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Energy-Saving Campaign Launches

By Lissa Harris

If you've been wasting energy, Apurva Mehta can tell.

"We're scanning the network to see how many computers are left on at night," says Mehta, the director of client services and educational technologies. And not just how many computers, but *which*—so if you haven't turned yours off since summer vacation, you might want to start doing it now.

Why? Turning a computer off at night instead of leaving it in sleep mode saves 15 kilowatts of electricity—about two dollars—a year, which adds up on a campus with roughly 4,500 computers, printers, and other networked devices.

This high-tech penny-pinching is part of an effort to find a silver lining—and maybe a green one as well—as UMass Boston adjusts to \$5.5 million in budget cuts which were triggered by falling state revenues. University administrators hope that by combing the campus for ways to save on heating, wa-



Apurva Mehta with a simple tool which can save energy, money, and jobs. (Photo by Harry Brett)

ter use, and electricity, they can carve at least \$300,000 out of the campus's nearly \$8 million annual utility bill, a savings which could save jobs.

"It was our desire to save money without impacting programs on campus, and without harm to students and faculty," said Vice

Chancellor of Administration and Finance Ellen O'Connor. "The way to do that is with the cooperation of the campus community."

While the campus has a long way to go, the effort is already under way: The IT department has put new energy-saving measures

in place in the student computer labs. Instead of leaving computers on all night to update their software, lab managers are now shutting them down at night and doing software updates in the wee hours of the morning, before students come in.

The bulk of the savings will most likely come from heating and cooling. Assistant Vice Chancellor for facilities management Dorothy Renaghan is analyzing energy use across campus, monitoring temperatures throughout all the buildings through the central computer system that controls the campus's heating and cooling schedules. By analyzing how students and staff use the buildings, they hope to tailor the schedules so they aren't wasting heat on empty spaces.

"You can see what's happening in a particular space. It's fairly sophisticated," said Renaghan. "We are now reviewing all those schedules to see how they relate to building occupancy."

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19 New AEDs Now in Place on Campus

By Anne-Marie Kent

A heart attack victim falls to the ground clutching his chest. Someone calls 911. Then what?

Years ago, precious minutes were often lost while waiting for expert responders equipped with defibrillators, machines that deliver a jolt of electricity to the heart. To be most effective, defibrillation must occur as soon as possible after the onset of sudden cardiac arrest.

Increasingly installed in high-traffic areas from airports to shopping malls, automated external defibrillators (AEDs) mean lifesaving help may be just seconds away.

"Unlike manual defibrillators that are still sometimes used in hospitals, the AEDs that are installed throughout the campus are extremely easy to operate. The devices use clear graphical and spoken instructions in English," explains Assistant Vice Chancellor

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Expert Entrepreneur Guides Others with Big Ideas

By Geoffrey Kula

In 2005, Josh Anyaosah was a refugee from Sierra Leone pursuing a liberal arts degree at UMass Boston. He wanted to further his studies and become a nurse, but with limited resources and support, he wasn't sure he'd be able to pursue his dream.

But the way became clear after a meeting with entrepreneur-in-residence Dan Phillips—whom Anyaosah referred to as "an angel in disguise"—led to a merit-based scholarship. Today, Anyaosah works at Children's Hospital Boston and is also the founder of United for African Growth Organization (UAGO), a non-profit that aims to improve health care and social welfare in Africa.

Anyaosah is just one of the many students whose careers and lives have been transformed by Phillips through his multifaceted work with the school over the past 15 years. And with aggressive plans to expand an internship program, launched in October, which places graduate and undergraduate students in paid, part-time internships



Entrepreneur-in-residence Dan Phillips (right) has already connected a number of students like Wararat "Sam" Tipwimolratchai (left) with internships at local start-ups. (Photo by Harry Brett)

at venture-capital-funded technology start-ups throughout the state, Phillips is just getting warmed up.

A former executive at four venture-capital-backed software firms which were either acquired by Fortune 200 companies or went public, Phillips has privately funded scholarships for UMass Boston students, lectures about starting businesses at the College of Management, and will consult at the school's new Venture Development Center, slated to open in February, with a grand opening celebration being planned for this spring. What Phillips finds at UMass Boston is a student population that mirrors the profile of his former hires: a hardworking, creative, purposeful group that is used to handling adversity.

"The UMass Boston student culture and personality are a perfect fit for a start-up entrepreneurial venture," he explains. "People are already doing this for MIT, Harvard, and Babson students, [but] no one's doing this for UMass Boston, where I've found the stu-

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But there are energy problems on campus that can't be fixed with software. In underground garages, loading docks, and parking lots, the facilities department is waging a perpetual battle against open doors. In the dead of winter, every door left propped for a furtive smoke or a dash out to the parking garage means heat—and money—disappearing into thin air. The solution, for now, is to take away the chunks of concrete and other miscellaneous objects people are using to keep the doors propped open. But Renaghan is hoping education will help, too.

“Along those lines, we're hiring students,” she said. “We have students who are very enthusiastic about energy savings, and we thought they would be fabulous ambassadors.”

Throughout the month of Jan-

uary—and possibly beyond—students will be conducting surveys on energy use and helping to promote conservation on campus. And if you have any ideas for how to make the campus greener, UMass Boston's newly mobilized conservation corps is hoping to hear from you.

To gather the best of the community's ideas, the customer service department has started a new blog dedicated to energy conservation. Customer service director Linda O'Brien wants to hear from students, faculty, and staff on the blog, at <http://blogs.umb.edu/customerservice>.

“It's an effort to engage the whole community,” said O'Brien. “This is the first time we've used a blog for anything like this at the university. What we're hoping is that people will come back to us with their ideas.”

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lor for Student Affairs Kathleen Golden McAndrew, who is also the executive director of Health Services and an assistant clinical professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

For over two years, UMass Boston has been equipped with AEDs in athletics areas such as the Beacons Athletics and Clark Center exercise and gathering areas. Additionally, Public Safety and Health Services have their own defibrillators. Now, with the addition of the 19 new units, there are a total 27 defibrillators available on campus.

“For us, having those AEDs available is yet another opportunity for us to provide a safe environment for our athletes, employees, and visitors to our campus,” says Charlie Titus, Vice Chancellor for Athletics, Recreation and Special Programs.



One of the 19 new defibrillators. (Photo by Harry Brett)

“The AEDs analyze the victim's condition and, only if warranted, deliver an electric shock to the heart to reverse sudden cardiac arrest,” explains Golden McAndrew. “The devices are extremely safe, with no risk of inappropriate shock given to individuals who are not in sudden cardiac arrest or to the person operating the AED.”

Although AEDs talk you through the process, Golden McAndrew adds that CPR can be important to know when using an AED. If the AED delivers an electric shock, the device will then prompt you to administer CPR. CPR classes are available through American Red Cross and American Health Association chapters.

University/Community Partnership Addresses Health Disparities

By Emily Sullivan and Jim Mortenson

Led by UMass Boston, a partnership that includes the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and the Cherishing Our Hearts and Souls Coalition (COHS) of Roxbury is making important progress in reducing socioeconomically-based health disparities.

The effort is based out of the HORIZON Center in Roxbury, a community which is 51% African-American and 23% Hispanic. Funding for this community-based and multidisciplinary project comes courtesy of a \$7.7 million, five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health.

“We have worked successfully to get people on campus who are doing research in health disparities to submit ideas,” explains Celia Moore, professor of psychology and the project's co-principal investigator.

Although the Center is only halfway through its first year of funding, faculty members are already making progress, most notably on the “Heart and ‘Sole’” project, which studies the efficacy of a risk-prevention program aimed at African-American adults in Roxbury who are at risk for cardiovascular diseases.

“People think you can't do this kind of work in the community. That really hasn't been our experi-

ence,” says Dr. Eileen Stuart-Shor, associate professor at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the study's co-principal investigator. “There's a real sense of companionship among the members.”

Participants attend 12 weekly three-hour sessions that combine education with active engagement in exercise, nutrition and cooking demonstrations, relaxation techniques, and stress reduction that is culturally sensitive and tailored to community issues.

“What's unique about the program is it's not just about exercise or diet but really helps people understand the connection between the two,” explains Stuart-Shor. The aim of the program, she continued, is to help participants understand these connections so that the progress made will extend beyond the end of the study's 12 weeks. Currently, 28 patients are enrolled, but Stuart-Shor expects the number will grow to 64; future plans include involving UMass Boston undergraduate students, who will be called HORIZON Scholars, in the research process, and possibly implementing a similar program in Kenya.

Another study which is also making great strides is a health literacy education project led by Lorna Rivera, an associate professor of sociology and community planning at the College of Public

and Community Service. Together with Dr. Marcia Hohn, director of the Roxbury-based Public Education at The Immigrant Learning Center, they are studying three adult basic education programs funded by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

“Our project focuses on a segment of the population that is quite neglected—adults who can't read or write,” says Rivera. As her study notes, there are about 98 million people in the U.S. who have basic or below-basic literacy skills, mostly concentrated in minority communities. Health literacy is especially low, which is particularly alarming because, as Rivera explains: “We know that there is a very strong correlation between literacy and your health. So such programs have a lot of potential to make a difference.”

By examining which models are most effective, Rivera hopes to help these programs make even more of a difference for participants. Though still in the data-collecting stage, Rivera and her team have already noticed changes happening: “Participants are feeling more empowered by what they are learning.” Regardless of the outcome of her study, it is clear that such programs are making a big difference in the community: “It's very inspiring to see these positive changes taking place.”

Jessica Whiteley, assistant professor of exercise and health sciences at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, recently finished the first phase of a weight-loss program aimed at obese girls aged 11 to 13. Focus groups were conducted with children and their parents from the community where they were asked questions about diet, exercise habits, and television time. Phase two involves participants coming to GoKids Boston, located on the Boston campus, two times a week for three months followed by sessions conducted over the Internet for another three months. “I want to develop a program that has a wider-spread use; one that doesn't have to take place here at GoKids,” explains Whiteley. “Hopefully, the Internet component would lead to that.”

The data collected from these focus groups will help Whiteley create a program that she hopes will be effective in instilling lifelong healthy habits in the participants. “We want to know how we can help these girls stay active at home, after the program is completed.”

About 60 girls are currently enrolled, and already Whiteley is receiving positive feedback: “The parents in the focus groups were so appreciative that this kind of study was being done. A lot of them have just recently become

aware that their children's obesity is a real health issue.”

In addition to funding more research projects like Stuart-Shor's, Rivera's, and Whiteley's, the Center's future goals will focus on promotion. “Our plan is to become more visible,” says Moore, “so we need to develop a website and additional partnerships for funding.”

Now that the Center has achieved sustainability on the Boston campus thanks to the collaborative efforts and expertise of faculty from the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the College of Public and Community Service, the partnership's focus has shifted to the Roxbury community.

Perhaps the biggest internal change to the Center has been the appointment of a new co-director, HSPH Professor of Human Behavior and Development Felton James Earls, who is also a professor of social medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Earls's health-disparities research complements the Center's goals, which Moore outlines as “providing a place to foster research on health disparities and related research for students and new faculty members.” In line with those goals is the HORIZON Scholars project, which will provide undergraduate students with research experience.

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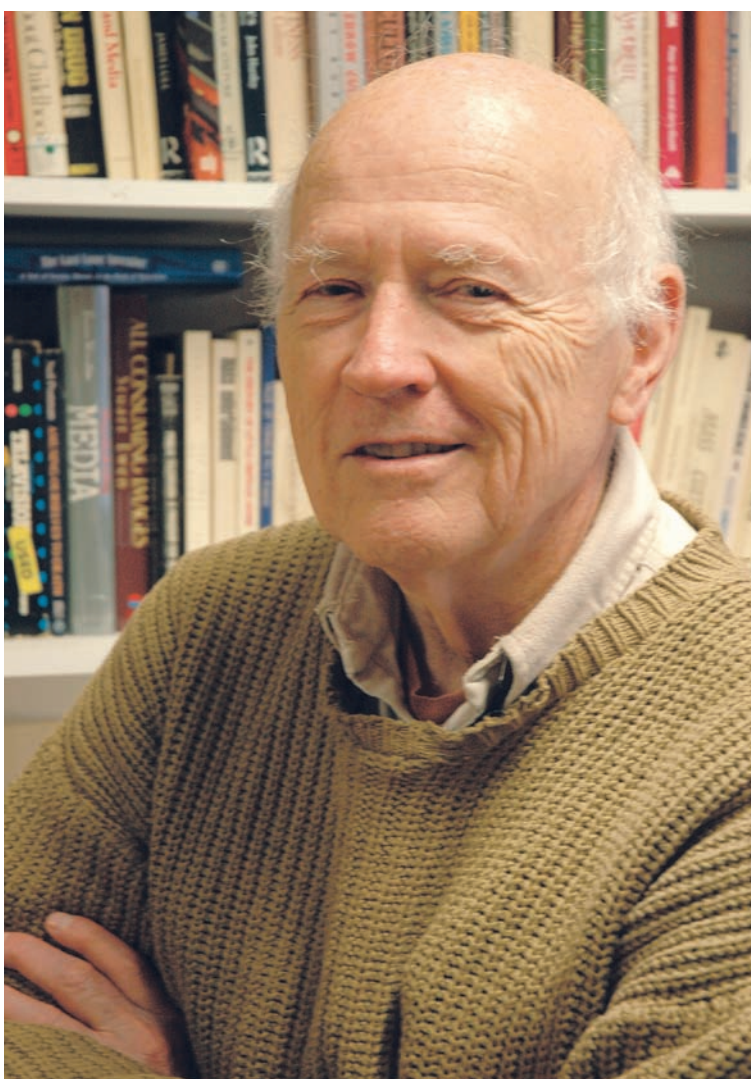
Changing Attitudes and Lives at Dorchester District Court

By Anne-Marie Kent

When Dorchester probationers first encounter Taylor Stoehr, the English professor who will lead them in the “Changing Lives through Literature” program, many are dubious—not just about Stoehr, but about teachers and classrooms in general. For many of them, school is a distant and unpleasant memory, and the program represents time off probation more than any promise of life change.

But Stoehr isn’t daunted. Aided by a team that includes a judge, probation officers and volunteers, he has seen attitudes—and lives—change among the nearly 300 students he’s taught during his 14 years of involvement in the Dorchester District Court’s chapter of the program, which was founded in New Bedford in 1991 and is now practiced nationwide.

Last month, Stoehr was presented with one of six 2008 University of Massachusetts President’s Public Service Awards, but like any good teacher, he prefers to talk about his students. In doing so, he engages the full range of issues which affect their lives, including poverty, racism, family breakdowns, addictions, and the considerable social and economic repercussions of having a criminal record.



Professor of English Taylor Stoehr. (Photo by Harry Brett)

“For many of them, the future is bleak. Job opportunities are rare, thanks to the Criminal Offender Record Information laws. Nobody will take a risk to change anything; it’s double punishment,” says Stoehr, who adds, “We can’t change records, but what this program does for people is change

their self-esteem.”

That type of change, program founders believe, is one of the keys to avoiding further acts of crime, although Stoehr cautions that it’s not an instant fix. Each semester, he and his teammates confront distrust and cynicism early in the term. As the semester goes on,

some students drop out. Those who persevere, working in small group settings, discussing specially chosen texts, and exploring ideas through writing, undergo a process of dialogue and reflection that often leads them to ask themselves how they ended up on probation in the first place.

The primary text is Frederick Douglass’s *Narrative of the Life of an American Slave*, which opens up discussion of issues such as poverty, racism, family division, and the struggle for social justice.

“Other readings clarify issues Douglass raises by putting them in a broader context,” says Stoehr, who chooses texts to fit the needs of the men he teaches. Writing assignments are responded to, not graded.

“Our method is to engage students over their ideas, rather than their ability to articulate them,” Stoehr explains.

Meeting in small groups at first helps build trust. Participants ponder weighty questions, such as “What is necessary for a normal childhood?” and “Where do people get their self-esteem?” Facilitators, including Stoehr, ensure that the classroom remains a safe place where all opinions are considered respectfully. It is a type of environment, Stoehr notes, fast disappearing in our culture.

The effect of such discussions can be profound.

“I think this will affect the way I view people in general, and to a lesser extent, the court system. I can see a more positive side in people and trust a little more,” writes one program graduate. “I will take a lot of satisfaction, that I have been heard in my discussions and my writing, and I will have more confidence to pursue more of my goals.”

Another adds, “I did not want to be here to learn, but to be done with my probation, but as the time went by, I have seen a lot of changes, just by having conversations with my classmates, seeing and hearing people talking positive about the program and how it has brought some changes to their lives.”

In “School on Probation: Teaching That Saves Lives,” published in the fall 2008 issue of *The Higher Education Journal*, Stoehr writes, “[CLTL] Students profit most of all from the simple act of coming together to talk about their own plight....Struggling to understand what the world offers, demands, owes, or withholds from them, and sharing their opinions with growing respect for other voices and views, they can learn to take themselves seriously in a new way. If they do, their lives will have changed.”

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dents are hungrier, more aggressive, and more focused than their peers at private institutions.”

To develop an internship opportunity, Phillips meets with CEOs to find out what type of needs they have, and then—going through both his mental Rolodex and a stack of resumes—he handpicks the students who are “maniacal in their focus and drive to succeed,” then meets with each candidate to ensure a proper fit with a company.

So far, the program has been a hit with both students and CEOs; Phillips said he has yet to meet a company leader who hasn’t welcomed the proposition. Phillips adds that the students are also doing extremely well, which is the ultimate selling point of the program: They succeed, and in doing so, make companies more productive.

“The nice thing about start-ups is they need people of all disciplines because they need to fill every department in a company,” as opposed to an established organization which only has specific needs in different niche areas, he said.

“The students may go in to work in one department, but be-

cause the companies are young and lean,” he continued, “they see how decisions are made and they see the impact of these decisions.”

That UMass Boston also has such a large international presence among its student body is another asset for these companies to mine, according to Phillips.

“All start-ups would love to have interns that could help them move into international markets,” he said. “It’s expensive for start-ups to hire people that have an understanding of the verbal skills and customs of a foreign country like China or across Europe,” he said, “so these students are a great value proposition for start-ups.”

Recognizing that opportunities abound in other fields of study, part of Phillips’s plans to expand the program include finding internships for students in health care, science, and other programs. “We’ve gotten it off the ground, now we need to make it a university-wide program,” he said. “Our aim is to market this university-wide because there are opportunities for all.”

One student benefiting from the internship program is Wararat

“Sam” Tipwimolratchai, who will graduate from CM in May with an MBA in finance. Currently an analyst intern at Brighton House Associates—an intermediary between fund managers and potential investors—she provides database support for the analyst team.

Tipwimolratchai took a class on portfolio management to learn about hedge funds, and the industry exposure she’s had at BHA has reinforced the difference in strategies behind running a hedge fund and a mutual fund, as well as providing valuable firsthand insight into the industry.

“I know the class theory, but the market changes every day; if you’re not in the market every day, you don’t know what’s going on,” she said. “Working there helps me keep track of industry trends in real time, and I get to learn what investors really want.”

Another Brighton House associate intern is accounting graduate student Wei Tang, who also helps maintain databases for the analysts. Her favorite part of the internship are the Friday communal lunches where all sides of the company come together—senior managers, analysts, and techni-

cal personnel—to discuss what’s going on in the company, and at which interns are encouraged to talk about what they’ve learned and ask questions.

“Working on the research side, there’s not much access to the technical, sales and management teams, and the Friday lunches are a good opportunity to get to know people and broaden my perspective and understanding of the company,” Tang said. “It’s a good, open culture; a comfortable environment where I feel I’ve developed a close relationship with people in all departments of the company.”

The nascent internship program, Venture Development Center director William Brah said, came about as the answer to the question: How do we introduce the innovation economy to UMass Boston?

“No matter what field of study, students can develop entrepreneurial skills,” he said. “Without providing an entrepreneurial education, we’re not serving the long-term career goals of the student body. Our plan is to have the start-up firms, and internships, located right here on campus in the Venture Development Center.”

Brah predicted the program will attract more students to UMass Boston. “If I knew there was a guy like Dan around, I’d go to that school,” he said, echoing the words of those who have benefited from Phillips’s mentoring. “Dan is giving our students something more valuable than money—he’s providing them with the opportunity to gain real-world experience needed to secure a good job in the future.”

Working alongside Phillips to expand the program, Brah noted that once it reaches 50 to 100 students, the school will seek a foundation grant or ask VC firms to contribute financially or with personnel to help screen resumes. He and Phillips also aim to make the program regional, eventually involving other state and community colleges. More immediately, however, Brah plans to expand the program to the College of Science and Mathematics, the first step on the way to making the internship program—and Phillips’s ideas—university-wide.

“He’s a person that’s going to help the university evolve to its potential,” Brah said. “That will be his legacy at UMass Boston.”

2008 through the lens of Harry Brett



CLOCKWISE: Moonrise over the plaza. | Former Vice Chancellor Arthur Bernard; Vice Chancellor for Athletics, Recreation, and Special Programs Charlie Titus; and “Virtual Arthur.” | Veterans Upward Bound graduation ceremony.

CLOCKWISE: Freedom and the press: American Studies Department chair Lois Rudnick and WBZ Radio’s Dan Rea (Boston State College, Class of 1970). | At the launch party for WUMB’s new logo, a camera-shy Dylan, son of Kim Howard and husband Scott. | Associate Provost Peter Langer points two students in the right direction (onward and upward) during opening week. | One of many happy reunions at the State Teachers College at Boston Class of 1958 Reunion.



Just a few of our favorite photos out of the thousands taken by
University Photographer Harry Brett in 2008.



FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: The Chancellor, the Mayor, and the Governor celebrate the signing of the Commonwealth Compact. | Interim Provost Winston Langley at the Alpha Lambda Delta Society induction ceremony. | Singer in silhouette at WUMB's Mockingbird Festival.

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Padraig O'Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, spoke at Cape Cod Community College on December 10.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Christian Weller** gave two presentations recently: "The Asset Allocation of Public Sector Pension Plans" at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management in Los Angeles on November 6, and "Addressing the Crisis: Plan Design Issues for the Future" at the annual conference of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, held in San Antonio, Texas, November 17 and 18.

On December 15, **Françoise Carré**, research director at the McCormack School's Center for Social Policy, together with Professor Chris Tilly of UCLA (previously of UMass Lowell), convened a group of national researchers to discuss their research on low-wage employment and low-wage workers. The event was part of a Ford Foundation project on low-wage employment. Other members of the faculty and staff who took part included Professor of Economics and senior fellow at the Center for Social Policy **Randy Albelda**, Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Ramon Borges-Mendez**, senior fellow at the Center for Social Policy and professor emeritus in the Department of Economics **Arthur MacEwan**, CSP Senior Fellow **Elaine Werby**, and Public Policy doctoral candidate **Brandynn Holgate**.

Professor **Adenrele Awotona**, director of the Center for Rebuilding Sustainable Communities after Disasters, delivered two papers at the 2008 Workshop on Humiliation and Violent Conflict representing the Twelfth Annual Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies Conference, at Columbia University in New York on December 11 and 12. The papers were titled "Integrating Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies into Graduate Programs in Global Disaster Studies" and "The Role of Dignity and Humiliation for Addressing Global challenges."

On December 19, **Donna Haig Friedman**, director of the Center for Social Policy at the McCormack School, presented a paper titled "Participatory Action Research for Social Change: Opportunities and Challenges" at the International Movement ATD Fourth World Movement Conference on Extreme Poverty, Family Ties and Gender at Sciences Po, held in Paris, France, from December 17 through 19.

Professor **Siamak Movahedi** of the Sociology Department was one of four invited speakers in a national conference on Sex and Psyche, held in New York City on December 6.

Associate Professor of Applied Linguistics **Pepi Leistyna** had his film *Class Dismissed: How TV Frames the Working Class* screened at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Social Work on November 19. He also participated in a college-wide symposium, titled "Class Dismissed," which was hosted by PRISM and the Institute for Interdisciplinary Study at Emerson College on November 6.

Professor of Philosophy **Lawrence Blum** gave two presentations at the annual meeting of the Association for Moral Education: "High School Students Reflect on Inclusion and Racial Asymmetries," and "Morality and Religious Pluralism" at Notre Dame University in November.

College of Public and Community Service professor **Nina Silverstein** gave an invited presentation titled "Pathway from Driver to Passenger: Strategies and Interventions for Enhancing Community Mobility" at the Smart Growth—Smart Energy Conference, held at the Boston Convention Center on December 12.

Robbin Peach, senior research fellow for the Massachusetts Ocean Partnership at the McCormack Graduate School, spoke at the Coastal Cities Summit in St. Petersburg, Florida, in November, and wrote a white paper for, and participated in, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Governance Forum held in Baltimore, Maryland, in December.

The Institute for Community Inclusion trained about 70 job developers, from the North Shore and Springfield area of Massachusetts, who support individuals with disabilities, on the features of a new online resource for sharing job leads and collaboration among job developers. The trainings took place on October 28 and November 5, and were facilitated by **Amelia Robbins-Cureau** and **David Hoff** of the ICI.

John Kramer of the Institute for Community Inclusion presented a session titled "Fingers on the Same Hand: Siblings and Self-Advocates Working Together for Policies and Practices to Benefit Everyone" at the Sibling Leadership Network conference in Columbus, Ohio, on November 6 and 7. He also facilitated a workgroup on policy and advocacy.

Alberto Migliore of the Institute for Community Inclusion presented three sessions at the Annual TASH conference in Nashville, Tennessee. He presented on the state of the states in employment and disability at a town hall meeting, vocational rehabilitation outcome measurement, and at a pre-conference workshop on international issues.

The Institute for Community Inclusion helped organize the conference "It's Just Good Business: A Conference for Massachusetts Job Developers," held December 9 at the Royal Plaza Hotel in Marlborough, Massachusetts. The conference was offered at no cost to participants, by

the Medicaid Infrastructure Comprehensive Opportunities (MI-CEO) grant, and funded by the Center for Medicaid Services, in partnership with the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and the ICI.

Professor and Graduate Program Director **David Matz** of Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution at the McCormack Graduate School presented a master class, "A Different Approach to Organizational Conflict," at the Annual Meeting of the New England Association for Conflict Resolution (NEACR) on December 12.

Julia Tripp, constituent coordinator and research assistant at the Center for Social Policy, presented a paper titled "The Long Arm of Poverty: Mental Illness, Homelessness and HIV/AIDS – Disgraced or Embraced?" at the International Movement ATD Fourth World Movement Conference, held in Paris, France, December 17 through 19.

Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences **Eileen Stuart-Shor** presented "Are There Gender-Related Differences in Acute and Prodromal Stroke Symptoms," at the November 2008 American Heart Association Scientific Sessions in New Orleans. She also presented "What's Up Doc? Communicating with Your Health Care Provider" at the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning at UMass Boston.

Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Nursing in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences **Laura L. Hayman** presented "A Web-Based Interactive Health Behavior Change Program for Smoking Cessation in Young Women in Korea" at the American Public Health Association in October, and gave two invited presentations at the American Heart Association Scientific Sessions in November: "Starting Young: Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle with Children" and "Children at Risk: Diabetes Prevention and Control."

Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences **Susan DeSanto-Madeya** presented "Culture Trumps Strategy: Mentoring as a Retention Strategy" at the 8th Annual Workforce Summit of the Massachusetts Hospital Society, held in Waltham, Massachusetts. She also presented her research proposal "Racial Disparities in Quality of Life at End-of-Life for Advanced Cancer Patients and Their Families" at the Oncology Nursing Society Research Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from October 23 through 26.

Assistant Professor in the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences **Scott Crouter** presented "Novel Techniques in Quantifying Physical Activity Using Accelerometers" at the New England chapter meeting of the American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) in November.

Associate Professor of Exercise and Health Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences **Jean**

Wiecha presented findings from her study on YMCA after-school programs to the national steering committee for Activate America, YMCA of the USA's health promotion initiative, in October. In November, Wiecha presented Food and Fun After School, an after-school health-promotion curriculum her team developed that was selected by Alliance for a Healthier Generation as a recommended resource following review by the American Heart Association.

PUBLICATIONS

Associate Professor **Andrew Leong** of the College of Public and Community Service published an opinion piece in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on November 10 titled "Casinos: Creating Another Injustice." The piece commented on the environmentally racist citing of a proposed casino next to Philadelphia's Chinatown. Leong coauthored, with attorney Zenobia Lai, a law review article titled "From the Community Lawyers' Lens: The Case of the 'Quincy 4' and Challenges to Securing Civil Rights for Asian Americans," which was published in volume 15 of the *Asian American Law Journal*, published by Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Christian Weller** coauthored a paper with Amanda Logan of the Center for American Progress, titled "Investing for Widespread, Productive Growth," for the *CAP Economic Policy Report*, and also coauthored, with Jeffrey Wenger of the University of Georgia, the article "In It for the Long Haul: The Investment Behavior of Public Pensions" for a report by the National Institute on Retirement Security.

Director of Writing Assessment **Anthony Petruzzi** published "Articulating a Hermeneutic Theory of Writing Assessment" in *Assessing Writing*, volume 13.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **Jalal Alamgir** contributed a chapter titled "State(ments) of Emergency: Anti-Democratic Narratives in Bangladesh" to *Anti-Democratic Thought*, published recently by Imprint.

Heike Boeltzig of the Institute for Community Inclusion cowrote the chapter "Moving Toward E-Government – Effective Strategies for Increasing Access and Use of the Internet Among Non-Internet Users in the US and UK" for the book *E-Government in Developed Nations: An Insight*.

Heike Boeltzig, **Jaimie Timmons**, and **John Butterworth** of the Institute for Community Inclusion cowrote the article "Entering Work: Employment Outcomes of People with Developmental Disabilities" for the September issue of *International Journal of Rehabilitation Research*.

Jaimie Timmons, **Heike Boeltzig**, and **Joe Marrone** of the Institute for Community Inclusion published an article titled "Maximizing Potential:

Innovative Collaborative Strategies Between One-Stops and Mental Health Systems of Care" in *WORK: A Journal of Prevention, Assessment, & Rehabilitation*.

Holly Matulewicz and **Jeff Coburn** of the Institute for Community Inclusion had their article "Universal Design for Web Surveys: Practical Guidelines" published online at Survey Practice: Practical Information for Survey Researchers.

The Institute for Community Inclusion's StateData project recently published the book *StateData: The National Report on Employment Services and Outcomes*. It provides statistics over a twenty-year period from several national data sets that address the status of employment and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Professor **Marilyn Frankenstein** of the College of Public and Community Service is writing a column three times a year for British journal *Numeracy Briefing*, and is also on the editorial panel for a special issue on equity of the *Journal for Research in Mathematics Education*.

Professor of Psychology **Ed Tronick** had a poster he cocreated, titled "Multiple Predictors of Attachment in a Healthy Term African American Sample at 18 Months," accepted for presentation at the Society for Research in Child Development.

A fourth edition of Professor of History and Graduate Program Director **Spencer M. Di Scala**'s book *Italy: From Revolution to Republic, 1700-Present* has just been published by Westview Press, part of Perseus Books.

Professor of Psychology **Michael Milburn**, Associate Professor **Carol Hall Ellenbecker** of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and Gerontology Professor **Frank Porell** cowrote "Predictors of Home Healthcare Nurse Retention" for the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.

Academic Support Programs director **Mark Pawlak** has published a selection from his memoir about poet Denise Levertov in the Australian literary magazine *Jacket*.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences lecturer **Leslie Jane Sullivan** contributed an article, "Bela Pratt's 'Angel of the Battlefield': Good Out of Evil," to the Summer 2008 issue of the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts*, published by Westfield State College.

Associate Professor of Chemistry **Wei Zhang** recently coauthored four papers for the journal *Tetrahedron Letters*: "Mn(OAc)₃-Promoted regioselective free radical thiocyanation of indoles and anilines," "Free radical ring expansion and spirocyclization of 1,3-diketone derivatives," "Ga(OTf)₃-Promoted condensation reactions for 1,5-benzodiazepines and 1,5-benzothiazepines," and "Gallium(III) triflate-catalyzed

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synthesis of quinoxaline derivatives.” These papers are part of a research collaboration on free radical chemistry and heterocyclic chemistry with Suzhou University in China.

Assistant Professor **Melissa Pearrow** of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology published the article “A critical examination of an urban-based youth empowerment strategy: The Teen Empowerment program” in the *Journal of Community Practice*.

Michael Keating, associate director and senior fellow at the McCormack Graduate School’s Center for Democracy and Development, had an article titled “Nigeria’s Enduring Fault Line” published in the December 11 edition of *World Politics Review* on the civil unrest in Nigeria following recent elections.

Assistant Professor **Scott Crouter** of the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences coauthored “Walking, cycling and obesity rates in Europe, North America and Australia” for the *Journal of Physical Activity and Health*.

Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Nursing **Laura L. Hayman** coauthored “What is needed to reverse the trends in childhood obesity? A call to action for the Society of Behavioral Medicine” in the December issue of *Annals of Behavioral Medicine*, “Ambulatory blood pressure monitoring in children and adolescents: Recommendations for standard assessment” in *Hypertension*, and “Post-transplant functional status in kidney transplant recipients: One Center’s Experience” in *Progress in Transplantation*.

Associate Professor of Nursing **Haeok Lee** wrote “Hepatitis B infection among Korean Americans in Colorado: Evidence of the Need for Serologic Testing and Vaccination” for the *Journal of Hepatitis Monthly*, and “Spirituality, Depression, Living Alone and Perceived Health Among Korean Elders in the Community” in *Archives of Psychiatric Nursing*.

Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences **Eileen Stuart-Shor** coauthored “Prevention of Heart Failure: A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association” in the journal *Circulation*.

Associate Professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences **Mary Cooley** coauthored “Smoking trends in the Nurses Health Study (1976-2003)” for the November-December issue of *Nursing Research*.

Interim Chair of the Department of Nursing **Lois Haggerty** coauthored “Adapting and Testing the Appraisal of Violent Situation Scales” in *Health Care for Women International*.

Assistant Professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology **Laurie L. Charlés** published a book review, “Autoethnography as a never-ending story: A review

of *Guyana Diaries: Women’s Lives Across Difference*” in the *Weekly Qualitative Report*.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

The Institute for Community Inclusion, in collaboration with seven University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (UCEDD) and with the Association for University Centers on Disabilities, has received a grant for \$4 million, to be distributed over five years, from the federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities. The grant will help fund the establishment of the Consortium for Postsecondary Education for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

Assistant Professor of Psychology **John Perez** and Associate Professor of Nursing **Amy Rex Smith** will serve as the principal investigator and co-principal investigator, respectively, for a grant from the National Cancer Institute in the amount of \$99,937 for a study titled “Effects of Prayer on Well-Being among Cancer Patients.” Also involved is Laurel Radwin of Massachusetts General Hospital, who will serve as co-principal investigator. Perez will also serve as the co-principal investigator of a grant from the National Cancer Institute in the amount of \$103,699 for a project titled “Cancer Screening among Latinos in Churches.” Also involved is Jennifer Allen of Boston College and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, who will serve as co-principal investigator. Both grants are part of the U56 grant partnership between UMass Boston and Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center.

During the month of November, the Office of Student Leadership and Community Engagement partnered with Boston Can Share, MASSPIRG, and Sodexo in a can drive run through the City of Boston, to help feed the citizens of our community. The drive, which was run in conjunction with Hunger and Homelessness Week, collected eight boxes of food for the Greater Boston Food Bank, and \$100 was donated to the city’s Fresh Food Fund.

Assistant Professor of Art **Erik Levine** has received a grant from the Jerome Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for “Cocker,” a video work which challenges the perception, meaning, and definition of cultural masculinity and values as seen through the ritual, history, tradition, and sport of cockfighting.

Assistant Professor of Exercise and Health Sciences **Jessica Whiteley** received a grant award from NIH/NCI through the U56 UMass Boston/Dana-Farber Cancer Institute program for a pilot study titled “Health Communication Channels among Nontraditional College Students.”

Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Nursing **Laura L. Hayman** and Associate Professor of Nursing **Mary Cooley** received funding from the NIH/NCI through

Exploring the “Cutting Edge”



Barbara Lewis, Director of the Trotter Institute, interviewed novelists Terry McMillan and John Edgar Wideman in front of a live audience at the Schomburg Library in New York City on November 20. The event was part of the Writers on the Cutting Edge series curated by poet and journalist Quincy Troupe. From left: Quincy Troupe, Barbara Lewis, and novelists John Edgar Wideman and Terry McMillan. (Photo by Bob Gore)

the U56 UMass Boston/Dana-Farber Cancer Institute for the pilot study entitled “Current Health Behaviors and Motivational Readiness to Pursue Behavioral Change among African-American and European American Lung Cancer Patients and their Families.”

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Former Associate Chancellor for School and Community Relations and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs **Charles Desmond** has been named chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

In November, Assistant Professor of Art **Catherine Mazza** received the 2008 Recent Alumni Award from Carnegie Mellon University’s Alumni Association.

A book edited by Frederick S. Troy Professor of English **Lloyd Schwartz, Elizabeth Bishop: Poems, Prose, and Letters**, was named as one of the books of the year in the Literary Supplement of the *Times* of London, England.

Health reporter **Eduardo Oliveira** of the New England Ethnic Newswire (www.ethnicnews.org), a project of the Center on Media and Society at the McCormack School, was named to the *El Planeta* newspaper’s list of 100 “Powermeter persons” who influenced the Hispanic community in 2008.

Associate Professor in Dispute Resolution **Eben Weitzman** was an “Academic Visitor” at Hong Kong Polytechnic University’s Department of Management and Marketing from December 8 through 19, where he conducted seminars on research methodology, advised students and faculty on research projects, and explored potential research collaborations.

College of Public and Community Service professor **Nina Silverstein** served as a juror for the Fairfax Intergenerational Design Competition, held by Fairfax Renaissance Development Corporation in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 5.

Assistant Professor of School Psychology **Robin Coddling** has been invited to serve a two-year term as associate editor for the *Journal of School Psychology* beginning in January.

Professor of Music **Jon C. Mitchell** presented a lecture, titled “RVW-WW: Ralph Vaughan Williams’ Wind Works,” to conductors at the All-New England Band Festival, held at Plymouth State University, in Plymouth, New Hampshire, on November 24.

Associate Professor **Carol Hall Ellenbecker** of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences has been awarded a Center to Champion Nursing in America Fellowship funded by the Public Policy Institute of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The Fellowship will be based in Washington, D.C. where she will be working on nursing workforce policy in the context of the broader health care system and health care reform.

Vice Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer **Anne Scrivener Agee** has been selected by *Computerworld* magazine as one of the Top 100 IT Leaders for 2009.

Assistant Professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology **Laurie L. Charlés** has been named to the Board of Assessors of the U.K.-based *Journal of Family Therapy*.

EVENTS

The Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution and Public Collaboration (MODR), in partnership with the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, convened a series of deliberative dialogues on national policy issues in the months immediately preceding the presidential election. Dialogues were held at the Library and at UMass Boston on the topics of health care, energy, and immigration. Over fifty people took part in these events. This series was part of a larger initiative of the National Issues Forums Institute and all twelve Presidential Libraries of the National Archives and Records Administration.

IN THE NEWS

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and Public Affairs at the McCormack Graduate School, was interviewed by WHDH-TV (Channel 7) on December 4 and on WGBH’s *Greater Boston* about Caroline

Kennedy’s efforts to be appointed to the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Hillary Clinton, and quoted in the Chilean magazine *La Tercera* and on a number of Chilean radio stations on the American presidential election.

Former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (now the College of Liberal Arts) **Richard Freeland** has been named the next commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

Senior instructional designer **Eileen McMahon** was quoted in a December 8 *Inside Higher Ed* story about portable, Web-based gadgets called Widgets.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Alan Clayton-Matthews** was quoted in the *Boston Globe* on December 4 in a story about a report by the Donahue Institute which states that the Massachusetts economy is falling into a recession, again in the *Globe* in a November 26 story about companies which are making preemptive workforce cuts, in the Tacoma, Washington *News Tribune* in a November 21 story about a potential appointee to the chairmanship of the Federal Reserve, in the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, *Boston Globe*, on WBUR on November 21 in stories about unemployment figures in Massachusetts, in the *Boston Globe* and the *Ipswich* (Massachusetts) *Chronicle* on December 16 about possible budget-cutting moves by Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick, in the *Patriot Ledger* on November 18 in an article about the stock market, and in the *Boston Globe* on December 18 in a story about more layoffs in Massachusetts.

The appointment of former Associate Chancellor for School and Community Relations and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs **Charles Desmond** as chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education was noted in the December 4 *Boston Globe*.

Dean of the McCormack Graduate School **Steve Crosby** was quoted in the *Belmont* (Massachusetts) *Citizen Herald* on December 3 in a story about upcoming pay raises for Massachusetts legislators.

An appearance at Cape Cod Community College on December 10 by **Padraig O’Malley**, the John Joseph

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of Marketing and Communications. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus, dial (617) 28 and the last five digits listed below each event.

Monday 5

Winter Session begins

Monday 19

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

University closed.

Friday 23

Winter Session ends

Teaching for Transformation
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Ryan Lounge and other locations.
Annual Conference on Teaching for Transformation, sponsored by the Center for the Improvement

of Teaching (CIT). The conference will include 22 sessions, with presenters from UMass Boston and other colleges and universities. Details at www.cit.umb.edu.

Monday 26

Spring semester begins

SUBMIT TO THE CALENDAR

Have an event you'd like to see listed for February? Email the date, time, location, title of the event, and a brief description, including sponsors and admission charge (if any), to news@umb.edu.

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Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, was noted in the December 4 *Cape Cod Times*.

Chancellor **J. Keith Motley** was the subject of a November 21 *Boston Globe* column, "A Perfect Fit for UMass," and spoke with NewsCenter 5 on December 3 about the growing popularity of public colleges such as UMass Boston. Also, a speech by the Chancellor to members of the Ashmont Adams Neighborhood Association was noted in the November 26 *Dorchester Reporter*.

Senior Statistician in the Center for Survey Research **Anthony Roman** was mentioned in a BostonChannel.com story in December about a survey of the health of local seniors in which the CSR took a prominent role.

Director of the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network and the Minority Business Center at UMass Boston **Mark R. Allio** was quoted in the *Los Angeles Business Journal* in a November 28 story about the limited credit currently available to small businesses.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management **Lisa Johnson** was quoted in the *Patriot Ledger* on December 2 in a story about the increasing popularity of state schools such as UMass Boston.

Marc Prou, associate professor and chair of the Africana Studies Department, was quoted extensively in an article titled "Haitian Abroad Working Tirelessly to Rebuild Ravaged Country" in the November 27-December 3 *New York Beacon*.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Christian Weller** was quoted in the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* on November 28 and in the magazine *Pensions & Investments*. He also appeared on Bloomberg television and CNN.

A letter to the editor about the positive effect of federal deficits, written by **Arthur MacEwan**, senior fellow at the Center for Social Policy and professor emeritus in the Department of Economics, was published in the December 1 *Boston Globe*.

Professor of Economics and senior fellow at the Center for Social Policy **Randy Albelda** wrote an op-ed column for the November 27 *Boston Globe* that called for an economic stimulus

plan which would enhance the nation's social infrastructure, and was quoted in the *Globe* on December 22 about an effort to help college students restructure their financial aid packages to include work-study jobs.

The New England Ethnic Newswire (www.ethnicnews.org), a project of the Center on Media & Society at the McCormack School, was mentioned in a November 26 *Boston Globe* magazine feature about the best local Web sites. The project's first annual NEENA Awards were mentioned in the November 26 *Dorchester Reporter*, in *India Currents* magazine, the Danbury, Connecticut newspapers *Tribuna* and *News Times*, and on the Web sites of the *Jewish Journal*, *O Jornal*, New America Media, and TuBoston.com.

Assistant Professor of Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences **Allen Gontz** was quoted in a November 23 *Boston Globe* story about an archaeological dig at the site of what was once Great Pond in Dorchester.

Professor of Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences **Robert Chen** was interviewed by WHDH-TV news in a story about government spending on earmarks.

Director of undergraduate admissions **Liliana Mickle** spoke with WBZ Radio's Dan Rea on his *Night-side* program, discussing the college admissions procedure.

A survey on the political attitudes of Asian immigrants in Massachusetts released by the Institute of Asian American Studies was the subject of a November 23 *Boston Globe* feature, which quoted the Institute's director, **Paul Watanabe**.

Professor of Social Policy and Welfare Rights **Ann Withorn** was quoted in a November 21 *Boston Herald* story about a bribery allegation against former state senator Dianne Wilkerson.

UMass Boston was the setting for a PBS *NewsHour* feature story on December 8 on the rising costs of higher education, and the debts incurred for many who go to college.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology **Patrick Clarkin** was quoted in a December 21 *New York Times* article about a group of Hmong refugees who now live in French Guiana.

Associate Professor of Psychology **David Lisak** was quoted in a December 18 *Colorado Springs Ga-*

zette story about efforts by the Air Force to deal with sexual assaults on cadets.

Vice Chancellor for Athletics and Recreational Programs **Charlie Titus's** naming of **Rick Peterson** as head men's lacrosse coach was noted in *Lacrosse* magazine on December 16.

The Institute for Community Inclusion was referenced in an article about transition programs for students with disabilities. The article appeared in *Education Daily* and was titled "Down Syndrome Group Promotes Transition Programs." It discussed a

grant recently awarded to ICI as well as national research conducted by ICI on the topic of transition.

History Department Chair **Roberta Wollons** and Professors **Jonathan Chu**, **Spencer DiScala**, and **James Green** were interviewed for a documentary film about best practices in university history education. The film is being produced for broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation and was commissioned by the American Historical Association, which will preview the 30-minute documentary at its annual meetings in New York in January. The UMass Boston History

Department was selected as one of five to be featured, including those of Princeton and Michigan.

The Gerontology Institute's involvement in a program which assesses efforts to make seniors more aware of tax credits was noted in a December 13 *Boston Globe* article.

Professor of Leadership **Sherry Penney** of the College of Management will be on Channel 7's Urban Update on Sunday, January 25, at 11:30 a.m. along with Sheriff Andrea Cabral. They will be discussing women and leadership and the progress that has occurred.

In the Community: Chancellor Cheer



Chancellor J. Keith Motley visited the Mason School for an early holiday celebration, and to meet with the top three finishers in his holiday card contest, including runners-up Marisol (left), Deniece (back), and winner Loriana (right), whose design appears below. (Photo by Harry Brett)

