More Than $524,000 Raised for Student Scholarships at UMass Boston Campus Center Gala

By Anne-Marie Kent

On the evening of April 26, UMass Boston's new Campus Center showed true versatility as its east wing was transformed into a first-class, four-tiered event hall, complete with colored accent lighting; live gospel, classical, and jazz performances; and a scattering of gourmet food stations under elaborate, themed décor, including a five-foot replica of the Discus Thrower, surrounded by faux classical columns. The evening ended with a live performance by Grammy Award winner Judy Collins.

The event clearly marked a new era of fundraising for the UMass Boston Chancellor's Scholarship Fund, with more than 640 tickets sold.

Chaired by Board of Trustees Chair Grace Fey of Frontier Management, George Russell, Jr., of State Street Bank, and UMass trustee Robert Mahoney, the gala event raised over $524,000. Major sponsors were Robert D. and Nancy M. Gordon, Charles E. Merrill, Citizens Bank Foundation, Corcoran Jennison Companies, Frontier Capital Management, and State Street Corporation.

The crowd of over 580 attendees included local notables such as former Massachusetts Attorney General and House Speaker Robert H. Quinn, New England Council President Jim Beert, Former State Treasurer Sharon O'Brien, philanthropists John and Diddy Cullinane, and recipients of the Chancellor's Medal for Exemplary Leadership: Mayor Thomas Menino '88, CEO Clayton Turnbull '82, and Rev. Kathleen Card '76. She was joined by her husband, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, and a small team of Secret Service agents, blending into the crowd nearby.

Everyone mixed and mingled, sampling a variety of international tastes, from New England shrimp and scallops to Asian stir-fry and sushi, with some Mexican and Mediterranean flavors thrown in for good measure. Posters showcasing student research were placed prominently in the lobby for guests to view.

"Our theme tonight is 'building on our strengths,' and we can rest assured that, although the building is complete, our process of building continues. We continue to build on our strengths: on our students, our graduates and their families a Unique Voice has led him from the energy and darkness of his work; the work of newspapers. Forry is the founder and publisher of the Dorchester Reporter, and other publications dedicated to Boston's Haitian community, Mattapan neighborhood, and Irish community.

UMass Boston Gospel Choir entertained guests as part of gala festivities on April 26. Guests below sample international cuisine at the Taste of Asia gourmet food station. (Photo by John Kennard)

Mystic River Author Dennis Lehane to Give Keynote Address at UMass Boston's 2004 Commencement

By Leigh DuPuy

"My Boston is the Boston of someone who grew up in the neighborhoods," said Dennis Lehane in a recent interview on the place that inspires his novels, most notably the recent best-seller Mystic River. A native of Dorchester, Lehane returns to the neighborhood to give the keynote address at UMass Boston's 36th commencement, to be held on Friday, June 4, at the Bayside Exposition Center.

"We are just delighted to offer our graduates and their families a slice of Dennis Lehane," says Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, an unabashed fan of his work. "Lehane's unique voice has led him from Dorchester and South Boston to Hollywood—we think that's a tale our graduates would like to hear.

In addition to speaking to more than 2,600 undergraduates and graduates, Lehane will receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters for his impressive catalogue of work. Known for its powerful characters and suspenseful prose, Lehane's work recently inspired the 2003 Academy Award-winning movie Mystic River.

Lehane's seven novels have frequently attracted the attention of the literati; his novel A Drink Before the War won the Shamus Award for Best First Novel, and his novel Prayers for Rain was named a New York Times Notable Book. Reviewers also recognize the energy and darkness of his work; the New York Times Book Review called Mystic River "a powerhouse... heart-scouring... penetrating." At age 36, Lehane has also written, produced, and directed a feature film, Neighborhoods, and is at work on a new film script, as well as his next book.

UMass Boston is also recognizing three individuals for their exemplary contributions to society. Local neighborhood great Ed Forry will receive an honorary doctorate in humane letters for his tireless work in educating and supporting the residents of Boston through his ever-expanding network of newspapers. Forry is the founder and publisher of the Dorchester Reporter, and other publications dedicated to Boston's Haitian community, Mattapan neighborhood, and Irish community.

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Campus Center Officially Opens with Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

By Anne-Marie Kent

"For the first time in our history, we can offer our students a state-of-the-art campus center that provides them with the spaces they want, the facilities they deserve, and the services they need," said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora at the April 2 ribbon-cutting ceremony for UMass Boston's new Campus Center.

Flanked by UMass Boston students and local political leaders, Gora was joined at the podium by Massachusetts Lt. Governor Kerry Healey, Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino '88, UMass President Jack M. Wilson, and David P. Perini, commissioner of Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management.

"The Campus Center and the programs and personnel within it will enhance the academic experience of each UMass Boston student," said Chancellor Gora.

"This end result is a tribute to the people who labored for many years to make this building a reality."

The opening of this center is a powerful statement about the University's mission to care about the whole student and UMass Boston's mission to serve its community," added President Wilson.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony forecast UMass Boston's transition to a state-of-the-art computer technology. Mayor Menino, a CPC's alumnus, reminisced about the days of broken elevators in the Park Square building. Stressing the importance of UMass Boston's urban mission, he said, "This stunning campus center is exactly what the hardworking students of UMass Boston deserve: an inviting space that will foster a sense of community and help them in their pursuit of academic excellence."

"We are proud to deliver this grand new addition to the public buildings that serve our Commonwealth," said Commissioner David B. Perini, who oversaw the construction project. "With its many services, administrative offices, student life spaces, and conference capabilities, the Campus Center will enhance the lives of UMass Boston students for many years to come."

"Students at our state universities campuses deserve the finest facilities and services to enrich their learning experience," said Lt. Governor Healey. "The UMass Boston Campus Center is an outstanding expression of the Commonwealth's commitment to public higher education."

Acknowledging the presence of UMass Boston union members in the crowd, Lt. Governor Healey promised to meet with UMass Boston union leaders' concerns with Governor Romney.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was part of a series of events on campus to celebrate the opening of the Campus Center.

New Media Policy Center Debuts with "Dangerous Intersection" Conference

By Ed Hayward

ABC News commentator George Stephanopoulos led the opening session of the "Dangerous Intersection: Where the Media and Public Policy Collide," the debut conference of the Center on Media and Society at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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ABC News commentator George Stephanopoulos recounted his experiences as both a policy maker and a journalist before a crowd of 200 participants at "Dangerous Intersection: Where the Media and Public Policy Collide," the debut conference of the Center on Media and Society at UMass Boston.

Later during the daylong conference at the new Campus Center, the results of a new UMass Poll of Massachusetts voters were released, predicting increased voter turnout from a reinvigorated electorate in 2004.

Sponsored by Fleet Bank, a Bank of America company, and UMass Boston's John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, the conference unveiled the new Center and its Ethnic Journalism Initiative, which will analyze and evaluate ethnic and community journalism in Eastern Massachusetts.

Fleet's James E. Mahoney, a member of the UMass Board of Trustees, cited the Center's first conference as another example of UMass Boston's focus on real-world issues.

"This is an institution that deals with reality," said Mahoney. "This is another example of that. This is an issue where the rubber meets the road."

The center, which intends to strengthen the connection between UMass Boston and the world of media and communications practice, is directed by Ellen Hume, a former White House correspondent for the Wall Street Journal and now a senior research fellow at the McCormack Graduate School. In addition to her duties as a journalism instructor, Hume organized the conference.

The conference also kicked off the partnership between the Center and the McCormack Graduate School. The conference included three different programs through- out the day: the panel "Ethnic Journalism: Finding a Common Ground" featured remarks by Sandy Close, creator of the New California Media project; "The Massachusetts Voter: Good News or Bad News?" followed, featuring UMass Poll director Lou DiNatale and the results of a new survey of Massachusetts voters' views on the media and politics; and in conclusion "Media, History and Identity" took place from 2:30 to 4 p.m. featuring Adam Strand of Facing History and Ourselves.

Reading from Stephanopoulos's memoir of the Bill Clinton White House, All Too Human, political columnist David Nyhan held a wide-ranging conversation with Stephanopoulos, a former Clinton advisor.

Stephanopoulos, who made the transition from White House insider to media insider as the host of ABC News' "This Week," said the two jobs both require that he distill the news and present it in a fashion people can use to make decisions.

"I hope the two roles go together," Stephanopoulos said. "I bring similar skills to analyzing public policy, explaining it as clearly as possible and identifying the most important parts of current issues... I like to let people make up their own minds."
Campus Center Gala Raises $524,000 for Student Scholarships

By Anne-Marie Kent

On March 25 through 28 at the Copley Fairmont Hotel in Boston, hundreds of Asian American studies and their graduate and undergraduate students met for the 2004 Association for Asian American Studies National Conference. “Engaging with Uncertainties: Global and Local Actions,” UMass Boston’s Professor Ramesh Srikant of the English Department and Asian American Studies co-chaired the conference. More than 20 UMass Boston faculty and students played key roles in the conference. Professor Karen Suyemoto of the Psychology Department and Asian American Studies was the co-chair of the Program Committee.

UMass Boston was a visible presence, said Srikant. “We have always been considered the model community-based Asian American Studies program, so people have been saying, ‘When’s the conference going to be in Boston?’” We wanted until we were sure we had a critical mass of people to help put together the conference.”

“We’re small but very well-respected,” said Professor Paul Watanabe, director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, who noted that many conference-goers approached him about the level and quality of UMass Boston activity. Among the really powerful sessions at the conference were the ones in which the undergraduates participated. “That is unusual for a national conference,” added Srikant.

“We were looked to to provide local leadership and local connections, but there’s a way in which we think about and do our work that is also representative of a set of commitments and principles to the field of Asian American Studies for which we are held in high regard,” said Professor Peter Kiang of the Graduated College of Education and the Asian American Studies Program. Watanabe added, “It’s the range of courses we offer with not a lot of resources. It’s the scholarship that is done. It’s a unique relationship that we have with our students, with the program, with the institute; it’s this capacity that we have that reflects our stellar national reputation. People are impressed that we work so closely with the communities.”

The curriculum, explained Kiang, is designed to make explicit connections with the communities through projects, internships, speakers, and ongoing relationships that faculty have carefully cultivated. Kiang pointed out that the Fields Corner area of Dorchester, close to the university, is home to the fifth-largest Vietnamese community in the U.S. Five minutes away is Boston’s Chinatown and significant Asian American populations in Quincy to the south and Lowell to the north. Many UMass Boston faculty, such as College of Public and Community Service professor Andrew Leong, are not only experts but also activists in local Asian American communities. Leong led one of the local tours of Chinatown for conference-goers, trips to the Peabody Essex Museum and to Lowell, as well as Chinatown, were arranged by Shauna Lo and Michael Liu of the Institute for Asian American Studies.

“Because so many of our students come from the community, the investments that we make in their academic development as well as their understanding of important social issues are investments in the community,” said Kiang. He noted that, because the program has operated in a consistent way for years, there are generations of former students currently working in and contributing to the local Asian American communities.

Conference attendee Dr. Franklin Odo, director of the Asian Pacific American (AAS) Program at the Smithsonian Institution, said that UMass Boston’s AAS program is “known nationally for its robust combination of high-caliber academics and formidable presence in the communities it serves.” He added, “Like the best schools of education, business, medicine, to other specialties, the AAS Program encourages students to apply their theoretical knowledge for the general well-being of the groups being studied so that the entire enterprise, including the ethnic communities, is taken to a higher level.”
ECOS Professor Brings the Ocean to Kindergarten

Juanita Urban-Rich is assistant professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

Juanita Urban-Rich is known as the “Ocean Lady” to five-year-olds at the Helen Keller Elementary School in Franklin, MA. For three years, Urban-Rich, a biological oceanographer and assistant professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, has visited kindergarten classrooms to help kids learn more about ocean habitats. This year, she extended the program to a full week, traveling five classes with 96 kindergartners as part of the National Science Foundation and Department of Education’s ESTME (Excellence in Science, Technology, and Mathematics Education) week.

“Two-thirds of these students haven’t seen the ocean,” notes Urban-Rich of the community about 15 miles or more from the nearest shoreline. Urban-Rich’s program features hands-on activities to help students touch and feel what different ocean habitats are like, whether it is a sandy beach, rocky shore, or the deep sea. She does this by bringing “touch tanks” into the classrooms, full of animals the students can see and feel.

For example, for her unit on sandy beaches, Urban-Rich has her students simulate the motion of a wave in a “wave tank,” showing them how the motion of the wave impacts the sand, how colors in the tank are affected by the water’s motion, and what animals could thrive in this environment.

Another day is devoted strictly to rocky shores and tidal pools, with a wave tank so kids can learn what kinds of animals live in the different types of holes or homes in this habitat. With her deep-sea unit, she uses a darkened view box with a window that kids can shine a flashlight into and see glow-in-the-dark sea animals.

Her touch tanks contain animals such as mussels, snails, fish, hermit crabs, sea stars, and more. The children even get excited at the microscopic level, says Urban-Rich. “Bringing in samples of zooplankton, tiny invertebrates that whales and other marine life eat, and we look at them under microscopes. The kids love it,” she says.

While some kids are initially reluctant to put their hands in the tanks, by the week’s end, they are all touching the creatures Urban-Rich brings in. “There was one little girl who was up to her elbows in a tank, soaking the sleeve of her velvet dress. She didn’t care—what was in the tank was much more important to her.”

Urban-Rich ends the week with an art project on Friday, where the kids will choose one of the habitats and create drawings of animals that could live in that habitat.

“I like being able to bring the ocean to people who have never experienced it,” says Urban-Rich, “and outreach is so important at this age. We really need to reach out to children if we want them to find science and math rewarding.”

It’s not just the kids who have fun. Urban-Rich relishes her time in the classroom: “The kids love to ask questions, and they aren’t afraid to ask anything. It really forces me to think about these different questions,” she says.

Students Celebrate Campus Center

Campus Center student celebrations, held from March 31 through April 21, were widely successful and drew people of all ages to the new building for events such as the Campus Center festival, which offered basketball hoop shooting, sumo-wrestling, and other games, live music from WUMB musicians, faculty readings, and Friday night’s “Celebrations of Stars” Gala. (Photos by Harry Brett)

Chess Team Competes at Foxwoods

By Dan Korsunsky

A total of 617 people competed over Easter Weekend in the Foxwoods Open. UMass Boston was represented in a majority of the divisions, often competing against the likes of Wentworth Institute of Technology and Drexel University. Joe Perl, playing in the second-to-highest division, tied for 3rd place. His rating is now within 100 points of being a Master, something he has been working toward for over 7 years. Ilya Krasik played in the same division and tied for 6th place with 4 points. Dmitry Freladakh and I tied for 5th and 4th place in our respective sections. In addition, Kelvin Lo and Resben Urmenita, players who both only started competing in tournaments in March, each tallied 3 points. The chess team’s next event is the UMass Boston High School Open, to be held on May 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Campus Center’s University Dining Room. UMass Boston students are welcome to come and experience a real tournament atmosphere, as well as have an opportunity to take part in an introductory chess clinic hosted by chess master V. Martinovski.

Sociology Department Launches Social Theory Forum Series

By M.H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi

The Social Theory Forum (STF) is a series of conferences and workshops organized jointly by the Sociology Department and others to creatively explore, develop, promote, and publish cross-disciplinary social theory in an applied and liberating (critical) framework. The first gathering, held on April 7, drew a large audience from a wide range of faculty and graduate and undergraduate students from across academic departments, both on and off campus.

This year’s conference was truly stimulating! The morning presenters were excellent, and the discussion was particularly invigorating,” says Tony Nadler of the Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach. “It really helped me see more aspects of the connection between service-learning and critical pedagogy.”

The 2004 event, “ Liberating Social Theory: Inspiration from Paulo Freire for Learning, Teaching, and Advancing Social Theory in Applied Settings,” was composed of three panels moderated by Professors Tim Sieber of the Anthropology Department, Rajini Srikanth of the English Department, and Emmett Schafer of the Sociology Department, and an introductory workshop presentation on Paulo Freire by GCEO professor Martha Montero-Siebert.

The opening address was presented by Professor Siamak Movafeghi, chair of the Sociology Department.

“I had a great time. I found the discussions very interesting and true to the title of the conference. I think we liberated a lot of theory that day. I went home with a whole list of words to look up and a renewed interest in the study of social theory,” said conference attendee Donna Rafferty.

Panels included undergraduates students Erin Marti (UMass Boston); graduate student Bart Banikowsky (Duke University, Rika Yonemura (UC San Diego), Kelli Lynne Joseph (University of Virginia), Paul Khalil Saour (Northern Arizona University); and Professors Samuel Zalanga (Bethel College, Minnesota), Jonathan Martin (Framingham College), Leor Alcalay (Quincy College), and UMass Boston’s Esther Kingston-Mann, Estelle Disch, Milton Born Jr., and sociology faculty and conference organizers Jorge Capetillo-Ponce, Glenn Jacobs, and M.H. (Behrooz) Tamdgidi.

Keith Motley, vice chancellor of student affairs, and the Student Affairs Leadership Team provided partial funding support through the 2004 STARS (Student Affairs Resources for Success) Mini-Grant Program. Partial funding was also provided by Professor Donald Macdonald and the UMass Boston Graduate Program in Applied Linguistics, Office of Service-Learning and Community Outreach’s Jan Ruvidich-Higgins and Tony Nadler, and sociology graduate students Valentina Mara, Anna Marsanick, and Sara Johnson extended valuable support and assistance.
Martinez enrolled at UMass Boston and has rewritten his retail management with a college degree in political science at Columbia University this fall. "I worked ten years in retail after I graduated from high school," says Martinez. "I figured college wasn’t for me." However, within his first months here, Martinez became vitalyzed by his new role as scholar and changed his path. "Great things happened to me: I set my first semester at UMass Boston. I took an introduction to politics in my first semester at UMass Boston. My first class with Professor Robert Bussiere, I took an introduction to politics, addressed the issue of the colonialism, slavery and domination of other peoples, whereas UMass Boston was crowded with activities that reflected his various interests with being gay and returning to college afterwards helped me be more sensitive to other students’ concerns and personal issues, and hopefully that will make me a better professor.

Wood Visiting Professor Examines Multiculturalism of 21st Century Cities

Professor Michael Keith, director of the Centre for Urban and Community Research at Goldsmiths College, London, is the 2004 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor. He led a full visit to UMass Boston in March. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Elaine Werby

In a challenging and scholarly public lecture before more than 100 students and faculty on March 23, Professor Michael Keith, recipient of the 2004 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professorship, addressed the issue of the multiculturalism of cities of the 21st century. Keith is the director of the Centre for Urban and Community Research at Goldsmiths College, London. "Ethically we need to consider what it means to live in cities that are constituted by communities that may be products of both different histories and histories of differences to bear the imprint of colonialism, slavery and domination," said Keith. "As the economic drivers of contemporary capitalist globalization challenge the sovereignty of the nation state, the flows of labor, as well as capital create transnational networks of culture and people," added Xavier de Soussas Bruges, the 2000 recipient of the Wood Visiting Professorship. Keith’s fourth visit to UMass Boston was crowded with activities that reflected his various interests as a scholar and community and political activist. In recognition of his earlier work deals with slavery of Africa under colonialism, slavery and domination of other peoples, whereas UMass Boston was crowded with activities that reflected his various interests with being gay and returning to college afterwards helped me be more sensitive to other students’ concerns and personal issues, and hopefully that will make me a better professor.

Commencement 2004 (cont.)

Forry began his career as a reporter for the Dorchester Argus-Citizen and later served as community relations liaison for the First American Bank for Savings, formerly Dorchester Savings Bank. He left the bank in 1972 to pursue a career in newspaper publishing. Twenty years later, through hard work and dedication, Forry has created a thriving newspaper group that reaches out to a diverse cross-section of Boston neighborhoods. UMass Boston will be bestowing an honorary doctorate in humane letters on Professor Keith. Professor Keith will then participate with Professors Robert Bussiere, Joan Arches, Walter Martinez, recipient of a Minority Fellowship from the American Political Science Association, will attend Columbia University in the fall. (Photos by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPree

In September 2003, Walter Martinez enrolled at UMass Boston so he could return to his career in retail management with a college degree. Three years later, Martinez has rewritten his future—he is one of six nationwide to receive a Minority Fellowship from the American Political Science Association and looks forward to beginning his doctoral degree in political science at Columbia University this fall.

"I have been impressed by the commitment of people here to help students who might not otherwise have a chance to go to college when my goals changed here, people were able to help me in that change," says Martinez.

It’s clear Martinez will be missed when he graduates in June. "He is one of those students who makes the work exciting, who makes the work interesting," says Kathleen Sands, associate professor of religion. "As a Latino, a returning student, and a gay man, Walter’s career at UMass Boston is testimony to our ability to foster excellence in and through our diversity. For Martinez, being open about his orientation is key. He says, I know that coming to terms with being gay and returning to college afterwards helped me be more sensitive to other students’ concerns and personal issues, and hopefully that will make me a better professor.

"Walter’s mind is razor-sharp," says Bussiere, who served as his the-"s- advisor. "He was adept at applying theories to interpretations of Supreme Court opinions."

In applying to graduate school, Martinez found himself asked frequently about UMass Boston. "I have terrific things to say about my experience here. I have been impressed by the commitment of people here to help students who might not otherwise have a chance to go to college when my goals changed here, people were able to help me in that change," says Martinez.

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Elsa Auerbach, professor of
Women, Literacy and Resources
presented at the 10th annual HUD
Conference, held at UMass Boston.

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"Race,
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in Gerontology, gave the keynote

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At the annual meetings of the

Campbell, professor of

"Keys
to Productive Later

Systems"

of Education Society

moderated a panel on "History of School Psychologists.

"Improving
the Links Between Science and

Community Inclusion presented

Community Inclusion presented

"A Post-Modern Rethinking of the

Society of Knowledge" at the

Annual Meeting of the Eastern

Sociological Society.

Anthony Petruzzi, director of

writing assessment, presented the

project evaluation for the annual

director of the Center for Social

Research, moderated a panel on

service and communication at the annual

dues and financials of the National

Student Nursing Association. The event was

"What Works?" at the National University of Ireland Galway.

At the 43rd Annual Israel Mainland

Stewart Conference on Research in

Nursing and Health Science's

Johanna Fawcett gave the keynote
address on "On Survival of the

Discipline: Bed-Batch, Conceptual Models, and

Evidenced-Based Nursing Practice"; Joann Dalton

presented her research "Client-Caregiver-Nurse

Coordination in Decision-Making

During Home Visits"; and Joann Garity presented

her research "Coping with the Burden of Non-Nursing Home Placement of an Alzheimer Family Member." Diana Newman served as conference co-chair.

In April, Donna Haig Friedman,
director of the Center for Social
Policy, moderated a panel on

project evaluation for the annual

conference of the National Human Service Data Consortium.

At the 45th Annual Drosophila
Research Conference, Joseph

Gindhart, assistant professor of

biology, presented "Genetic

Analysis of PAT1 in F1" with

master's student Courtney Tanzi and

"Calyx/Calamin-1 and a Kinesin

Associated Transmembrane Protein in the Drosophila Nervous System" with Ph.D. student Donghui Yang-Zhou.

College of Management's Arthur

Goldsmith presented the paper

"Phlebitis and the Public Purse: U.S. Experience with Direct

Democracy" to the Expert

Group Meeting on Participation of Civil Society in Fiscal Policy at the

United Nations Headquarters.

In March, Carol Hardy-Fanta,
director of the Center for Women
in Politics and Public Policy, was

the keynote speaker at the Massa­

chusetts Office of Transportation's "Women Inspiring Hope and

Possibilities" event and spoke on

women's political leadership at

Worcester State College.

Nan Zhang Hampton, associate
professor of the Department of

Counseling and School Psychology,
presented the paper "Yin and Yang of Disability and Culture: Exploring

Chinese and American Attitudes toward Disability and the Role of Gender in High School Achievement" at Wellesley College.

Rob student, associate professor of

African Studies, presented the paper "Criminal

Constitutions and Employment

Disminuaha: A Mounting Challenge to American Equal Opportunity

Laws" at Oxford Round Table's

Conference on Employment Discrimination held at the Old University.

Pamela Jones, professor of


Erika Kates, research director for

the Center for Women in Politics

and Public Policy, presented "Poor Policies and Best Practices: The

Effects of Staff's Welfare Policies on Access to Education and Training for Low-Income Women" at the center's 17th annual Women's Research Forum in March.

Elizabeth Karnosky of the

Medical Languages Department

gave a paper at the 32nd Annual French Literature Conference, held at the University of South Carolina, and presented "Submission to Patriar­

chy: Voluntary or Infected Sacrifice? A Look at the Women in Evelyn Accad's "The Excised" at the Lebanese American University in Beirut.

The American Studies Program
organized the multimedia panel presentation "Histories of Boston's Chinese Center: Re­

search, Reflections, and Part­

nerships" by graduate students


eses."
The article “What Do Accounts of ‘Racism’ Do?” by Lawrence Blum, professor of philosophy, was published in Racism in Mind by Cornell University Press.


Richard Horsey, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and the Study of Religion, released his edited book Paul and the Roman Imperial Order, published by Trinity Press.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has had two coauthored articles published: “Advanced Practice Nursing: Global Contexts” in “Crossing the Curriculum: Multilingual Learners in College Classrooms” and “Differences and Professional Identities: Strategies for Maximizing Collaborative Efforts During the Implementation of the Workplace Investment Act” in Journal of Rehabilitation.

Robert Weiner, faculty chair of the International Relations track in the MSPA program, has published a review of Yosif Govrin’s Israeli-Romanian Relations at the End of the Cold War in Israel in Cold War Studies.


Leverett J. Zozma, professor of chemistry, and alumnae Damian Dusark 2003 coauthored the paper “Studies of Copper (II) and Nickel (III) Complexation by Bis (1,4,7-triazacyclononane) Ligands Containing Alkene and Alkyne Bridging Groups” in Inorgana Chimica Acta.

In April, the Urban Harbors Institute, with senior research associate Jim Coleman, was contracted by the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils to assess global and regional trends in container shipping in relation to a proposed expansion of the Port Colony container terminal in Australia.

Biologist professor Adrian Colvin-Carranza, in collaboration with Joe Lindhart, was awarded a $228,750 grant from the National Institutes of Health for his project “Arabidopsis Kinesins in Cell Division and Development.”

Professor Lorna Rivera of the College of Public and Community Service published the article “Learning Community: Homeless Women and Popular Education” in Women’s Studies Quarterly.

Deborah Metzel of the Institute of Community Inclusion published the chapter “Historical Social Geography” in NYU’s Mental Retardation in America.

The article “Sheltering in Theory and Practice” by Russell Schutt, professor and director of the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology, was published in AnthroLOGY of Work Review.


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Professor Jacqueline Fawcett of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences is principal investigator on a project to evaluate the Women’s Health Network Case Management Program, funded by $132,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Professor Russell Schutt, director of the master’s program in Applied Sociology, is the investigator.

Gail Gall, a P.D. student in nursing, is the project director.

The Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) in the College of Management received a gift of $45,000 from the Fleet Financial Foundation to support fellows from the nonprofit sector. The ELP is directed by Professor Sherry H. Penneny and the current ELP cohort is led by Mary Trong of Fleet Bank in April.

The College of Management published additional scholarship monies from the L.G. Foundation and the American Bar Association to support fellows in the Balfour program.

David Rohb, assistant dean, secured the new funding.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, will use a 2004 Summer Stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities to begin writing a book that explores the emergence of the penitentiary in nineteenth-century Britain.

The Center for Democracy and Development at the McCormack Graduate School received a $179,000 Grant from the U.S. State Department to continue its “Most Court Rule of Law projects in the People’s Republic of China.”

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APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Kristine Alster, interim dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, has been appointed to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing Education Policy Advisory Committee.

Alex Des Forges, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, received an ACLS/SRIN/CNE International and Area Studies Fellowship to support his grant research on the politics of classical Chinese prose.

Jaimie Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, received the Friend of Fleet Bank in April.

In March, Brian Sokol and Susan Ma at the Center for Social Policy completed work on MASHELTER Data Center, a web application that allows users to generate comprehensive aggregate, unduplicated reports on homeless individuals using Massachusetts shelters.

For its international work in examining global solutions, the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Science Policy Centre for Marine Biosciences and Technology has been invited to join Research America, an organization that promotes the benefits of basic biomedical research and supports the federal health research budget.

IN THE NEWS

UMass Boston student David Gay was featured on WURB’s “The Connection” on April 15 to discuss his experience as a “loser boy” of Sudan.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was a guest commentator on New England Cable News on March 20.

Richard Horsey, Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and the Study of Religion, was interviewed for a special three-hour documentary by Peter Jennings. “Jesus and Paul: The World and the Winner,” which aired on April 5.

Avery Fugenbaum, associate professor of exercise science and physical education, was interviewed in the article “Pushing Too Hard Too Young – Take Away the Fun Factor in Sports and Kids Can Burn Out” on MSNBC.com in April.

WCVB’s “Chronicle” featured the College of Nursing and Health Sciences’ Dr. Adam Bulot, the first to earn his Ph.D. in Public Policy.

Kevin Murphy of the P.D. Program in Public Policy and research analyst for the Office of Institutional Research and Policy Studies, received funding from the Association for Institutional Research at the National Center for Educational Statistics, a National Science Foundation grant program, and has been awarded the Charles E. Brown Fellowship for his dissertation proposal.

MISCELLANEOUS

CPCS Professor James Green has been awarded a writing fellowship by the Boggs Foundation to complete a book manuscript at the Liguera Study Center in Italy. He will spend several weeks in residence at the center during his sabbatical leave in the fall.

Brian Thompson of the Modern Languages department co-produces and co-hosts a regular two-hour show, “French Toast,” on music from the French-speaking world on M1T’s WMBR-FM (88.1).

In addition to the opening of the Campus Center and the ribbon-cutting ceremony were included in the Boston Globe, Boston Herald, WBZ-TV 4, and the Dorchester Reporter.
SATURDAY 8
UMass Boston Beac ons: Men's Basketball vs. Rhode Island College 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-9800 or david.marsten@umb.edu.
UMass Boston Jazz Band Spring Concert 7:30 - 9:30 p.m., Wheately Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st Fl. Featur­ ing: Peter Janison, director. Requested donation: $5.00 ($3.00 for students/ seniors). Contact: 7-5640 or mark.va@umb.edu.

MAY 10
University Health Services: Yoga 5:15 - 6:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st Fl. Free for students. Fac­ ulty and staff: $5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.
Student Vocal Recital 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 2nd Fl. Recital fea­ turing students of Marilyn Bulli, Suzanne Eby, and David Gesow. Contact: 7-5640 or mark.va@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 11
Fourth Annual Senior Lunch 11:30 - 1:00 p.m. In honor of gradu­ ating seniors. Contact: 7-5330 or alasoom@umb.edu.
University Health Services: Yoga 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st Fl. Free for students. Fac­ ulty and staff: $5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

SATURDAY 15
UMass Boston High School Open 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Campus Cen­ ter, University Dining Room. Expe­ rience a real chess tournament at­ mosphere and the thrill of being checked out by the Master. Contact: 7-2991-7149.
University Health Services: Yoga 5:15 - 6:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st Fl. Free for students. Fac­ ulty and staff: $5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

MONDAY 22
University Health Services: Yoga 5:15 - 6:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st Fl. Free for students. Fac­ ulty and staff: $5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

MAY 23
University Health Services: Yoga 5:15 - 6:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, Aerobics Room, 1st Fl. Free for students. Fac­ ulty and staff: $5.00. Class limited to 30. Contact: 7-5680.

The Calendar of Events is pub­ lished monthly by the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. 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.
Submit June calendar listings by May 17. Submit calendar­ listing online at www.umb.edu/news/calendar. See the News and Events page on www.umb.edu for calendar listings.

UMass Boston Talent Show 3: The Variety Extreme 6:00 - 9:30 p.m., Wheately Hall, Wo's End Cafe Plaza, 3rd Fl. Rib­ bone cutting ceremony, refreshments, and interactive tour of the center. Contact: 7-7124 or suzanne.alli­ mendierg@umb.edu.
University Chamber Orchestra 8:00 - 10:00 p.m., St. Paul's Episco­ pal Church, 15 St. Paul Street, Somerville, MA. Featuring Jon Crandell Mitchell as conductor with Grigorios Zambaris, pianist, and Priscilla Taylor, cellist. Requested donation: $5.00 ($3.00 for students/ seniors). Children under four years of age not admitted. Contact: 7-5640 or mark.va@umb.edu.

SUNDAY 9
College of Management Distin­ guished Executive Luncheon 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., The Library, The Hampshire House, 84 Beacon Street, Boston. Featuring CM Dis­ tinguished Executive for 2004. Thomas M. May, chairman, president and CEO of NSTAR. Reservations and tickets ($60.00 required). Contact: 7-7734 or events@umb.edu.
Spring 2004 Music Series: Inca Son: Music and Dance of the Andes 2:30 - 4:00 p.m., Plaza level, between Campus Center and Science Center Rain location: Student Dining Room, Campus Center, 1st Fl. Contact: 7-3580.

WEDNESDAY 19
E-TOURS of the Campus 3:00 - 3:40 p.m., Quinn Administra­ tion Building, Service Area, upper level. Get to know the sustainable and “green” efforts at UMass Bos­ ton. Also on May 19. Contact: 7-5083 or umass.green@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 20
Spring 2004 Music Series: Blue Suede Boopers: Rock and Roll of the 50s and 60s 12:00 - 2:00 p.m., Plaza level, out­ side Quinn Administration Building. Rain location: Student Dining Room, Campus Center, 1st Fl. Contact: 7-3580.

FRIDAY 21
Student Meet and Greet 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Office, upper level. Students are invited to drop in for refresh­ ments, to find out more about the Alumni Association, and meet faculty and staff. Contact: 7-3530 or alumni@umb.edu.

Technological Instructional Center (ITC) Interested in expanding your tech­ nology horizons? Visit the ITC web­ site at www.itc.umb.edu or call 7-2990 for updated workshop infor­ mation.

Intramural Clinic Free classes. New classes every Wednesday, classes on racquetball, squash, basketball, and tennis. Contact: 7-7839 or 7-1433.

Support UMass Boston Beac ons! Visit: www.umb.edu/bostonians or call 7-1433.

MISCELLANEOUS

Beacon Fitness Center Offers include: pliometrics (Mondays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.), pilates (Tuesdays, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.), cardiovascular (Wednes­ days, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.), and aerobics (Fridays, 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.), muscle conditioning (Fridays, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.). Open to all members. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/bsa/index.htm for schedule.

Campana Ministry Offers include: Interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, justice coalition work­ shops, etc. Contact: 7-8391 or wcampana@umb.edu.