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Advocate for Haitian Women, Local Banker Honored at 2009 Quinn Community Breakfast

By Anne-Marie Kent

Two activists—one local leader, and another whose good works are both local and global—were honored last week by UMass Boston’s extended community at the annual Robert H. Quinn Community Breakfast, a longtime university tradition. Honored during the ceremony at the Campus Center Ballroom were Carline Desire, executive director of the Association of Haitian Women in Boston, who received the Robert H. Quinn Award, and George A. Russell Jr., executive vice president and director of community affairs for State Street Corporation, who received the Chancellor’s Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service.

“UMass Boston is proud each year to recognize the commitment of those who are working to build stronger communities,” said Chancellor Keith Motley to the assembled crowd of community activists, friends, and



Chancellor J. Keith Motley, Quinn Award winner Carline Desire, Chancellor’s Award winner George A. Russell Jr., and Robert H. Quinn. (Photo by Harry Brett)

family, including Desire, Russell, and past Quinn Award winners Father George Carrigg, Joe Chaisson, Bob and Dan Ferrara, Isaura Mendes, and Joyce Stanley.

“We want to be more than a good neighbor, we want to be your university—your student-

centered, urban research university,” said Motley, who assured those gathered that as the university moves forward, it will not lose sight of its urban mission

“Today, we celebrate our mission and your mission together,” added Motley.

Before presenting the awards, Motley recognized UMass Boston staff responsible for aspects of community outreach, as well as elected officials present, including City Councilor Rob Consalvo, City Councilor John Tobin, City

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Web Portal, Other Programs Streamline Transfer Process

By Martha Scanlon

More than 60 percent of the students who enter UMass Boston transfer here from other institutions. In an effort to better serve those students, the university is in the midst of a grant-funded program to improve the transfer process for both prospective and current students.

Funded in 2006 by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Postsecondary Education, the Title III grant provides \$400,000 each year over five years for the development of new initiatives, including a transfer center, Web portal, and online program for academic planning.

“The Title III funding is enabling us to develop new and strengthen existing services to our transfer students,” says Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Kathleen Teehan. “We are coordinating a number of project activities includ-

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Senator Kerry to Deliver Commencement Address

By DeWayne Lehman

Chancellor J. Keith Motley today announced that U.S. Senator John Kerry will deliver the principal address at the University of Massachusetts Boston’s 41st commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 29, 2009. Kerry, a decorated war veteran who has represented Massachusetts for 25 years in the U.S. Senate, will be joined by honorary degree recipients Joseph Kennedy, former U.S. Representative and founder of Citizens Energy; Sister Margaret Leonard, founder of Project Hope; and Edwin Moses, former Olympian, champion of drug-free athletics, and motivational speaker.

“The university is pleased to honor Senator Kerry with the Chancellor’s Medal and to welcome him as our principal commencement speaker. We look forward to celebrating his long-standing commitment to the values of our university and honoring his lifetime of service to veterans and the poor,” said Chancellor Motley. “And we are so pleased to also honor Joe



(Photo courtesy of the office of Senator John Kerry)

Kennedy, Sister Margaret, and Edwin Moses for their leadership and dedication to service.”

Kerry served two tours of duty in Vietnam, where he was decorated with a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, and

three Purple Hearts. When he came home, he began a lifelong fight for his fellow veterans – joining with others to found the Vietnam Veterans of America to advocate for veterans’ benefits, for extension of the

G.I. Bill for Higher Education, and for treatment of PTSD. In 1984, Kerry was elected senator from Massachusetts and since then has distinguished himself as one of our nation’s most respected voices on national security and international affairs. He has been a leading voice on American policy in Iraq and Afghanistan, the war on terrorism, the Middle East peace process, and Israel’s security, and he currently serves as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Former U.S. Representative and founder of Citizens Energy Joe Kennedy will be presented with the degree doctor of laws, *honoris causa* for his leadership and service to the community. Kennedy, who represented the eighth Congressional District of Massachusetts in the U.S. House of Representatives for 12 years, devised creative and innovative approaches to help communities achieve economic growth and prosperity by tapping into the private sector. In 1988, he founded

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Councilor Michael Flaherty, City Councilor Bill Linehan, Representative Marie St. Fleur, Representative Marty Walsh, and Representative Linda Dorcena Forry.

The Chancellor’s Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service was then presented to George A. Russell Jr., executive vice president and director of community affairs for State Street Corporation. With over 30 years of experience in banking and finance, Russell is currently responsible for State Street’s philanthropic and community support programs globally.

One of his local initiatives is the State Street Scholars Program, which provides scholarships and paid internships at the company to high-achieving UMass Boston juniors and seniors interested in careers in financial services.

“He knows what a good investment in people and programs looks like,” said Motley.

In addition to expressing thanks for the award, Russell recognized the State Street Scholars in the audience.

“The program is not just an opportunity for State Street to support talented students—it’s also an opportunity for State Street to develop a future workforce for our company. This is yet another example of when social and corporate goals dovetail to benefit everybody,” said Russell.

Robert Quinn then joined Chancellor Motley at the podium to present the award that bears his name and honors his service to the Commonwealth. Quinn served as speaker of the House of Representatives, attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees and is still actively involved with the welfare of the university, and is a practicing attorney and founding partner of Quinn and Morris, LLP. The Quinn Award honors individuals whose outstanding contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in the Greater Boston area.

Carline Desire, this year’s Quinn Award recipient, is executive director of the Association of Haitian Women in Boston and graduate of the Program for Women in Politics

and Public Policy. In that role, she leads a charge to empower low-income Haitian women and their children by expanding women’s knowledge and developing their abilities to be self-sufficient, independent, and confident. Desire helped found the organization in 1988.

By partnering with representatives from the District Attorney’s Office, the Department of Transitional Assistance, and a number of shelters and community agencies, she helped launch the Round Table on Domestic Violence, which has evolved into a partnership that continues to share information and resources to empower abused women and end domestic violence in their lives. In 1999, Desire received a certificate from UMass Boston’s Women in Politics and Public Policy Program.

“We are especially proud of this year’s recipient. Not only has she worked on behalf of members of our community in most need and distinguished herself as a collaborator and bridge builder—she also has distinguished herself as a graduate of this institution,” said Motley.

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Citizens Energy Corporation, which has been helping to heat the homes of the elderly and the poor for the past 30 years. Last year, Citizens Energy’s Oil Heat Program aided about 200,000 households, 2,500 participating dealers, 325 shelters, and 223 Native American tribal communities.

Sister Margaret Leonard will be presented with the degree of doctor of humane letters, *honoris causa*, for her considerable neighborhood-development work as the founder of Project Hope. In the 1980s, Leonard opened the Little Sisters of the Assumption’s convent doors, a vibrant multi-service center offering educational and economic empowerment programs serving Boston’s Dorchester and Roxbury neighborhoods. A catalyst in forging strategic alliances, partnerships, and collaborations at local, city, and state levels to support low-income families in moving from crisis to stability, Leonard chairs the City of Boston’s Homeless Planning Committee and cofounded two innovative and highly effective or-

ganizations: Homes for Families, a statewide advocacy organization, and One Family Scholars, an organization that provides college scholarships to formerly homeless and low-income mothers.

Edwin Moses will receive the degree of doctor of science, *honoris causa*, for his outstanding contributions as a three-time Olympic track and field medalist, champion of drug-free athletics, motivational speaker and chairman of the Laureus World Sports Academy, an organization that promotes sporting activities for youth worldwide for the purpose of social change. Moses developed and advocated for the Athletes’ Trust Fund to help support amateur athletes. His philanthropic involvement includes the Hughes Spaulding Children’s Medical Center, the College Fund, Special Olympics, UNICEF, 100 Black Men of America, and the Inner-City Games. A financial consultant with the Salomon Smith Barney Group, Moses is also a professional motivational speaker. He shares the stories of his academic and athletic triumphs as allegories to achieving excellence.

Camp Shriver Campers, Counselors Reunite

By Karen J. Friedman

Although it was a 40-degree day in February, one young girl stood in the Clark Center amidst piles of winter coats with summer on her mind. Wearing a bathing suit top, she made her way through tables filled with kids and parents, walked up to the director of Camp Shriver, and asked, “When do we swim?”

For the past three summers, Camp Shriver at UMass Boston has touched the lives of hundreds of campers with and without intellectual disabilities from low-income, inner-city neighborhoods. For many, it is their first experience at summer camp and their first experience visiting the UMass Boston campus, although most live in Boston, Brockton, and Quincy.

What sets Camp Shriver apart from other recreational opportunities is its unique commitment to creating an inclusive, sports-oriented day camp experience at no cost, in which children with and without intellectual disabilities play and learn together. Campers are provided transportation to and from camp, breakfast and lunch, and camp gear. While at camp, children receive instruction in a variety



Just one of the many happy reunions at the Camp Shriver Reunion. (Photo by Harry Brett)

of sports (soccer, basketball, swimming) and participate in field trips. Not only do the campers learn new sports skills at Camp Shriver, they also build new friendships.

The strength of the friendships formed at Camp Shriver were revealed as campers and their families came together for the Camp Shriver Reunion on Febru-

ary 21. Campers eagerly reconnected with old friends, sharing stories from past summers and making plans for new adventures this year.

After a pizza lunch and slide show of pictures from last summer, the families headed to the pool. Interestingly, unlike a typical day at camp, instead of the

counselors leading the way to the pool, campers led their parents and siblings, with the counselors looking on in approval. Campers took it upon themselves to explain—especially to their younger siblings—the rules that they came to know all too well over the summer: no running, stay with your team, and listen to the counselors!

Everyone was met in the pool by Camp Director Mark Spolidoro. Mark, usually overseeing the camp with whistle and clipboard in hand, was instead in the pool waiting to greet the campers and their families. For some campers, it was the first opportunity to show off their new swimming skills to their parents. Parents were quite impressed with the comfort, ease, and ability of their children in the pool.

At the end of the day, families took applications for the coming summer, with a number of families completing and submitting theirs right on the spot. Aware of the long waiting list for Camp Shriver each summer, and with budget cuts looming in school systems, after-school programs, and community programs, families were anxious to submit applications in order to ensure their children’s summers would still include playing sports, making friends, and having fun.

Camp Shriver will be held on the campus of UMass Boston this summer, expanding (as it has every year) to serve over 100 campers. For more information about Camp Shriver, contact the Center for Social Development and Education (www.csde.umb.edu) at 617-287-7250.

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Eastern Bank and Doug Flutie Celebrate Urban Scholars

By Nanette L. Cormier

On March 24, UMass Boston hosted representatives from more than 40 Eastern Massachusetts charities at Eastern Bank's fifth annual Community Quarterback Awards in the Campus Center. The event, which pays tribute to the organizations which received grants from the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, also honored the university's Urban Scholars Program as one of its grant recipients.

In welcoming the guests, Chancellor Keith Motley spoke to the significance of the bank's charitable giving during the current economic recession. "Your contributions to our community are a 'Hail Mary' pass," he said, referencing the bank spokesperson and former Boston College, NFL, CFL, and USFL quarterback Doug Flutie, who was on hand for the award presentations.

UMass Vice Provost Joan Becker, cofounder of the Urban Scholars Program, adeptly caught a "Flutie Pass" from the legendary Heisman Trophy winner. This year marks the pre-collegiate program's 25th anniversary of preparing 1,500 high-achieving Boston Public Schools students, predominantly from minority and low-income backgrounds, for the



Eastern Bank Chairman and CEO Richard Holbrook, Chancellor J. Keith Motley, and football great Doug Flutie at the Campus Center. (Photo by Harry Brett)

life-changing opportunity of a college education.

Each year Eastern Bank selects one of its grant recipients as the site to showcase the importance of community philanthropy. Eastern Bank Chairman and CEO Richard Holbrook said that the charities represented are all "quarterbacks" in the community, especially during a recession

when people are hurting. "They rely more and more on the agencies in the room to give them a leg up on the future."

The ever-youthful Flutie said that the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation, a key sponsor of the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, mirrors his family's own commitment. Now ten years old, the foundation raises over \$1

million a year to provide families with a place to turn when they are in need of support and autism resources. Flutie Jr., now seventeen, was diagnosed with autism at the age of three.

Each of the participating charities, either "caught" or more safely "received" their Flutie pass and posed with the football star and CEO Holbrook. Diane Portroy,

founder of the immigrant learning center in Malden, was one of them. Eastern Bank's support allows her organization to offer free English classes to immigrants and refugees. Portroy arrived on Ellis Island at the age of three as a Holocaust refugee.

Special Olympics Massachusetts Board Chair Geoffrey Nothnagle received his football with his son, Jay, who has Down syndrome. Jay, grinning with his football, stepped up to the mike and shared that he is an international goal medalist in sailing.

Retired minister Dick Coleman, a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of Greater Plymouth, was honored for his organization's work to build homes in Massachusetts, Louisiana, and El Salvador. "I've spent my life focused on 'words' and I'm never certain that my words are making a difference. Habitat gives me a concrete chance to help someone."

Chancellor Motley captured the spirit of the event. "Some folks say that this is not the time to invest in our community. We say charitable contributions are more vital than ever."

For more information about Urban Scholars, go to www.umb.edu/ua/urban_scholars.

McCormack School, Moakley Chair to Host Mayors and Other Officials from "Divided Cities"

By Will Kilburn

Building on his successes at bringing together leaders from divided societies in South Africa, Northern Ireland, and Iraq, Padraig O'Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, is convening a meeting of leaders from places where the dividing lines run straight down city streets.

Called the "Forum for Cities in Transition" (FCT), the conference, to be held April 14 through 16, will bring together leaders and representatives from Kirkuk, Iraq; Mitrovica in Serbia and Mitrovica in Kosovo; Belfast and Derry/Londonderry in Northern Ireland; and Nicosia, Cyprus. Conceptually, the conference builds on O'Malley's long-held belief that people from divided societies are the best people to help others in divided societies.

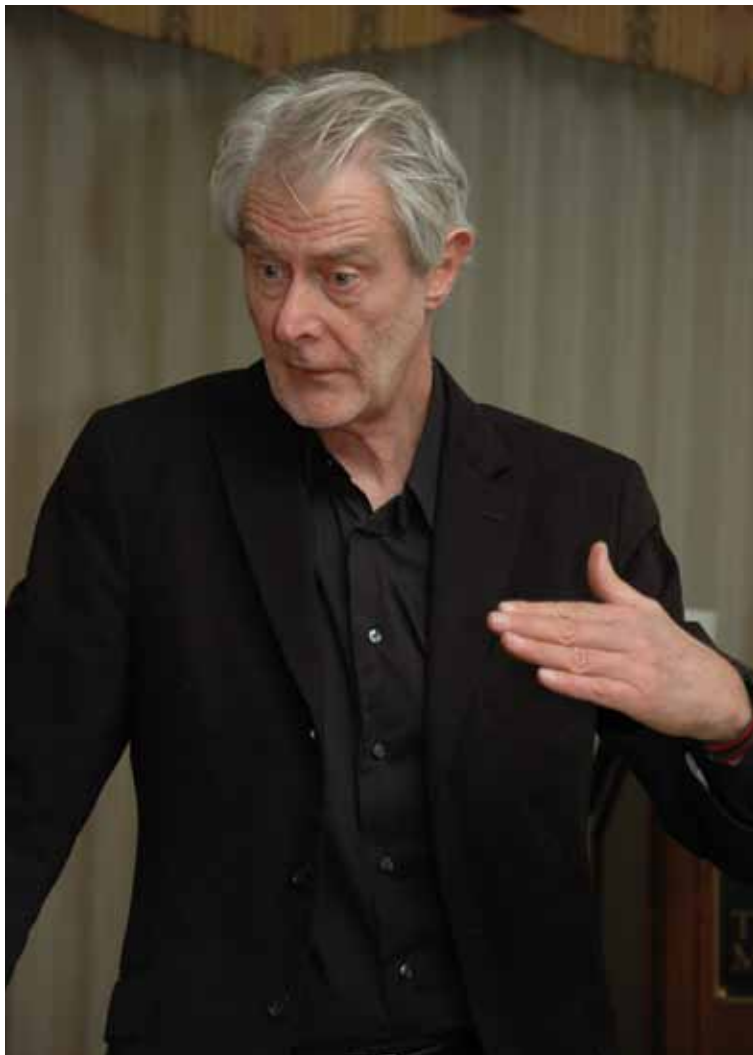
"In most cases, these cities bore the brunt of the conflicts in their societies, and sometimes they are left to deal with the residuals even when some kind of settlement is reached," says O'Malley. "The transition in these cities is emblematic of the larger trans-

formation that is taking place in their societies."

"This conference is precisely the kind of creative reconciliation work that Joe Moakley envisioned for the UMass Boston chair in his name," said McCormack School dean Stephen Crosby. "It is particularly fitting to have this conference in Boston, a city which has itself struggled with racial and ethnic divisions. We will learn from the international delegates, as I hope they will learn from one another."

In addition to dealing with issues such as race, ethnicity, religion, and political ideology, as well as the geographical flashpoints within each city where different sides clash, conferees will also discuss, in smaller groups, nonpartisan topics such as electricity, water, and sewer systems—seemingly mundane topics, but topics about which O'Malley believes opposing parties can find common ground, and then work toward a greater understanding.

Ultimately, says O'Malley, the hope is that the representatives will agree to form a "club" of divided cities—annual meetings with each of the participating cit-



Padraig O'Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation. (Photo by Harry Brett)

ies hosting the others on a rotating basis. For now, though, O'Malley just hopes to bring the group together, show them their common

ground, and let the participants take it from there, including the setting of each day's agenda.

"If they say, 'Where's the agen-

da?,' my response will be 'There is no agenda, because this conference is yours,'" says O'Malley, "and you, as people from divided cities, have a far better idea of what you should be talking about to each other than I do. This conference is yours, not ours. We are here to serve you, not to impose on you."

The conference will end with a public panel discussion on Thursday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at UMass Boston's Campus Center, titled "Divided Cities: Common and Uncommon."

The conference is being created through a partnership with the American Ireland Fund, with sponsorship from Robert and JoAnn Bendetson, the Connors Family Fund, the Doubletree Hotel Bayside, the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University, the John Joseph Moakley Archive and Institute at Suffolk University, the Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences at UMass Boston, the University of Massachusetts system, the University of Massachusetts Boston, the University of Massachusetts Lowell, and the William Monroe Trotter Institute at UMass Boston.



The new Web portal streamlines everything from learning about the campus to finding out how to transfer credits.

ing articulation agreements with our community college partners, the electronic transfer of transcripts and evaluation of credit, and implementation of a prospective student planning tool called u.select.”

Because students who lose credit in the transfer process are at a high risk for dropping out before they finish their degree, the new u.select online program will now allow students to find out how courses they have taken or plan to take at other schools will transfer to UMass Boston. It will also help students to become familiar with UMass Boston course requirements and the degree audit process.

“This is crucial,” said Joan Becker, vice provost for Academic Support Services and the principal investigator on the project. “The trend now is not that students go to one place for four to six years and graduate. By making transfers a priority, we can make the process more seamless and clear and reduce credit loss.”

Using u.select, a Bunker Hill Community College student, for example, could look up which of her courses will transfer here as accounting and finance courses. Or the student and her advisor could plug in which courses she has already taken and create a plan on how to finish her degree at UMass Boston. But because grades are self-

reported, u.select results are not official and cannot take the place of a university-conducted transfer-credit evaluation, Becker said.

Lisa Johnson, associate vice chancellor for Enrollment Management, and staff in the offices of undergraduate admissions and the registrar are working to roll out many of the services to targeted community colleges this spring. By spring 2010, undergraduate admissions will also begin using ConnectEDU to electronically exchange and evaluate transcripts, saving time and money. The targeted schools are Bunker Hill, Mass Bay, Massasoit, and Roxbury Community Colleges, and Quincy College, which have been identified as major “feeder schools” because so many UMass Boston students transfer from them.

A newly hired transfer affairs associate in the office of undergraduate admissions, Sara Fournier, will train community college counselors to use u.select and to train their students to do so. Students will also be able to utilize a new Transfer Center in the Admissions Office, where counselors specializing in transfer issues can help them navigate admissions and enrollment. Johnson’s staff is working to reorganize the transfer admission operation and reconfigure space specifically to serve transfer students.

Another part of the grant is the development of a Web portal for transfer students. Currently being created by a team in the Web Services Division of Information Technology, the portal will include content on admissions and financial aid, as well as academic highlights, profiles of students, and information on campus activities and events. Web designer Lisa Link said the portal is designed to be light and uncluttered, with a focus on content so students can easily find what they need. Link said the portal will also feature a modular design with Web 2.0 capabilities and will serve as a pilot for mobile Web design that users can access by cell phone.

Additionally, former vice provost for academic services Patricia Davidson has returned post-retirement to work with faculty from both UMass Boston and the community colleges to better align courses at each. Staff members from Institutional Research are also looking into other factors that may affect transfer graduation and retention rates, such as the preparedness of students when they arrive at UMass Boston. With this comprehensive Title III project, campus administrators hope to increase not only enrollment, but retention and graduation rates for transfer students as well.

Much More Than Games in Senegal

By Emily Sullivan

The correlation between sports programs and youth development has long been recognized in the United States, but in developing countries such as Senegal, the benefits of such programs are still being discovered. A group of educators from UMass Boston is helping that process along through the International Sports Programming Initiative, which recently received a \$174,763 grant from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs.

This initiative is a collaborative effort between UMass Boston’s Center for African, Caribbean and Community Development (CACCD), and the Division of Athletics, Recreation and Special Projects under the direction of Professor Jemadari Kamara, chairman of the Africana Studies Department and founding director of the CACCD, and Charlie Titus, vice chancellor of the Division of Athletics and Recreation, Special Projects and Programs. “I think it is an important partnership for UMass Boston. It has an international reach, which is exciting,” says Titus.

The initiative builds on the successful Youth, Education and Sports (YES) with Africa program, established in 1999 by UMass Boston. YES with Africa is a multiethnic, coeducational sports and leadership development experience serving over 1,500 boys and girls in the West African countries of Senegal and Benin. The goal is to create an increased long-term capacity for helping girls and boys use sports as a tool for personal maturation, economic well-being, educational growth, and health.

“Building up an interest in youth development in the coun-

try helps lay the foundation for larger development,” explains Titus. But despite YES with Africa’s success, there have been several hurdles Kamara now hopes to clear: “We’ve usually had a limited amount of time to work on staff training and development in Senegal. This initiative will allow us to actually show them how we do things here.”

The initiative began with Kamara traveling to Senegal in December 2008 to work with key sports federation representatives, community groups, and athletics organizations to design future workshops. A delegation of six Senegalese trainers and educators then came to UMass Boston in February, taking part in workshops designed to enhance their skills in coaching, project organization and management, and entrepreneurship, among others, observing men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletics, and meeting with other public and private athletic and economic development institutions in the Greater Boston area, such as the Boston Celtics and the Kraft Group.

As a result, the Senegalese deepened their understanding of sports and society in America and learned skills that will help them develop similar programs back home, which is the ultimate goal of the initiative. “We want to increase the capability for self-sustainability. Those kinds of things clearly will help them in terms of making the infrastructure stronger,” says Titus. As Kamara sums up: “The whole concept is training trainers to train other people.” It may be a mouthful, but the results should be quite clear once the project gets under way. This is really an investment in the future of Africa.”

UMass Boston Gets YouTube Channel



By Nanette. L. Cormier

If only you could see Barack Obama’s 2006 commencement speech one more time, or the one by Tim Russert. Or maybe you want to rewatch Governor Patrick’s latest visit to the Campus Center.

Now you can.

These and dozens of other videos showcasing university life are now available at UMass Boston’s new YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/umassboston, which, unlike standard channels, is designed specifically for nonprofit institutions and doesn’t include advertisements.

Development of the channel was led by the IT Department’s Lisa Link while she was looking for a place on YouTube to post a video in honor of the Urban Scholars Program’s 25th anniversary (an interview by current Scholars with program cofounder Charlie Desmond). After finding a number of unconnected UMass Boston videos but no cohesive home for them, Link, a Web designer, connected with YouTube’s owner Google as well as a generous peer at the University of California, Berkeley, who together helped UMass Boston secure its “enhanced,” ad-

free channel.

University Advancement also collaborated with IT on the effort. “Our job as fundraisers rests on our alums’ and the public’s appreciation of the stories that make up UMass Boston’s mission,” said Vice Chancellor Darrell C. Byers. He believes that as these stories reach alums, donors, friends, and the wider public, it potentially motivates them to make gifts to the campus.

To suggest a video posting, contact Director of Communications DeWayne Lehman at 7-5302 or Lisa Link at 7-5301.

Biology Professor Honored for Dedication to the Environment

By Danielle Shuckra

How do oil-drilling rigs affect ocean life? What are the consequences of climate change on polar bear habitats?

Those are questions that Professor of Biology Michael Rex hopes to help answer, both in his research and through his service to the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee of the Minerals Management Service (MMS), a division of the Department of the Interior which is charged with finding ways to develop offshore natural resources—chiefly oil and deep-sea minerals—in an environmentally safe manner.

Appointed by Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt in 2001, Rex was reappointed two more times, serving for eight years before stepping down last fall due to term limits. All through this



Randall Luthi, director of the Minerals Management Service, presenting an award for service to Professor of Biology Michael Rex at the agency's annual meeting last fall. (Photo by James A. Bennett)

time, Rex, who has now been with the Biology Department for 37 years, continued his teaching and research, which focuses on patterns of biodiversity of deep-sea communities and how it varies

with depth (for which he received the Chancellor's Distinguished Scholarship Award in 2002), and publishing extensively, including in the journals *Science*, *Nature*, and *Proceedings of the National*

Academy of Sciences.

Last fall, Rex received a prestigious award from the MMS to honor his hard work and length of service—six years longer, in fact, than the typical MMS appointee. Rex, who continues to serve on the MMS's Deepwater Subcommittee, values his time on the main committee, and says he believes in the vital role the committee plays to protect the environment.

"Since I have been involved with MMS, they have funded around 100 environmental studies to better safeguard the marine environment," said Rex. The studies, he explained, vary from analysis of seafloor life in the Gulf of Mexico to the conservation of deep-sea coral reefs. Socioeconomic studies also are conducted to determine the effects of the oil industry on coastal towns, and

examine the impact of offshore oil production on marine life which native populations in Alaska depend on for survival.

Driven by the need to find alternative energy resources, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 gave the MMS new responsibilities over federal offshore alternative energy, including the potential use of ocean currents and wave energy to generate power, and, more immediately, wind farm projects.

"I enjoyed my eight years of service on the OCS Committee," said Rex. "It was a chance to shape marine conservation efforts at a very high level in the federal government, and to work with first-rate scientists and policymakers to develop an integrated approach to environmental protection."

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Professor **David Matz** of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution traveled to Israel over spring break to conduct workshops for a seminar run by the California College of the Arts, School of Architecture. The seminar is part of a project Matz is directing involving architects devising ways for Israel and Palestine to share Jerusalem. The project is being conducted in partnership with the New York, Boston, and Chicago chapters of the American Institute of Architects.

Associate Professor **Darren Kew** of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution and master's candidate **Chloe Berwind-Dart** will be conducting a workshop at a conference at Kennesaw State University in late March. The workshop will demonstrate the training approaches taken by the Dispute Resolution Program during its 2008-2009 Nigerian Exchange Program.

Lecturer **Ivan Sascha Sheehan** of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution will present a paper titled "Gandhi and the Indian War of Independence: Religious, Secular, and Realist Influences" at the upcoming 2009 Global Non-violence International Conference on April 9-10. The conference is hosted by the Mahatma Gandhi Center for Global Nonviolence at James Madison University. Sheehan will also present a paper titled "The Impact of Collective Violence on Subsequent Terrorist Activity: Measuring the Efficacy of the War on Terror" at the 3rd Annual CICA-STR International Conference on Political Violence and Collective Aggression: Considering the Past, Imagining the Future, to be held at the University of Ulster from September 2 through 5.

Rebecca Fine Romanow of the English Department chaired a panel, titled "Films of Terrorism," at the Northeast MLA Conference, held in Boston in February.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **C. Heike Schotten** copresented a paper she coauthored, "Re-thinking Identity Politics: What Nietzsche's *Genealogy of Morals* Teaches Us About Transphobia" at Cornell University's Center for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies' Trans-Rhetorics Conference, held March 6 through 8.

Graduate College of Education associate dean **Felicia Wilczenski** and graduate student **Candice Tulberg** presented a workshop titled "Making a Difference through Service Learning: Increasing Developmental Assets" at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists in Boston.

Associate Professor and Chair of the Africana Studies Department **Marc Prou** was invited as a discussant at Primary Source in Watertown on February 25 to conduct a workshop for public school teachers on the film *Life and Debt*. In the workshop, he discussed the relationship between Jamaica's poverty and the practices of international lending agencies. Prou also copresented a series of workshops for university teachers in Haiti on the theme "Incorporer l'Enseignement Général dans le Curriculum de L'INAGHEI" ("How to Incorporate General Education Capabilities in the Curriculum of INAGHEI). The workshops were copresented with Professor Kathleen Balutansky, associate dean at St. Michael's College, under the auspices of L'Institut National de Gestion et des Hautes Etudes Internationales (UEH/INAGHEI) in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, from February 13 through 17.

On February 26, Director of Writing Assessment **Anthony Petruzzi** presented a paper titled "On the Pathos of Truth: The Rhetoric of Nihilism in Saviano's *Gomorrah*" at the 40th Anniversary Convention of the North Eastern MLA conference in Boston.

Professor of Music **Jon C. Mitchell** gave a lecture/presentation, "Anton Rubinstein: Piano Concerti Nos. 3 and 4," at the CODA (College Orchestra Directors Association) Northeastern Division Conference, held February 22 at Hofstra University.

Distinguished Professor of Liberal Arts and Education **Donaldo Macedo** was keynote speaker at the II Meeting on Learning Communities at the Federal University of São Carlos, Brazil. He also gave the keynote address at the III Annual Conference of Association of Raza Educators, Los Angeles, California.

Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution lecturers **Joshua Jacks**, **Doug Thompson**, and **Elissa Tonkin** will participate in a panel presentation on April 16 at the 11th Annual Spring Conference of the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution in New York City. The conference is titled "ADR: Building Bridges to a Better Society" and their presentation is titled "Exit Strategies: When and How to End a Process Well."

EEOS professor **Allen Gontz**, a graduate student, and four undergraduate students presented their research at the Northeastern Section Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Portland, Maine, from March 22 through 24.

Geography and GIS instructor **Helenmary Hotz** and EEOS PhD candidate **Jun Zhu** will present on "Integrating GPS and Remote Sensing with a GIS

Education Model for Alternative High Schools" at the 2009 Association of American Geographers (AAG) annual meeting, to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 26.

Institute for Community Inclusion research associate **Heike Boeltzig**'s coauthored article "Gender Differences in Individual Employment Outcomes of Persons with Developmental Disabilities" has been accepted for publication in upcoming issue of *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Heather MacIndoe** moderated the panel "New Roles for Urban Non-Profits" at the 39th annual Urban Affairs Associations conference, and also presented the paper "Sector Mobilization: Public Policy Initiatives of Non-Profit Membership Associations." The conference was held in Chicago from March 4 through 7.

On March 11, Senior Research Associate **Paige Ransford** and visiting scholar **Sylvia Mignon** of the Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy presented a paper, "Incarcerated Mothers' Challenges to Maintaining Contact with their Children," at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Boston.

Associate Professor **Lorna Rivera** of the College of Public and Community Service presented a workshop, "Latina Leadership & Literacy for Social Change" at the WE LEARN Women & Literacy annual conference in Providence, Rhode Island, on March 7.

Assistant Professor of Economics **Peter Spiegler** recently presented a paper on new trends in institutional economics at the 2008 Eastern Economic Association meetings and at the 2008 International Network for Economic Method Conference.

Spiegler is currently working on a methodological critique of economic writing on the war on terror, which he will present at the 2009 Allied Social Science Association conference on a panel titled "Economic Writing on the Pressing Issues of the Day: Can Methodology Insulate Us From Ethical Judgments?," which was arranged by Associate Professor of Economics **Julie Nelson** and himself.

Professor of English **Elsa Auerbach** was an invited featured speaker at the annual TESOL Convention in Denver, Colorado on March 28.

Associate Professor of English **Askold Melnyczuk** moderated a panel on European literature and translation at Boston University with Turkish-German poet Zafer Senocak and Elizabeth Oelkers Wright on March 19 and another panel with Romanian poet Liliana Ursu and her translator on March 26, delivered the keynote talk at the launch of a new journal, *Consequence*, at Boston University's book store on March 20, and took part in a conversation at the New School in New York on March 30. He will also read at Chester College in New Hampshire on April 2, and take part in a conversation at Boston University with Hungarian novelist Attila Bartis on April 7.

Pepi Leistyna of Applied Linguistics gave a talk on "Media Literacy for the 21st Century" as part of the Beatty Lecture Series coordinated by the Paulo and Nita Freire International Project for Critical Pedagogy at McGill University in Canada on March 19. As part of the day's events, he also taught a seminar and attended a public screening of his film *Class Dismissed: How TV Frames the Working Class* and responded to audience questions following the screening.

Associate Professor of Anthropology **Stephen Silliman** was an invited dis-

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cussant for a conference, titled “Hybrid Material Culture: The Archaeology of Syncretism and Ethnogenesis,” held at the Center for Archaeological Investigations at Southern Illinois University in late March.

Professor of Sociology **Siamak Movahedi** was one of four invited speakers for a national conference, “Sex and PSYCHE,” organized by the New York Center for Modern Psychoanalytic Studies and was an invited speaker at the Paul Roazen Group on the History of Psychiatry and Psychoanalysis at Harvard University.

In March, **Donna Friedman and Jen Cohen** facilitated a co-analysis process last week as part of academic consultation and support CSP is providing to a non-profit leadership development program in Israel.

Assistant Professor of Biology **Alexey Veraksa** and graduate student **Marla Tipping** participated in the 50th Annual Drosophila Research Conference, held in Chicago from March 4 through 8. Veraksa organized a workshop on drosophila proteomics at the meeting and gave a talk on his research in this area, while Tipping presented a poster on her research related to the signaling functions of beta-arrestin protein in the fly.

Maurice T. Cunningham, assistant professor in the Department of Political Science, was a panelist at “No Contest,” an inquiry into why so few individuals challenge incumbent officeholders in Massachusetts and what can be done about it. The panel was hosted by MassInc at the UMass Club on March 12.

Assistant Professor of Public Policy **Heather MacIndoe** organized a panel on “New Roles for Urban Nonprofits” at the Urban Affairs Association conference in Chicago on March 7. She also presented a paper, “Sector Mobilization: Public Policy Initiatives of Nonprofit Member Associations,” coauthored with public policy PhD student **Sarah Hogue**.

PUBLICATIONS

Associate Professor **Eben Weitzman** of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution contributed to a report issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) titled “Americans Speak on Health Reform: Report on Health Care Community Discussions.” The report summarizes comments from Americans who hosted and participated in Health Care Community Discussions across the country.

Associate Professor **Darren Kew** of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution presented his forthcoming chapter on civil society roles in peace-building in the Niger Delta at the International Studies Association conference, held in New York City in February. The chapter will appear in a forthcoming volume on the role of civil society groups in peace-building, published by Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Lecturer **Ivan Sascha Sheehan** of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution has contributed an article, titled “Has the War on Terrorism Changed the Terrorist Threat: A Time Series Analysis,” to the July edition of the journal *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*.

Assistant Professor of Sociology **Reef Younggreen** recently coauthored the article “Identity Maintenance and Cognitive Test Performance” for the journal *Social Science Research*.

Honors Program associate director **Dick Cluster**’s translation of Guillermo Fadanelli’s story “Questioning Samantha” has just been published in the anthology *Best of Contemporary Mexican Fiction*, and is featured on the PEN American Center’s website along with a translator’s commentary. Cluster will join Fadanelli at a presentation of the anthology as part of the PEN World Voices festival, to be held in New York April 27 through May 3. Also, Cluster’s article “The Venceremos Brigade” appeared in *The Sixties: Glimpses from Latin America and Beyond*, the Winter 2009 issue of *ReVista*, published by Harvard University’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies.

Pepi Leistyna of Applied Linguistics had his chapter “Preparing for Public Life: Education, Critical Theory, and Social Justice” published in *Handbook of Social Justice in Education*, published by Routledge Press.

Professor of Philosophy **Jennifer Radden** has had a volume of her collected papers, titled *Moody Minds Distempered: Essays on Melancholy and Depression*, published by Oxford University Press.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Christian Weller** recently coauthored a column, titled “The Mirage of Hispanic Job Growth,” for *Hispanic* magazine, and wrote an article, titled “What Now? Retirement Security Policy Amid Economic Turmoil and Political Change,” for *Benefits and Compensation Digest*, the journal of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans.

Assistant Professor of Political Science **Jalal Alamgir** recently published three op-ed articles, in *OpenDemocracy*, *The Nation*, and *GlobalPost*, on U.S. foreign policy and democratic stability in Bangladesh.

Associate Professors of Sociology **Stephanie Hartwell** and **Xiaogang Deng**, along with Professor **William Fisher** of UMass Medical, recently coauthored an article, titled “The Impact of Regionalization on Reentry Service Outcomes,” for the journal *Psychiatric Services*.

Professor of English and CLA associate dean **Pamela Annas** recently published two poems: “The Crunch Factor” in *Third Wednesday* and “June” in *Poesis*.

A paper by former CM student **Christina Wurster**, Assistant Profes-

sor **Benyamin B. Lichtenstein**, and student **Tasha Hogeboom**, titled “Improving the Efficacy of an IT System in a Large Hospital,” has been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Healthcare Management*.

EEOS research associate **Yiwu Zhu** published a paper, titled “Mesoscale Physical Processes and Zooplankton Productivity in the Northern Norwegian Shelf Region,” in *Deep-Sea Research*.

Associate Professor of Economics **Jeremiah Cotton** has had a paper, titled “The Illusion of Black Economic Progress,” accepted for publication by the *Review of Black Political Economy*. He has also submitted a paper, titled “Decomposing Changes in the Wage Gap over Time: An Extension of the Oaxaca-Blinder-Cotton Wage Decomposition Methodology,” to the *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

EEOS Professor **Meng Zhou** published a paper, titled “Productivity, Trophic Levels and Size Spectra of Zooplankton in Northern Norwegian Shelf Regions,” in *Deep-Sea Research*.

Economics Department chair **Janis Kapler** published the article “The Theory of the Firm, The Theory of Competition, and the Transnational Corporation” in *Competition and Change*. She will also present her paper “Outsourcing, Fragmentation and Integration: The Pharmaceutical Industry” at the Conference on Offshoring and Outsourcing: The Organizational and Geographical Relocation of High-Value Company Functions in April in Milan, Italy.

Associate Professor of Economics **Marlene Kim** contributed an article, “Women of Color and Double Discrimination,” to the September 2008 issue of *American Prospect*.

Assistant Professor of Economics **Adugna Lemi** coauthored an article, titled “Differential Impacts of Economic Volatility and Governance on Manufacturing and Non-Manufacturing Foreign Direct Investments: The Case of U.S. Multinationals in Africa,” accepted for publication in the *Eastern Economic Journal*. Adugna presented a draft of a paper titled “Can Trade Liberalization Lift Farmers Out of Poverty?” at the Eastern Economic Association (EEA)’s annual meeting in March. Adugna will also present a paper on “Determinants of Offshoring by U.S. Multinational Firms” in Milan, Italy, in April.

Professor Mary Stevenson has recently coauthored an urban policy textbook, *The Urban Experience: Economics, Society, and Public Policy*, published by Oxford University Press.

Professor of Economics **David Terkla** contributed an entry on the fishing industry to the *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. He was also recently appointed to the Ocean Science Advisory Committee,

which is charged with assisting in the development of the first ocean management plan for Massachusetts.

A book coauthored by Professor of Psychology **Jean Rhodes**, titled *Becoming Manny: Inside the Life of Baseball’s Most Enigmatic Slugger*, has been published by Scribner.

Assistant Professors of Psychology **Zsuzsa Kaldy** and **Erik Blaser** recently published the article “How to Compare Apples and Oranges: Infants’ Object Identification Tested with Equally Salient Shape, Luminance and Color Changes” in the journal *Infancy*.

Professor of History **Michael Chesson** gave a talk February 25 for Black History Month at the Trotter Institute Forum in the Campus Center Ballroom on Toni Morrison’s recent novel, *A Mercy*, titled “Toni Morrison and the Challenge of American Slavery.” Chesson was also the invited speaker at the Hingham Historical Society’s annual dinner on March 18, at which he spoke on the question “Was Abraham Lincoln a Christian?” He also spoke for the Medford Historical Society at the West Medford Community Center on March 20 on African-American Soldiers in the Civil War, in connection with the Society’s new photographic exhibit, “Of the People: Faces of the Civil War,” for which he wrote the captions and source documentation of fifty images. On April 28, Chesson will address the Civil War Round Table of Coastal Georgia in Brunswick, Georgia, on the Battle of Ball’s Bluff.

Associate Professor **Lorna Rivera** of the College of Public and Community Service published two essays, “Dear Mary” and “Landscape of Academe” in the book *Empowering Women Through Literacy: Views from Experience*, published by Information Age in March.

Associate Professor of English **Cheryl Nixon**’s book *Novel Definitions: An Anthology of Commentary on the Novel, 1688-1815* has been published by Broadview Press. The book collects eighteenth-century criticism of the novel, capturing the critical debates surrounding the invention of the novel.

Graduate College of Education lecturer **Brian L. Wright**’s manuscript, titled “Racial-Ethnic Identity and African American Male Adolescents: A Review of Literature,” has been accepted for publication in *The Journal of Negro Education*.

Institute for Community Inclusion director **William Kiernan** presented to the Congressional Down Syndrome Caucus at the Affiliates in Action Forum on Persons with Down Syndrome in Washington, D.C., on February 26.

The Institute for Community Inclusion’s National Service Inclusion Project (NSIP) was the subject of a *Huffington Post* article on March 16. The piece described how many volunteer programs have been made

accessible through NSIP’s guidance. **Susan Foley**, **Bonnie O’Day**, **Heike Boeltzig**, and **John Butterworth**, all of the Institute for Community Inclusion, had two articles published in *IMPACT Journal* in an issue focused on women with intellectual disabilities.

Professor of Sociology **Russell Schutt** and colleagues have two new articles out, in *Women & Health* and *The Open Health Services and Policy Journal*. Additionally, the sixth edition of his *Investigating the Social World* and the second edition of his coedited text *The Practice of Research in Social Work* are due out in 2009.

Asian American Studies Program faculty **James Dien Bui**, **Peter Kiang**, and **Shirley Tang**, and 2008 alumna **Janet Hong Vo** published “Cá Trí Nhó: Roles of Vietnamese American Studies and Education Post-Katrina” in the 2009 book *Asian American Voices: Engaging, Empowering, and Enabling*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

Associate Professor of Music **Mary Oleskiewicz** will appear on classical 8-keyed flute with the Handel & Haydn Society on Friday, April 24 and on Sunday, April 26, at Symphony Hall in Boston in the program “Haydn in London,” conducted by Sir Roger Norrington. Works will include Symphony No. 99, *Scena di Berenice*, English Songs, and Symphony No. 92, *Oxford*. Oleskiewicz also performed on modern flute in J.S. Bach’s *St. Matthew Passion* at Mechanic’s Hall in Worcester on March 7. She also performed a recital of 18th-century solo chamber music on Baroque flute at Providence College on February 27.

Professor of Music **Jon Mitchell** conducted the Stara Zagora State Opera Orchestra and Chorus in a performance of Symphony No. 9 in D minor, Op. 125, by Ludwig van Beethoven at the State Opera House in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, on March 19.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Over a five-month period ending in March, Associate Professor **Darren Kew** of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution completed a review of USAID/Nigeria’s Lead State Strategy, which channels greater aid to Nigerian states that show greater commitment to reform. He will travel to Nigeria in April to assist USAID/Nigeria in the development of its democracy support strategy.

Arthur Eisenkraft, Distinguished Professor of Science Education and Director of the Center of Science and Math in Context (COSMIC), assisted Mexico in their preparation for the International Physics Olympiad. He will also assist during the annual competition in July, for which 85 countries will send their top five high school students and two delegation leaders to Merida, Yucatan, Mexico.

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Professor of Economics **Randy Albelda**, in collaboration with the Center for Social Policy and the Washington D.C. think tank Center for Economic and Policy Research, completed a multiyear project examining the combination of earnings and public work supports that families receive and their ability to make ends meet in Massachusetts and nine other states. She coauthored two reports from this project: *Bridging the Gaps: A Picture of How Work Supports Work in Ten States* and *Bridging the Gaps Between Earnings and Basic Needs in Massachusetts*. Albelda also gave a keynote address at the Association for Gender Equity Leadership in Education's 2008 National Conference in July, was a featured speaker at the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration's panel in February and at UMass Lowell's Women's Week in March, was a panelist in a one-day conference at Brooklyn College on welfare reform and higher education, and gave the inaugural lecture of the lecture series "Reframing Critical Public Policy Debates" at Pennsylvania State University in March.

The Institute for Community Inclusion's National Service Inclusion Project (NSIP) has been awarded a five-year grant to provide Corporation for National and Community Service Programs with the knowledge and skills to recruit, support, and retain members and volunteers with disabilities.

The Office of the Vice Provost for Research has awarded the Center for Social Policy a Public Service Grant for "A Moving Exhibit for Social Change." The funds will be used to bring the voice of people in poverty to the social policy reform debate through artistic expression. The exhibit will be part of the June 4 session at UMass Boston titled "Transforming Social Policy: An Invitation to Reflect, Dialogue and Act." **Julia Tripp** of the Center for Social Policy is managing the exhibit in collaboration with the Fourth World Movement.

UMass Boston was among three institutions who will share a \$9 million, five-year National Science Foundation for the project "Comparative Genomics of Phenotypic Variation in the Compositae."

Three faculty members from the Department of Biology have been awarded Healey Grants for fiscal year 2010: Assistant Professor **Solange Brault** for "Spatio-temporal Patterns in Resource Availability and Right Whale Abundance in Cape Cod Bay 2009"; Associate Professor **Alan Christian** for "The Impacts of Predation on Freshwater Mussels: Prey Species and Size Selection and Predator Identification"; and Assistant Professor **Linda Huang** for "Using Functional Genomics to Define the Genetic Network in Which the Sps1 Kinase Acts to Control Cellular Architecture in *S. cerevisiae*."

Assistant Professor of Public Policy **Heather MacIndoe** received a Jo-

seph P. Healey Grant for her project "Funding the Social Safety Net: Learning Lessons for Challenging Economic Times," which will examine cross-sectional data on public and private funding to nonprofit human service organizations.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

UMass Lowell chancellor **Marty Meehan** has appointed **Padraig O'Malley**, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, as the 2009 Greeley Scholar for Peace Studies. As the Greeley Scholar, O'Malley will offer several talks and take part in various forums on campus and in the region during April and May. The Greeley Scholar is affiliated with the UMass Lowell Peace and Conflict Studies Institute (PACSI).

The Frank J. Manning Certificate in Gerontology received the Program of Merit Designation for the Undergraduate Certificate in Gerontology from the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) at its annual meeting, held February 26 through March 1 in San Antonio, Texas.

India's Open-Economy Policy: Globalism, Rivalry, Continuity by Assistant Professor of Political Science **Jalal Alamgir** has just been selected by *Asia Policy* (National Bureau of Asian Research) as one of two dozen recommended books for its 2008 Policymakers Library. It was one of only two books chosen on India.

Graduate College of Education lecturer **Brian L. Wright** was recently selected as a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Education within the Education Research Collaborative (ERC) at TERC, an educational research firm located in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This is a two-year residential postdoctoral program slated to begin in July of 2009.

Assistant Professor of Art History **David S. Areford** was recently elected to the board of directors (Class of 2012) of the International Center of Medieval Art, headquartered at The Cloisters, the branch museum of the Metropolitan Museum of Art dedicated to the art and architecture of medieval Europe.

Retired director of the Center for Technical Education **Sumner Rotman** was presented with an award on March 11 by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators (MAVA) in recognition of his work in vocational technical education.

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement **Darrell C. Byers** was selected by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, District I, to receive the Eleanor Collier achievement and recognition award for "contributions to his organization and profession that reflect honor on CASE, education and the

field of higher education administration." The award was presented at the March CASE District 1 Conference at the John F. Kennedy Library.

Julia Tripp, constituent coordinator of the Center for Social Policy, has been accepted to participate in CoPaLS, a program by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Massachusetts, in recognition of her leadership potential. CoPaLS is designed to strengthen the basic leadership skills among emerging community leaders and activists in the greater Boston area.

EEOS associate professor **Robert Bowen** has been appointed as a member of the Plymouth Marine Laboratory Science Advisory Council. Plymouth Marine Laboratory is the primary marine research facility in the United Kingdom.

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The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy partnered with the National Archives to hold a public forum called "Big Strides, Diverse Paths: Women's Journeys to Political Leadership," on March 5 at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The forum featured a panel that included U.S. Congresswomen Grace Napolitano (D-CA), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), and Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), as well as former Governor Madeleine Kunin (D-VT) and former Lt. Governor Jennette Bradley (R-OH). **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center, provided the historical context in her introductory remarks.

IN THE NEWS

An op-ed by **Fatemeh Haghighatjoo**, "Expediting US Talks with Iran," was published in the March 12 *Boston Globe*. Haghighatjoo is a Visiting Scholar at the McCormack Graduate School's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

An interview with **Chris Bobel**, associate professor and chair of Women's Studies, was featured on the blog of the Boston Women's Health Book Collective. The interview focused on Bobel's forthcoming book, *New Blood: Third Wave Feminism and the Politics of Menstruation*.

The North Shore Community Health Center, for which CNHS associate dean **Marion Winfrey** serves as president of the board of directors, was noted in the *Salem News* on March 3 as being the only Massachusetts recipient of the first wave of economic recovery grants.

Chancellor **J. Keith Motley** was profiled by the *Boston Business Journal* on February 23 in an article titled "UMass Boston Chief Leads School's Transformation in Tough Landscape." Motley was also mentioned in a March 5 *Bay State Banner* article, "More Minorities Now Leading Mass. Colleges," and appeared in the same issue in a photograph with Governor Deval Patrick and Eric Turner of the Massachusetts Black Business Alliance at a Black History

Month celebration of black entrepreneurial achievement, held at UMass Boston and organized by the MBBA.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Alan Clayton-Matthews** was quoted in the *Boston Globe* on March 1 on how South Boston restaurants are faring in tough economic times, again in the *Globe* in the March 20 story "Many More Vie for Far Fewer Jobs," in the *Daily News Transcript* on March 4 regarding business and consumer confidence, and in the *Boston Globe* and *Worcester Telegram and Gazette* on March 6 regarding the state's jobless rate. Also, *Hometown Weekly* covered two post-sermon discussions about economics that Clayton-Matthews led at the Congregational Church of Needham in March.

Associate Professor of Public Policy and Public Affairs **Christian Weller** was quoted on CNBC on March 3 in a segment on market meltdown amplifying baby boomers' worries, and in the February 29 edition of *Investment Management Weekly* Weller predicted that public pension plans will weather the financial storm.

Vice Provost for Information Technology and Chief Information Officer **Anne Scrivener Agee** was quoted in the March/April 2009 issue of *EDTECH* magazine. The article, "CIO Handbook," quotes Agee on key issues for which a new CIO must be prepared.

EEOS assistant professor **Ellen Douglas** was interviewed on March 16 by WBZ TV for a story about global warming and sea-level changes.

Associate Professor **Paul Watanabe** was quoted in the *Boston Globe* in a February 21 article, "Mass. Commuters Cringe at Prospect of Gas Tax Increase."

Professional Staff Union president **Tom Goodkind** was quoted in a February 22 *Boston Globe* article, "Union Push to Restore Tuition Benefits."

Assistant Professor of Political Science **Maurice Cunningham** was quoted in a March 19 *Salem News* article, "Blame It on the Puritans," and in the *Arlington Advocate* in a March 17 article, "Why Do So Few People Run for Office in Massachusetts?"

Frank Herron, director of the Center on Media and Society, was interviewed by WBZ TV on March 9 in a story titled "Globe Listed Among 'Endangered' Newspapers."

In its March 23 edition, *O Jornal* noted that UMass Boston would be hosting a Portuguese-Speaking World Film Festival on March 28.

Professor of Economics **Randy Albelda** was quoted in a March 21 *Miami Herald* article, "Study: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Americans More Likely to Be Poor Than Heterosexuals."

Padraig O'Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of

Peace and Reconciliation at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, was quoted in a March 21 *Stars and Stripes* story, "'Divided Cities' Leaders to Gather, Advise Iraqis." He also wrote an editorial for the March 15 *Boston Globe* titled "Back to the Past in Northern Ireland."

In its March 19 edition, the *Dorchester Reporter* noted a trip to Haiti made by CPCS professor **Adenrele Awotona** with State Representative Marty Walsh and others.

Professor of Political Science **Thomas Ferguson** coauthored an article, "How to Stop AIG's Bonuses," for the March 20 *Huffington Post*, and wrote an article, titled "Nationalize Failing Banks? Think Twice" for the February 21 issue of *The Nation*. Ferguson was also quoted in a March 18 *Canberra* (Australia) *Times* article, "Obama Faces Wall St. Bail-out Backlash."

WUMB general manager Pat Monteith was quoted in a March 14 *Boston Globe* article, "Folk, Blues, and Brews."

Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Nursing **Laura Hayman** was quoted in a Nurse.com article on March 9.

Professor of Psychology **Jean Rhodes** was interviewed by the *Boston Globe*, the *Boston Herald*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and CNHI News Service about a book she coauthored, *Becoming Manny: Inside the Life of Baseball's Most Enigmatic Slugger*.

Elizabeth Dugan of CPCS and the McCormack School was interviewed about older driver safety issues by Fox 25 News on March 6.

Professor of History **Michael Chesson** was mentioned in a March 8 *Boston Globe* article, "Civil Engagement."

Stephen Crosby, dean of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, was quoted in a March 7 *Boston Herald* article, "Mayor Menino: Freeze Wages, or Else."

Associate Professor of Economics **Julie Nelson**'s letter to the editor of the *Boston Globe* was printed in the paper's March 6 edition.

Associate Professor of Anthropology **Amy Den Ouden** was quoted in a March 1 *Providence Journal* article, "U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Latest Setback for Indians."

Asian American Studies Program director **Peter Kiang** was quoted in a February 26 *Boston Globe* article, "A New Accent in Chinatown."

Professor of Accounting and Finance **Eric Hayden** was quoted in a February 23 *U.S. News & World Report* article, "401(k) Fixes for Every Age."

Professor of Economics **David Terkla** was quoted in a February 21 *Boston Globe* story, "Cape Cod Fishermen Share, Manage Their Limits on Cod."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of Government Relations and Public Affairs. 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. Submit event notices, including date, time, location, sponsor, and a description, to news@umb.edu.

Friday 3

Lecture

12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, room 1313. Professor Gary Hetfield of the University of Pennsylvania presents “The Internal Sense in the Medievals and in Descartes.” Sponsored by the Philosophy Department.

Saturday 4

Welcome Day

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., campuswide. Welcome day for accepted students, featuring tours, information booths, and workshops. Volunteer at www.umb.edu/welcome.

Monday 6

Nobel Speech

9 a.m. – Noon, Campus Center, third floor, Ballroom. Appearance and speech by Indian rights activist, 1992 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Rigoberta Menchú. RSVP to Gissell Abreu-Rodriguez at 7-7132 gissell.abreu@umb.edu.

Presentation

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wheatley, second floor, room 209. Lecturer in English Dorothy Nelson presents “The Subversive Summons of Ecology.” Part of the Science & Society series of presentations organized by the Joseph P. Healey Library.

Tuesday 7

Lecture

5:30 p.m., Campus Center, conference room 3545. Professor emerita Ruth Butler discusses her new book, *Hidden in the Shadow of the Master: The Model-Wives of Cezanne, Monet, and Rodin*. Reception at 5:30, lecture at 6.

Wednesday 8

6th Annual Social Theory Forum

8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., McCormack Hall, various locations. Also Thursday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Presented by the Department of Sociology. More information at jorge.capetillo@umb.edu.

Reading

4 p.m., Harbor Gallery. Reading by Elizabeth McCracken, author of *An Exact Replica of a Figment of My Imagination*, *The Giant's House*, *Niagara Falls All Over Again*, *Here's Your Hat What's Your Hurry*. Part of the MFA in Creative Writing Program's Global Voices Reading Series.

Saturday 11

Bilingual Poetry Reading

3 p.m., Jamaicaaway Books, Jamaica Plain. Hispanic Studies lecturer Mark Schafer will be giving two bilingual readings with the Mexican poet David Huerta in celebration of Schafer's new anthology, *Before Saying Any of the Great Words: Selected Poems of David Huerta*. Also Tuesday, April 14, at 5:15 p.m. at Boston University. Details at www.beforesaying.com.

Monday 13

Poetry Reading

11 a.m., Campus Center Bookstore. Readings by poet Michael Cirelli, author of *Lobster with Dirty Ol' Bastard*, and blues musician and poet Dick Lourie, author of *Ghost Radio*. Part of the Global Voices Reading Series.

Master Class

6 p.m. – 7:15 p.m., Campus Center, third floor, Ballroom A. Lawrence K. Fish, former chairman and CEO of Citizens Financial Group, will be discussing the present and future of banking, nationally and internationally. Hosted by the College of Management.

Tuesday 14

Gerontology Open House

11:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m., Campus Center, third floor, room 3540. Open house sponsored by the gerontology undergraduate program in conjunction with Careers in Aging Week. Come learn about the gerontology programs including the

Frank J. Manning Certificate Program, the certificate in gerontological social policy, the undergraduate and graduate programs, professional organizations, Honor Society, and Careers in Aging. Refreshments will be served. To reserve a space call 7-7330.

Workshop: Sales and Marketing Basics

6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Copley Square Library, conference room 05/06. This workshop provides an overview and orientation to basic marketing concepts, strategies and tactics, organized by the Mass. Small Business Development Center Network and co-sponsored by the Kirstein Business Library and the Copley Square Library's Social Sciences Department. To register, go to www.sbdc.umb.edu/training or call 7-7750.

Wednesday 15

Financiando Su Negocio en Tiempos de Crisis

7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Julia Martin House, 90 Bickford St., Jamaica Plain. Workshop on financing businesses in times of crisis, taught entirely in Spanish. Brought to you by the Mass. Small Business Development Center Network and co-sponsored by the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation and the Kirstein Business Library. To register, go to www.sbdc.umb.edu/training or call 7-7750.

Seminar

2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., Wheatley, fourth floor, Sociology Conference Room. Andrew Papachristos, assistant professor of sociology at UMass Amherst, presents “More Coffee, Less Murder: The Influence of Gentrification on Neighborhood Homicide Rates in Chicago.” Part of the Sociology Department's Working Paper seminar series. More information at 7-6273.

Thursday 16

Lecture

3 p.m., Healey Library, 11th floor, Lounge. Christopher N. Matthews, visiting professor in Harvard's Department of African and African American Studies, presents “The Archaeology of Captivity and Freedom in Early New York.” Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology.

New Faculty Seminar

4 p.m. – 5 p.m., Campus Center, conference room 3545. Assistant Professor of Biology Katherine Gibon presents “A Novel Bacterial Regulator of Cell Cycle Progression and Chronic Host Colonization.” More information at 7-5727.

Panel Discussion

7:30 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom. Topic: “Cities Divided: Common and Uncommon,” with representatives from divided cities in Northern Ireland, Iraq, Kosovo/Serbia, and Cyprus. Part of the McCormack Graduate School's Forum for Cities in Transition.

Monday 20

Patriots' Day

University closed.

Wednesday 22

Celebration

Noon – 5 p.m., Campus Center. “Hidden Treasure: Celebrating the Achievements of Non-Tenure-Track Faculty.” Hosted by CLA's Non-Tenure-Track Faculty.

Presentation

Noon – 1:30 p.m., Wheatley, second floor, room 209. Latin American Studies Department chair Ann Blum presents “Dying of Sadness: Hospitalism and Mexican Social Reform.” Part of the Science & Society series of presentations organized by the Joseph P. Healey Library.

Teleconference

1:30 p.m., Wheatley, third floor, Venture Development Center. Video interview with Haitian-born author Edwidge Danticat, author of *Breath, Eyes, Memory*, moderated by Barbara Lewis, director of the Trotter Center. Part of WUMB's “Big Read” project. Space is limited, so please RSVP in advance to 7-6900 or bigread@umb.edu.

Thursday 23

Speaker: Empowering Literacies

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, conference room 3545. Associate Professor of Sociology Lorna Rivera discusses her research on adult literacy programs in Greater Boston. Organized by the Gastón Institute. More information at 7-5791.

Friday 24

Symposium

9:30 a.m. – 8 p.m., McCormack Building, third floor, Ryan Lounge and McCormack Cafeteria. Also Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. “Older Workers and Social Policy in the 21st Century: International, National and Regional Perspectives,” sponsored by the Gerontology Institute at McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

Tuesday 28

Lecture

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom. Annual Robert C. Wood Professorship Lecture, featuring Barbara J. Nelson, Professor of Public Policy at the UCLA School of Public Affairs.

Getting Started in Business

6 p.m. – 8 p.m., The MultiCultural Banking Center, at HarborOne Credit Union, 68 Legion Parkway, Brockton. Workshop provides a complete overview of business start-up and planning considerations, oriented to those planning a venture as well as existing small-business owners. Sponsored by the Mass. Small Business Development Center Network and co-sponsored by the HarborOne Credit Union. To register, go to www.sbdc.umb.edu/training or call 7-7750.

Wednesday 29

Workshop

Noon – 1:30 p.m., Healey Library, 10th floor. Assistant Professor of Management and Marketing Maureen Scully presents her research on the legitimization of inequality, the forms of grassroots dissent, and the mechanisms of change in corporate settings. Part of the Spring 2009 Qualitative Research Workshop Series.

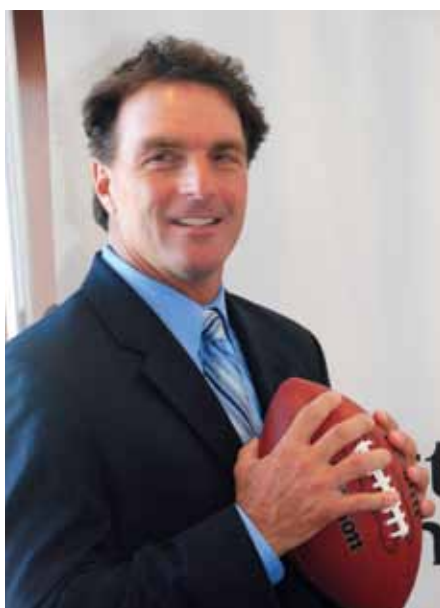
Seminar

2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., Wheatley, fourth floor, Sociology Conference Room. Laura Watts, master's candidate in the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology, presents “Dorchester Business' Evaluation of Local Police Service.” Part of the Sociology Department's Working Paper seminar series. More information at 7-6273.

CAMPUS NOTES



Governor Deval Patrick held a press conference at the Campus Center on March 24, at which he announced that \$162 million in federal stimulus funds will go to public colleges in Massachusetts. His speech is one of many videos on UMass Boston's new YouTube Channel (story, page 4). (Photo by Harry Brett)



Also in March, football great Doug Flutie went long for Urban Scholars (story, page 3), and Camp Shriver campers returned to UMass Boston for a cold-weather reunion (page 2), taking a quick dip in the pool and looking back on, and forward to, summer fun and friendship on Columbia Point. (Photos by Harry Brett)