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Professor of Community Planning and Public Policy
Awarded 2002 Atlantic Fellowship

By Anne-Marie Kent

Professor Michael Stone of the College of Public and Community Service, the McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program was recently named a recipient of a 2002 Atlantic Fellowship. He is one of only nine public policy professionals in the United States chosen this year, and he is the first member of the UMass Boston faculty ever to receive this prestigious award.

Established by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1994 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of D-Day and the U.S. contribution to the liberation of Europe, the Atlantic Fellowship in Public Policy provides an unique opportunity for outstanding mid-career professionals to study in the United Kingdom.

As an Atlantic Fellow, Stone will be spending the 2002-3 academic year based at the Centre for Urban and Community Research at Goldsmiths College, University of London. His Atlantic Fellowship project is titled "Shelter Poverty and Social Housing in the U.K. and U.S.: Action Research for Policy and Practice."

A primary focus of Stone's research and professional activity in the United States has been on the problem of housing affordability, as defined and measured through his original concept of "shelter poverty." The shelter poverty standard is a sliding scale of housing affordability that reflects the interaction among incomes, housing costs, and the basic costs of non-shelter necessities. Both nationally and locally, Stone's studies of shelter poverty have not only examined the problem in the aggregate, but also given particular attention to shelter poverty among households headed by persons of color, women, and the elderly.

Since his book Shelter Poverty: New Ideas on Housing Affordability was published in 1993, Stone has continued to update his analysis. A forthcoming book co-edited by Stone, Housing Foundation for a New Social Agenda, includes a chapter that examines shelter poverty trends nationally from 1970 through the late 1990s. He also has conducted a series of studies on shelter poverty.

Chinua Achebe and Bill Russell To Receive Honorary Degrees

By Anne-Marie Kent

With commencement less than a month away, excitement on campus is building in anticipation of the big day, heightened by the announcement of two more honorary degree recipients. Honorary degrees are given to individuals nominated by members of the university community and officially chosen by the Board of Trustees for achievements reflective of UMass Boston's mission.

Last month, Chancellor JoAnn Gora announced that Tim Russert, moderator of "Meet the Press" and political analyst for NBC's "Nightly News with Tom Brokaw" and "Today" show, would receive an honorary degree and deliver the commencement address. Now, she announces that internationally acclaimed Nigerian writer Chinua Achebe and famed basketball player Bill Russell also will receive honorary degrees.

Achebe's first novel, Things Fall Apart (1958), won him international acclaim with its portrayal of rural Africa and the beginning of colonialism. He followed it with the books No Longer at Ease (1960), Arrow of God (1964), A Man of the People (1966), and, most recently, Ant-hills of the Savannah (1987). Achebe's literary career has focused on the contact and conflict between the Igbo culture of Nigeria and British culture.

These themes emerge in his novels, as well as throughout his many essays, poems, and children's stories. His works have been translated into more than 50 languages. The recipient of numerous awards and fellowships, Achebe has been considered for the Nobel Prize for Literature.

He has also played a leading role in the development of African literature as a writer and through his support of other African writers. In 1971, he founded Okiki: An African Anthology, an anthology celebrating the diversity of Asian American literature.

Chancellor Appoints Fonteyn as New Provost

By Anne-Marie Kent

On April 3, Chancellor Gora announced the appointment of Paul J. Fonteyn as provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. Fonteyn is currently dean of graduate studies at San Francisco State University (SFSU)—the largest in the California State University system. He will begin his tenure at UMass Boston in August.

"Dr. Fonteyn brings to our campus a wealth of expertise," said Gora. "He has a strong record of academic vision, leadership, and advocacy; extensive teaching and mentoring experience; and a commitment to the urban mission of this campus."

For Fonteyn, "August can't come too soon," he says. "UMass Boston is a university on the move. The chancellor and the faculty and staff all share a common vision of making the university the best it can be. I truly believe that UMass Boston can become the best it can be."

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The Center for Social Development and Education Leads $400,000 Study for Special Olympics

By Leigh DuPuy

The Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE) has been selected by Special Olympics International to lead a multinational study on societal attitudes and practices towards individuals with mental retardation. This is the first-time this has been selected by Special Olympics individual to lead a survey on a worldwide level. Partnering with Gallup International, CSDE will survey 9,000 people in ten countries: Japan, China, Russia, Germany, Egypt, Ireland, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Mexico, and the United States.

"Very little has been done to measure attitudes on mental retardation cross-culturally," explains Gary Siperstein, director of CSDE. "The goal is to come up with a message to all countries on what they can do to improve programs and practices for people with the disability.

Utilizing Gallup's polling resources, the center will survey the general public on their perceptions of people with mental retardation in areas of education, employment, and residential living. Questions have been designed to be culturally relevant and topics have been gathered from existing literature on attitudes. Floyd Fowler and Carol Cozenz of the Center for Survey Research have helped in the questionnaire design and are consulting on issues of sampling and data collection.

At the conclusion of the year-long study, the results will be published in different languages and presented at a symposium to be held in June 2003 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. At the meeting, organizers plan to assess the impact of the report and plan for a survey expansion to a new set of countries, results of which would be presented in China in 2006.

Siperstein is particularly excited that both undergraduate and graduate students will be working on the team, which includes CSDE's Stephen Gould. "Our students are taking leadership roles in the research. Psychology undergraduate graduate students Jennifer Norins, Amanda Mohler, and Jason Newhall are able practice what they learn in the classroom and apply it to the project," says Siperstein. Norins, senior research assistant, is using this study as her senior honor's project.

The partnership with Special Olympics builds upon the center's work with the Kennedy Foundation on a number of projects. The center is recognized locally, regionally, and nationally as one of the few centers in the country that addresses the social aspects of education. "We have studied the attitudes of teachers, parents, psychologists, and children for over twenty years towards individuals with disabilities," says Siperstein. A research and training institute, CSDE is dedicated to promoting quality education and social development for students of all ages, particularly those at risk for academic and social failure.

Institutes and students are collaborating together for the Center for Social Development and Education's attitude study on mental retardation. From left to right: Stephen Gould of CSDE, Floyd Fowler and Carol Cozenz of the Center for Survey Research, Gary Siperstein, director of CSDE, and students Jennifer Norins, Jason Newhall, and Amanda Mohler. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Musicians Celebrate Spring on the Plaza

The university plaza will be the stage for a "Musical Showcase" on Wednesdays throughout the month of May which highlights artists associated with UMass Boston. This inaugural music concert series is sponsored by the Chancellor's Office, with the cooperation of the Music Department and Office of University Communications and Community Relations. Concerts begin at 2:30 p.m. on the following days:

May 1 James McKenna, a UMass Boston music major and folk-singer who has released two albums
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May 15 The Chester Breznia Quartet, a professional jazz group headed by UMass Boston clarinet instructor Chester Breznia
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The Honors Program celebrates new students and graduating honors students with faculty and families on Family Night, which was held at the University Club on April 10. In addition to a lecture, "Archaeology of the Big Dig," given by Anthropology Professor Stephen Mrozowski, the event offered an opportunity to introduce new honors students to the community and present the Robert H. Spaulding Prize for distinction in completing the honors program. The prize was shared by two graduating seniors, Ben Day and Benjamin Loring. At the event, Chancellor Gora announced the award of a Fulbright grant to Day to travel and study to the United Kingdom. Day is one of two students to receive the fellowship. Michael Plante is traveling to Japan to study economic philosophy with a Fulbright grant. From left to right: Michael Plante, Benjamin Loring, Chancellor Gora, and Ben Day. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Labor Resource Center to Honor Senator Kerry and Teresa Heinz on May 10

By Jeanne Wallace-Buckley

On May 10, Senator John F. Kerry and his wife philanthropist Teresa Heinz will be awarded the Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Service to Massachusetts. The event will be held at the University of Massachusetts Amherst's William E. Morgan Auditorium.

The dinner will benefit the Labor Resource Center, established in 1997 as an outgrowth of the 15-year-old Labor Studies Program. The center offers both undergraduate and non-degree programs in labor studies and conducts basic research, provides support and training to labor and community organizations, and advocates for economic and social justice for working families.

In keeping with the event's theme, "When the Ordinary Becomes Extra-Ordinary: Celebrating the Power of Public Service," the event will also honor and celebrate the contributions of the Association of Flight Attendants; Bob Bower of the Massachusetts AFL-CIO Education and Training Department; the Employment Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services; Ironworkers Union Local 7 Boston; the Legalization Coalition; and Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts LAEF.

Commonwealth Journal Repeats Top Broadcaster's Program Award

By Leigh DuPuy

Commonwealth Journal, the weekly public affairs program produced by WUMB Radio and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, has won first place for public service program programming from the Associated Press of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the second year.

"It's very difficult to win two years back to back," says Pat Montieth, general manager of WUMB Radio. "particularly with different hosts." Neely, the well-known author of the Blanche White mystery series, replaced Elizabeth Sherman as host in February 2001 when Sherman resigned to pursue other projects. "I am glad to be able to preserve the show's high standards," Neely says.

Not only was the program evaluated with a different host, but by a different set of judges. Each year a group of broadcast professionals from another area in the country will judge programs from outside their regions. Judges in Chicago evaluated Commonwealth Journal from a submission CD that featured Neely and guests speaking on two show topics, "Changing Lives Through Literature" and "Shakespeare Behind Bars."

Commonwealth Journal features segments with scholars, writers, cultural workers, and public officials examining current issues of particular interest to Massachusetts listeners. Program ranges from topics such as the history of the Customs House in Boston, new welfare regulations, and MCAS testing. "Part of the mission is to give voice to organization and individuals who are worth hearing," says Lisa Hickler, the program's assistant producer who books guests for the program. Palmer agrees; as production engineer he has listened to more than 100 interviews for the show and has the challenging task of editing the program into two concise 15-minute pieces.

WUMB staffs received their award during a ceremony held on April 20 at the Newton Marriott. The event was held in conjunction with the Radio and Television News Directors Annual Conference.

Commonwealth Journal is produced with support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Listeners can tune in for provocative and insightful interviews every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on 91.9 FM in Boston, as well as on 22 public radio stations across Massachusetts.

Athletics Department Receives Community Service and Outreach Award

By Melissa Fassel

This past winter, UMass Boston, one of 218 members of the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS), received the consortium's Community Service and Outreach Honor Roll Award. The honor reflects UMass Boston's commitment to developing leadership in its student athletes and caring for the Boston community, as well as the university's ultimate goal to prepare young people who are not only academically and athletically successful, but socially conscious and aware.

UMass Boston was the top academic institution out of all NCAS members, positively impacting the lives of over 250,000 youth in the Greater Boston community. The University of Nebraska was a distant second, impacting approximately 181,000 youth. Activities hosted by UMass Boston included a baseball clinic for neighborhood youth baseball teams and participation in the Student-Athlete Youth Collaborative Clinic sponsored by the Boston Police Department. The men's basketball team paid an annual visit to the pediatric ward of the Boston Medical Center, distributing toys, singing, and playing games with the children. The women's basketball team ran clinics for area youth, and the school distributed tickets to area youth as social incentives. More than 18,000 game tickets were distributed to attract youth to games as part of the university's social and academic incentive program.

University Talent Debuted on New CD

Students, faculty, and staff celebrated the Music Department's new compact disc UMass Boston: Live at the Millennium, at a release party held at the University Club on April 17. The CD features performances by the UMass Boston Jazz Band, the UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra, and the UMass Boston Chamber Singers, who gave a live performance during the party. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kent)

Chancellor To Give Keynote Address at National Human Relations Award Dinner

Chancellor Jo Ann Gora will be the keynote speaker at the American Jewish Committee (AJC) National Human Relations Award Dinner. The event, to be held on May 23 at the Copley Plaza Hotel, will honor John Larkin Thompson for his lifelong commitment and service to the Greater Boston community.

Thompson is of counsel to Nutter, McClennen & Fish and was formerly president and chief executive officer of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Inc. Thompson requested Gora's participation in the event, which includes a roster of Boston's top business and civic leaders.

The AJC holds annual dinners to honor leaders of the business and civic community and has 33 regional offices in major cities worldwide, including Boston.
By Barbara Graceffa

In a workshop flyer, we asked our post-residency stu-
dents in the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy, “Do you find
yourself saying, ‘I’ll work on my dissertation next month (with
semester...?)’? ‘Do you have trouble juggling the competing
demands of family, work and dissertation research/ writing?’
and ‘Is anxiety, fear, or frustration holding you back?’ For
too many students, the answer was “yes” to all three!
The Chronicle of Higher Education ran an article last
spring noting that stressed doc-
toral candidates are turning to
gurus and boot camps for sup-
port and discipline. According to
the article, ‘Technically, ABD
covers for ‘all but dissertation’. But
for anyone who has lan-
guished in that purgatory, it
might as well stand for ‘all but
death’.
In order to reach out to our
own Public Policy ABD stu-
dents, the program has devel-
oped a multi-pronged strategy
to address their needs. First, we
started a new weeklynewsletter,
The Finish Line, to provide tips and advice on everything
from choosing a dissertation topic to conducting mock orals.
Second, we offer periodic work-
shop entitled “Dissertation In-
sanity is Just a State of Mind”
to help students understand
their thinking habits and to
make suggestions on using time
more effectively.
Other initiatives provided
non-credit, post-residency sem-
inars for students who need support grants to help cover
such expenses as travel, data
collection, and transcription ser-
ices, as well as weekly inspira-
tional quotes by email from the
assistant director. From time to
time, we hold post-residency
dinners to bring students back
to campus to learn about dissert-
ation style or the latest qualita-
tive software package. Finally,
a dissertation boot camp is on
the drawing board for this sum-
mer or next academic year.
Many have compared writ-
ing a dissertation to running a
marathon. Despite the enormity
of the achievement, faculty and
staff coaches in the program
have made a conscious effort to
push our own ABDs across the
finish line. Our efforts have paid
off. Between September 2000
and April 2003, we have had ten
dissertation proposal hearings
and issued more than $20,000 in
dissertation support grants.
At this year’s commencement,
we will have a record six gradu-
ates — almost doubling our group of alumni — with several
more ABDs planning comple-
tion by the end of the year.
This fall will mark the tenth
anniversary of the Ph.D Program
in Public Policy. We believe our
doctoral students represent a
group that will change the face
of public policy making in the
21st century. The above-men-
tioned motivational strategies
conducted by our extraordinary
committed faculty and staff have
made a difference in the lives of these students.
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part of a continuing monthly feature featuring pro-
times at UMass Boston. Submit
your ideas to news@umb.edu.

Best Practices: Public Policy
Program Helps Students to
Dissertation Finish Line

Two UMass Boston Alumni Join
Board of Trustees

On March 20, the University
of Massachusetts announced that
Governor Jane M. Swift had ap-
nointed three new university trust-
erees, Dennis G. Austin, Lawrence
Boyle, and James J. Karam. The
trustees received their university
undergraduate degrees from UMass
camps and Austin and Boyle are alumni of UMass Boston.
Austin is the director of state
government relations for
Raytheon Company, where he is
responsible for communicating the
company’s priorities to local, county,
and state government of-
ficials. He earned his law degree at
Suffolk University Law School
and is a resident of Duxbury.
Boyle is the senior partner of the
Morison, Mahoney, and
Miller law firm in Boston and is
a member of the management
committee of his law firm. He too
is a graduate of Suffolk Law
School and currently lives in
Milton.
Karam, a graduate of UMass
Dartmouth, is the president of
First Bristol Corporations in Fall
River.
The newly named trustees will
replace former trustees Daniel E.
Bogan, Robert S. Karam, and Pe-
ter K. Lenenberg. The 22-mem-
ber board includes five student
members who are elected by fel-
low students at the universities.

By David Patterson

Surprises Working Online

By David Patterson

Pasta...curry...zinfandel...other flavorful treats were brought
by online students to the home of a sociology major, who was en-
rolled in the same distance learning
course. We gathered with the anticipation of meeting, face-to-
face, those with whom we had “chatted” over the Internet for
nearly a semester. These online stu-
dents came from all parts of Mas-
sachusetts, and though out-of-
staters such as our Floridian were unable to attend, they were kept
up to speed through our usual
mode of communication: e-mail.
Students were alive with the
excitement of talking to one another
about taking—for the first time
ever—an academic course for
credit through umassbostononline.net.
It seems that these students had
signed up for “Universe of Music”
not only to complete an arts re-
quirement or to learn more about
music, but because they possessed
a genuine curiosity and sense of ad-
venture about learning.
During dinner, students asked
me, “How many times have you
taught this course online?” To their
surprise, they learned that it was
my very first time. I had been a hold-
out in becoming involved in the new
wave of information technology.
However, like the students, my
curiosity finally got the best of me,
and so this past fall I embarked
upon the prospect of designing and
leading a course completely bound
up in computers.
To my surprise and delight, just
about everything needed for our
study about the universe of music
could be found on the Web. Out
with the expensive textbooks and
their CDs and in with an electronic
text fused with hyperlinks for
ad-
venturing out into the amazing
world of music. We have compared
human heartbeats and pulsars with
musical rhythms, seen and heard
aboriginal instruments of Austra-
lia, and taken virtual lessons on In-
donesian gamelan instruments, to
mention just a few class projects.
And there was yet another sur-
prise! The scope of the pages sub-
mitted electronically—as attach-
ments—was not limited to text
alone. Students visited sites with
video clips, audio clips, photo-
graphs, maps, charts, and much
more.
Wondering why a distance-
learning course should have a “live
meeting” as one of its requirements,
we saw firsthand perhaps its great-
est purpose. To nobody’s surprise,
we found that the value of the expe-
rience was in venturing forth from
the virtual world and into the real
one, finally meeting those with
whom we had surfed along the Web.
Least expected was the impact
two semesters of online teaching
would have on my classroom. I did
not figure these Internet encounters
with the students and the possibili-
ties of the Web becoming so quickly
fused with hyperlinks for
attach-
mende-
ment of Asian American writing.
Rajini Srikanth, a member of the
English department who teaches
genres: memoirs, fiction, poetry,
Their collaboration blossomed into
a literary reader spanning 100 years
of Asian American writing.
As the English Department, the
Asian American Studies Program,
Pacitic Asian American Student
Studies in Graduate Education,
and the Institute for Asian American
Studies (IAAS) co-sponsored a
Bold Words book party April 11.
Students, Shamesa, Nguyen Duc,
Yung Mey Ng (James), and Kristi
Ludensky read selections from the
book and Alex Loo performed an
excerpt from his play. A spontane-
ous discussion occurred at the end
of the party with students, faculty,
and other attendees gaining a
deeper understanding of not only
Asian American literature, but
also what it means to be an Asian
American.
Bold Words is available in the
UMass Boston bookstore.

Coauthors Rajini Srikanth and Esther Iwanaga of the English
Department celebrate the publication of their new work: Bold Words:
A Century of Asian American Writing. (Photo by Harry Brett.)
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Moving Ahead with PeopleSoft
Student Administration

By Leanne Marden

In December of 2001, the first component of the PeopleSoft Student Administration System, the student recruiting module, was successfully implemented at the Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses. In the first week alone, 2,030 new student prospects were entered in the system across the three campuses, via direct data entry, web-based inquiries, SAT, and GRE tape loads.

With this effort behind them, the multi-campus project team shifted its focus to the next component, student admissions. The admissions module will be ready for use in late summer or early fall of this year and will be implemented in a new version of PeopleSoft, version 8.0, that is completely web-based.

A key benefit of the new module is its integration with the recruiting module. With the new system, information about prospective students, including biographic and demographic data, will be automatically carried forward to the admissions module once a student is admitted to UMass Boston. The admissions module also will contain a web-based application for both undergraduate and graduate students, from which information will be automatically loaded into the system. Another feature that will benefit the campus is the ability to track and manage events, like orientation, within the system and to record comments electronically.

Between now and late summer, team members will work hard to prepare the system for the campus and vice versa.

To prepare, work is underway on conversion programs, interfaces, system testing, and development of reports and training materials, to name a few of the activities. In a few months, campus users will become prepared during informational workshops and 'hands-on' training classes.

For more information on the multi-campus Student Administration Systems project, visit sso.umassmed.edu/sis.

Honorary Degree Recipients (cont.)

Journal of New Writing. In 1982, he founded the Association of Nigerian Writers and later helped develop the Heinemann African Writers Series, which publishes more African writers than any other publishing house.

"At UMass Boston, Chinua Achebe’s books are required reading in courses in five different departments, a record not remotely approached by any other writer," says Gora. "His presence at our commencement symbolizes, in the strongest way possible, the importance of an inclusive view of world cultures and the community of nations at time when it is so strongly needed."

Also honored for his achievements, Russell won 11 championships in 13 seasons with the Boston Celtics and coached the team to two of those championships. Named the "Twentieth Century's Greatest Champion" by Sports Illustrated, Russell is the subject of an HBO documentary. "Bill Russell needs no introduction for most Bostonians," says Gora. "We admire his ability as a basketball player, coach, and announcer as well as the post-basketball career that he has forged with his business interests, his current book, his speaking engagements, and the role that he plays in the public life of Boston."

Throughout his career, success has followed Russell. In high school, he played all-state. In college, he played for the University of San Francisco, and the team won National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) titles in 1955 and 1956. He played on the gold-medal-winning U.S. team at the Olympics. In 1966, he became a player-coach for the Celtics, the first black head coach in major league professional sports, and won two more championships before he retired in 1969.

He scored more than 14,000 points in his career and was voted the NBA’s most valuable player in 1958, 1961, 1962, 1963, and 1965. He became a television sports announcer and later coached the Seattle SuperSonics and the Sacramento Kings. He remains a presence on the Boston scene as an author and restaurant owner, doing public relations work for the Celtics, and lecturing on his book Russell Rules: 11 Lessons on Leadership from the Twentieth Century’s Greatest Winner.

Topping-Off Ceremony
Planned to Celebrate Completion of Campus Center Frame

By Leigh Daprile

With the approach of spring, construction of the new 331,000 square-foot Campus Center proceeds easily ahead of schedule. The steel frame, which has been under construction since December 2001, will be completed in early May. Those walking around the university may have noticed the obvious signs of progress, among them the new roof deck now in place, the frame of a new catwalk from Wheatley Hall to the Campus Center, and the work on the new entry drive.

The campus community will celebrate the completion of the building’s frame with Suffolk Construction and the steelworkers with a topping off ceremony on May 9 at 11:00 a.m., which will include placing the last beam on the building and installing a ceremonial pine tree and American flag. Everyone will get a chance to sign the beam that morning from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the North Lot, adjacent to the construction site.

Throughout the summer, construction will focus on the building envelope. The activities will vary from laying brick to placing windows and adding exterior limestone.

As seen here on March 25, construction has begun on a new catwalk frame to connect Wheatley Hall to the Campus Center. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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By May 9

Lipke Auditorium
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Watch the Exclusive Broadcast on Channel 3
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2002 Gubernatorial Candidates’ Forum of Issues of Concern to Women

May 9

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PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Professor Peter Kiang, professor in the Graduate College of Education and director of the American Study-Program, delivered the keynote address, "Trauma and Healing in Asian American Studies: Connecting Southeast Asian Refugees and Asian American Veterans," for Wesleyan University's Asian Awareness Month in April.

In April, Assistant Professor of English Laveda King spoke at a panel on George Moses Horton's Animal Poems at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Marc E. Kelemen of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction presented the symposium "What Makes a Good Student Teaching Placement? Learning Lessons from a Multi-year Multi-site Set of Research Studies" at the American Educational Research Association, held April 2 through 5.

Lilia Mickle was the keynote speaker at the Alliance for Young Families' "Young Families Moving Forward Awards" held on May 8.

Professor Siamak Movahedi of the Sociology Department presented a paper on dreams at the 22nd annual spring meeting of the American Psychological Association, Division of Psychoanalysis, held in New York City on April 12.

Susan Opotow, associate professor in the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution, presented the Fifth Annual Urie Foss Memorial Lecture, "The Psychology of Injustice," at Temple University on April 5.

Alexia Pollack, assistant professor of biology, presented a seminar, "Pharmacology of Sensitization in a Rat Model of Parkinson's Disease," for the Neurosciences and Behavior Program at the UMass Amherst on April 11.

Professor Marc Pous of the African Studies Department presented "How is the Haitian American Community Faring in the US Educational System?" at the National Conference of NSCHR held in Miami on April 12 through 14.

Jennifer Radden of the Philosophy Department appeared at the Boston University Colloquium for the Philosophy of Science: Between Philosophy and Psychology speaking on "Prescriptive Random Deflus: A Philosophical Examination of Subjectivity and Propositional Content."

Rachel Rubin of the American Studies Program was an invited speaker at the "Langston Hughes and His World: A Centennial Celebration" conference, which was held at Yale University. Her paper, "The Darker Brother and the Cracker Boy: Langston Hughes and Don West," was part of a panel discussion on Hughes and radical politics.

Exhibits, Readings, Performances

Jon Mitchell of the Music Department was the guest conductor of the Keenewon Symphony Orchestra in Houghton, Michigan, on April 27 and 28.

The Communication and Theatre Arts Division presented the stage production The Poor House, by Professor Emeritus Louis E. Roberts, directed by Professor Diane Almeida, opened on April 26 at UMass Boston.

Appointments and honors

Rockhurst University, Kansas City, promoted English Professor Patricia Crosley with the 2002 St. Thomas More Academy of Scholars Award in recognition of his career-long scholarship.

Professor William Hamar of the Biology Department has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar. He will spend spring semester of 2003 in New Brunswick, Canada, studying acid rain and environmental decay.

Professor Philip Hart, director of the Trotter Institute, will be a guest of the Lindbergh Family on May 21 at the Smithsonian Institution National Air and Space Museum on the 75th anniversary of Charles Lindbergh's trans-Atlantic flight in the Spirit of St. Louis.

Peter Irag, associate professor of management science and information systems, has been appointed a faculty editor at Decision Line, a publication of the Decision Science Institute.

Adeline Mirabil, director of the Urban Students Program, completed her tenure as president of the New England Educational Opportunity Association. She presented Joan Becker, associate professor of academic support services, with the President's Award on April 9.

Theresa Mortimer, vice provost for academic support services, was awarded the Walter S. Bitter Citation for Outstanding Service at the University Continuing Education Association's Annual Conference in Toronto on April 19.

Laurel E. Radwin, assistant professor in the Department of Adult and Gerontological Nursing, has been appointed to a reviewer for Research on Nursing & Health.

Lloyd Schwartz of the English Department was invited by Harvard University's Signet Society to be the "Poet" at its annual awards dinner to honor the Bishop, founder of the Playwright's Horizon in New York, on April 27.

Gary Siperstein, director of the Center for Social Development and Education, was recently elected vice-president of the Division of Research for the Council of Exceptional Children. In 2003, Siperstein will assume the presidency.

John Warner, professor of chemistry, was elected "Distinguished Chemist of the Year" by the New England Institute of Chemists (NEIC). NEIC is an organization dedicated to the appreciation and awareness of chemistry teachers. The award was presented to Warner on April 25 at Boston College.

Grants and Research

The Center for Social Policy was recently awarded a highly competitive grant of $35,000 from the Boston Foundation through its new Economic Initiative which focuses on nonprofit capacity building.

The Center for Social Policy was also awarded a $20,000 grant from the Fund to support a summer program at UMass Boston that will build connections between the "Give Us Your Poor Documentary" film project led by John McGah and faculty in the Graduate College of Education.

The Department of Hispanic Studies, in partnership with Boston Public Schools and the Spanish Resource Center at UMass Boston, has been awarded a grant of $30,000 by the Massachusetts Department of Education to develop a content institute to assist secondary teachers of Spanish in developing teaching materials.

In the News

Peter Janson of the Music Department was featured in the Tzamton Daily Gazette on March 21 in a review of his latest recording, Sometimes From Here.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was quoted in the Christian Science Monitor on Jane Swift's drop- ing out of the Governor's race on March 31. She was also interviewed that week on Radio Business 1960 and quoted in the Springfield Union News.

The English Department's Aikold Menzlyk, who will take over as director of the university's Creative Writing Program in September, was the subject of a Boston Globe story on April 14 celebrating his work in creating and editing the international literary journal Agni.

John Warner and the Green Chemistry Program at UMass Boston were featured in the April 22 issue of Chemical & Engineering News.
The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus, dial (617) 287 and the last four digits listed below each calendar event.

See the "What’s Happening @UMB" column and the News page at www.umb.edu for Calendar of Event listings for June, July, and August.

WEDNESDAY 1

Initiatives in Urban Family Health: Advantaged in Nursing Care of the Patient with Diabetes Conference 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Massachusetts Archives, 100 Mont Ferry Blvd. Contact: 7-7320.

Holistic Health Fair 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st Floor. Seminars on chiropractic, massage, acupuncture, meditation, etc. Sponsored by the Health Promotion Program of University Health Services. Contact: 7-5683.


Musical Showcase on the Plaza 2:30 p.m., Plaza. Featuring James McKenna, UM Boston music major and folk singer. Contact: 7-6981.

College of Management Distinquished Faculty Award Reception: Donald F. Shephard 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, CM Conference Room, 5th Fl. Contact: 7-7734.

WEDNESDAY 2

Casa Latina Spring Fest 2002 12:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Plaza. Featuring live music, dance, food, and entertainment. Free to all. Contact: 7-7945.

Meet the Candidate for Governor: Robert Reich 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Florian Hall, 55 Hall St., Dorchester. Sponsored by the Geontology Institute. Contact: 7-7308.

THURSDAY 3

Lunch Reception with George J. Sanchez 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th Fl. Featuring author of Becoming American: Ethnicity, Culture, and Identity in Chicago Life After 1940. Sponsored by the GSA, the American Studies Roundtable, and the American Studies Program. Contact: 7-6770.

FRIDAY 4


Senior Recital: Caitlin Hesketh, piano 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1-088. Open to the public. Contact: 7-6980.

SATURDAY 5

Biological Department Special Symposium: Climate Change and Diversity 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Lipke Auditorium, 2nd Fl. Featuring Raymond Bradley of UMass Amherst, Natali Nadkarni of Evergreen State College, Joshua West of EPA Science, David Wolfe of Cornell University, William Moomaw of Tufts University, and Peter Frashoff of UM Boston. RSVP by May 3. Contact: 7-6600.

MONDAY 6

Gerontology Institute Lecture Series: Dementia and Wandering: A Deadly Mix 1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-147. Featuring Nina Silverstein of the Gerontology Centre. Contact: 7-7308.

TUESDAY 7

College of Management Distinquished Executive Award Luncheon 12:00 p.m., Maison Robert, 45 School Street, Boston. Honoring Lawrence K. Fash, Chairman, President and CEO Citizens Financial Group Inc. Tickets: $60.00 each, $100.00 table. Contact: 7-7374.

7th Annual Faculty Appreciation Women’s Luncheon 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd Fl. Featuring Joyce Morgan, 7-7950.

Celebrate Dorchester Author Series: Reading by Lloyd Schwartz 7:30 – 8:30 p.m., Strong Cup of Coffee, 112 Straight Street, Dorchester. Contact: Dorchester Center for Adult Education, (617) 454-1170.

WEDNESDAY 8


Musical Showcase on the Plaza 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1-088. Featuring the Black Student Center by May 3. Contact: 7-7982.

University Chamber Orchestra 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., March Chapel, Boston University, 715 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston. Featuring Linnea Bardarson, Jon Ceander Mitchell, and Jeffrey Bell-Hanson, guest conductor. Suggested donation: students $5 and seniors $3. Contact: 7-6454.

SATURDAY 9

22nd Annual Conference on New England Archaeology: Materializing Anthropology: In Memory of Barbara Lepicotti 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, presentations. 12:00 – 3:00 p.m., Lunch. 3:10 – 4:00 p.m. Thompson Island archaeology tours. Preregistration: $12. On-site registration: 10. Contact: 7-6854.

University Jazz Ensemble Concert and Reception 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1-088. Suggested donation: students $5 and seniors $3. Contact: 7-6980.

TUESDAY 10


FRIDAY 11

Art Talks - Ken Hudy: Minifields of Memory 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery, 1st Fl. Co-sponsored by Arts Vivant, the UM Boston art faculty and the Harbor Gallery. Contact: 7-5347.

Musical Showcase on the Plaza 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Plaza. Featuring The Chester Breznick Quartet, a professional jazz group headed by UM Boston bass clarinet instructor Chester Breznick. Contact: 7-6981.

Spring semester classes end.

SATURDAY 12

Celebrate Dorchester Author Series: Reading by Michael Chesnon 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., Shirley Eustis House, 33 Shirley Street, Dorchester. Contact: Dorchester Center for Adult Education, (617) 454-1170.

TUESDAY 13

Supervising Employees with Disabilities: Productive Management Strategies and Tools for All 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., MIT Stratton Student Center, 84 Massachusetts Ave., 3rd Floor, Cambridge. Sponsored by the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities and WorkTech Solutions, a project of the Institute for Community Inclusion at UM Boston. Pre-registration is required. Contact: (617) 355-5377.

Celebrate Dorchester Author Series: Reading by Lawrence Blum 8:00 – 9:30 p.m., Kresge Auditorium, MIT, Cambridge. Featuring Dr. Lawrence Blum, author of Healing Wars. Contact: Dorchester Center for Adult Education, (617) 454-1170.

WEDNESDAY 14

Finding and Interviewing Job Candidates with Disabilities 8:30 – 11:30 a.m., MIT Stratton Student Center, 84 Massachusetts Ave., 3rd Floor, Cambridge. Sponsored by the Cambridge Commission for Persons with Disabilities and WorkTech Solutions, a project of the Institute for Community Inclusion at UM Boston. Pre-registration is required. Contact: (617) 355-5377.

SATURDAY 15

"Give Us Your Poor: Homelessness in the United States" Film and Education Project Fundraiser 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Jesse Urban Center, 777 Harrison Avenue, Boston. Featuring comic Edmund Jingle Tingle, Hubie Jones, and performances by Julia Tipp and the AdvoCan. Co-chairs by Mayor Menino and Marvin Gilmore. Sit-down dinner, and silent live auction. Contact: McCormick Institutes, 7-3530.

MAY 1

Memorial Day Holiday

THURSDAY 23

12th Annual McNair Program Graduation Ceremony/Dinner 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., John F. Kennedy Library, Smith Hall. In recognition of the Graduating McNair Fellows. Contact: 7-5780.

WEDNESDAY 29

Musical Showcase on the Plaza 2:30 p.m., Plaza. Featuring Blown Fusion, professional fusion group headed by Steve Hunt. Contact: 7- 6981.

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FRIDAY 31

Celebration of Honoray Dinner 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th Fl. Honorary degree recipients Chinas Achebe and Bill Russell to be recognized for their achievements. By invitation only.

UPCOMING

16th Annual Golf Classic Monday, June 17, 8:00 a.m., Franklin Park Golf Course. One Circuit Div. Dorchester: UM Boston alumni, students, administrators, faculty, and supporters are invited to participate. Hosted by the Athletics Department. Contact: David Marriner, 7-7802 or Luke Griffin, 7- 7804.