Biology Professor Evaluates Deforestation and Species Richness Using Satellite Imagery

By Peter Grennen

In biology professor Kamaljit Bawa’s area of research, it is sometimes difficult to see the forest for the trees—literally. Bawa studies the causes and consequences of deforestation and other forms of environmental degradation in the tropics, attempting to assess the extent to which plant species are being lost there. His aim is to gather data that can be used to improve conservation policies and develop alternative uses for land.

This work is part of a multidisciplinary, multi-investigator effort to promote biodiversity through sustainable use of natural resources in the forests of Central America and the Indian subcontinent. And the stakes couldn’t be higher—it is research in the very viability of the planet. “One out of every eight plant species is threatened with extinction,” Bawa points out. “Forests are disappearing at an unprecedented pace, soil erosion is assuming massive proportions, and greenhouse gases are altering the climate.”

These trends all point to a serious decline in the earth’s health over time and an ever-more-urgent need to preserve forests. They also underscore a lack of information in several key areas that has hindered attempts to combat forest degradation. “Rapid assessment of biodiversity is critical for conservation planning, but there are few methods that can be used in large areas without intensive, time-consuming ground surveys,” says Bawa. “To identify areas of high species richness, remotely sensed imagery over large landscapes is needed.”

Responding to that need, Bawa has begun doing remote sensing of forests from one of the most remote locations imaginable—many miles above the earth’s surface. He uses satellite imagery to delineate areas of high and low species richness in the Biligiri Rangaswamy hills of Western Ghats, India. The images he has collected offer evidence of a positive correlation between known indicators of species richness and the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), which is a measure of the difference between red and near-infrared light reflected by vegetation.

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CPCS Professor Seeks Something Concrete for Chinatown Residents

This community, says Leong, is threatened by gentrification. About three years ago, developers proposed building “Liberty Place,” the largest rental-housing complex in Boston since the early 1980s in Chinatown. Its more than 400 luxury units offered very little to Chinatown residents. The median annual income in Chinatown, says Leong, is currently only $14,000.

Leong asks, “Why do we need to save space for working-class immigrants?” He explains that historically all Chinatowns have been the largest rental-housing complexes in the United States. “To identify areas of high species richness, remotely sensed imagery over large landscapes is needed.”

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By Anne-Marie Kent

At noon, Chinatown’s narrow streets are bustling with Boston workers on lunch break. Evenings, the enclave is alive with diners searching for the perfect meal. However, if UMass Boston professor Andrew Leong has his way, Chinatown will be known for something else—a self-guided tour to help students and community organizers to help reshape awareness of the area’s cultural history and residential needs.

Leong is chair of the Campaign to Protect Chinatown. Most people, particularly policymakers, says Leong, simply don’t see residential Chinatown. In his CPCS and Asian American Studies classes, he often uses a self-guided tour to help students realize that there’s “actually a living community here aside from the restaurants.”

Andrew Leong shares his advocacy work for Chinatown with his students and community organizers to help reshape awareness of the area’s cultural history and residential needs. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Chancellor Gora Hosts Trustees Meeting; Members Reiterate Support for Salary Increases

By Anne-Marie Kent

On February 12, the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees met publicly on the Boston campus. First on the agenda was a presentation by Chancellor Gora, who spotlighted the achievements of UMass Boston over the past eighteen months and outlined key goals to improve service to students and the Commonwealth. At the breakfast meeting she hosted at the University Club, Gora covered topics including infrastructure improvements, enhanced academic and curricular programming, economic development activities, public policy research, and the growth and success of the Honors Program.

Gora also presented trustees with a new publication outlining UMass Boston's many community outreach efforts.

Later in the day, at the open meeting held in the Chancellor's Conference Room, the trustees began by passing a resolution recognizing the crucial importance of employee morale to the university's future. Goodkind added that if the university is to be successful in preventing a rumored percent cut to its state funding, all employees, including infrastructure employees, must meet their responsibilities.

Chancellor Jo Ann Gora and University of Massachusetts trustee Dr. Timothy Baldwin chat during the trustee breakfast held at the University Club. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The board reiterates its support for the negotiated salary increases for university employees and pledges to work with President Bulger, the unions, and their members in an effort to fund these increases, read McCarthy. "The members of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees and President Bulger, working in conjunction with the system's employees and unions, strongly advocate the maximum level of state appropriation funding feasible in the current fiscal environment. We are mindful of the Commonwealth's significant fiscal constraints but also recognize that a healthy and well-funded University of Massachusetts is critically important to economic recovery and growth." The statement was loudly applauded by the overflow crowd.

Speaking eloquently on behalf of all UMass employees, UMass Boston's Tom Goodkind stressed the importance of employee morale to the university's future. Goodkind added that if the university is to be successful in preventing a rumored 20 percent cut to its state funding, administration and labor must work together. He said, "You will need our help to block this devastation. But without a genuine effort on your part to resolve this contract funding crisis, no such alliance will be possible. Any campaign to save UMass—and one is sorely needed—must be a campaign that also addresses the contract funding crisis as an essential component."

In her remarks to the board, student trustee Heather Dowdow echoed the theme of faculty and staff appreciation. She spoke of her own positive experiences as a student, particularly with UMass Boston faculty. She said, "They possess a sense of loyalty and commitment to provide a quality education to students who may not otherwise have access to their wisdom...We must financially support the expertise and dedication of our faculty and staff."

She also spoke of her intention to galvanize students to work in cooperation with faculty, staff, and administration to lobby against budget cuts.

Board Chair Grace Fey and President Bulger both shared news of recent fundraising successes, including a $2 million gift to UMass Amherst from Trustee Robert Mahoney, his brother, and their wives—all alumni—and a $1 million gift designated by FleetBoston Financial Chairman Terrence Murray to support honors programs on the Amherst campus. "One is a gift from alumni saying 'thank you' for all that UMass has done for them and all it can do for future students and the other represents leadership from the Massachusetts corporate community. It's a powerful endorsement of the university," said President Bulger.

On the topic of labor issues, President Bulger said, "I want to thank each member of our faculty and staff for the efforts they have made and have been making over the past two years. In many ways, our faculty and staff have been sailing against the wind of a terrible fiscal crisis that has denied them the full reward for their contribution to the university and to the Commonwealth, and yet they have persevered. They have made headway because they view their work as a calling, much more than simply a job."

Students Are Welcomed Back for Spring 2003

UMass Boston invited local ice sculptor James Shea from Atlantic Sculptors to create an ice masterpiece on the university plaza as part of upcoming week activities welcoming students back to campus January 27 through 31. Students braved the cold, unseason-like weather to admire the ice sculpture, which featured the UMass Boston logo and the UMass Boston Beacon, the university mascot. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Menachem Klein Discusses Jerusalem's "Geography of Divided Cities"

By Leigh DuPuy

International advisor and scholar Menachem Klein shared his views on Jerusalem's turbulent history and politics with a packed auditorium of students, staff, and faculty members on February 4.

In an impassioned address, Klein described the challenges facing Jerusalem. "Both sides do not know how to divide the city fairly and not kill the city," he assessed.

Klein focused on the history of population and demographic changes in Jerusalem from 1967 to 1997, using maps to demonstrate the impact of each proposed "solution." "Annexation is irrelevant," Klein argued while discussing the formidable ethnic, national, and societal differences between East and West Jerusalem that have led to terrorism, discrimination, and failed peace talks.

"Negotiators must deal with three different cities: the municipal city in which people live normally, the holy city, and the political city," he declared. "They must meet the fears and traumas of both sides," he said. "It will take a lot of professional work, and decisions need to be made."

Klein is the senior scholar at the Jerusalem Institute, professor of political science at Bar Ilan University, and served as advisor to the Israeli Delegation during the Camp David Summit in 2000. He is the author of two books on Jerusalem, most recently publishing Jerusalem: The Contested City with translator Haim Watzman.

The lecture was sponsored by the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution and the Office of the Provost. It is one of three events addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with Ambassador Dennis Ross to lead the next scheduled lecture on April 8.
By Leigh DuPhy

"A year of inspections...cost less than one day of war," said Barney Frank in his address to concerned members of the university community on February 21. The congressman, representing the Fourth Congressional District of Massachusetts, discussed the politics surrounding a possible war against Iraq in an address sponsored by the Williams Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

Displaying a terseness for which he is well known, Frank opened his speech by explaining why he believes the current administration is being dishonest with the American people. He disagrees with both rationales for a war against Iraq, as they will neither stimulate the economy nor put an end to a serious threat to the United States.

Instead, he discussed what he believes to be the motivating worldwide trend with the Bush administration in which "America owes the world a muscular, assertive presence." Aggressive unilateralism is critically important to Bush and his presidency, Frank explains, noting the philosophical similarities between the president and Ronald Reagan.

While agreeing with assessments of Saddam Hussein's brutality, Frank believes there are other ways to restrain him than going to war. "The Iraqi military has one-third the strength it had in 1991. Their capacity has been diminished. This is not a 'war or nothing' situation."

To those who say Hussein has provided supplies to terrorists, Frank replies that there is zero evidence that the Iraqi leader has transferred any destructive material to terrorists. "It is a political climate that has changed drastically as the average American is frightened in a way they haven't been since the darkest days of World War II," Frank said.

Frank believes only sustained intervention, such as continued inspections, will help assuage the situation in Iraq. "Episodic political interventions are doomed to fail," Frank said.

The congressman answered various questions and answers from the riveted audience and offered his opinion of the efficacy of recent peace marches throughout the country. "Demonstrations in themselves do not mean much to elected officials, though they do help to empower, energize, and organize public opinion." He advised people to write to their elected officials, threatening to take away their vote if they do not heed public protest.

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Major Search Underway for New Deans

As two major searches ramped up to select new deans for both the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Mathematics, four finalists for the position of dean of the Graduate College of Education (GCOE) were interviewed on campus. Open meetings in February were held to give members of the community a chance to meet with the candidates to discuss their views and the future directions of both GCOE and UMass Boston. A final decision is expected to be announced shortly.

In the search for CAS deans, faculty members will join chairs and the Provost's office to evaluate candidates based on criteria that include leadership abilities, a record of creativity, success in building academic programs, significant achievement in reaching out to communities, and a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and scholarship. Final selections should be announced sometime between late March and mid-April.

“Beyond Our Backyard” Community Service Event Encourages Students to Match Passions with Purpose

By Alexandra Wilson

"Match your passions with your purpose," said Jain Ruvidich-Higgins, director of the Office of Service Learning and Community Outreach, speaking to an audience of students, faculty, and community partners at the "Beyond Our Backyard: A Community Orientation at UMass Boston" event held on February 19; the initiative was part of the nationwide Raise Your Voice Student Action Campaign.

Sponsored by Campus Compact, a nationwide partnership of college and university presidents dedicated to the community duties of higher education, and the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Raise Your Voice campaign seeks to engage college students in community service and political engagement. Each February, during a "Week of Action" beginning on Presidents' Day, over 200 college campuses across the country participate in events to involve students in politics and the community.

"We really believe in the importance of humanitarian action," said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, "... and in the importance of the university playing a role in the community."

In order to further engage UMass Boston students in that role, panels on youth development, the environment, and hunger and homelessness spoke at the town meeting-style event. The panels included both students and faculty members and illustrated the importance of combining classroom work with community partnerships and outreach.

"Getting yourself out into the community as a researcher can really start to build connections that you never knew existed before," said Rob Beattie, associate director of the Environmental Studies Program. His case in point is Leah Ross, a senior in the program. Ross received a grant from the National Science Foundation for Project PlaySafe, a project that combines her classroom studies with her interest in children. Ross will test the surface soil of 135 Massachusetts playgrounds for heavy metals such as lead and arsenic to determine the safety of the areas. Ross feels that students emphasize the skills they've learned by participating in the community.

Ruvidich-Higgins agrees. "It's finding a way for students to connect what they're doing in the classroom with the community." John Huth, student in the College of Public and Community Services, feels that he gets more than college credit for his community involvement.

"It's a great experience for them and it's a great experience for me," he says of his work as a tutor at the Home for Little Wanderers.

The Home for Little Wanderers is just one of the many community partnerships that were represented in the panel; also represented were The Food Project, Community Classroom Project with Simmons College School of Social Work, Columbia Point Community Partnership, and the Pine Street Inn. Other community partners present were the Youth of Greater New Bedford, the Big Brother Association, JumpStart, and the Neponset River Group.

Chancellor Gora hopes that this event will encourage students to engage in activities in the community.
CPCS Celebrates Russo Painting Installation

By Jeffrey Mitchell

To celebrate the gift of an extraordinary painting by an extraordinary Boston artist, CPCS and the Africana Studies Department hosted a series of events on February 26. "Descent from the Tree #2," a 72" x 90" acrylic on canvas by the late Michael Russo, was donated to Africana Studies by Pearl Russo, the artist's widow. Its installation was followed by a ceremony in the Malcolm X Lounge (Wheatley Hall, 4th floor), followed by a reception and a panel discussion in the nearby CPCS Plaza.

"Descent from the Tree #2" is "one of a series reflecting on the horror of lynching," says CPCS Associate Dean Marie Kennedy, whose 40-year friendship with the Russo family led to their connection to the university. Kennedy and her colleagues "decided to have a panel discussion linked to the theme of the painting, following the installation ceremony and in observance of Black History Month." "Racism, Lynching, and the American Ideal" was the topic. As the Reporter went to press, plans called for Africana Studies Chair Robert Johnson, CPCS Professor Christopher Nieto, and Trotter Institute Director Regina Rodriguez-Mitchell to serve as panelists, and for CPCS Dean Ismael Ramírez-Soto to moderate the discussion.

The university has now acquired three Russo paintings. "Selma," which hangs in the CPCS Plaza, was donated to CPCS by the artist in 1997, shortly before his death. "Sagamore Series," donated by Courtney Caizen in Russo's memory, hangs in the chancellor's office. Pearl Russo has also established a scholarship fund for art students in memory of her husband.

Michael Russo was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1908. He studied sculpture at the Yale University School of Fine Arts for one year, then worked on his own. In 1932 he won First Honorable Mention in the Prix de Rome competition in sculpture for his monumental "Pieta." Russo's career as an artist was interrupted when he became involved in the political and social struggles of the Great Depression. For the next twenty-five years, he was a full-time organizer in the Communist Party, opposing racism and fascism and advocating civil rights and justice while working particularly for unemployment insurance and the right of workers to organize in industrial unions.

Russo resumed his artistic career in 1960, this time as a painter, while underground after being indicted under the Smith Act during the McCarthy era. Between 1968 and his death in 1998, he had sixteen one-man shows and was featured in twenty-four group exhibitions. His work is in the permanent collections of the Boston Mu­seum of Fine Arts, the DeCordova Museum, the Mil­waukee American Black Holocaust Museum, the Davis Mu­seum at Wellesley College, and the Worcester Museum. Russo paint­ings are also in many private and corporate collections in the United States and abroad, including those of the university and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Robert C. Wood Professor Discusses Art, Communism, and Democracy in Albania

By Ed Hayward

Ed Rama, who went from art professor to mayor of Tirana, Albania, during the nation's turbulent transition from communism to democracy, brought to UMass Boston his experiences using art and the environment to foster peace and prosperity in his Baltic homeland. As this year's Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor in Public and Urban Affairs, Rama gave a public lecture at the university on February 25 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

Rama has earned international attention for his development programs as well as for his use of modern cinema to introduce democratic concepts through Tirana's movie theaters, where he replaced the communist documentaries that used to fill their screens with international productions.

In 2002, Rama received the United Nations Development Program's Poverty Eradication Award for his work to address environmental damage in his nation as well as to introduce the concepts of free enterprise. Described by the UN as "a media savvy Renaissance man," Rama was recognized for his Clean and Green project, which was designed to restore the polluted Lana River in Tirana.

The program produced tens of thousands of square miles of parklands in the city and resulted in the planting of nearly 1,800 trees. In addition to raising environmental awareness, the project produced jobs for local workers.

Rama was a founding member of the Movement for Democracy, which played a decisive role in the overthrow of Albania's communist regime in 1990. But in 1997, he was severely beaten by pipe-wielding as­sailants during a politically moti­vated attack that forced him to re­treat to Paris to recuperate.

When he returned to Albania for his father's funeral in 1998, he was tapped by Prime Minister Fatos Naro to serve as minister of Cul­ture, Youth and Sports. In Octo­ber 2000, he ran as an independent for the mayorship of Tirana and rode the support of the Socialist Party to a victory with 54 percent of the votes.

Though he has called politics "boring compared to being an artist," Rama has chosen to patiently work for change in his country, a task he has likened to rebuilding an old house. It is "much more diffi­cult to renew an old house than to build a new one, especially if the old house is built in the wrong way," he has said.

University Health Services Expands Scope

University Health Services (UHS) has expanded its services to now include faculty and staff in addition to students. UHS can evaluate and treat minor epidermic injuries or illness, including colds, flu, ear infections, sinus infections, bronchi­tis, and minor sprains, on an appointment basis. Same-day appointments will be available with a $20 copay, which is pay­able by check, cash, or major credit card at the time of the ap­pointment. Referrals are not re­quired, as UHS does not bill third party insurance.

UHS also offers phlebotomy for lab work ordered by primary care providers (PCP) for a $10 fee for those who bring a written list of request lab tests. All laboratory work is sent to Quest Diagnostics, who will bill your insurance company and send the results directly to your PCP.

Look for the grand opening of UHS's HIV testing cen­ter, and Travelwell, the travel clinic, in the near future. Both will be open to students, faculty, and staff.

Evaluating Biodiversity from Space (cont.)

By Mike Ruschak

Ference Vegetation Index (NDVI), which is a measure of an area's green biomass as seen from space.

That result is not altogether surprising, because there is a well-established relationship between the NDVI and the biological productivity of an ecosystem itself a measure of an area's free energy. The real genius of Bawa's project is that it uses existing technology in a new way. "Remote-sensing imagery has greatly enhanced our ability to monitor biodiversity losses at the landscape level," he says, "but it has not yet been used to identify species richness."

So this study boldly goes where no other has gone—and consequently it is getting some well-deserved recognition. It has won financial backing from a number of public and private organizations, includ­ing the U.S. National Science Foundation, the Ford Founda­tion, and the Alcoa Foundation. Bawa himself was recently appointed to the U.S. National Committee of the International Union of Biological Sciences, which coordinates a range of biology-related activities around the globe.

Bawa's work with satellite images was highlighted in the "Editor's Choice" section of the January 17, 2003, issue of Science, the premier science publication in the United States and one of the most prestigious in the world. The journal noted: "This technique shows promise for estimating broad patterns of tree species diversity at the landscape scale in tropical forests, which may be crucial to identifying areas most in need of protection and where rapid destruction is under way."

Professor Bawa shares this optimism, but he is quick to caution the limitations of his approach. "Satellite imagery must be followed by detailed work on the ground to confirm the trends and to precisely document the biodiversity," he says.

It's an object lesson in the methodology of science: Although viewing from a great distance can provide much-needed perspective, there is no substitute for the up-close observations of scientists whose feet are planted on terra firma.

Mayor Ed Rama is this year's Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor at the McCormack Institute. (Photo by Harry Breit)
Researchers Identify Economic Flaws in State Transportation Planning

By Leigh DuPuy

The MBTA, Route 128, Storrow Drive, the future "Big Dig." There may be many ways in Massachusetts to "get there from here," but UMass Boston researchers think the pathways to economic development are running into roadblocks. "Massachusetts does not have a centralized transportation planning system," explains David Terkla, professor in the Economics and Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, "and it has significant impact on economic development in Massachusetts.

Terkla and Ph.D. Public Policy graduate students Phil Granberry and Steve Quimby recently completed the report "Transportation Planning and Development in Massachusetts: Recommendations and Challenges for the New Millennium," which found Massachusetts to have one of the most fragmented transportation decision-making processes of 17 states surveyed.

The report was commissioned by the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, a nonprofit, statewide public affairs organization of chief executive officers who represent the state's leading industry and business enterprises. They asked researchers at UMass Boston to analyze how Massachusetts uses positive economic impact factors in identifying transportation projects and the criteria used for selecting particular projects.

Beginning research in the summer 2002, Granberry and Quimby conducted primary research and then collaborated with Terkla to analyze data and interviews with other states to compile the report. Terkla and his colleagues believe that Massachusetts has fallen behind considerably in transportation planning and development in comparison to other states, due in part to the lack of a strong central Department of Transportation and to the existence of separate transportation authorities, such as the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the MBTA, and Massport.

"Terkla is very concerned with its planning processes. "There was no economic justice in prioritizing projects, no clear, publicly available criteria, and no uniform statewide evaluation process," he says.

The report recommends improving transparency by installing a regular set of procedures that is accessible to the public. It also calls for a reorganized central department of transportation, an established criteria for project selection, and a closer look at design/build projects in the Commonwealth.

The results were presented before the MA Roundtable in late January and Terkla had the opportunity to discuss the report with top transportation officials, who expressed enthusiasm for the report's recommended reforms.

The partnership began through the university's strong relationship with the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, and was cultivated by Chancellor Gora and John Ciccarelli, assistant to the Chancellor for Economic Development. "It was a terrific opportunity to be able to connect the university with a prestigious trade association such as the Massachusetts Business Roundtable," says Ciccarelli.

"The research performed by UMass Boston's McCormack Institute for the Massachusetts Business Roundtable was unique, timely, and thorough—no stone was left unturned. The real value, however, was how we have been able to apply the research. Through the careful study of other states' transportation planning models, the report has made a strong case—both for economic development and political reasons—for change in Massachusetts," said John Sutich, director of public affairs.

In view of a growing concentration of control of the media, public higher education and the public sphere have become increasingly vulnerable. In the award-winning essay, Smith charges public universities with recognizing that their primary responsibility is to strengthen the public sphere by "preparing students to take part in it and by encouraging all members of their communities to engage in public discourse."

The award was made at the NEA's annual convention in Washington, D.C., in February. Smith was happy to win the award because it confirmed that he's on the right track with a book that he is currently writing on the same topic.

Golden Key International Honour Society To Induct Chancellor

By Anita Miller

Golden Key International Honour Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on March 10 to welcome new honorary members: Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, University Chaplain Maggie Cahill, and Professors Adam Colon-Carmona of the Biology Department, Lovaire King of the English Department, and Esther Shapiro of the Psychology Department. Current student members nominate several persons for honorary membership each year.

The chapter will present a special honorary award to the Pine Street Inn as part of this year's international chapter of The University Reporter • 5
PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Elsa Auerbach, associate professor of English, was a featured presenter at the "Literacy, Language, and Bilingualism" research seminar, held in Edinburgh, Scotland on January 24. While in Scotland, she was also the keynote speaker at the "Launch of the City of Edinburgh's CLAN (City Literacy and Numeracy)" initiative, and gave two speeches for literacy educators, community activists, adult education administrators, and policy makers.

In January, Gonzalo Bacigalupi, associate professor in the Graduate College of Education, presented his research "A Conversation About Collaborative Strategies in the Case of Violence in the Family" for the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Loma Linda University and "Collaborative and Intercultural Therapy in the Case of Trauma and Abuse" at the Family Therapy School at Barcelona's Sant Pau and Crew Hospital in Spain.

Lawrence Blum, professor of philosophy, gave a talk on "Racism and King's Legacy" at the New Town Day School on Martin Luther King Day. In February, he presented "Vigil and Race" at the University of Michigan and "Will They Talk? A Race Theorist's Reflections on Teaching a Racially Mixed High School Class on Racism" at New York University.

At the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association, Caroline Brown, assistant professor of English, presented her paper "Of Blues and the Erotic: Corridonva as New World Song" at the "Navigating the Black Cultural Legacy" session.


In January, Richard Delaney, Steve Bliven, and Dan Hollin of the Urban Harbor Institute (UHI) facilitated a series of public focus groups addressing the issue of public access to the waterfront in New Jersey. These meetings are part of UHI's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of the New Jersey Coastal Management Program.

Professor Jim Green of the Labor Resource Center was the keynote speaker at a conference celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Salt of the Earth, a film about the "Latino miners' strike." The conference was held on February 28 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and included union activists who had starred in the film. Dolores Huerta, Linda Chavez Thompson, and Peter Coyote.

On February 25, Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, moderated the forum "Confronting the Homeless Crisis: Providing Permanent Housing for Families Who Are Homeless," sponsored by the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association.

Peter Kiang, professor in the Graduate College of Education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, presented "Building New Futures for Asian Communities" at the Association of American Colleges and Universities 89th Annual Meeting, held in Seattle.

Betsy Klimasmith, assistant professor of English, spoke on "Bachelors Rooms, Boarding Houses, and Backyards" at a session on the 150th anniversary of Hawthorne's The Blithedale Romance at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association.

Dana Newman of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences represented the National Association of Catholic Nurses at "The World Day of the Sick," sponsored by the Catholic Health Association, and held in Washington, D.C., on February 10 and 11.

Professor David Patterson of the Performing Arts Department lectured on his recent vocal and orchestral compositions at the University of the Americas in Cholula, Mexico.

Professor Jennifer Radden of the Philosophy Department participated as an invited reader at the 2003 Tamer Lectures at Princeton University on "Towards Humanism in Psychiatry" in February.

Laurel E. Radwin, assistant professor of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented, "The Development and Psychometric Testing of the Oncology Patients' Perceptions of the Quality of Nursing Care Scale" at the American Cancer Society/Division of Cancer Research, held in San Diego in February. CNN's Kristine Alster and Krista Rubin are coauthors of the paper.

Primo Varicelli, associate professor of political science, was invited to speak on the diplomatic panel at the "Overcoming Cultural Barriers in International Negotiation" conference sponsored by Harvard Negotiation Law Review, held on February 28.


As part of the station's 20th-anniversary celebration, WUMB Radio broadcast live from the North American Folk Festival, held in Monticello, Baltimore, Maryland.

PUBLICATIONS


A paper by Pratuysh Bharati, assistant professor of management science and information systems in the College of Management, "People and Information Matter: Task Support Satisfaction from the Other Side," was published in the winter volume of The Journal of Computer Information Systems.

A paper by Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen, holder of the Frank J. Manning Eminence Chair's in Gerontology, "The Role of Adaptation in Aging," was published in the winter volume of The Journal of Computer Information Systems.

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"Expectant at Serena Falls," an article about Sherry Penney of the Center for Collaborative Leadership and coauthor Jim Livingston, appears in the March issue of New York History. The article discusses the experiences of Martha Coffin Wright, one of the five original organizers of the 1844 Serena Falls Convention.

John Tobin, professor of English, has published an essay on "Sources and " at the University of the Arts. "Arden: Editing Shakespeare.

An article by Laure E. Radwin, a researcher in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, "Reforming the Quality Health Outcomes Model: Differentiating Between Client, Client and State, Different Characteristics," was reviewed in the December 2002 issue of the Agency for Health Care Policy Research and Quality's Research Activities.

Nina Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, coauthored the article "Dementia and Wandering Behaviour in Long-Term Care Facilities," which is published in Geriatrics and Aging.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, SHOWS

Liz Marran of the Art Department will exhibit her prints in a solo exhibition at the OH Gallery on Thayer Street in Boston in April.

The UMass Boston Theatre production of The Vagina Monologues, which was performed at the McCormack Theatre on February 14 and 15, raised $2,100 for Rosie's Place, a shelter for battered women in Boston.
The Center for Social Policy released its latest report, “Characteristics of Homeless Individuals: A Call for Action,” which works with homeless assistance programs and an evaluation of assistance and food nutrition projects in Massachusetts.

The Center for Social Policy received a $91,000 grant from the law firm of Ellis & Rapacki to carry out a programmatic audit and evaluation of assistance and food nutrition projects in Massachusetts.

Janet Kenney of the Theatre Arts Department received a $3,000 new play commission from the Emory Theatre in Atlanta, GA for her one-act play The Mark of the Lord. The center for Social Policy received a $91,000 grant from the law firm of Ellis & Rapacki to carry out a programmatic audit and evaluation of assistance and food nutrition projects in Massachusetts.

The Theatre Arts Department was a guest on the Israeli elections and how a possible war with Iraq might affect the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Due to the Presidents' Day holiday and snowstorm, production of The University Reporter was delayed by a few days. Thank you for your understanding!

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MARCH

THURSDAY 6

Women's Movement in Rajasthan and Feminist Traditions in India
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Healey Library, 8th Floor, Provost's Conference Room. Featuring Jasbir Jain of the University of Rajasthan.
Contact: 7-7986 or womencenter@umb.edu.

ITC Workshop: Bringing the Web to Your Classroom: Designing a Hybrid Course
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop will explore the advantages and challenges of a hybrid course. Presenter: Eileen McMahon. Workshop code: OWC-049. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

WEDNESDAY 12

CM/CS Brain Drain Colloquium: The Intellectual Diaspora and Its Impact on Developing and Developed Countries
Contact: 7-7734 or maryann.machanic@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 7

Biography Department Seminar
2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Featuring Ph.D. candidates Donghui Yan: "Calystegia sp. - A New Member of the Genus Associated with Plant Nutrition" and Brianne Beaudette-Zlatazova: "Investigating the Role of Soluble Fas Ligand and Flip in Preventing Autonomic Destruction of Beta Cells."
Contact: 7-6460 or maria.papageorgiou@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 4

Anthropology Department and Club Lecture: Las Vegas Anica: Industrial Archaeology of the Experimental Economy
4:30 p.m., Location TBD. Featuring Martin Hall, archaeologist from the University of Cape Town, South Africa.
Contact: 7-6854.

ITC Workshop: Creating Collaborative Learning Activities for your Web-Based Course
10:00 - 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Incorporate collaborative learning activities into your course plan. Presenter: Eileen McMahon. Workshop code: OWC-12. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

WEDNESDAY 25

ITC Workshop: PowerPoint Basics
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Hands-on workshop teaching practical application, the differences between JPEG, TIFF, and GIF file formats, a flattened and shirt-fed-scan, etc. Presenter: Caroline Cappuccio. Workshop code: WEB-21. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

SUNDAY 28

UMass Boston Beacons Athletics
Beacon Fitness Center Massage Therapy
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Beacon Fitness Center, 2nd Floor. Massage therapy by appointment. Cost is $20 for 30 minutes or $40 for 90 minutes. Contact: Amy Aramaki, 781-354-3450.

MISCELLANEOUS

Beacon Fitness Center
Open to faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Fitness professionals, strength and conditioning, racquetball, and squash courts available. Class offerings in boot camp aerobics, circuit training, weight training, etc. Contact: 7-6786 or www.atletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

ITC Workshop: Scanning 101
1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Hands-on workshop to present common scanner skills. Presenter: John Murphy. Workshop code: OWC-10. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

UMass Boston Beacons Athletics Tennis vs. Curry College
1:00 p.m., tennis courts. Contact: 7-7801.