.

Professor Randy Albelda Receives Abigail Adams Award

Randy Albelda, Ph.D., UMass Boston Professor of Economics, was one of six outstanding Massachusetts women honored at the 11th Annual Abigail Adams Awards on June 7, 2000. The award recognizes outstanding Massachusetts women leaders who reflect the tenacity of Abigail Adams and who have demonstrated significant success in the field of economics and social policy.

UMass Boston Hosts 2nd Annual Camp Telecom 2000

UMass Boston welcomed seventeen high school students and four teachers from the Greater Boston area to Camp Telecom 2000 for three weeks in July. Students and teachers studied web technology and telecommunications from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. four days a week in campus labs and on field trips to sponsor companies such as Bell Atlantic and Fitdelity Venture.

Created in partnership with the Massachusetts' Telecommunications Council, the program was designed to give students the opportunity to experiment with software programs and explore interesting opportunities that may lead to a college major or career. Participating teachers were enrolled in the program to learn new skills to bring back to the classroom. John Cicarelli, Assistant to the Chancellor of Economic Development, helped create the program's blueprint and hopes to expand this program throughout Massachusetts in future years.

New MBA Internet Marketing Specialization

The College of Management introduced a new Integrated Marketing specialization for MBA students. This field of study will provide students with a strategic and managerial background in Internet marketing, program development, and web development and design. The College of Management created the specialization to meet the increasing student interest in e-commerce and strengthen the college's business focus. The program, built on the College's strengths in marketing and management, will offer a variety of courses in web site design, marketing communications, business-to-business e-commerce, and entrepreneurship.

Charles Anderson was appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement on May 1. He previously served as Director of Major Gifts for the College of Liberal Arts and the McCormick Institute. His fund-raising and consulting experience includes previous posts with the Greater Boston Food Bank, Hospice Care of Rhode Island, Asthma Care Association of America, and La Salle Military Academy.

Leigh DaPuy was hired as Assistant Director of Public Information and Public Relations for University Communications in June. She is responsible for implementing public relations initiatives for the University. She previously held public relations and publishing positions with Arnold Public Relations, the Stop and Shop Supermarket Company and the New England Journal of Medicine.

Caroline Kelly joined UMass Boston as Senior Graphic Designer for University Communications. She uses her graphic design and photography skills to work on marketing and informational projects for the University. Prior to UMass Boston, Caroline designed and did production work on magazines, brochures, and annual reports while working for The Publication Group in Boston.

Obituaries

Jack Dowling, Assistant Director of Athletics, passed away on Friday, July 14 after suffering a severe heart attack June 27. Jack was employed for 24 years at UMass Boston. Jack made numerous contributions to the Department of Athletics and supervised the use of the indoor and outdoor athletic facilities for numerous events, activities, games, practices.

On Thursday, July 13, Eduardo Luciano, Sr., died in a tragic accident on a construction site in Puerto Rico. Eduardo Sr. worked at the campus in Physical Plant during the early '80s and his son Eduardo Jr. (Edde) has been a UMB employee for the past ten years.

Sylvia Gendron, College of Nursing, passed away on Saturday, July 1 at Beth Israel Hospital. Sylvia came to UMB in 1982 where she taught undergraduate and graduate courses and served as Director of Research and Development. She was an active member of many university committees including the Institutional Review Board, Provost Advisory Committee, and the Committee on Multicultural Affairs. Palliative Care of Rhode Island.

Romona Riddick, Graduate College of Education, died on Monday, May 1 at the New England Medical Center following a three-year battle with cancer. She had been a member of the UMass Boston faculty since 1974, where she taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses on archeology and New England prehistory. Professor Riddick was also an active and vital department chairperson and as a member of the Senate and numerous committees.

Max Schleifer, retired Professor of Psychology, passed away on Monday, July 24. As one of its founding members, Dr. Schleifer served in the Psychology Department for twenty-nine years. During his tenure at the university, he was actively involved with the Department of Athletics as the first chairperson of the University Athletic Committee. One of his many achievements includes his founding and publishing for over twenty-five years The Exceptional Parent Magazine.
Economics Professor Argues for Paid Parental Leave at State House

By Anne-Marie Kent
University of Massachusetts Boston Economics Professor Randy Albelda appeared before a State House Task Force Hear­ring on June 26 to support legisla­tion extending the Unemploy­ment Insurance (UI) system. The proposed legislation would pro­vide paid leave taken for the birth or adoption of a child. In her re­marks to the Task Force and the media, Albelda cited her Labor Resource Center (LRC) Study, Filling the Work and Family Gap (June 2000), co-written with Tif­fany Manuel of the Center for Women in Politics.

According to the report, more than 120 countries around the world provide paid maternity leave, and several states are now considering legislation to provide or extend paid family leave. While job-protected leave of up to 12 weeks is allowed under the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, millions of workers are ex­cluded from coverage or cannot afford unpaid leave.

Albelda and Manuel assert that the current lack of paid pa­rental leave incurs costs, some of which employers are already bearing, through the UI system, for individuals who lose their jobs because of care responsibilities and are then eligible for UI. In fact, according to their study, one out of every four persons who took unpaid leave to care for a newborn or newly adopted child turned to public assistance to cover lost wages.

They note that paid parental leave, made universal through a system of social insurance, would spread the cost of family care equ­itably. An expansion of the ex­isting UI system would cost $32.7 million annually, an average per­employee cost of $10.81.

The proposal passed both houses of the Legislature only to be struck down August 10th by Governor Paul Cellucci, who proposed an amended version of­fering a tax credit to employers as an incentive to provide paid leave rather than tap the UI sys­tem.

Development and Research Associate for the Labor Resource Center in CPCS Debra Osnowitz commented that while this summer’s proposal was not suc­cessful, change takes time. She said that the Labor Resource Center would continue to “support research that estimates both the costs and benefits of paid fam­ily and medical leave.” She added, “This study represents the Labor Resource Center’s mission to conduct research that informs in­novative public policy.”

The Shaw’s Pro Summer League 2000

The Shaw’s Pro Summer League 2000 returned once again to the Clark Athletic Center for the second year from July 17–24. UMass Boston played host to ten NBA teams including Boston Celtics, Atlanta Hawks, Indiana Pacers, Seattle SuperSonics, New Jersey Nets, San Antonio Spurs, New York Knicks, Milwaukee Bucks, Washington Wizards and the Philadelphia 76ers. Charlie Titus (center), Head of Athletics, is joined here by Chris Wallace (left), General Manager of the Celtics and Rick Pitino (right), Head Coach of the Celtics and President of Basketball Operations. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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presses great enthusiasm for UMass Boston and the many ini­tatives underway here. “I chose UMass Boston because of its clearly articulated urban mission,” Dean Jennings stated. “Right now, I’m becoming more and more aware of the wonderful partner­ships that the Graduate College of Education has fostered in support of this mission.”

She continued, “I had read about the Dorchester initiative and I am learning about the other collab­orations that exist. There are so many different centers and insti­tutes connected to GCOE al­ready and so many young people coming to campus as part of uni­versity school partnerships. I am excited to be here.”

She noted that it was reward­ing to see so many elementary and middle school children on campus, adding that, “We need to expose students from urban centers to all the opportunities the university can provide.”

Dean Jennings continued, “I believe that the Graduate College of Education can provide reform that will impact student achieve­ment at all levels.” She added, “I am beginning by talking with people and just learning as much as I can about the initiatives that are underway.” She plans to inter­view faculty members and engage them in discussion around a long range plan to clearly identify pri­orities and goals for the College.

One main priority is to assist the College in attaining National Council for the Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE) for all professional education pro­grams at UMass Boston. She explained, “This means all programs at UMass that are preparing PK­12 teachers and support personnel for initial certification will be na­tionally recognized by the profes­sion as being of high quality.”
Assistant Professor Elsa Auerbach of the English Department recently published "Creating Participatory Communities: Paradoxes and Possibilities" in *The Sociopolitics of English Language Teaching* and the lead article, "The Power of Writing and the Writing of Power" in *Focus on Basics*, a journal of the National Center for the Study of Adult Learning and Literacy.

Sara Baron, Director, Institute of Computer Technology and Coordinator of Library Instruction, published an article in the *Reference Librarian* titled, "A Close Encounter Model for Reference Services to Adult Learners: The Value of Flexibility and Variance." She also edited a chapter on "Recommended Reference Books in Paperback" published by Libraries Unlimited.


Heidi Blair-Estevs, research fellow at the Center for State and Local Policy/UMass Poll, has been selected by the American Psychological Science Association and the Organization for Latino Scientists to publish a book on First Ladies series. Chicago Tyler, wife of President John Tyler. The book will be part of a First Ladies series coming out in 2003.


Professor Stephanie Hartwell, Sociology Department, recently published, "Not All Work is Created Equal: Race, Substaneous Abuses and Marginal Employment" in *Research in the Sociology of Work,* and "Models of Career Association and Transition Program" in *Psychiatric Services.*


Chair of Sociology, Russell Swift, published two articles, "The Changing Patterns of Housing Preferences: Homeless Mentally Ill Persons' Housing Choices Before and After Housing Experience" in *Research in Community and Mental Health and Housing Placement and Subsequent Days Homeless Among Former Homeless Adults with Mental Illness" in *Psychiatric Services.* He also reviewed the new Social Experimentation by Don Siegel and M. Jean Russo in Methods. Professor of English Lloyd Schwartz' new book of poems, *Caitin Traffic,* will be published by the University of Chicago Press on September 15. He has recently published new poems and translations in *The Corland Review,* *The Paris Review,* *Angi,* and *Fiksak.* He has written articles in the *Michal Mazur: The Poetry of Illustration* for the *Prints of Michal Mazur: With catalogue Raisonne* and "On Elizabeth Bishop's 'Somet' in *Atlantic Unbound,* *The Atlantic Monthly Poetry Pages.*

Weil Ye, who teaches in East Asian Studies, Women's Studies and the Asian Studies Program, will have a book *Seeking Modernity in China's Name: Chinese Students in the United States, 1900-1927* published by Stanford University Press this fall.

Presentations and Conferences

Edmond beard, director of the McCormack Institute, and Paul Bookbinder, professor of History, traveled to Bucharest, Romania, in late April to participate in the conference "One Year After NATO Bombardments in Yugoslavia: Security Issues, Policy Approaches, and Public Perception." There, Professor Bookbinder presented a paper on parallels to the ethnic cleansing in the Balkan area during World War I. On June 29, reference librarian Janet DiPoulos presented a paper entitled "Takin' It to the Trails: A UMB Information Literacy Curriculum Model" at the annual programs of the New England and New England Bibliographic Instruction Group which was held at Simmons College.

Joel Grossman, Coordinator of the Health Promotion Program of the University Health Service, and Adrian Barankin, Brook, Robert Stein, dean of Students, presented a workshop titled "Speaking Spirituality Publicly: Voices from a "Public University."* The workshop focused on "Goings with Spirituality in Work and Higher Education" at UMass Amherst on June 5. Joel also was a member of the planning committee that organized the conference which included such keynotes as David Whyte, Margaret Wheatley, Peter Senge, and Dana Zobor.

Professor Philip S. Hart, director of the Trotter Institute, discussed his work on the digital divide at the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the U.S. Department National forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico on May 31. His work is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration and is being carried out jointly by the Trotter Institute and the Nonprofit Institute. Jemerdai Kamara, chairperson of African Studies, Herman Hemmingway, professor of Criminal Justice/CPCC, Brian Thompson, professor of French, Edmond beard, director of the McCormack Institute, and Margery O'Donnell of McCormack Center for Democracy and Development conducted a workshop series for over two weeks June in general and was devoted to promoting decentralization and improving local government administration in those two countries.

On May 24, Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was the featured speaker at the Brook Farm Hort Forum. Her topic was Elections 2000 - Women Invited or No? The Forum is an annual cultural, social and political event featuring speakers on contemporary issues.


Ann Finnes, Elaine Morse, Weil Ye, Ann Cordilia, Ramona Hernandez, Machulika Khandelwal, Aseged Stefanos, Shikiko Semuga and Dottie Stevens, faculty and alumna from CAS and CPCC, presented at the National Women's Studies Association Conference, "Women's Studies and the 21st Century" held at Simmons College, Boston in June.

Performances

Music Professor David Patterson performed and directed his compositions American Religion Rhapsody for organ and Psalms 150 for choir and organ commissioned by the First Congregational Church of Somerville for both the celebration of its 125th anniversary and the dedication of a new organ on May 21.

Grants

Lauren Mayhew, assistant director of the Center for World Languages and Cultures, has been awarded two new grants totaling $100,000 for the implementation of an immigrant parent education project. The Parents Empowered with Education and Support (P.E.E.R.S.) project received $80,000 from the Nellie Mae Foundation and $20,000 from the Floran O. Bartlett Trust.

The library of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy recently received a $4,500 grant from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation to develop the Center in the area of women in politics and policy issues of importance to women. The library of the Center reviewed the library since 1994.

Lois Reiner, senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, has been awarded a grant from the National Cancer Institute. The grant will be used to develop the National Cancer Institute's computerized database. The project, "Demoralizing Smoking Through Policy, Resources and Interventions," is a four-year study designed to investigate the effectiveness of public health interventions.

Births

Jim Bierstaker, assistant professor of Accounting, and his wife welcomed their second child, Jacob Giolas Bierstaker, on July 6.

Ahayomi Bashir Thompson, Undergraduate Admissions, and Titilayo Amiant Thompson's daughter was born on Thursday, July 13.

Adan Colon Carmona, Assistant Professor of Biology, and his wife Irene had their third child, Irene Lauren, on June 8.

In the News

Economics Professor Randy Albeda and the paper she co-authored "Filling the Work and Family Gap" study were referenced in the *Boston Herald* and *State House News Service on June 26.*

Robert Bucci, UMass Poll Research Director, was quoted on the results from a UMass Poll conducted between 12 - 15, 2000 showing public support for a needle exchange program in the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* on July 2.

Camp Telecom 2000 and its participants were featured in *The Boston Globe* 's Learning Section on August 20 in an article outlining the three-week technology camp co-sponsored and hosted by UMass Boston in July.

Lou DNatale, director of the McCormack Institute for Public Affairs, was quoted in *The Worcester Telegram & Gazette,* May 25 regarding the re-emerging health care debate following the *Worcesters* nurses' strike.

CPSC Professor James Green of the Labor Resource Center has been interviewed on thirty radio programs about his book *Taking History to Heart* since it was published by UMass Press on May 1. He discussed social movement past and present, on programs including: "The Voice of America," "Radio Nation," "Voice of the World," WGBH's "Here and Now," and NPR's "Morning Edition." The July 28 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education* includes his editorial on public intellectuals, universities, and social movements.

Health Services Nurse Practitioner Virginia Lynch was featured in *Manifield News* on June 23 for her volunteer work providing medical and education to people in Honduras.

Andres Torres, director of the Gaston Institute, was quoted in a July 2 *Boston Globe* article, which outlined steps taken to link Latin culture to the State House.

UMass Poll results from the McCormack Institute for Public Affairs are covered in the *Boston Globe* covering campaigning financial reform in the *Boston Globe* on July 15.

Appointments

Mary E. Brady has joined the Center for Social Development and Education as the Director of Professional Development. Dr. Brady is a special educator, an applied researcher, and a former administrator who specializes in curriculum development and modes of professional development.

The Biology Department welcomes two new faculty members, Circumcision Work and Ying Tan. Dr. Pollock is a Neurobiologist whose research focuses on the role of dopamine in regulating social and sexual behavior in the rat basal ganglia. Ying Tan is a Molecular Systematist whose research focuses on how fundamental evolutionary forces, such as mutation, selection, and genetic drift, govern the evolutionary process at the molecular level.

Miren Uriarte, a faculty member of CPSC, has been appointed as an interim director of the Gaston Institute for a year beginning in September while director Andre Thomas is on sabbatical leave. Professor Uriarte, who was the founding director of the Institute, has written on a number of public policy topics, including education, employment, immigration, and poverty.

Correction

Brenda Gordon from University Advising was misidentified as Bertie Hoskins on Page 3 in the May issue of the University Reporter.
Wednesday 13
College of Management Alumni Reception
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., downtown location TBA. Call 7-7700 for more information.

Wednesday 20
Convocation Day
Critical Civic Education for Civic Responsibility
Chancellor’s Breakfast for Faculty and Staff
8:30 to 10:00 a.m. University Club, Healey Library, 11th Floor. Contact: Gail Hobin, Director, Community Relations, 7-5310

Student Leadership Luncheon
12:30 to 2:00 p.m. University Club, Healey Library, 11th Floor. Contact: Stephanie Jeney, Dean, Student Affairs, 7-5800

Convocation Dialogue
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Lripe Auditorium, Science Center.
"So run or not to run? Does the glare of the media spotlight discourage people from running for public office?" Contact: Theresa Mortimer, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs: 7-5699.

Health Policy Issues in the 2000 Presidential Election
4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Small Science Auditorium, Science Center.

Health Policy Issues in the 2000 Presidential Election
Howard Koh, Commissioner of Public Health, will discuss key health issues in Massachusetts. Doctoral students of the Ph.D. Nursing program will deliver a report on the health policy positions of the candidates for President of the United States. Discussion and evaluation will focus on the impact of health policies on urban families and the elderly. Contact: Gail Russell, Director, Ph.D., Nursing Program: 7-5748

Thursday 21
Chancellor’s Convocation Breakfast for Classified Staff
8:30 to 10:00 a.m. University Club, Healey Library, 11th Floor. Contact: Gail Hobin, Director, Community Relations: 7-5310

Saturday 23
Boston Writing Project Conference
"The Balancing Act: Teaching and Writing, a Conference for Today’s Teacher.
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Massachusetts Avenue.

Miscellaneous
Boston Light Tours
Friday, 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., departing from JFK Library. Reservations are required. Call 273-8866 for more information.

Mediation

T'ai Chi
Weekly, call for times and locations, $1, drop-in basis. Stretching, Mental Calm, Physical Balance, Self Massage, 24-Movement Form.

Yoga
Weekly, call for times and location, free, drop-in basis. Beginners welcome, instruction provided. Mats provided, no change of clothes needed.

Stress Reduction/Job Enhancement Program
Four sessions. Incorporates mindfulness, meditation and teachings on how our thinking helps or hinders us. Sponsored by the Health Promotion Program of University Health Service, $72, Call 7-5685 for dates, times, and to register.

Study Smarter, Not Harder
Help with performing better, with less stress, in studying for and taking exams, writing papers, etc. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Weight Management Support
Develop a healthy approach to weight management. Learn effective means to behavior change. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Smoke Cessation
Help with considering quitting, quitting, and staying quit. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Aids Awareness Team
Volunteers needed to plan and implement outreach activities on campus. Call 5-7985 and leave contact information and available times, you will be contacted with meeting information.

Upcoming
3rd Annual Years of Service Reception
SAVE THE DATE: The 3rd Annual Years of Service Reception will be held on Monday, November 20 from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the Wheatley Cafeteria. More information to follow.

Notes
1999 Statistical Portrait Available
The UMass Boston of Institutional Research is pleased to present the Fall 1999 Statistical Portrait. This document contains current and historical data on admissions, enrollment, instruction, continuing education, degree conferred, and faculty and staff. We hope it will be useful to you when you ask questions about such topics as the number of students at UMB, or in your college, the number of degrees awarded in particular majors and so on. We have sent the book to all deans, department chairs, directors, and office managers or administrative assistants. Please call 7-5420 or e-mail institutionalresearch@umb.edu for extra copies and for suggestions on improvements for next year's edition.

University Career Services Job/Internship Career Services is proud to introduce the university community to a revolutionary improvement to our On-Campus Interviewing Program. Interview/trak, a web-based, on-campus recruiting system, will make it easier for employers and students together for over 150 interviews. Beginning in Fall 2000, the On-Campus Interviewing program will be accessible to participating students and employers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. University Career Services' ongoing partnership with Jobtrak will continue to provide students and alumni with easy Internet access to on-line job listings. Interview/trak and a host of other services. Go to: www.jobtrak.com

Center for Library Instruction Open
Healey Library is pleased to introduce the Center for Library Instruction, located on the fourth floor of the Library. This new training facility will strengthen library research and information literacy instruction. The hands-on interactive environment allows participants to seek a research concept and then try it out themselves on one of our computers. We also will include interactive activities during information literacy training. As we train students to locate, evaluate and use information, we will have access to wireless technology, DVD, video, internet, and more. Please contact Sara Baran at 7-5927 or sara.baran@umb.edu

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Calendar of Events

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