**Center for Survey Research’s Expertise Aids National Institute on the Aging-Funded Research**

By Anne-Marie Kent

Just about everyone has responded to survey questions at one time or another, but most laypeople don’t realize the level of care and scholarship needed to create a truly reliable survey. UMass Boston’s Center for Survey Research (CSR) is known nationally and internationally for its rigorous standards in designing survey instruments and collecting survey data that yield credible results. “The center conducts a mixture of projects,” explains Director Mary Ellen Colten. “Its seven senior staff write grant proposals following their own study interests. In other cases, we assist other scholars who contact us to design their surveys and collect data for them. What we offer is our methodological expertise and experience, and all the data collection resources of our research and interviewing staff.”

Recently, the center’s expertise has been sought by Karl Pillemer of the Gerontology Institute at Cornell University and Jill Suitor of Louisiana State University. “We did a pilot study with them years ago with seed money from Cornell, looking at family relationships of older adults and their adult children,” explains Colten. Now, with a new large National Institute on the Aging (NIA) grant, Pillemer and Suitor are pursuing a larger study with the help of the CSR, whose portion of the grant is $483,000. Through interviews of women between the ages of 65 to 75 years old who have more than one living child, they hope to better understand family relationships, particularly the dynamic between older parents and their grown children, and older people’s quality of life. The information may help influence the ways governmental and charitable agencies think about and plan services for older people. CSR staff have already completed over 300 of the 550 interviews of women living in 12 Boston-area targeted communities, including Boston and Cambridge. The center’s staff developed the list of potential participants using Massachusetts town records. For more information, go to http://www.csrboston.org.

Mary Ellen Colten, director of the Center for Survey Research, and her staff will assist researchers at Cornell University and Louisiana State University in evaluating family relationships. (Photo by Harry Brett)

**Community Breakfast Honors Dudley Square Neighborhood Planner**

By Leigh DuPuy

“I am very proud to have this award from UMass Boston because you do such great work in the community,” said Joyce Stanley, the 2002 recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership. At the university’s sixteenth annual community breakfast, UMass Boston recognized Stanley for her work in city planning and community development for Roxbury and the City of Boston. Elected officials such as Boston City Councillor Maureen Feeney, Representative Marty Walsh, and Representative Gloria Fox, who nominated Stanley for the award, praised Stanley for her work in the Dudley Square neighborhood.

Gloria Fox, state representative; Joyce Stanley, the 2002 recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership; Chancellor Jo Ann Gora; and Robert H. Quinn, former speaker of the House of Representatives and chair of UMass Board of Trustees, celebrated together at the community breakfast held on March 20. (Photo by Harry Brett)

**Sasaki Associates Begins Feasibility Study on Residential Housing**

By Leigh DuPuy

“We want to be able to offer a residential college experience to our students which is high quality and affordable,” says Chancellor Gora of a proposal to create residential housing at UMass Boston. The university recently took one step closer in the process when the UMass Building Authority selected Sasaki Associates, Inc., to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of residential housing for approximately 2,000 students to live at UMass Boston. The study is slated for completion in June.

Experts in urban housing design, Sasaki Associates has provided campus planning and design to more than 300 colleges and universities in the United States. Their study will address the many questions surrounding on-campus housing, which include possible locations, designs, amenities, and target populations. A large part of the analysis will examine how the integration of residential housing will affect existing services, such as public safety, parking, food services, and athletics facilities. They will also evaluate the need for additional services, such as expanded food services and residential life programs. “We need to consider all the factors in a transition from a commuter campus to a residential campus,” says Lach."
Community Leaders Join UMass Boston to Honor Joyce Stanley

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Stanley for the award, joined community leaders, local business-people, and members of the UMass Boston faculty and staff to honor her at UMass Boston’s University Club.

Stanley has been involved in city planning and community development since 1970. Most recently, she has worked with residents, building owners, and public agencies to help revitalize Dudley Square in Roxbury. A long-time resident, Stanley serves as the executive director of Dudley Square Main Streets and the Dudley Square Merchants Association. Her vision to renew economic development and foster an arts and cultural district in the area has personal roots. “I grew up in the Fort Hill area and want to stay there,” Stanley said, “But I realized there was no place to go within my community to have a cup of coffee and have a nice meal, and enjoy artwork.”

Stanley spearheaded an initiative with the Boston Redevelopment Authority and Department of Neighborhood Development to prepare local developers to renovate large anchor parcels, market the commercial district to new tenants, and begin a storefront improvement program. Through her leadership, she leveraged $10.5 million in grants to help businesses develop three multi-story properties, Palladio Hall, Fairfield Place, and the Palmer Building. She has assisted local developers in planning projects, attracting tenants, and receiving zoning, and she has worked with public agencies on infrastructure improvements, including new streets, brick sidewalks, and upgraded electrical and gas lines. She has also established the Dudley Pride Program, a coalition of community members, who examine and address issues of crime and homelessness in the district.

Through her leadership, more than 50 new businesses have located to the Dudley Square Commercial District with an eighty percent retention rate. Eleven storefronts are now completed in the area and nine more are in the planning stages. Stanley is currently working with more than 38 artists in the neighborhood to develop an arts and cultural area. She hopes to attract more galleries, a black box theatre, living exhibits, art stores, and an ethnic food garden.

At the awards ceremony, Stanley noted the contributions UMass Boston has made to her projects in Dudley Square, including a partnership with UMass Boston’s Minority Business Assistance Center through which small businesses have received help with technical matters, plan development, and marketing, and a connection to the Boston Empowerment Center, which helped secure funds for the revitalization plans.

“You can’t do it alone,” she said. “Thank you for the partners and thank you to UMass Boston.”

The Quinn Award was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, whose record includes years as speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Massachusetts attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

By Joe Peters

For most of his career, Robert D. Gordon has played an integral role in the life and success of the University of Massachusetts system. With the opening of UMass Boston’s campus center, his service and generosity, which includes a recent gift of $100,000, will be recognized with the naming of the Robert D. and Nancy M. Gordon Founders Room, a prominent meeting space in the new 330,000-square-foot facility.

“This is going to be the receiving place on campus,” Gordon says of the new center. “It will be the place where students and visitors congregate. It’s a different kind of structure for the campus.”

Gordon’s affiliation with UMass began in the early 1940s when he enrolled in Massachusetts State College, now UMass Amherst. While there, he met his future wife, Nancy, and both were on hand in 1947, when the college officially became the University of Massachusetts. Graduating in 1948 and then earning a law degree from Boston University, Gordon remained very connected to UMass and the state’s political scene. These two areas merged in the early 1960s when Gordon, then serving as a UMass Trustee, became one of the major proponents of creating a Boston campus for the state university. In June of 1964, he stood behind Governor Endicott “Chub” Peabody as the governor signed the bill creating UMass Boston.

“The purpose was to establish an urban campus, something other than what Boston University or Northeastern University had to offer,” said Gordon, explaining the vision of creating a diverse state university system much like the University of California system. While his tenure as a trustee ended in 1979, Gordon still remains connected to the university, offering both advice and financial support. He says UMass Boston has done well following its original mission of being a quality alternative to the many private colleges in Boston.

“After watching it now for nearly 40 years, UMass Boston has progressed very nicely,” he says. “I think for those of us involved in its creation, you could say we’ve been very pleased.”

Chancellor Names Robert D. and Nancy M. Gordon Founders Room

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UMass Boston Students Become Fulbright Recipient and Finalist

By Melissa Fassel

Michael Plante, an economics major, will travel to Japan with a Fulbright fellowship to study Japanese economic philosophy.

(Photo by Harry Brett)

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PBS Show on Racial Tension Is Taped at UMass Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

On February 25, the Provean's Conference Room in the Healey Library became a television studio, bright lights and all, as a professional camera crew filmed "Racial and Ethnic Tensions: What Should We Do?" one of three forums nationwide for inclusion in the PBS series, A Public Voice.

This one-hour public affairs television program will examine how well we as a nation deal with racial tension.

The deliberate dialogue, hosted by the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, was based on a National Issues Forum discussion guidebook that examines the issue and outlines three different approaches for achieving common ground.

UMass Boston assembled a group of 19 panelists representing a range of races, ages, and ethnicities.

The McCormack Institute's Sandy Blanchette and Mike MacPhee organized the program and selected the panelists. "We tried to get a diverse group of people and drew participants from around the university and the community," said Blanchette, assistant director of the institute. "The final panel included professors, students, professional staff, friends of staff, and community activists."

The intensity of the panel discussion revealed the complexity of the issue and the depth of its roots here in Boston. Panelists who had attended Boston public schools during the 1970s gave troubling, first-hand accounts of racism and unrest during the implementation of systemwide busing. Others, non-native speakers of English, argued for the necessity of bilingual education and described experiences of negative stereotyping associated with being an immigrant in the United States.

"The producer and moderators were very impressed with our ability to bring together such a diverse group," said Blanchette. She and MacPhee had been asked to help arrange the event by John Cavanaugh, a former student and graduate of the Master in Science in Public Affairs program. Cavanaugh is currently a program director at the Kettering Foundation, which supports the National Issues Forums.

Chancellor Gora Announces "Pipeline Plan" to Aid Urban Schools

By Anne-Marie Kent

Forty-four percent of those currently hired to teach in urban public schools leave the profession within three years. Not surprisingly, Massachusetts urban schools are eager to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers. At the March 4th "Connecting Higher Education and Public Schools" meeting, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora announced a new initiative to help answer this need.

Sponsored by the Dean's Advisory Council and the Graduate College of Education, the meeting was attended by Boston Superintendent Thomas Payzant, Dorchester High School Partner supporter Pamela Treffler, Dorchester High Headmaster Robert Belle, and other key urban educators. They applauded Gora's plan, which combines monies from a Great Cities Universities grant and the university's own resources to create a "pipeline" designed to channel a stream of highly qualified teachers into the local urban public schools.

"At the beginning of the pipeline," Gora explained, "UMass Boston will advise and recruit the best-qualified high schoolers from Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville and encourage them to take advantage of the state-wide scholarship program 'Tomorrow's Teachers,' through which the costs of their undergraduate education will be fully paid. Upon graduating, the scholarship students with a 3.3 cumulative average or higher, along with any other bachelor's degree holders with a minimum 3.3 GPA interested in urban teaching, will be eligible to apply for a new UMass Boston scholarship to cover full tuition and fees at the master's degree level. Upon entering the graduate program, scholarship recipients must make a commitment to teach for a minimum of three years in urban schools. Twenty scholarships will be offered.

To assist participants after graduation, the program includes support, counseling, seminars, a special website with chat rooms, and networking and mentoring opportunities. It will also help ensure that they receive their National Professional Standards Board Certification.
2002 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor Leads Civil Rights Forum

By Leigh DaPry
Mary Frances Berry, chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, led an invigorating discussion on some of the year's most compelling issues, including homeland defense, economic security, and civil rights, in a crowded University Club on March 13. The McCormack Institute Policy Forum brought Berry to campus as the 2002 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professorship in Public and Urban Affairs at UMass Boston.

"These are really the times that try men's and women's souls," said Berry in her discussion on the state of civil liberties in a political climate characterized by the Enron scandal, anti-terrorist policy agendas, and civil upheaval and rebuilding.

"Historians get an intimate question of history and society," explained Blum. "It's the ability to read the makeup of each group. By giving a unique tour each time, the guide has a chance to make a lasting impression on prospective students. I'm able to let each student know what's right for them." All tour guides are trained on a suggested tour route and on important information to share with students, but are strongly encouraged to modify tours according to their own experiences as students at UMass Boston and to the needs of each group.

"The tours visit major areas of campus and are led by undergraduate and graduate student guides. They provide an invaluable understanding of UMass Boston that is impossible to show in a viewbook or website. This hour walk around campus illustrates our many strengths, from classroom size and special services to diversity and student involvement.

The quality of the student guide is critical in the success of the tour. The undergraduate admissions office employs 15 energetic, gregarious students who provide campus tours. Mark Schoening is one of these outgoing guides; he is a transfer student from Minnesota and a student enrollment leader. When asked what makes a great student guide, Schoening says, "It is the ability to read the makeup of each group. By giving a unique tour each time, the guide has a chance to make a lasting impression on prospective students. I'm able to let each student know what's right for them." All tour guides are trained on a suggested tour route and on important information to share with students, but are strongly encouraged to modify tours according to their own experiences as students at UMass Boston and to the needs of each group.

Best Practices: Student Guides Recruit Motivated Candidates

By Patrick Dwyer
The recruitment perspective of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, there is no hotter prospect than the student who comes to visit UMass Boston. These potential students are usually well-versed on the programs, options, and services available at the university and have done their homework on admission requirements and application procedures. One of the most effective tools for recruiting these well-educated prospects is the student-led campus tour.

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Feasibility Study (cont.)

to a 24/7 operation," explains Stephen Chat, assistant vice chancellor for administration and finance. UMass Boston conducted an in-house preliminary feasibility study to explore the possibility of residential housing in 1999. On November 7, 2001, the Board of Trustees approved the full-scale residence hall planning study, which will help the university evaluate the financial capital needs of the project, including how much students will be charged to live there and how much the university can borrow to build it. UMass Boston remains the only four-year, public institution in Massachusetts that does not provide on-campus housing. University officials expect that the addition of student housing will provide better campus atmosphere and cohesion, attract graduate and undergraduate students who view student housing as a priority, improve retention of students who wish to live in student housing, and strengthen loyalty among alumni.

Hispanic Studies Professor Receives Prize for Her Work on Families in Mexico

Ann Blum is an assistant professor in the Hispanic Studies Department. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Jeanne Wallace-Buckley
While students and faculty were enjoying winter break, Ann Blum was already planning summer break—in Mexico. The Hispanic studies assistant professor received notification in January that she'd been awarded the Endowed Faculty Career Development Fund Prize for 2001-2002. The prize will be used by Blum to support travel to Mexico City to select archival documents and commission microfilming.

The award will allow Blum to continue to study families and children, and the intersection of state and private matters. She plans to capitalize on a rich trove of materials at the National Archives, consisting of usually detailed case files for clients of the Oversight Council for Juvenile Delinquents.

What makes the records significant is their ability to illumin ate the domestic environment in post-revolutionary Mexico of the 1920s and 30s. The documents provide a unique historical perspective—that of children and of economically marginalized families during political and social upheaval and rebuilding.

"There was a remapping of the relationship of the state to individuals at this time," explains Blum. "The responsibility of the state to social welfare was hotly debated at all levels: education, what to deliver, measures of success; access to medical care." This project will be a continuation of Blum's studies of Mexican institutions of public welfare.

Blum's began her UMass Boston career as an undergraduate in American studies. She continued on to UC Berkeley for master's degree and doctoral programs before returning to UMass Boston to teach in 1998.

Blum admits a fascination with the intersection and interaction of history and society. "Historians get an intimate look into people's lives—how they parent, pay their bills, care for their families," explained Blum. "Essentially, I walk right into people's houses and look under the bed."
By Sarah Oktay

Today’s mothers have a range of options, and along with those options, even more difficult choices about raising their children. A new faculty member in the Women’s Studies Program, Chris Bobel, has published her first book, The Paradox of Natural Mothering, which examines in depth a nurturing path some women are carving out in today’s society. Bobel uses the term “natural mothers” to describe mothers who choose to practice “simple” lifestyles with an emphasis on home birth, extended breastfeeding, home schooling, alternative health care, and home food. These moms reject consumerism and technology, and instead opt to provide a simple, family-centric life for their children. Natural mothers argue that they put their children and home first, in contrast to the many opportunities available to women in the workplace.

The paradox of this parenting method lies in the combination of progressive and regressive qualities. The obvious benefits of closer bonding, better food choices, and ecological responsibility cannot be denied. But natural mothering is also a privilege of a class of women who can stay home with their children and contribute insatiably to their development because of race, class, and, most often, marital or partnered status.

In her book, Bobel interviews over thirty natural mothers. Many of the women felt they were making a sacrifice to change the world one child at a time and did not understand that for many women, especially single moms and poor moms, this was not a viable choice. They did not perceive a contradiction between their choices and feminism; they felt that their idea of feminism was compatible with a stay-at-home lifestyle. Bobel asks whether these women are true revolutionaries or whether they are instead conforming to a biologically determined norm.

Glowing reviews in Publishers Weekly and by authors of several other books on motherhood in today’s society indicate that Bobel has clearly and effectively touched on an important issue that underlies the struggle each woman faces when she becomes a parent.
Randy Albelda of the Economics Department presented "We're Reforming Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going?" at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Professor Jean Arches and Suzanne Allmendinger, director of community outreach at the College of Public and Community Service, presented an urban service-learning workshop at the Massachusetts Campus Compac's conference on civic engagement, held April 14-15.

Jain Rvidic h-Higgins of the Bartolome of the Applied Research, presented "Racial Attitudes and Educational Counselors (NClIA)" at the conference sponsored by the National Association of Individualized Alumnum Award on January 25.

Professor Michael E. Stone of the College of Public and Community Service, the McCormick Institute, and the P.D. in Public Policy Program, was selected as an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy, the first to receive the award at UMass Boston.

On March 10, Professor Carro U. Ferguson of the College of Public and Community Service presented "Futurekinds and Human Relations" at the Eastern Sociological Society's annual conference.

Dale H. Freeman of the Archives and Public Policy, delivered the second edition of the introductory Spanish language and culture program, Campusinos published by Houghton Mifflin.

Jean Rhodes, associate professor of psychology, published Stand by Me: The Risks and Rewards of Mentoring Today's Youth with Harvard University Press.

Edith Shillue of Academic Support Services recently published Comes Dropping Slow: Conversations in Northern Ireland with UMass Press.


On March 3, Professor John Condon of the Division of Communication and Theatre Arts played the role of Atticus Finch in the Theatre Company of Saugus' production of To Kill A Mockingbird in April.


Kathleen Golden McAndrew, executive director of University Health Services and associate professor in the department of Nursing, presented the keynote address, "Substance Abuse in the Workplace: Understanding the Occupational Healthcare Provider's Role," at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses on March 12.

Sara Ro Arrest of the Applied Linguistics Program presented the keynote address "The Anti-Racist Umbrella: Latinoos and the Brouwification Factor" at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill's third annual conference, "Let's Talk RACE (Racial Attitudes and Conversations in Education)," held on March 2.

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VISITING LECTURES

On March 7, Joseph Abboud, well-known fashion designer and newly appointed distinguished visiting professor of marketing, met with invention class students from the Graduate Program in Critical and Creative thinking. He also led a marketing class in discussions of creativity and an entrepreneurship seminar.

On March 7, the William Joiner Center, in conjunction with the Irish Studies Program directed by English Professor Thomas O'Grady, hosted prize-winning Irish poet and author Macdara Woods, who read selections from his work including his new book of poetry, The Nightingale Water.

DISSEPTION


IN THE NEWS

The Graduate Program in Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT) was featured in the March edition of MFA Today, the leading publication of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Professor Lorna Rivera of the College of Public and Community Service and the Gaston Institute was a guest commentator on WHAV 1490 AM Radio's Sabado Espectacular on March 2. Professor Rivera discussed her research on educational achievements of Latino students in Massachusetts public schools.

An editorial by Carol Hardy-Fantau, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, on women in the gubernatorial race was published in The Boston Globe on February 22.

Robert Crowley, professor of English, was quoted extensively on H.G. Wells and The Time Machine in a March 3 New York Times article.

John Warner, chair of the Chemistry Department, participated in a WYFH Channel 7 news story on the boiling point of water and microwave ovens. The piece aired on March 15, 16, and 18.

Greg Huber, associate professor of physics, was interviewed by science correspondent Ned Porter on the science of coffee stains for a story on the mysteries of science which aired on ABC Nightly News on March 20.

Lists, which are a part of the public record. From the town lists, which supply age and gender information, staff were then able to develop a list of residents for interviewers to visit where they would be likely to encounter women in the age range required for the study.

The process is fairly involved. If women are willing to be interviewed, the interview can take as long as an hour and a half. Spouses (if any) and adult children are then interviewed, if the woman gives permission to contact them. "Most women have given permission once they have participated, since most of them find the interview to be interesting and enjoyable," says Colten, who adds that the interview is completely confidential and coded numerically.

"The survey has an elaborate, complicated design in order to insure that the sample is well dispersed," says Colten. She adds, "Doing a study like this, you want to be confident that you have a sample that is diverse in a variety of ways. We want to represent a wide range of backgrounds and experiences."

Colten points out the uniqueness of the study. "When people think about aging adults, they tend not to ask about relationships between the children in the family or about the ways in which parents relate to each child in the family differently," she explains. "Often these studies look at caretaking and child support for aging parents as if the children were a monolithic entity, rather than each having a distinctive history and relationship with the parent. Anybody who's been in a family with siblings knows that the kinds of relationships kids have with their parents are very diverse and that children have distinctive roles within the family system."

This $483,000 grant represents only a small percentage of the total grant support received by the center. Last year, CSR received over $3.8 million in grant support and this year's figure is likely to exceed that. Other CSR projects have addressed problems in the areas of health and health care, community organization, employment, education, mental health, gerontology, law and criminal justice, public policy, and social service needs.

Center for Survey Research (cont.)

PeopleSoft Human Resources System Goes Live!

By Beth Marshall

After more than two years of planning and hard work, March 4 marked the beginning of a new human resources system for the UMass System. Many of the changes will be invisible to all but the departmental personnel action processors and timekeepers. However, faculty and staff will observe changes in how often they are paid, now biweekly, and in the way time is accrued, now hour for hour with the balances shown on each bi-weekly paycheck. The university will benefit from the enhanced management information and reporting and analysis capabilities of this new system.

Becky Hu, who led the Boston campus through system development and implementation, will return to UMass Boston after spending hour upon hour at project headquarters in Worcester. Her in-depth understanding of human resources and payroll in the old HRMS system was invaluable in planning the transition from the old system to the new.

PeopleSoft system designed to distribute new rs, and maximize the benefits to be gained. Human Resources was provided its first access to the system on March 4, and staff bore late into the week-end evenings and all weekend to be sure that two weeks' worth of personnel actions and time worked was entered into the system for the first bi-weekly pay period. Their contributions and hard work over the entire course of this project cannot be overestimated. Timekeepers with the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Departments of Public Safety, Facilities, PeopleSoft, and Telecommunications piloted off-site timekeeping and were wildly successful, given the numbers of employees and time variants with which they had to deal.

Exercising Scientist Is "Fit" for New Editor and Columnist Appointment

By Kim Trauceniek

As the newly appointed editor and invited columnist for the American Journal of Medicine and Sports, Professor Kyle McInnis of the Department of Exercise and Physical Education plays a major role in educating primary care physicians on the importance of physical activity. "This new post provides a forum to help further educate physicians about important issues related to physical activity and health," he says.

In his first article for the journal, "Physical Activity Counseling in the Primary Care Setting," McInnis provides evidence of the impact of physical activity on reducing such diseases as coronary heart disease, diabetes, and most cancers. He also counsels physicians on how to talk to their patients about changing their sedentary lifestyles. "My interest is bridging the gap between the field of sports medicine and clinical conditions in the medical community," says McInnis. The American Journal of Medicine and Sports has a readership of over 70,000 primary care physicians. McInnis will address a variety of "hot" topics in exercise science and sports medicine. "Doctors are an incredible resource that patients will listen to, so the potential to effect change is greatly increased," says McInnis. "I hope to reach a lot of them."

Latino Public Policy Conference 2002

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Updates on the status of Latinos in Massachusetts, the latest research, and analysis of issues of concern to the Latino community.

Contact: 7-5793
FRIDAY 5

Biology Department Seminar Series:
Acid Precipitation in Freshwater Ponds.
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall, 1st Fl. Featuring William Hagar of UMass Boston Biology Dept. Contact: 7-6400.

SATURDAY 6

Welcome Day
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., throughout campus. Contact: 7-6100.

WUMB 91.9 FM Music Marketplace
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., McCormick Hall, Cafeteria, 3rd Fl. Annual sale of thousands of used records, videos, and CDs in all music genres. Also on April 7. Contact: 7-6900.

MONDAY 7

Gerontological Institute Seminar Series:
The New Medicare Prospective Payment System for Skilled Nursing Facilities.
10:00 - 11:30 a.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-147-T. Featuring Korbin Liu of the University of California. Contact: 7-7300.

TUESDAY 8

Contemporary Veterans Issues Speakers Series
12:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th Fl. Featuring Leslie Lightfoot, director of Homestead, Inc. Contact: Student Veterans Union, 7-7985.

WEDNESDAY 9

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar:
Valuing Visibility in the Northeast Wilderness.
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st Fl. Featuring various speakers. Co-sponsored by the McCormick Institute’s Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy. Contact: the Chancellor; Women’s Studies Program. Contact: 7-5510.

TUESDAY 10

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12:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th Fl. Featuring Vernal Baker of Veterans Benefits Clearing House, Inc. Contact: Student Veteran Union, 7-7985.

WEDNESDAY 11

Third Annual Interfaith Breakfast for Faculty and Staff
8:30 - 10:00 a.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th Fl. Featuring Rabbi Ronne Friedman. RSVP by April 3. Contact: 7-5839.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar: The Psychological Significance of the Natural Environment.
12:30 - 2:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st Fl. Featuring Spring Thomson, Clay College of the University of Wooster. Contact: 7-7440.

THURSDAY 12

Biology Department Seminar Series:
Expression of a Transplant Rejection Gene
3:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall. Featuring Robert Gasiol, University of Connecticut. Contact: 7-7460.

Biography Leadership Recognition Reception
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th Fl. Recognition for students nominated by student and faculty as outstanding examples of commitment to their academics, the university, and the community. Contact: 7-7930 or joyce.morgan@umb.edu.

SATURDAY 23

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

Beacon Fitness Center
Open to students, faculty, staff, and UMass Boston alumni members. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m; Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Contact: 7-6786.

UMass Beach Softball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Tennis
Home games throughout April. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for schedule.

Meditation
12:30 - 12:50 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays. McCormick Hall, 1-413. Contact Health Promotions, 7-5868.

Alcohol and Drug Discussion Group
Open to students, faculty, professional staff, and UMass Boston alumni members. Contact Health Promotions, 7-5868.

Access, Participation, and Progress: Understanding Access and Practice in Urban Education
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Massachusetts. Featuring Tom Hohn, key note speaker. Sponsored by the Institute of Community Inclusion, Educational Leadership, and the Ph.D. in Public Policy Program. Contact: 7-7600.

MONDAY 1

Merritt Scholarship Recipients
Chancellor’s Reception
6:00 - 8:00 p.m., McCormick Hall, Hannah Art Gallery. Contact: 7-6025.

TUESDAY 2

Introduction to Engineering Competition
8:30 a.m., McCormick Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd Fl. Students will demonstrate pendulum bots. Also on April 4. Contact: tomas.materdey@umb.edu.

Contemporary Veterans Issues Speakers Series
12:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th Fl. Featuring Leslie Lightfoot, director of Homestead, Inc. Contact: Student Veterans Union, 7-7985.

WEDNESDAY 3

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar:
Valuing Visibility in the Northeast Wilderness.
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st Fl. Featuring various speakers. Co-sponsored by the McCormick Institute’s Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy. Contact: the Chancellor; Women’s Studies Program. Contact: 7-5510.

East Asian Studies Lecture: What’s Happening in Higher Education in China
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Provost’s Conference Room, 8th Fl. Featuring Raymond Liu, Betty Dienne, and Peter McClure, College Management. Contact: 7-5720.

FRIDAY 19

Latin American Policy Conference 2002: The State of Latin American Percepcions of the U.S. a Success Story?
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Doubletree Riverfront Hotel, Lowell Massachussets. Sponsored by Mauricio-Gaston Institute. Contact: 7-5793.

Fourth Annual UMass Boston Good Neighbor Day
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Teams of students, staff, and faculty to serve surrounding communities. Past projects have included organizing activities for seniors, sorting food, painting walls, and cleaning playgrounds. To volunteer: Contact: 7-7935 or jaywicked@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 26

Biography Leadership Recognition Reception
4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th Fl. Recognition for students nominated by student and faculty as outstanding examples of commitment to their academics, the university, and the community. Contact: 7-7930 or joyce.morgan@umb.edu.