Children’s Defense Fund President and Former Boston Bruin Among Honorees at UMass Boston’s 2003 Commencement

By Leigh DuPuy

A nationally renowned advocate for children, a former Boston Bruin whose drive and dedication extend well beyond the gym, the state’s first Latino senator, and an Irish man of letters will be honored by the University of Massachusetts Boston at its 35th commencement, to be held on May 31 in the Bayside Exposition Center.

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Children’s Defense Fund, will receive the Chancellor’s Medal for Distinguished Service and deliver the keynote address at the ceremony for 1,924 undergraduates and 818 graduate students set to participate in the 2003 UMass Boston Commencement.

“Marian Wright Edelman’s career should highlight the foundation a university education can provide for a life of action,” said Chancellor Jo Ann M. Gora. “As a lawyer, educator, and reformer, Edelman is best known for her devoted advocacy on behalf of disadvantaged Americans.”

Finding the Children’s Defense Fund in 1973, she has worked tirelessly on behalf of children’s welfare, education, rights, and healthcare.

Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-60’s when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. Her career includes providing counsel to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.‘s Poor People’s March and writing seven books, for which she received the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award. Her achievements have earned her top accolades such as the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded in 2000. A recipient of an honorary degree from UMass Boston in 1982, she will receive the Chancellor’s Medal for her contributions to education, advocacy, and serving the community.

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Scientists Get into the Flow at the Complex Fluids Workshop

By Anne-Marie Kent

If you push on a liquid-crystal display, its hidden liquidity becomes apparent: digital numbers, once touched, distort into puddles of fingerprint form. UMass Boston physicist Greg Huber says all fluids reveal this kind of mechanical softness, a sensitive, “almost life-like” response to varying conditions.

From liquid-crystal displays to detergents, soaps, and petroleum products, even fluids we drink such as milk, we’re surrounded by complex fluids. “Water is what the average person would point to as the ideal ‘fluid,’” he says. “In fact a lot of everyday life involves fluids with far different properties, or in much more complex states than a simple glass of water,” explains Huber, assistant professor of physics. “The everyday world presents such a multifarious variety and multiplicity of fluid-like materials and behavior that no simple definition encompasses all the phenomena, but, nonetheless, researchers have settled on ‘complex fluids’ as a catchall phrase,” says Huber.

On March 21, more than 80 scientists attended the 14th Annual New England Complex Fluids Workshop held at UMass Boston this year, including 80 from universities throughout the country, including Cornell, Brown, Harvard, Yale, and MIT, to attend the event, which Huber brought to this campus.

“When I arrived at UMass Boston a couple years ago, I discovered that many area physicists had absolutely no idea there even was a UMass in Boston. Clearly, the invisibility of the Physics Department here had to change, but how to go about doing this was not clear,” says Huber. “Enter the NECF workshops. They were initiated by Seth Freaden from Brandeis and Dave Weitz from Harvard some years ago, and have traditionally oscillated between those universities. It seemed like a good opportunity for our Physics Department to engage with the greater Boston research community.”

The program included five invited talks, entitled “Mechanics of Bacterial Flagella,” “Self-Assembling Biological Springs,” “Collective Phenomena in Intracellular Networks,” “Probing Polymerization Forces Using Actin-Propelled Lipid Vesicles,” and “Force Spec-

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Senator Jarrett Barrios Leads Forum on Diversity and Civility in Massachusetts and Nation

By Alexandre Wilson

Amid concerns of state budget cuts and the war in Iraq, Massachusetts state senator Jarrett Barrios spoke with faculty, staff, and students on April 16 at a special forum on "Diversity and Civility in Massachusetts and the Nation." Barrios addressed the ways in which diversity and civility can coexist in our society.

The grandson of Cuban immigrants, Barrios received a scholarship to Harvard University, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He earned a law degree from Georgetown University and went on to practice with the Cambridge law firm Hill and Barlow, where he was named "Pro-Bono Lawyer of the Year." In 1998, Barrios was elected to the Massachusetts State House of Representatives and in 2001 became the first Latino from the Commonwealth to be elected state senator.

"He is one of the best and brightest new legislators," said Paul Fonteyn, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Barrios was the first speaker in a series sponsored by the Council for Promotion of a Diverse and Civil Community. At the forum, Barrios noted that difference is a fact of life, but that a diverse society is not necessarily a civil one.

"A civil community in which we are all alike is an easy thing," said Barrios. He said that as citizens, we have to learn from and interact with one another to develop civility, even in very small ways.

"There is a value in getting on the subway and sitting across from someone who isn't like you," Barrios said.

Barrios affirmed that education and schools, where the most significant social engagements can occur, should prepare students for more than just work and money.

"Students can be educated in dealing with a world that's diverse," he said, pointing to schools like UMass Boston that offer affordable, accessible, and flexible education to a diverse population.

"A place like UMass Boston is not diverse because it happens to be in Boston," said Barrios, citing that other schools are "in Boston but not of Boston."

Barrios stressed the need for involvement and interaction in light of Governor Romney's new proposed budget, which calls for severe cuts and restructuring of the university system.

"This is where your advocacy really matters," Barrios said.

Barrios will return to UMass for a luncheon, where he will receive the Chancellor's Medal for his successes in affordable housing, health care, and education.

University Responds in Community Forum of Understanding

By Ed Hayward and Leigh DuPay

Against a backdrop of U.S. military action in Iraq, an alteration between a military recruiter, students, and an Africana Studies professor on April 3 resulted in the arrest of the professor by campus police and prompted university officials to hold a forum in the Ryan Lounge to discuss issues raised by the incident.

The arrest of adjunct faculty member Anthony Van Der Meer on charges of assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest sparked an intense discussion about the presence of recruiters on campus, the role of university policy, and the standards on campus for civil discourse.

Nearly 200 students, faculty and staff - as well as a number of individuals from outside the campus - attended the forum, which was moderated by Interim Dean of Students Angeline Lopes Ellison. A panel comprised of faculty, students and administrators, as well as Professor Van Der Meer, held an open discussion and then took questions and statements from the audience for 90 minutes.

"I hope today's discussion results in a greater understanding and respect for the roles we all play in this wonderful institution, whether as faculty, staff, students or chancellor," Chancellor Gora, who was out of town on university business, told the gathering in a statement read by David MacKenzie, vice chancellor for administration and finance.

"I further hope the forum provides a greater opportunity for civil discourse in turbulent times. A university is always and should always be the place where the freedoms of speech and assembly guaranteeed to all of us under the Constitution are sacred, welcome and respected," she added.

MacKenzie said he was disturbed by comments made by students who said they felt threatened or unsafe on campus. His sentiments were shared by Public Safety Chief Phillip O'Donnell, who also participated on the panel.

"Our primary purpose is to create an atmosphere in which people feel safe. We try very hard to do everything we possibly can to protect and serve," said O'Donnell, who added that arrest is the last option university police pursue.

He noted that out of 22,005 incidents logged by UMass Boston Police last year, officers made just 12 arrests. Of those, nearly half were based on outstanding warrants ordered by the court system.

"Professor Van Der Meer, who pleased not guilty to the charges in court, spoke briefly to the audience.

"I enjoy what I do, I enjoy teaching and having a safe environment where we have a right to speak," commented Professor Van Der Meer, who was joined on the panel by colleague Jemadar Kamara. "Everyone has different experiences and beliefs... I appreciate Chancellor Gora calling me to express her concern. This is my community. We can resolve this. Get beyond the other and heal our society, heal our world."

Panelist Kevin Bowen, director of the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, addressed the underlying thread of Thursday's incident, the presence of Army National Guard recruiters on campus.

"People are expressing their opposition to war and saying that they don't feel safe," said Bowen. "I don't feel any of us feel safe right now. Polarization creates silences. It is an important step to find a way to coexist, deal with differences, and treat each other with respect."

By law, military recruiters are permitted on campuses that receive federal funding. Students composed the largest group in the audience. Represented by Tarshar Moore and Fritz Hippolyte on the panel, dozens of students lined up to present their thoughts and reactions, addressing the crowd for two minutes apiece.

In an interview, the chancellor indicated her desire for the public safety office to recommit itself to the principles of community policing, adding: "As an educational community, we need to find alternatives to arrest whenever circumstances make that possible."
Mediating in the Middle East: Ambassador Discusses Role of the U.S.

By Leigh Dwyer

As national news carried stories of celebrations and lootings in the streets of Baghdad, Ambassador Dennis Ross led a timely discussion on the role of U.S. involvement in the Middle East at the University Club on April 8. Sponsored by UMass Boston's Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, this was the second lecture in a three-part series focused on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"The lessons of peacekeeping in the Middle East will become increasingly relevant," said Ross, currently the director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "In terms of Iraq, the broader questions is what will happen in the region after the war?" he told the audience. "What do we do in the aftermath? Does the U.S. run everything? Will the U.N. come in? Do the Iraqis exist? Having played a major role in shaping the government's public policy for the region under three administrations, Ross shared what he feels are the considerable challenges and necessary resolutions.

"We will have a window of opportunity following the end of this war," he said. "We must multi-nationalize our involvement." He outlined what he believes to be critical next steps in rebuilding Iraq: establishing peacekeepers, creating an international civic administration, and focusing on an Iraqi-oriented transition. He believes that the transition process has to have a "distinct Iraqi footprint."

Perhaps the most dire challenges Ross identified were those that fuel terrorism, alienation, and hostility, and lost hope. "We have to deal with the hearts and minds of people. We are accused of exacting a double standard," he said. "We use democracy against those we don't like, but for those we do... If we are not consistent in our values, we appear to further undermine our double standard." He advocates the U.S. engaging a process for reform with a "degree of humility."

Nasser Arwan, an award-winning author who has written extensively on the Middle East and the conflict, was the third lecturer in the series and addressed the subject of Palestinian refugees for an audience on April 29 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

Healey Library Renews More Than Just Books at Open House

By Kim Trancenek

On April 3, the Healey Library dazzled students, faculty, staff, and friends with an open house event. Instead of pleas to "shhh, quiet please," the library and the newly formed Friends of the Library wowed guests with performances by the Unity African Dance and Theatre Company, the Joseph Outerbridge Trio, and poetry readings by Johnnie Simpson and Saul Torres. Also on display was the artwork of William Tucker and Bruce Cintron.

The event was just one of the many efforts that the library is making to boost its visibility and renew its commitment to UMass Boston and the community. The library also shared what it calls its "hidden treasures." Among them are the Early Childhood Literacy Center, sponsored by the Dorchester Cluster and Read Boston, and the JSTOR database, a "treasure trove" of over two million scholarly journal articles dating back to the early days of the republic, thanks to David Outerbridge's gift to the Library.

"Friends of the Library help us strengthen scholarly life at UMass Boston by providing financial support so that we can improve our collection and implement new initiatives," said Daniel Ortiz, director of libraries. "I am so grateful for their support and zeal."

Outerbridge, an alumnus of UMass Boston, has been instrumental in jump-starting the Friends of the Library. "I hope that by raising awareness of how important a library is to a university, something wonderful comes out of this event."

With its eye on the future during this critical time for UMass Boston, the library's most urgent goal is to continue to improve service and accessibility. "Our renewal of the university library will have a lasting influence on our campus in the 21st century," said Chancellor Gora.

Provost Paul Fonteyn unveiled the library's new vision. Picture a cybercafé, web-enhanced study rooms, and a media center, to name a few proposed amenities. "The library is truly the crossroads of the harbor campus."

UMass Boston student Hortense Dosous wrote, "It's great to see so many faces here tonight. The culture, poetry, and dance help celebrate what UMass is about."

"The intelligence and sensitivity of the library staff make this library so special," said Rusty Simonds, professor and chair of political science. "The library is the soul of the campus."

To find out more about the Friends of the Library, visit http://friends.lib.umb.edu.

New Dean for Graduate College of Education

By Leigh Dwyer

The Graduate College of Education (GCOE) will begin fall semester 2003 with a new dean—higher education specialist Lester F. Goodchild. Dr. Goodchild, who has been serving as both acting and interim dean of the College of Education for the University of Denver (DU), will begin his tenure at UMass Boston on August 18.

"I am looking forward to working with the university, the college, and faculty in supporting UMass Boston's excellent programs and creating innovative new ones," Goodchild said in a recent phone interview. Goodchild is known for his commitment to developing and improving academic programs that focus on educational needs of urban communities. He was directly responsible for DU's three university-based schools and one K–5 charter school in partnership with Denver Public Schools and their 900 children. He successfully led the effort to develop those institutions as professional development schools.

He has worked for DU for 13 years, and as interim dean, was responsible for the College of Education's six graduate programs in curriculum and instruction, educational leadership and policy studies, higher education and adult studies, counseling psychology, educational psychology, and library and information science. At the university level, he established the Committee on the Advance- ment of Doctoral Programs and chaired the Distance Learning Task Force for five years.

Goodchild has also successfully led accreditation efforts at both the department and college levels. Most recently, in his capacity as interim dean, he coordinated all DU College of Education activities as part of the Higher Learning Commission's 2001 university-wide accreditation of DU. In his administrative roles, Goodchild has had extensive experience in the recruitment of faculty, program assessment and development, doctoral student advisement, budgets, academic organizations, and cultivation and support for scholarship through grants and fundraising.

No stranger to urban universities, Goodchild taught at Iowa State University, where he became very familiar with land-grant mis-

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Longtime Marathoner Connie Chan is Featured in Nike Ad Campaign

By Leigh DuPuy

Walking through Back Bay MBTA Station recently, you may have seen a familiar face on one of the large banners featuring marathon runners hanging from the T station ceiling or on a poster plastered throughout Boston. Connie Chan, College of Community and Public Service professor and co-director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, was one of four "regular" runners spotlighted in the highly visible Nike advertising campaign for the Boston Marathon 2003. This is the first year that Nike is featuring non-elite runners in their Marathon Monday promotions. Chan is anything but an average runner, having completed 28 marathons and counting. After witnessing her first Boston Marathon while a graduate student in psychology at Boston University, Chan was inspired to take up running the next day. It has become a passion for her. However, even after many marathons, Chan never thought she would be able to qualify for the Boston Marathon, which requires athletes to run a previous marathon under a competitive time standard.

When the Boston Athletic Association offered new qualifying times, Chan was determined to meet those for her age group. It wasn't until 1991, thirteen years after completing her first marathon that she was able to qualify. She trains hard every year to renew this qualification and has completed twelve consecutive Boston marathons since 1992, finishing this year in just over four hours.

Chan wrote of the Boston Marathon meant to her and the incredible exhilaration she felt at the start of her first Boston marathon to the list-serve community of the Dead Runners Society, saying, "I could hardly believe I was really wearing a number and standing at the start of the Boston Marathon. As we prepared to run, tears welled up in my eyes, and my chest felt tight. I closed my eyes. I have waited 15 years for this moment, a moment I thought would never come."

A friend from the group read the inspirational story and encouraged Chan to submit it to Nike, which was soliciting entries from runners about the meaning of the Boston Marathon. It clearly inspired those in charge of the campaign, who selected Chan as one of two women to represent the regular runners.

Chan participated in a photo shoot with the other runners, including Joanne Benoit Samuelson and Marla Runyan, and recorded her impressions of Boston and her experiences running its marathon. Her photo, ad, and voice were featured on www.nikerunning.com under the Marathon Monday link.

"It makes you feel like all those hours in the library were worth something," says Willis. The subject matter of his work is Britain's policy of transporting prisoners to the United States and Australia during the 18th and 19th centuries. "In short, it's looking at how punishments change over time," he says.

After submitting his dissertation in 2000, Willis came to UMass Boston and found he had to make his own adjustment to a student body that in some regards is much more challenging than those of Yale or Wellesley, where he had lectured.

"The students here are much more worldly," he says, explaining that UMass Boston students bring their own life experiences into classroom discussions whereas students at other schools rely on more abstract or coached answers. Currently, Willis's work outside the classroom involves evaluating COMSTAT, a method of measuring crime and the effectiveness of police. He spent a great deal of time interviewing police in Lowell as part of a report he has coauthored.

Willis can trace his dissertation interest to a sentence he read in graduate school. It simply referred to the fact that British prisoners were transported to other countries in the 18th and 19th centuries. A British immigrant himself, Willis decided to delve into this phenomenon. He admits never finding that one moment of epiphany that researchers dream of. "It much more became an exercise of blood, sweat, and tears," he says.

"I think one of the things about that is it was a very different kind of project," he says of why his dissertation may have risen above others submitted.
University Health Services Expands Care to Faculty and Staff

By Ed Hayward

Faculty and staff can now see a nurse practitioner at University Health Services (UHS) for a fee of just $20 per visit. Under a new program launched to promote a healthier campus, employees can get care faster and eliminate the time and cost of driving to a provider off-campus.

UMass Boston's 2,642 employees can make appointments for the treatment of symptoms ranging from colds, flu, ear and sinus infections, bronchitis, urinary tract infections, and gastroenteritis, said Kathleen Golden McAndrew, executive director of UHS, located on the second floor of the Quinn Administration Building.

"The whole focus is that we want to do what we can to make the campus healthy," said Golden McAndrew.

"Given what is going on in the community and in health care in general, we know some people who call their provider's office for episodic care can wait two days to a week for an appointment."

The goal is to provide same-day services, but health services aides that faculty and staff call to make an appointment. The $20 fee is payable by check, cash, or major credit card.

There is no third-party billing, Golden McAndrew said.

Health services officials hope providing episodic care on campus can offer a consumer-friendly health care alternative by cutting down on time spent waiting to get an appointment, eliminating the need to leave work, and cutting down on drive time and extra parking expenses.

"The experience was great," said Cynthia Williams of Institutional Advancement and Marya Torres, receptionist, demonstrate the ease of visiting University Health Services. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Umass Boston employee Kathleen Malloy, "I needed a cholesterol test. The services were quick and easy, friendly and convenient. It was so much easier than taking time off work to travel to my doctor's office."

Medical Director Pat Halon said faculty and staff should know there is no referral required. "Most people have the impression that if they have an HMO they have to go to their doctor first," said Halon. "But we don't do third-party billing, so this has no effect on the relationship or costs connected to your primary care provider."

UHS will also do blood work ordered by your primary care provider. A list of required labs from the patient's doctor is all that's required. For a $10 phlebotomy fee, all blood work is sent to Quest Diagnostics, which will bill the patient's insurance company.

The new episodic care program started this semester in response to requests from the past from faculty and staff for health services on campus. UHS is a trust-funded department paid for predominately through student health fees. Therefore, UHS must charge the modest $20 fee to cover costs of faculty and staff care.

Golden McAndrew said episodic care can ensure that all parts of the campus population are able to receive some kind of treatment.

"You can't just treat one part of the campus and expect the other parts not to need help. You have to try to treat all groups, because we're all working together in the same buildings," said Golden McAndrew.

If employees can be seen faster and learn just what their symptoms mean, then that can ultimately reduce exposure to coworkers and students.

As of May 1, UHS will operate Travelwell, which will provide pre- and post-travel counseling. University students and staff planning foreign travel this summer can receive help with destination information, health and safety concerns, immunizations, and travel medical kits.

For more information, contact 7-5661.

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Creative Writing Professor Examines America and the Ukraine Through Literature

By Leigh DiPietro

Don't call Askold Melnyczuk a Ukrainian-American writer. Professor Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program, explains: "I consider myself an American writer, dealing with Ukrainian-American identity, history, and the present."

What it means to have a Ukrainian heritage in America is the focus of his book What Is Told and Ambassadors of the Dead, which was recognized as one of the LA Times's best books of 2002. Melnyczuk continues the exploration through recent trips to his parents' homeland and lectures on the Ukraine and Ukrainian literature at UMass Boston, Harvard University, and Ohio State University.

Melnyczuk's examination of the Ukraine has natural roots in his childhood and heritage. A child of parents exiled from the nation in the 1950s, he learned their language while growing up in New Jersey. He observes, "The language has given me an intimacy into the Ukraine culture and literature that would have been impossible without it."

His early literary endeavors included translating poetry from Ukrainian into English, as well as exploring themes of heritage and immigration in his own creative work. Melnyczuk first visited the Ukraine in 1990, meeting several young writers who would later become some of the nation's most prominent artists. When he returned to Kyiv in September of 2002 as the keynote speaker at a conference on American literature, he recalled, "It really moved me to hear young scholars speaking in eloquent and charmingly accented English about Jamaica Kincaid, Alice Walker, and post-colonialism."

Melnyczuk is especially interested in the intersection of American and Ukrainian culture, particularly since the Ukraine's culture had been fragmented by war and strife and is now enjoying a renaissance.

"The word 'Diaspora' applies to culture as a conversation that gets fragmented by war or violence," he explains. "When the conversation gets picked up thirty years later, people find themselves struggling to finish sentences whose opening words they've long forgotten."

He believes American literature can contribute to that conversation. He says, "The picture most Ukrainians have of the United States is generally limited to what our popular media represents. That is a world I could never live in myself, and luckily most of us have."

"I hope to offer a far fuller portrait of what America is really like."

Melnyczuk has just completed his third novel and has begun work on several new projects, in addition to his work at UMass Boston teaching creative writing to undergraduate and graduate students in the English Department.
In March, Randy Albelda of the Economics Department and Ph.D. in Public Policy Program delivered the talk “Welfare-to-Work, Farewell to Families?” for Women’s History Month at University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. She also gave the keynote speech at the “Access to Justice” conference organized by the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation.

Elia Auerbach, professor of English, presented the workshop “The Troubles of Bilingual Families” at the Multiculturalism and Literacy Development Workshop, and was a plenary speaker and workshop presenter at the conference “Popular Education and the Immigrant Workforce: Organizing for Language, Literacy, and Workers’ Rights,” held at the University of California at Berkeley.

James Bierstaker, assistant professor of accounting and finance, published the article “Auditor Recall and Evaluation of Internal Control Information: Does Task-Specific Knowledge Mitigate Pareto Inefficiency?” in Managerial Auditing Journal.

On March 25 and 26, Steve Bliven and Dan Hellin of the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) facilitated two public focus groups addressing the issue of “Increasing Involvement in and Awareness of Coastal Zone Management in New Jersey.” These meetings are part of UHI’s ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of the New Jersey Program.

Ann Blam of the Hispanic Studies Department presented the paper “Delegating Motherhood: Maternal Strategies and Public Welfare, Mexico City, 1920-1939,” at the XXXVIII Annual Meeting and Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, where she also served as discussant on a panel entitled “Women, Ethnicity, and Mexican Authority: Reproductive and Children’s Health in Latin America.”

Linda Fieckmann, associate professor in the Department of Leadership in Education, delivered the address at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting, held in Chicago in April. The Vice President of AERA, she spoke on “Reclaiming the ‘Incidental Student’: Higher Education and Women in the 1950s.”

Jeffrey Keiner, assistant professor in the Department of Management Science and Information Systems, gave an invited presentation for the Systems Engineering Seminar, held at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on February 6. His talk was entitled “Value of Information in Portfolio Decision Analysis.”

Darren Kew, assistant professor in the Dispute Resolution Program, was an election observer in Wisconsin with the National Democratic Institute from April 7 to 21. He recently presented a paper on the elections for the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) roundtable on Nigeria.

On April 10, Gary Spierstein, CPCP professor of Finance and Center of Social Development and Education, and Jennifer Norins, research assistant and recent graduate of CAS, presented preliminary findings of the Special Olympics Multinational Attitude Study on Mental Retardation at the annual Congress for Exceptional Children Conference in Seattle.

Several Asian American Studies Programs—Rajni Sirkali, Karen Sueyono, Zong-Gao Xia, and Peter Kiang—co-presented as panelists at a forum on Asian American Student Education, delivered the address at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education in April.

Art professor Nancy Steiber spoke on “Interdisciplinarity within a Discipline-Specific Journal” at the international conference “Art History and Its Journals,” held at the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts, in March.

On April 5, Peter Taylor and Steve Raduick led a group of 14 UMass Boston faculty and graduate students in presenting the curriculum units developed to address sustainability concerns. These units ranged from developing a funding proposal for promoting community gardens in Dorchester to quantitative reasoning exercises using trends in municipal waste and recycling data.

On April 4, David Terkla, professor of economics, gave a presentation at the Massachusetts Association of Chamber Executives on the Massachusetts Business Roundtable report “Transportation Planning and Development in Massachusetts: Recommended Changes for the New Millennium,” which was completed with Public Policy Ph.D. students Phil Granberry and Steve Quinby.

Joan Tonn, associate professor of the College of Management, is the author of the new book Mary P. Follett: Creating Democracy, Transforming Management, which will be published by the Yale University Press on April 25.

Andrés Torres, director of the Gaston Institute, was the discussant for the panel “Art Latinx Redrawin the Color Line?” held at Harvard University’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies on March 12.

Polly Welch, assistant director of the ESL Center and director of the Directions for Student Potential Program, and Carlos Maynard, graduate student in Applied Sociology and Applied Linguistics, conducted an ESL Tutor Training Workshop for students at Boston College on April 7.

Paul M. Wright, Boston office editor of the University of Massachusetts Press, recently published “Perspectives” as American Book History: Developing a Late Twentieth-Century Artifact,” in The Book, a newsletter of the American Antiquarian Society.

PUBLICATIONS

The Irish journal Cephyrs published a special issue of Vietnamese poetry in May that was edited by the Joiner Center’s Nguyen Ba Chung and Kevin Bowen.

Kevin Bowen, director of the Joiner Center, published a collection of new poems and poems selected from previous books, Eight True Maps of the West, with Dedalus Press. He will travel to Dublin in May to celebrate the launch of the book.

A memoir by Alan Helms, professor of English, Young Man from the Precincts, is being republished with a new afterword by University of Minnesota Press.


Darren Kew, assistant professor in the Dispute Resolution Program, contributed a chapter on Nigeria in the forthcoming edition of the Houghton-Mifflin textbook issues in Comparative Politics.

College of Community and Public Services adjunct faculty members Sylvia Mignon and William Holmes, professor emeritus of sociology, recently published their book Family Abuse: Consequences, Theories, and Responses. They will be published in a book titled “Shooting the Rat: Outstanding Poems and Stories by High School Writers,” co-edited by Mark Pawlak of Academic Support Services and Dick Lourie, formerly of University Communications and Community Relations, has just been published under the imprint of Haring Press.


The first issue of the Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians, under the editorship of Nancy Stryker, professor of art, will appear in June 2003.

The essay “Paul Goodman as Adviser-Guided Writer” by Taylor Stoor, professor of English, appears in the current issue of The Kenyon Review.

David Terkla, professor of economics, co-wrote the article “The Adoption and Diffusion of Performance Management: Lessons from Japanese Multinationals in the West,” which was published in the March issue of Cambridge Journal of Economics.

Professor John Tobin of the Economics Department has four textual studies on several Renaissance dramas in the March 2003 issue of Notes and Queries.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, SHOWS

Under the auspices of the Department of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, Professor David Schwartz and the Economics Department presented “Music of the 40s” in song and story at Kit Clark Services in Dorchester, with assistance from vocalist Brigid Battaill, a Theatre Arts major.

UMass Boston’s Theatre Program, participating in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival XXXVII (KCACTF), has two actors, Wendy Nystrom and Marta Johnson, and one alternate, Randolph Saintemy, nominated to compete in the Irene Ryan Scholarship Competition at the Region 1 Festival in January 2004. They were selected for their work in Romeo and Juliet under the direction of Professor Laura Schrader.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Peter Kiang, Asian American Studies professor and professor of education, was recently appointed by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for a two-year term as chair of the commission’s Massachusetts State Advisory Committee.

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, has been appointed to the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at Harvard University. He will be working on a study of how neighborhood environment and social networks influence health outcomes among lower-income immigrants and other minorities in the United States.

The Association for Geomorphology in Higher Education (AGHE) has selected Sonia Michelson and Marian Spenser, instructors in geomorphology, to receive its 2003 Part-Time Faculty Recognition Honor. This honor recognizes part-time and adjunct instructors who make significant contributions to geomorphological education.
Sherry H. Penney, former chancellor and now professor of leadership in the College of Management, will receive the 2003 Abigail Adams award from the Women’s Political Caucus at the awards ceremony on June 16 at the Fairmont Copley. The award is given annually to “women who have made a significant contribution to the realization of equal political, economic, and social rights for women.”

The College of Management’s recipients of the Dean’s Awards for Distinguished Research for 2003 are: Mary Lou Roberts, professor of marketing, who has been honored for her work and publication of her book Internet Marketing: Integrating Online and Offline Strategies; and Moshe Habb, assistant professor of management, and Leon Zawia, professor of marketing, who have been honored jointly for their work on corruption in international business.

Candice Rowe, part-time in the English Department, has been awarded an Honorable Mention in the Sheila Smith Poetry Prize by the National League of Ameri- can Pen Women. She has also been named a finalist in the Writers @ Work Competition.

Castellano B. Turner has been appointed interim director of the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Loralie King, assistant professor of English, has been awarded a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and a place in the NEH-sponsored institute on the history of the African American civil rights movement, 1866-1963, in July and August at the W. E. B. DuBois Institute at Harvard University.

Mary Oleksiewicz, assistant professor of music, has been awarded a $5,000 Healey Endowment Grant to produce the first edition and CD recording of the six long-lose quartets for flute, violin, viola, and bassoon by Johann Joachim Quantz.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, submitted a co-authored final research report, “Communist and Organizational Change in a Small Police Department,” to the Police Foundation as part of an NIJ-funded project on the place of Communist in American policing.

The Asian American Studies Program was awarded $2,000 by the American Unity Fund to support production of a resource booklet to commemorate and connect the 100th anniversaries of Korean immigration to the U.S., the historic 1901 immigration raid against Boston Chinatown, and the contemporary deportation of Cambodian Americans.

The Center for Social Policy’s Connection, Service and Partnership through Technology (CSPiTech) Project has been awarded a $5,000 challenge grant from the Boston Foundation’s New Economy Initiative. The grant will help CSPiTech to continue to develop a web-based querying tool that will allow use access to CSPiTech data on homelessness among other related projects.

The Mauricio Gastón Institute received a $21,000 grant from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation for an exchange between Cuban and Boston community development practitioners. The institute also received $5,000 from the National Council of La Raza to conduct focus groups with Massachusetts voters on bilingual education.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has awarded New England Research Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) a $42,000 grant to identify best practices among colleges and universities for addressing the needs of campus staff who come from the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

DISSERTATIONS

Amy Rebecca Gay, assistant director of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution at CPCS, received her Ph.D. in social sciences from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, having successfully defended her dissertation, “Neither Judge Nor Jury: Norms and the Role of the Volunteer Community Mediators,” in March.

James McIntyre, candidate for a Ph.D. in Public Policy, presented his dissertation research, “An Analysis of the State Public Education Aid Funding Mechanism Established by the Massachusetts Education Reform Act,” on April 26.


CORRECTION

The title of a new CD by Mary Oleksiewicz is the “Johann Joachim Quarte Flute Sonatas.” The Reporter erroneously referred to it as “Joseph Joachim” in the Campus Notes section of the April issue.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ann Tork, assistant professor in the Art Department, is currently the Teen Media Artist in Residence at the Daniel Mann Boys and Girls Club for Arts on the North’s Community Outreach Program.

On April 9, the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy presented the 17th Women’s Research Forum, featuring Professor Annah Fernandes Pilgrim of Africana Studies and Co-Director of the Cape Verdean Language and Culture Institute.

WUMB’s Barbara Neely, host of Commonwealth Journal, and staffers completed a two-part special on the “grande mothers,” which is the first program that WUMB is distributing for national syndica-

FORUMS

Research by scientists at the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) Department on the geographical fingerprint of terrorism in New York Harbor was the focus of an article in the LA Times on April 6. Sarah Ocker, ECOS researcher, was quoted in the article.

Richard Horsley, distinguished professor of liberal arts and the study of religion, served as the lead historian for a PBS documentary, “Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution. The Rock and River’s: The Empire and the Kingdom,” which aired on WGBH-TV 2 on April 9.

Commencement (cont.)
and civil rights. “Commencement is a capstone event in the lives of our graduates,” Gora said. “It becomes even more, an integrating experience as well as a celebration, when the speaker is someone who shows by her example that the academic experience can be the basis for a life of action and a life which is whole.”

The program will include three others who have dedicated their lives to public service and are models for achievement. Former Boston Bruins forward Cam Neely will receive a Doctor of Laws degree in recognition not just of his excellence on the ice, but for his service to the Boston community through the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care and the Neely House, which provide support to cancer patients and their families at Tufts-New England Medical Center. The founda-

tion provides shelter as well as support services for families of both adult and pediatric cancer patients undergoing treatment. Recognized as one of the most popular Boston Bruins, Neely played ten of his 14 NHL seasons for the team. He scored 344 goals for the Bruins and still holds the team’s all-time record for playoff goals. He played in five All-Star games and was awarded the Bill Masterton Trophy in 1994 as the player who best exemplified the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication to hockey. He retired from playing hockey in 1996 because of a chronic hip injury and focused his energies on the foundation.

A doctor of Laws degree will also be conferred on Jonaid G.O. Muirheadraith, president of Na- tional University of Ireland, Galway, for his distinguished career in research, teaching and adminis-

tration. Muirheadraith leads a university that enrolls 11,000 stu-

dents from over 40 countries and offers degrees in arts, science, com-

merce, engineering, law, medicine, health sciences, and Celtic Stud-

ies. Honored as the Sunday Irish Times University of the Year, NUIGalway boasts of the lowest drop-

out rate and strong research. State Senator Jarrett Barrios will receive the Chancellor’s Medal for Distinguished Service for his contributions to the Latino community and to mark the occa-

sion last November when the Cambridge Democrat became the first Latino elected to the state senate. Barrios works as state senator for Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Charlestown, Allston, and parts of Revere, Saugus, and Somerville, focusing on housing, childcare, schools, and healthcare access. He previously served two terms in the State House of Repre-

sentatives since 1998, where he led successful efforts to create a low-income housing tax credit and Massachusetts’s first new af-

ordable housing production pro-

gram in over a decade.

Student Chess Club Flourishes in First Year

Members of the UMass Boston Chess Club study their boards while playing during a recent tournament held in the Asian Center on the fourth floor of Wheatsley Hall. In its inaugural year, the chess club meets regularly in the Asian Center or the Physics Club in the Science Center for tournaments, practice, and lessons. Club president and founder Dan Kosrunsky organized the group when he arrived at UMass Boston as a freshman who had been a very active chess player in high school. With the support of the Student Senate, Kosrunsky was able to use the club and help fund a trip for five club members to represent UMass Boston at the 3rd Annual Foxwood Open, a chess tournament for over 6,500 competitors at Foxwood Casinos. Competitors Kosrunsky, Joe Perl, Will Roach, Eugene Roemischer, and Erik Garcia recorded a winning tally of 20.5 wins out of 35 total games played. "Many players were surprised to see so many representatives of UMass Boston," said Kosrunsky. "Some high school players asked for information about UMass Boston's chess program. The trip was a huge success." (Photo by Harry Brett)
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THURSDAY 1

Teaching with Media Expo '03 9:30-11:30 a.m., Wheatley Hall, Seminar Room 201. Learn more about technology-enhanced learning and speak with library, film services, faculty, and media lab, and computer services representatives. Contact: 7-3999 or eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu.

Institute for Asian American Studies Research Symposium: South Asian Muslim Immigrant Youth in Cambridge After 9/11 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Featuring scholars, writers, and public officials. Contact: 7-7730 or eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu.

Web Based Learning Speaker Series: Developing Your Course with Web Usability and Accessibility in Mind 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., Healey Library, 5th fl. Featuring instruction for online and hybrid courses by Mary Ready and Charlotte Carbert. Refreshments will be served. Contact: 7-3999 or eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 2

New England Behavioral Accounting Series (NEBAS) Symposium 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon, Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Monthly meeting of NEBAS hosted by the College of Management. Featuring William R. Kinney, Jr., of Price Waterhouse Coopers and the University of Texas at Austin. Contact: 7-7734 or concen@umb.edu.

Biography Department Series: Twins and Mushrooms: Unraveling the Secrets of the Goold's Monkey 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st fl. Featuring Leila Goold. Refreshments will be served. Contact: 7-6600 or maria.papuga@umb.edu.

SATURDAY 3

University Jazz Band Performance 7:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium. Featuring Peake and Jensen directors. Contact: 7-5640 or TJFJ6628@aol.com.