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Master Plan Unveiled at Trustees Meeting

By Lissa Harris

UMass Boston is growing faster than ever. New degree programs from management to creative writing, rapidly growing enrollment, a dramatic jump in grant-funded research, and increased engagement by faculty, staff, and students in city, state, and national affairs. It's an exciting time for the university community, and high time, many feel, for the campus to properly reflect that excitement.

On December 14, Chancellor Keith Motley presented the 25-year master plan to the university system's board of trustees. The plan—the first comprehensive new vision for the campus since it was built in the early 1970s—calls for new academic buildings, a more open campus layout, dorms near Mount Vernon Street, improved traffic patterns, and new parking garages at the edges of campus. Most dramatically, the plan calls for eventually tearing down the

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The 25-year Master Plan proposes a greener, more pedestrian-friendly campus, with reduced automobile traffic and a better connection to neighborhoods and nearby parkland. (Image courtesy of Chan Krieger Sieniewicz)

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By Julia Reischel

"Where is your home? Is it where you were born, or where you grew up? Can you ever seem at home in a place where you don't seem to fit?"

These universal questions, asked by journalist Helen Zia, open the pilot episode of *As I Am*, the new Asian American public radio program being co-produced by the Institute for Asian American Studies (IAAS) and WUMB, UMass Boston's public radio station. The hour-long program features journalism, commentary, and art, all from an Asian American perspective. Paul Watanabe, the director of IAAS and one of the architects of the project, says that such a program is long overdue.

"Asians are the fastest-growing population in the U.S.," Watanabe says. "It's growing, it's dispersing, and now there are significant populations across the U.S. The paucity of programming dealing with this growing population is very well known. There is a vac-



Washington, D.C.-based slam poet Regie Cabico records one of his works at WUMB's studios. (Photo by Nathan Bae Kupel)

uum for this kind of show, which focuses upon the Asian American experience and provides a lens for all Americans."

As I Am was born in a conversation between Watanabe and Pat

Monteith, the general manager of WUMB, when Monteith discovered that the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) was hoping to increase the diversity of programming on the nation's

public airways. "The opportunity showed itself right in front of me," Monteith says. "Knowing that there was no other show aimed at this [Asian American] population

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Alumni Celebrate Boston State College Room Dedication



(Photo by Harry Brett)

By Julia Reischel

On December 6, an excited group of Boston State College alumni assembled at the Campus Center to commemorate the 25th anniversary of their alma mater's merger with UMass Boston. The event, the culmination of a year of events celebrating BSC's legacy, featured the dedication of the new Boston State College Room by Chancellor J. Keith Motley and members of the BSC and UMass Boston communities. The audience applauded as ninety-four-year-old Richard Newman, a former Boston State and UMass Boston professor of foreign languages, cut the ribbon

to open the new room.

"It was terrific," Newman said later.

"It will always be important for the University of Massachusetts Boston to remember, value, and build on the traditions and legacy of Boston State College," Chancellor Motley said.

The Boston State College Room honors Boston State College and its alumni with an exhibit of more than 80 photos and items of memorabilia, including clippings from the campus newspaper, sports memorabilia, and snapshots of daily life at the college.

One of the BSC alums who

donated items to the exhibit is Dan Rea, a member of the BSC steering committee who is now host of the WBZ Radio 1030 show *Nightside with Dan Rea*. "I am thrilled to see an actual physical presence on the UMass Boston campus of Boston State College," he says. "When UMass Boston absorbed Boston State in the early 1980s, a part of Boston's public education history went away. Keith Motley's commitment to restoring the physical legacy of thousands of Boston State College graduates in the Campus Center at UMass Boston will help heal a wound felt by so many so long ago."

2007-08 eFellows Honored



(Photo by Harry Brett)

By Brian Middleton

At a luncheon ceremony with Chancellor Keith Motley on November 28, five UMass Boston faculty members were honored for the innovative contributions to online learning that earned them recognition as eFellows for the 2007-08 academic year.

Gonzalo Bacigalupe (Counseling), Virginia Smith Harvey (School Psychology), Spencer DiScala (History), Edward Romar (Management), and Barbara Worley (Anthropology) were this year's honorees.

The eFellow designation was created in 2004 to recognize the dedicated and imaginative work of instructors who have helped pioneer online teaching at UMass Boston. "We are proud of the creative, high-quality, well-designed courses produced by our eFellow nominees," said Dirk Messelaar, dean of the Division of Corporate,

Continuing and Distance Education (CCDE). "We are also very appreciative of all the hard work that goes into creating and teaching an online course."

eFellows are selected according to a rubric that specifies elements that define an accomplished online educator, including use of audio, video and graphics, various synchronous and asynchronous course tools such as discussion boards, media libraries, and live chats, and strategies for assessment and communication.

As eFellows, the instructors will make presentations to other instructors, promote online learning within their departments, continue to experiment with technology, develop new features for existing online courses, and serve as mentors to new online faculty. eFellows also act as advisors or sounding boards for CCDE online issues and projects.

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Volunteers Help the Homeless



Boston Mayor Tom Menino visited campus on November 17 as part of a city-wide day of service to the homeless. UMass Boston's volunteers put together 300 care bags for residents of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. Afterward, Mayor Menino hosted a luncheon on campus in the Ryan Lounge for volunteers from all over the city who had participated. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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science building and the plaza to make way for more modern buildings and green space.

Upon completion of the 25-year plan, university officials say, the campus will be transformed into a jewel on the waterfront. Hoping to continue a trend begun by the bright, airy new Campus Center, the plan will seek to foster a more vibrant campus atmosphere, with better physical support for teaching and research and more common spaces for students and faculty to gather.

“What will be built is going to be less fortresslike,” said Susan Wolfson, senior analyst in administration and finance, and project manager for the master plan. “We don’t want to build these monoliths we have today. We do want to make them more human, more manageable and a more pleasant environment for teaching, learning and working.”

Before crafting the master plan, a university-wide task force developed a list of major goals for the university: increasing student engagement and success, attracting talented faculty, improving the physical environment, and becoming more involved with the surrounding community. It quickly became clear that developing an ambitious vision for the campus was central to accomplishing all these goals.

“This master plan is the physical expression of the strategic planning goals,” said Ellen O’Connor, vice chancellor of administration and finance. “We’re driven by this set of aspirations developed by the whole university community.”

Change of this magnitude is a complex process, and the details surrounding the construction schedule and final design have yet to be hammered out. University officials say the first major project will likely be to relocate the campus’s utilities, many of which run through the substructure.

“This is going to be a 10-year conversation. This is not something that’s going to happen this summer. We need people to be in it for the long haul,” said O’Connor.

For the most part, the master plan has been received enthusiastically both on and off campus. The prospect of adding dorms to what has traditionally been a commuter campus has stirred controversy, however. Some nearby residents are concerned about neighborhood disruption; other critics worry that dorms will benefit mainly out-of-state students and distract from the university’s core mission of serving Boston neighborhoods and Boston public schools.

But proponents believe that the university can give students more housing choices without sacrificing its urban mission. Wolfson points out that the proposed dorms will house only about 1,000 students in the first ten years of the plan—less than the projected increase in enrollment

in just the next two years—and another 1,000 before the end of the 25-year plan.

“Other campuses that have

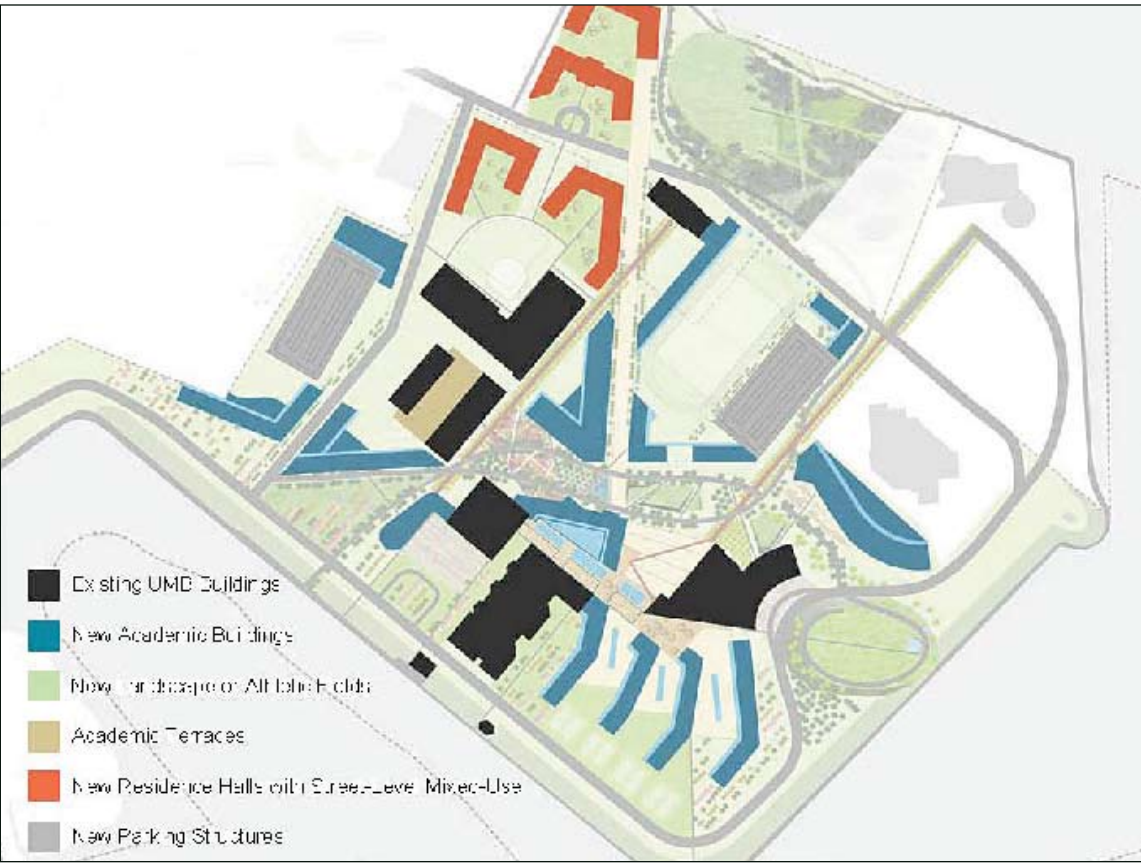
been strictly commuter, and added a little bit of housing, find that it enlivens campus life to have students living on campus. That’s

a good thing,” she said. “Why not provide more options to our students?”

The project, which is expected



25-year view — Approach to campus from Morrissey Boulevard. (Image courtesy of Chan Krieger Sieniewicz)



25-year view — Approach to campus from Morrissey Boulevard. (Image courtesy of Chan Krieger Sieniewicz)

to cost \$750 million over the next decade, depends largely on state funding. In October, Governor Deval Patrick included \$1 billion in campus improvement funding for the five UMass campuses in his higher education bond bill, now before the state legislature. O’Connor says conversations with legislators have also been encouraging.

“The response is usually, ‘Well, it’s about time.’ Anybody who’s spent time here doesn’t challenge what we’re saying, that the physical environment is holding us back,” she said. “We’re this wonderful, very alive university. We’ve got a tremendous student body, with every kind of diversity there is. We’ve got this wonderful faculty. What’s holding us back is the state of our capital assets. We want to change that.”

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besides *Pacific Time*, I asked Paul if he was interested.”

He was, as was the UMass administration, which has funded the production of the pilot with a UMass Boston Proposal Development Grant. The completed pilot will be offered to public radio stations around the country this spring.

As I Am models itself partially on NPR’s *All Things Considered* and Chicago Public Radio’s popular *This American Life*, as well as on the now-defunct syndicated Asian radio show *Pacific Time*, which broadcast out of San Francisco from 2000 to 2007. While the staff

and contributors of *As I Am* are Asian American and will address issues that affect Asian Americans, they plan to touch on themes, like the concept of “home,” which transcend race, ethnicity, and nationality.

“We’ll be pulling in all these different voices,” says Nathan Bae Kupel, one of the producers of the show. “As a group, Asian Americans are not homogenous.”

Paul Niwa, a professor at Emerson College who contributed a documentary report on rising rents that are forcing working-class residents out of Boston’s Chinatown to the pilot, describes *As I Am* as

“a collage of experience—slam poetry, commentary, music lyrics, and more.”

Along with Niwa’s segment, the pilot episode includes a personal commentary on moving away from home by public radio reporter Angela Kim, a spoken word performance by slam poet Regie Cabico, and music by the Hip Hop duo Blue Scholars. As for future shows, say Bae Kupel and Watanabe, the possibilities are endless.

“There are thousands of stories that need to be covered, which will be exciting for many different kinds of audiences,” Watanabe says, smiling. “I have a million ideas.”

Local Kids Get a Helping Hand



With Helping Hands from Shaw’s Supermarkets, the UMass Boston Women’s Basketball Team, the Iota Phi Theta Club, and a special visit from Chancellor Motley, 34 foster children received multiple gifts generously provided by the UMass Boston community at the eighth annual Helping Hands gift-giving party on campus December 19. (Photo by Dan Higgins)

2007 in Pictures

University Photographer Harry Brett takes countless photos at UMass Boston events throughout the year. Here are some of our favorites from 2007.



Left: Chancellor Motley addresses the UMass Boston community during his inauguration ceremony.

Below: Myrna Tanger (center, airborne) and friends watch her appearance on The Price Is Right.



Above: Jugglers make an impression on one attendee of Convocation celebrations.

Right: Deng-Athoi Galuak at Commencement.

Far right: Member of the class of 2020-something at the Early Learning Center.



*Above: UMass Night at the Pops.
Right: Give US Your Poor concert.*





Left: WUMB's Dave Palmater on the mic at the 10th Annual Boston Folk Festival.

Right: Studying in the sun during Opening Week.

Below: The Beacon makes a clutch save at the Campus Center.



Above: Actor Saylis Matos at the Trotter Institute's staged reading of Day of Absence.

Right: Pitching in, rain or shine, on Good Neighbor Day.



Above: Batman and Rodney Hughes at the Spring Picnic.



Above: Chancellor Motley backstage with the O'Jays.



Right: A visitor to Camp Shriver takes five.

Fall Semester GoKids Graduate

By Julia Reischel

On December 11, the first group of Boston schoolchildren to play and exercise at the GoKids Boston youth fitness research and training center during the school year completed their training in a “graduation” ceremony, highlighted by demonstrations of their newfound knowledge of exercise and healthy eating habits to a stream of visitors during an open house.

“You always feel alive when you come here,” said Greer Glazer, Dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, after she watched a demonstration of a piece of weightlifting equipment.

Maria Shea, the director of GoKids Boston, stood nearby to discuss the progress that GoKids has already made with the several hundred children who have participated in its summer and fall programs. While it’s too soon to have official research results, Shea says that she’s already noticed the effect on the kids.

“All have lost weight,” Shea says of the 110 kids who participated in camp programs at the center over the summer. Several, she added, joined sports teams for the first time after leaving the camp.



Assistant Professor Bruce Bailey, of the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences, measures the metabolic output of a GoKids Boston participant with help from undergraduate assistant Megan Suyemalsu. (Photo by Harry Brett)

As for the 100 children who are finishing their time with GoKids today, Shea says that researchers are busy studying their progress.

“People have no idea what works better,” Shea says. “[The center] is designed to become a base for research.”

Several such projects are under way or in the works: Bruce Bailey, an assistant professor in the De-

partment of Exercise and Health Sciences at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is using the GoKids center to study the influence of “active gaming” on energy expenditure in adolescents. He measures the body fat and the metabolisms of the kids who attend the program in order to discover which games prompt them to exercise most effectively. “The

favorite, by far, is Dance Dance Revolution,” he says, referring to a video game that is played by dancing on a touch-sensitive pad. This spring, Jessica Whiteley, also an assistant professor in the Exercise and Health Sciences Department of CNHS, will be designing an experimental weight-loss program at GoKids, with funding provided by the National Institutes of Health.

Neely Quails, a graduate student in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences who spent the fall semester planning the GoKids curriculum, says that the center needs more researchers, from both inside and outside the university.

“In Boston, this is a chance to reach out and give [local kids] an advantage that they don’t have,” she said. “The most important thing is getting the word out. We want to run all kinds of different programs.”

“This is a natural laboratory,” Dean Glazer agreed. “In addition to research to inform and guide evidence-based interventional education, we need more research.”

Already, though, some of the benefits of the GoKids curriculum are obvious to everyone. “It seems like the more fun it is, the less they notice that it’s exercise,” said Megan Suyemalsu, a UMass Boston senior who is assisting Bailey’s research, as she watched kids take turns throwing balls at the “sports wall.”

“It’s kind of like tricking them,” remarked Marcia Beatty, a senior in the Fitness Instruction and Management program.

“Kind of,” said Suyemalsu. “But they like it.”

Meeting the Artists



Chancellor Motley at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club, where he gave out prizes for UMass Boston’s Holiday Card contest. (Photo by Harry Brett)

EEOS Prof to Dig—Virtually—into the Past at the Paul Revere House

Beginning this week, Allen Gontz, an assistant professor of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences, will examine the subsoil structures under the Paul Revere House in the North End as part of one of the most thorough archaeological surveys of the site ever conducted.

Using a technology called ground penetrating radar (GPR), Gontz will reconstruct the changing historical landscape of the area surrounding the Paul Revere House, thereby opening a new window into the history of Boston and the North End.

“The Paul Revere House sits in a crucial elevation range, which may at one time have been flooded by ocean 12,000 years ago,” Gontz said. “It’s one of the few places in Boston where there’s some degree of open space and the amount of disturbance is minimal. There’s a whole bunch of things that they have some degree of record for on Paul Revere’s property, such as privies and, supposedly, a small

forge. We’re trying to reconstruct the land surface that was there, and show what’s underneath people’s feet when they walk across the landscape where now there’s nothing but brick.”

Ground penetrating radar allows researchers to take a thorough look at ancient soil without damaging the surface, which makes it an ideal tool for work at historical sites. Gontz will be using equipment loaned by MALÅ Geoscience, a leading supplier of GPR technology.

“MALÅ knows firsthand the value of preserving the heritage of our nation,” said Kevin Hon, a MALÅ geologist and geophysicist. “Supporting the Paul Revere House project in Boston is a great opportunity to help restore an irreplaceable landmark in a pivotal city from colonial America.”

Gontz plans to work in partnership with the Paul Revere Memorial Association to open his research to the public, and will conduct his work during the operating hours

of the Paul Revere House, thereby becoming part of the exhibit himself. His findings will help the Paul Revere Memorial Association better preserve the Paul Revere House, just in time for the Association’s 100th anniversary.

“We have done archaeology before, but we’ve never done an extensive look at the entire property with an eye to its whole history,” says Nina Zannieri, the executive director of the Paul Revere Memorial Association. “Our buildings are part and parcel of the history of the North End, and the whole history of the property is important to us.”

“The North End’s history is America’s history and Professor Gontz’s research stands to significantly enhance the understanding of our important neighborhood,” said House Speaker Salvatore F. DiMasi (D-Boston). “The study of Paul Revere’s house will provide added insight to residents of my neighborhood, scholars and visitors to Boston.”

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Alex Des Forges, an associate professor in the Department of Modern Languages, gave a presentation titled “Lost Secrets of the Tongcheng Masters: Rethinking Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Prose Aesthetics” at the China Humanities Seminar at Harvard University on December 17.

Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology at the Gerontology Institute, co-convened a symposium titled “Global Labor vs. Elder Workers: The Specter of Uselessness” at the Gerontological Society of America conference in San Francisco November 16-20. He also presented a paper at the conference “Mandatory Provident Fund: Retirement Income in Hong Kong.”

In December, Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, was the featured speaker at a gathering of the Massachusetts Asian American Educators Association to welcome Carol Johnson, the new Boston Public Schools superintendent. Kiang’s presentation was titled “Asian American Community Histories and the Boston Public Schools.”

On December 19, Robert Weiner, the Graduate Program Director of International Relations at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, presented a paper on “The Diplomacy of Frozen Conflicts” at the annual convention of the British International Studies Association at the University of Cambridge in England.

Sheila Fesko, a senior research associate at the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI), presented at the international conference for the Korean Employment Promotion Agency for Disability in Seoul, Korea, on December 4.

Christian Weller, an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, was invited to speak to AARP state office representatives on state retirement policies in Dallas, Texas, on December 5.

Susan Moir, the Director of the Labor Resource Center, conducted a seminar titled “Lessons from The Big Dig, Boston’s Highway Mega-project” in Panama on December 3 and 4. The seminar was sponsored by SALTRA, the Program for Health and Work in Central America.

Françoise Carré, the research director of the Center for Social Policy at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, presented a paper titled “Dimensions of Employment Precarity and Gender in the United States” at York University in Ontario, Canada, on November 2. The paper was co-authored with James

Heintz of the Political Economy Research Institute at UMass Amherst.

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, the chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology and the director of the Family Therapy Program, gave a presentation titled “Strength-Based Psychotherapy in a Multicultural Context” at the Practicing Positive Psychotherapy: Applying the Science of Happiness summit at the Harvard Medical School on December 15.

Arthur MacEwan, professor and chair in the Department of Economics, presented a paper, titled “The Meaning of Poverty: Questions of Distribution and Power,” at the Golden Jubilee Conference of the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on December 2 and 3.

Peter Taylor, a professor in the Program in Critical & Creative Thinking at the Graduate College of Education, co-organized a workshop on diagramming the complexities of scientific processes at the Social Studies of Science conference in Montreal, Canada, in October. His book *Unruly Complexity* was the subject of an Author Meets Critics session at the conference.

Robert Crossley, professor of English, co-chaired a “Workshop for Members of Search Committees in English and Foreign Languages” at the annual December meeting of the Modern Language Association in Chicago. He also offered individual counseling sessions for job candidates at the convention.

Nina M. Silverstein, professor of gerontology at the College of Public and Community, was invited to give a presentation, titled “Alzheimer’s Disease and Fitness to Drive,” at the North American License Policy Workshop, sponsored by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, in Washington, DC, on December 5-7.

In November, at the Estuarine Research Federation Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences Department faculty members Kim Frashure, Robert Chen, and Yong Tian presented “A Remote Sensing Model for Indicators of Ecosystem Health in Urban Estuaries.” Chen, Wei Huang, and Research Associate and Adjunct Associate Professor Bernie Gardner presented “Behavior of Riverine Dissolved Organic Matter in Hudson Estuary.” Gardner, Chen, Huang, and Research Associate Francesco Peri presented “Colored Dissolved Organic Matter: From Watershed to Ocean.” Peri, Chen, Gardner, and Research Associate Michael Pollard presented “Wireless Sensor Network Measurements of the Temperature Field in Savin Hill Cove.” And Peri, Matt Calder, and Robert A. Morris presented “A Platform Independent

Approach to Data Streaming with Community Driven Standards.”

PUBLICATIONS

Laurie L. Charlés, an assistant professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, published “Cultural Competency as a Relational Process: Scenes From a Family Therapy Context in the Philippines” in the December issue of the journal *Qualitative Inquiry*.

Nigel Hamilton, a Fellow of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies and author of prize-winning biographies of Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery and of John F. Kennedy, published *How to Do Biography*, a primer to the biographer’s craft.

Part-time faculty member Nadejda Marques published *Born Subversive: A Memoir of Survival*, an autobiography about her experiences growing up amid political upheaval in Brazil and Chile. More info is at www.bornsubversive.com.

Christian Weller, an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, co-authored two chapters in *Employee Pensions: Policies, Problems, & Possibilities* with Professor Teresa Ghilarducci from the University of Notre Dame. Weller also recently published a journal article entitled “The Benefits of Progressive Taxation in Economic Development, Review of Radical Political Economics,” and the chapter “Financial Liberalization in Eastern Europe: Fortunate Fetters or Financial Underdevelopment?” in the book *Capture and Exclude: Developing Economies and The Poor in Global Finance*, published by Tulika Books.

“The Chair’s Role in Resolving Departmental Conflict,” an article by David Matz, director of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, appeared in the Fall 2007 issue of *The Department Chair*.

Janis Kapler, associate professor of economics, published “The Theory of the Firm, the Theory of Competition, and the Transnational Corporation” in the December issue of *Competition and Change*, an interdisciplinary journal of global business and political economy.

“Innocent Exclusion in an Alternative Semantics,” an article by Assistant Professor of Hispanic Studies Luis Alonso-Ovalle, has been accepted for publication in the journal *Natural Language Semantics*.

In December, Charles F. Cnudde, professor of political science and senior fellow in the Center for Democracy and Development of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, received word that his paper “American Policy and the Expansion of NATO and the European Union,” was accepted for

publication in the April 2008 edition of *Politicka Kultura* in the Republic of Croatia.

Phillip Granberry, an instructor in the Economics Department, published a paper titled “In the Hood and on the Job: Social Capital Accumulation Among Legal and Unauthorized Mexican Immigrants” in the December issue of *Sociological Perspectives*. He co-authored the paper with Enrico Marcelli of San Diego State University.

“The Locations of Employment Services and People with Disabilities: A Geographical Analysis of Accessibility,” by Assistant Professor of Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Deborah Metzel and Alberto Giordano, was published in the September issue of the *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

Jon Ceander Mitchell, the chair of the Department of Performing Arts, conducted the first annual *Messiah* Sing at The Center for Arts in Natick, Massachusetts, on December 5.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

The Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI) has been awarded a \$1.4 million grant from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services through the University of Massachusetts Medical School to improve employment infrastructure, services and outcomes for people with disabilities in the Commonwealth. The Massachusetts Medicaid Infrastructure and Comprehensive Employment Opportunities grant will support activities and research that inform and engage individuals with disabilities, policy makers, service providers and employment in efforts to increase workforce participation by individuals with disabilities.

On January 1, the state of Colorado became the newest member of the Institute for Community Inclusion’s State Employment Leadership Network (SELN). It is the fifteenth state to join the network.

Laura Henze Russell, the director of the Elders on the Edge Program at the Gerontology Institute, received a Boston Foundation grant awarding \$40,000 for the next phase of the effort to develop applications of the Elder Standard in Massachusetts. In December, the Massachusetts Association of Older Americans (MAOA) convened a well-attended Advisory Committee meeting about the project in December, where a number of groups and individuals spoke about how they are using it concretely in their work.

Associate Professor of Finance Jim Grant is serving as the faculty

advisor for UMass Boston’s first New England Investment Research Challenge (NEIRC) team. The team, which is made up of four College of Management undergraduates, will write professional stock reports and give a formal presentation to a panel of overseers chosen by the Boston Society.

The Center for Collaborative Leadership in the College of Management will be starting the seventh year of its Emerging Leaders Program on January 28. Fifty-one fellows have been chosen to participate in this year’s program from greater Boston corporations, government agencies, and non-profit institutions. To initiate the program, fellows will learn lessons in leadership from Marsh Carter, Chairman of the New York Stock Exchange. Throughout the nine-month program, they will hear from many more top executives, judges, lawyers, politicians, and UMass Boston professors.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Professor Ramon Borges-Mendez of the department of public policy and Public Affairs has been appointed by Governor Deval Patrick to serve on the Asset Development Commission, a statewide policy committee. Barbara Graceffa, the assistant director of the Program in Public Policy, has been nominated and accepted to the Biltmore Who’s Who Executive and Professional Registry, a nationally recognized profile of notable business leaders and successful professionals in North America.

EVENTS

In December, the Massachusetts Asian American Educators Association gathered to welcome Carol Johnson, the new superintendent of the Boston Public Schools. Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, Lusa Lo, an assistant professor of Curriculum & Instruction, Patricia Neilson of the Center for Collaborative Leadership, Tri Quach of the Coalition for Asian Pacific American Youth (CAPAY), and GCE graduate students Lieu Nguyen and Ngoc Tran participated.

IN THE NEWS

On December 16, Judith Palfrey, the chief of the Division of General Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital Boston and a representative of the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI), was an invited guest of the weekly radio talk show of the Ethiopian Community Mutual Assistance Association (ECMAA). Dr. Palfrey discussed the ICI, a joint program of the University of Massachusetts Boston and the Children’s Hospital Boston, and

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.

Friday 18

Women's Hockey vs. University of Southern Maine
4 p.m., Clark Athletic Center, lower level. Contact 7-7801.

Men's Hockey vs. St. Michael's College
7 p.m., Clark Athletic Center, lower level. Contact 7-7801.

Saturday 19

Men's Hockey vs. Norwich University
4 p.m., Clark Athletic Center, lower level. Contact 7-7801.

Women's Hockey vs. New England College
1 p.m., Clark Athletic Center, lower level. Contact 7-7801.

Monday 21

Martin Luther King day. University closed.

12th Annual Amilcar Cabral – Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Program
11 a.m. – 5 p.m., McCormack Hall, third floor, Ryan lounge. “Common-Unity: Strengthening the Foundation for Our Youth.” A conference that presents the writings and thoughts of African-American leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Amilcar Cabral, leader of the movement for the independence of Cape Verde and Guinea Bissau. Speakers and performers include Consul General Maria Jesus Mascarenhas, Omekongo Dibinga, Racquel Armstrong, Candida Rose, and Santos Spencer and The Foundation. Free breakfast and lunch. Contact: 7-6790.

Tuesday 22

Men's Basketball vs. University of Southern Maine
7:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact 7-7801.

Wednesday 23

Urban Scholars Program Diversity Movie
3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, first floor, Snowden Auditorium. Contact 7-5845.

Thursday 24

Men's Basketball vs. Bates College
7 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact 7-7801.

Friday 25

Winter session ends. Last day of class.

Women's Hockey vs. MIT
4 p.m., Clark Athletic Center, lower level, ice rink. Contact 7-7801.

Saturday 26

Women's Hockey vs. Salve Regina University
Noon, Clark Athletic Center, lower level, ice rink. Contact 7-7801.

Men's Basketball vs. Rhode Island College
3 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact 7-7801.

Monday 28

Winter Blast: Opening Week Spring 2008 Activities begin.

Warm winter treats with Chancellor Motley
8 a.m., Campus Center, UL.

Free engraved key chains, glass etchings, and other novelties
Noon, Campus Center Terrace.

Tuesday 29

Blast Off Flight Simulator
Experience flying through the air without ever leaving the ground. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m., Campus Center Terrace.

Sizzlin' Sweets With the GSA
5 p.m. – 7 p.m., University Dining Club. Graduate Student Assembly reception.

Wednesday 30

The Big Read Kick Off
6:30 p.m., Healey Library, 11th floor, 0011B. Celebrate the beginning of six months of reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*, as part of the largest federal reading program in the country.

Breaking the Ice: Student Organization and Activities Fair
11 a.m., Campus Center Terrace.

Colossal Comedy Featuring Eric O'Shea
7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom. Free with UMass Boston student ID; others \$5.

Thursday 31

Opening Reception featuring Ulick Mahoney
Noon – 4 p.m., 1st Floor, McCormack, Harbor Gallery.

Center Stage featuring comic hypnotist Frank Santos Jr.
7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Campus Center Ballroom. Free with UMass Boston student ID; others \$5.

Seminar in Environmental Sciences
2:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m., Small Science Auditorium. Marion Stoddart and Dorie Clark present “Cleaning up the Nashua River,”

based on the documentary film *The Work of 1000*.

FEBRUARY

Friday 1

Biology Department Seminar
2:30 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. John Silander of the University of Connecticut discusses plant ecology and evolution.

Saturday 2

Ski trip to Pats Peak
Noon – 11:30 p.m., buses leave from Campus Center. Ski at Pats Peak in New Hampshire. Tickets include transportation, lift ticket and rental. Purchase tickets in the Office of Student Activities, Campus Center, 3rd floor. \$20 students, \$30 faculty and staff.

Wednesday 6

College of Management Forum
5 – 6 p.m., Campus Center, 3rd floor, room 3545.

Friday 8

Biology Department Seminar
2:30 p.m., Science Building, 1st floor, Small Science Auditorium. Mark Alliegro, of the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Hole, discusses the mechanisms of cell differentiation.

CAMPUS NOTES

the Opening Doors Project (www.OpeningDoorsforYouth.org). During this year, the ECMAA will host six radio talk shows with different staff members of the ICI as invited guests to discuss topics of interest to their community members.

Part-time faculty member **Nadejda Marques** read from her new book, *Born Subversive: A Memoir of Survival*, on WBUR's *Here and Now* radio program on December 21.

In December, **Christian Weller**, an associate professor in the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, appeared on the German channel of Bloomberg TV discussing housing policy; on KNX-AM's *Business Hour* in Los Angeles talking about the state of the economy; on BBC's *News Hour* commenting on President Bush's proposal to help subprime borrowers freeze their interest rates; and on several Middle East satellite television stations speaking about the U.S. economy. Professor Weller was also quoted in the November/December issue of the NAACP's *The Crisis* magazine and in Builder Online, the Internet

edition of *Builder Magazine*.

In December, the *Boston Globe* interviewed **John Fulton**, an assistant professor in the English Department, about *The Animal Girl*, his new book of short fiction.

On December 6, the Greater Boston Manufacturing Partnership, one of the business centers housed in the College of Management, was featured on a New England Cable News segment about Callaway Golf.

WUMB's participation in the Massachusetts chapter of the federal reading program The Big Read was the subject of an article in the *Attleboro Sun Chronicle* on December 16.

Assistant Professor **Darren Kew**, of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, was interviewed by the BBC regarding Nigerian President Yar'Adua's meeting with President Bush in Washington, DC. The interview was broadcast on the BBC/WGBH radio program *The World* on December 13.



UMass Boston hosts premiere of *Including Samuel*

Bill Kiernan, director of the Institute for Community Inclusion, moderates a panel discussion at the Boston premiere of Including Samuel, a film by filmmaker Dan Habib. Right to left: Kiernan; Rich Robison, the Executive Director of the Federation for Children with Special Needs; Maria Paiewonsky of the Institute for Community Inclusion; Dan Habib; Joe Petner, former Cambridge School Principal; and Keith Jones, inclusive education activist. (Photo by Harry Brett)