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## Governor Deval Patrick to Be the Principal Speaker At UMass Boston's 2007 Commencement

By Ed Hayward

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick will deliver the principal address at the University of Massachusetts Boston's 39th commencement on Friday, June 1, when nearly 2,800 undergraduate and graduate students receive their degrees, Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD has announced.

Governor Patrick, who will receive the Chancellor's Medal, will be joined by fellow honorees Clementina (Tina) Chéry, the founder and president of the Boston-based Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Robert Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, and Henri Termeer, president and CEO of Cambridge-based Genzyme Corporation.

"We are pleased to welcome Governor Patrick back to our



*Chancellor Collins and Gov. Deval Patrick at a recent executive training session for senior administrators, which was conducted in the Campus Center by faculty and staff from the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and Northeastern University. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

campus for our 39th commencement ceremonies, where his presence will serve as a fitting honor

for our new graduates," Chancellor Collins said. "UMass Boston is further distinguished by the

participation of Tina Chéry, Robert Kraft and Henri Termeer, all accomplished leaders who work daily to improve life in the Commonwealth and around the world."

Governor Patrick will be honored for his leadership at the top levels of business, government, and the non-profit sector. His career began at the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund. In 1986, he joined the Boston law firm of Hill & Barlow. In 1994, President Clinton appointed Governor Patrick Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights, the nation's top civil rights post.

At the Justice Department, Governor Patrick worked on a wide range of issues, including prosecution of hate crimes, employment discrimination, and

enforcement of fair-lending laws and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Clementina (Tina) M. Chéry will receive the Chancellor's Medal for her work to end gun and gang violence in Boston. Chéry is president and CEO of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, founded in memory of her 15-year-old son, who was killed by an errant gunshot while walking near his home in 1993.

Under Chéry's direction, the institute has forged a multi-level agenda, operating as a partner to the City of Boston, to the academic community, and to grassroots organizations. Annually, the institute serves more than 10,000 people with outreach services, school curricula, community events and training.

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Professor Arthur Eisenkraft of the Graduate College of Education traveled to Washington, DC, this March to testify before Congress.

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### Spring Enrichment!

Spring Enrichment Week, which runs April 23-28, includes interesting lectures, entertaining performances, exciting activities, and more! See page 3 for more details on a week of events that you won't want to miss!

## Lynch Foundation Award to Endow Nursing PhD Scholarships at UMass Boston

By Ed Hayward

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Boston has received a \$500,000 grant from The Lynch Foundation to fund fellowships for students in the university's fast-track nursing PhD program, which is designed to build a diverse pool of Ph.D.-prepared nurses focused on cancer nursing care, health disparities and health policy research, the university has announced. The grant is one of the largest awarded by the 19-year-old charitable foundation started by vice chairman of Fidelity Management & Research Co. Peter Lynch and his wife, Carolyn.

By establishing The Lynch Foundation Fund for Nursing Fellowships, the grant will fund merit-based scholarships for students in an innovative program designed to change the way nurses earn doctoral degrees.

"Peter and Carolyn Lynch set an example for philanthropy in Massachusetts by making investments in projects and programs where the results are expansive and sustainable," said UMass Boston Chancellor Michael F.

Collins, MD. "UMass Boston's fast-track PhD in Nursing addresses the critical shortage of nursing PhDs, trains the next generation of nursing faculty, and creates opportunities for a diverse group of nursing practitioners to transform experience into scholarship and research."

The fast-track program was developed in collaboration with Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center through a \$4.3 million National Institutes of Health grant awarded to the two institutions in 2005.

"The Lynch Foundation award will improve the capacity of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences to address the national shortage of PhD-prepared nursing faculty and researchers," said Dean Greer Glazer. "The scholarship endowment bolsters the college's work to attract and retain first-generation and racially and ethnically diverse graduate students to our program."

The goal of the fast-track program is to resolve issues confronting nurses who want to pursue doctoral studies. Currently, the average number of years students are enrolled in a doctoral program



*Forgers of the fast-track Nursing PhD program: Dean Greer Glazer of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and Pat Reid Ponte, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute senior vice president for patient care services and chief of nursing. (Photo by Sam Ogden, DFCI Photographer)*

is 8.3 years in nursing, compared to 6.8 years for all research PhD programs. The average time between entry into graduate study and earning a PhD is 15.9 years in nursing, compared to 8.5 years in other disciplines.

By removing financial obstacles and establishing the fast-track structure, the program plans to reduce barriers nurses have faced pursuing doctoral studies.

The Lynch Foundation funding will help provide the proper financial support for students who must give up full-time work to enroll in the doctoral program.

The college enrolls more than 960 students in baccalaureate, master's and PhD programs. Currently, students of color comprise nearly 38 percent of the college's undergraduate nursing students and more than 40 percent of UMass Boston's total student body.

The grant to UMass Boston is one of the 12 largest awards made by the Lynch Foundation, which was started in 1988. The foundation supports education, religious organizations, cultural and historic organizations, and hospitals and medical research.



# Dorchester Community Activist and South Boston CEO Honored at UMass Boston's 2007 Community Breakfast



Top left: (from left to right): Former chair of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees Robert H. Quinn, Mt. Washington Bank CEO Edward J. Merritt, Pope's Hill Neighborhood Association President Philip Carver, and Chancellor Michael F. Collins. Top right: Attendees enjoy breakfast. Bottom left: Dorchester House CEO Joel Abrams and Dorchester Board of Trade President Mary Truong. Bottom center: Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, Vice Chancellor Darrell Byers, and Sheila Moore, executive director of Bridge over Troubled Waters. Bottom right: Claudina Quinn, Chancellor Collins, and Bob Quinn. (Photos by Harry Brett)

By Ed Hayward

At UMass Boston's 21st annual Community Breakfast, two local men were honored for their work to improve communities and organizations within the city.

Dorchester resident Philip Carver, president of the Pope's Hill Neighborhood Association, received the Robert H. Quinn Award for Community Service from UMass Boston Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. The chancellor presented Mt. Washington Bank President and CEO Edward J. Merritt the Award for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service for

his work supporting community-based institutions.

"UMass Boston is proud each year to recognize the commitment of the residents and business leaders of Boston to building stronger communities," Chancellor Collins said. "Phil Carver's dedication to the Pope's Hill neighborhood, and beyond, as well as Ed Merritt's emphasis on exemplary corporate citizenship, are richly deserving of our recognition and our thanks."

The Quinn Award, which honors individuals whose outstanding contributions have significantly improved the quality of life in the Greater Boston area, was established in honor of Robert

H. Quinn, who served as speaker of the House of Representatives, attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

Quinn joined Chancellor Collins in the presentation of the award to Carver. Thanks to Carver's initiative, the Pope's Hill neighborhood now enjoys a new campus for the Neighborhood House Charter School, as well as the addition of a new bank and a new grocery store. He also founded the Dorchester Support Our Soldiers program, which has sent supplies to more than 7,000 American soldiers.

Ed Merritt was appointed president and CEO of Mt. Washington Bank in 1999. Since that

time, the bank has grown into a full-service financial institution with over \$480 million in total assets, serving the communities of South Boston and Dorchester. He has overseen the expansion of the bank's infrastructure from a two-branch operation to four, with a fifth branch scheduled to open in 2007 in Dorchester's Codman Square neighborhood.

Merritt emphasizes community service in addition to customer service. Five years ago, the bank founded the Mt. Washington Charitable Foundation, where ten percent of the bank's annual profits are dedicated to nonprofit organizations. Among the awards is an annual scholarship for a

UMass Boston undergraduate student. In addition, Merritt is a member of the Board of Directors of the Caritas Carney Hospital Foundation, South Boston Community Health Center, and the Massachusetts Bankers Association.

"Mt. Washington Bank is committed to being a good corporate citizen and neighbor, so the bank established the Mt. Washington Charitable Foundation in 2002," Merritt said. "In the past five years, the foundation has enabled the bank to increase our support for our communities by helping programs involving education, youth and the arts, and social service agencies."

## Lampas Society Celebrates Planned Giving to UMass Boston

By Kraig Ludensky

Giving to the university is a very personal decision. Many donors are accustomed to writing a check each year because that is what they feel they can afford.

Carolyn Flynn, an estate planning attorney who runs UMass Boston's new Office of Planned Giving, wants donors to think differently.

"Why not consider leaving

a life insurance policy, the value in a home, IRA, pension, 401(k), savings, stocks and bonds or a family business?" asks Flynn. "They may be marshaled to do some spectacular things for the university."

The newly created Lampas Society thanks donors who give through life income gifts, bequests, and other estate intentions.

The society's inaugural newsletter tells the story of Lola T.

McGrail '35, who established a charitable gift annuity to help fund a scholarship for a student pursuing a career in teaching.

McGrail pursued her degree at Teachers College and went on to become a teacher of French and Spanish in the Boston Public Schools. "There was no tuition. Even the books were free!" says McGrail. Today, she takes satisfaction not only in having had a successful teaching career but

also in the opportunity to help others do the same. A gift annuity provides McGrail with an income for her lifetime. She found the gift annuity rewarding enough to establish a second gift annuity to benefit the same scholarship.

McGrail's story reflects her passion for assisting future teachers achieve their dreams, and she was able to do so in a way that fit her own personal and financial situation.

"The community needs to be aware that writing a check each year is not the only way to make a gift to the University," Flynn explains. "The planned giving office provides estate and tax planning information and assistance for individuals interested in making a gift to UMass Boston."

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# A New Tradition: Spring Enrichment Week, April 23-28

By Ed Hayward

Building on the tradition established with last year's inauguration week events, UMass Boston will unveil Spring Enrichment Week, April 22-28, presenting speakers, authors and performances to highlight the vibrant academic and cultural community on campus.

"Spring Enrichment Week is a chance for students, faculty, staff and friends of the university to acknowledge the expertise of our faculty, the dedication of our staff and the sophistication of our students," said Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. "It's also a chance to reconnect across the campus at both the academic and cultural level. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Spring Enrichment week, which kicks off Monday, April 23, will feature 18 major events – from films to speakers to roundtable discussions – culminating on Saturday, April 28, with the university's Fourth Annual Scholarship Gala.

"The Annual Scholarship Gala gives the campus community and our friends and donors a chance to directly and positively impact the experiences of our students,"

said Darrell Byers, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement. "Proceeds from the gala go directly to student scholarships. It's a great time."

This year, the gala features a wine-tasting, a silent auction, dinner, and entertainment by Tony Award nominee and Lion King star Tsidi Le Loka.

The week's events feature symposia presented by each college.

On Monday, April 23, the McCormack Graduate School is sponsoring "No Margin for Error: Disadvantages and Success in the Immigrant Second Generation," a lecture by Alejandro Portes of Princeton University, the graduate school's Wood Visiting Professor.

On Tuesday, April 24, the College of Public and Community Service presents "The Death Penalty and Social Media: How Social Agents and Filmmakers Come Together," a symposium including a documentary film on the Sacco and Vanzetti case.

On Wednesday, April 25, the College of Liberal Arts brings back to campus "The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged," a witty, improvisational compression of all 37 plays into one

evening of theater, presented by the Performing Arts Department.

On Thursday, April 26, the College of Management offers a Master Class in Finance with Perry Traquina, president, CEO, and managing partner of Wellington Management Company LLP.

On Friday, April 27, the College of Liberal Arts presents The UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra, performing Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 and works of Holst, Laisné, and Vaughan Williams.

There's also a service component to the week. On Friday, April 27, the university will take part in Good Neighbor Day by participating in day-long community service projects such as offering help painting shelters, planting gardens, preparing meals for AIDS patients, and sorting food for a local food bank. These activities are coordinated by Jain Ruvich-Higgins, director of the Office of Service -Learning and Community Outreach.

A partial listing of events appears on this page. For a complete listing, please visit <http://www.umb.edu/spring/schedule/>.

## SELECTED EVENTS

### MONDAY, APRIL 23, 5:30 PM

"No Margin for Error: Disadvantage and Success in the Immigrant Second Generation," a lecture by Alejandro Portes of Princeton University, Wood Visiting Professor at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2:30 PM

"Redefining Race: Native American Identity in the Southeastern United States," a lecture by Harvard historian Malinda Maynor Lowery (Lumbee), followed by a screening of her award-winning documentary "Real Indian."

### TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 4:00 PM

"Sacco and Vanzetti," a documentary film, followed by a symposium, "The Death Penalty and Social Media: How Social Agents and Filmmakers Come Together," featuring the film's producer, Peter Miller. Sponsored by the College of Public and Community Service.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

University Health Services Fair, offering information about a variety of traditional and complimentary approaches to health and wellness, from acupuncture to yoga. First floor terrace, Campus Center.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 4:00 PM

"Raise Your Voice," a town-meeting-style gathering in which Boston public high school administrators and students, and local government officials, will discuss equality of access to higher education.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 7:00 PM

"The Complete Works of Shakespeare: Abridged," a witty, improvisational compression of all 37 plays into one evening of theater, presented by the

Performing Arts Department of the College of Liberal Arts. McCormack Theater, second floor, McCormack Hall.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 12:00 PM

"Vietnamese Water Puppets," performed in a chest-deep pool of water, with the water's surface serving as the stage. Director Chu Luong's water puppetry is famous and highly appreciated all over the world. First Floor Terrace, Campus Center.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 4:00 PM

A Master Class, with Perry Traquina, president, CEO, and managing partner of Wellington Management Company LLP. Sponsored by the College of Management.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

UMass Boston Good Neighbor Day. Help out the community by participating in day-long projects such as painting shelters, planting gardens, preparing meals for AIDS patients, and sorting food for a food bank.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 7:30 PM

The UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra, performing Beethoven's Symphony No. 4 and works of Holst, Laisné, and Albinoni. Presented by the Performing Arts Department of the College of Liberal Arts.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 6:00 PM

The Annual Scholarship Gala, with a wine-tasting, a silent auction, dinner, and entertainment by Tony Award nominee and Lion King star Tsidi Le Loka. For sponsorship and ticket information, call 617.287.5320.

Unless otherwise indicated, all events will take place in the Campus Center Ballroom.

## Governor to Speak at Commencement (cont.)

Among the services provided are: The Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) program is dedicated to providing families of murdered victims with ongoing compassion, support, information, resources, education, and advocacy.

The institute also developed The Louis D. Brown Peace Curriculum, which encourages the avoidance of violence by young people and creates activities that instill values and enrich the lives of people living in the community.

Robert Kraft, founder of the Kraft Group and owner of the New England Patriots, will receive an honorary degree for his career as one of New England's leading entrepreneurs and philanthropists. In 1972, the Brookline native founded International Forest Products, a trader of paper commodities that now does business in 82 countries around the world. In 1998, he founded the Kraft Group to serve as the holding company for the family's varied business interests.

Over the past three decades, the Kraft family has been one of New England's most philan-

thropic, donating millions of dollars in support of local charities and civic affairs.

Henri Termeer is president, CEO, and chairman of Genzyme Corp., a biotechnology company headquartered in Cambridge. Termeer will receive an honorary degree for leading his company from a modest entrepreneurial venture to one of the world's leading biotechnology companies. He is recognized as a pioneer in developing and delivering treatments to patients with rare genetic diseases around the world. The company is diversified across medical areas including lysosomal storage disorders, kidney disease, orthopedics, cancer, transplant and immune diseases, and diagnostic testing.

Widely acknowledged for his many contributions to the biotechnology industry and health care field, Termeer is active in the areas of humanitarian assistance, policy issues, and innovation in providing access to health care.

Commencement takes place at 10 a.m. on Friday, June 1, on the Campus Center lawn. For updates and additional information, see [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu).

## Governor Trains Team at UMass Boston



Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick addresses members of his transition team, senior cabinet, and staff at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Michael MacPhee

Taking time away from their newly hectic lives, 85 members of Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick's staff and senior cabinet officials convened at UMass Boston for a Senior Executives Seminar.

Held March 2-3 and titled "The Opportunity We Face: Effective Grassroots Governing," the session was coordinated by the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. Collaborating in the presentations was the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and the Center for Leadership and Public Life at Northeastern.

The sessions were the result of

several months of work by Steve Crosby, Dean of the McCormack School, and officials of the Patrick/Murray administration. Crosby, drawing on his experience as a former governor's chief of staff and also former Secretary of Administration and Finance, opened the sessions by saying: "All of us who have worked for a governor have a commitment to seeing our successors get off on the right foot. We are pleased that the McCormack School could host these important discussions."

The first day was led by Marty Linsky, Kennedy School professor and a partner in Cambridge Leadership Associates, a private

firm helping officials in organizations develop their leadership skills. Featuring panel presentations and small group discussions, participants focused on barriers and opportunities for change as well as defining best practices in grassroots government.

The second day of sessions dealt with such topics as Governor/Cabinet communications, Legislative Relations, and Media Relations. The panel consisted of former government officials, daily practitioners, and academics. Sessions concluded with a panel moderated by Governor Patrick and featuring Lt. Gov. Murray and Chief of Staff Joan Wallace Benjamin.



# White House Initiative to Address Needs of Ethnic Entrepreneurs

By Lena Serpa

On April 17, the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and UMass Boston’s Center on Media and Society will co-sponsor Boston’s NEXT Regional Conference, which will be held in UMass Boston’s Campus Center.

The free conference will provide a forum for local ethnic entrepreneurs and activists to meet with top officials from Washington to discuss topics ranging from healthcare and affordable housing to small-business growth.

It promises to be an inclusive and non-partisan discussion on the concerns of small-business owners and community activists.

Approached by Jimmy Lee of the White House Initiative on Asian American and Pacific Islanders as a possible host for

a regional conference on Asian American businesses and federal grant-making, Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society, saw an opportunity to broaden the scope of the conference to include a more diverse ethnic group base.

“We’re very excited to have the conference at UMass because we’re so ethnically diverse here. We hope students, staff, and faculty will participate,” says Hume.

One of several conferences around the country that aim to establish working relationships with community-based organizations, governmental agencies, and corporations in an effort to target and serve minority communities more effectively, the event will bring together government officials from small-business,

commerce, health, and housing agencies on discussion panels led by local officials and leaders.

“This event is about connecting the government with the people for an opportunity for networking and a useful exchange of ideas,” says Hume.

Federal officials in attendance will include Jennifer Korn, Assistant to President Bush; Dr. Garth Graham, Assistant Secretary of the Office of Minority Health, US Health and Human Services; and Darlene Williams, Assistant Secretary of US Housing and Urban Development. Local participants will include representatives from the for-profit as well as the non-profit sectors, along with governmental officials like Reverend Chang Imm Tan, head of the Boston Office of New Bostonians, and Larry Mayes,

Director of Human Services for the City of Boston. Ethnic media representatives will include Jerry Villacres and Javier Marin of *El Planeta* newspaper.

The conference will also see the launch of a new project run by the Center on Media and Society called the New England Ethnic Newswire. The Newswire, online at <http://go-newz.com>, is a collection of weekly featured stories from the ethnic media and will be maintained by students from a communications studies course titled Local and Ethnic Journalism, which is taught by Hume.

The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders saw its inception on May 13, 2004, when President George W. Bush signed an executive order aimed at increas-

ing economic opportunities for and improving the quality of life of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders currently living in the United States.

The initiative, part of a continuing effort by the White House to serve the Asian American Community of approximately 40 million people, includes a previous Executive Order establishing the President’s Advisory Commission and a federal Interagency Working Group on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. That commission has conducted a series of site visits around the country.

The conference, an all-day series of panels and discussions, will include 350 entrepreneurs and community activists and is free and open to all who register at <http://nextconference.org/register.html>.

## Program Seeks Candidates to Teach Next Year

By Ed Hayward

UMass Boston’s Teach Next Year program allows motivated professionals to channel their knowledge and skills into rewarding careers in urban education. Qualified applicants can begin the program in July and, upon successful completion, be ready to teach next year.

Teach Next Year is an experiential, urban school-based route to earning a master’s degree in education (M.Ed.) and Massachusetts initial teacher licensure through the University of Massachusetts Boston in approximately 12 months.

The program features summer courses at the university, followed by integrated teaching and graduate study on site at the Academy of Public Service, the Noonan Business Academy, and TechBoston Academy, the three innovative schools that comprise the

Boston Public Schools’ Dorchester Education Complex.

Most recently, Teach Next Year interns in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields have been supported by the National Science Foundation Noyce Scholarship program.

The Noyce project has allowed the program to work with the Hyde Park Education Complex and the John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science as Teach Next Year partner schools. Initiated in collaboration with the Trefler Foundation, Teach Next Year is currently supported by the university, the Trefler Foundation, the Nellie Mae Education Foundation, and the Noyce Scholarship Program. Past supporters include the Boston Public Schools

For more information about the Teach Next Year Program, contact Lisa Gonsalves at 617-287-7642 or [lisa.gonsalves@umb.edu](mailto:lisa.gonsalves@umb.edu).

## International Women’s Day



From left: Kevin Bowen, director of the Joiner Center; Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy; The Honorable Diana Maldonado, Chelsea District Court judge; Joan Wallace-Benjamin, chief of staff to Governor Patrick; Maura Hennigan, clerk of the Suffolk County Court; and Miren Uriarte, director of the Gaston Institute. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Kraig Ludensky

The campus marked International Women’s Day on March 8 with a panel of three women leaders in Massachusetts who spoke openly about their lives and shared with the audience the reasons they decided to serve in the public sector.

Governor Deval Patrick’s Chief of Staff, Joan Wallace-Benjamin, was joined by Chelsea District Court Judge Diana Maldonado and former Boston City Councilor and current Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Maura Hennigan for a panel titled “Women of Substance: A Celebration of Woman Leaders in Massachusetts.”

The three shared some of their struggles and the secrets of how they achieved their current positions.

“I have a sense of responsibility and obligation to give back to the community. My responsibility is to dignify what was achieved in the [civil rights] movement,” said Wallace-Benjamin, who previ-

ously served as executive director of the New England Home for Little Wanderers. Recalling the moment she was invited to join Governor Patrick’s office, she said, “I had no intention to join the government, but the governor stirred a feeling of real responsibility for the population I have always worked for. Now I could help millions of families. The opportunity to be a part of history was irresistible.”

“Women are now moving forward, remaining attached to the communities that originally supported them. Just because they reached the top doesn’t mean they have to forget where they came from,” said Giselle Abreu, outreach coordinator and program manager at the Gaston Institute.

Judge Maldonado recalled her family’s traveling from New York to see her when the stress of law school almost caused her to quit. She said it was their support which she will always remember

and value.

Suffolk Superior Court Clerk Hennigan spoke about the risks people said she took when she ran for Mayor of Boston.

“When you try to succeed in public service, you do it with the help from family and friends,” said Hennigan, who was elected to her current post in November.

“You have to believe in yourself. It doesn’t matter what your background is...once you decide you can do it, you make disbelievers into believers,” said Hennigan.

Abreu said, “Students were abler to connect with the panel and the experiences they were sharing.”

The forum was a collaboration of The William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, the Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, and The McCormack Graduate School’s Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

## Good Manners, Smart Business



On March 6 and 7, students in the Management Achievement Program in the College of Management received lessons in business etiquette from Judith Bowman, CEO of Protocol Consultants International. Her articles on professional etiquette have appeared in Forbes, CFO magazine, CNN Everyday Money, and Self magazine. (Photo by Harry Brett)



# UMass Boston's Youth Movement: The Early Learning Center

By Colleen Lofgren

Many people do not realize that UMass Boston freshmen are not the youngest students on campus. That distinguished title belongs to the students who range from 15 months to 6 years in age and are currently enrolled at UMass Boston's Early Learning Center, located in the Geiger Gibson Health Center near the Harbor Point Apartments on Mt. Vernon Street.

Available to students and employees of the university, as well as community members, the Early Learning Center provides an educational structure designed to maximize student success. Within its five classrooms—two toddler rooms, two preschool rooms, and one kindergarten room—the students are allowed the space and time they need to explore, create, and learn at their own pace and in their own way.

The center students come from a clientele that consists of UMass Boston students, faculty, and staff, as well as children from the surrounding community. Out of 61 children enrolled at



Director Sandra Bispham-Parkin and two Early Learning Center teachers watch over a preschool class. (Photo by Harry Brett)

the center, 31 families have a UMass Boston affiliation.

Denise McNair, who works in the Human Resources Department, placed her four-year-old son, Tyler at the center when he was 15 months old.

"Being a mother who had to return back to work full-time, I looked at a few daycare centers," said McNair. "When I scheduled my tour at the center, I instantly got a warm feeling from both the teachers and the center. I also

realized that the center had a structured curriculum in each of their classes."

Since its opening in 1972, the center has provided many students with the opportunity to discover the world around them, develop their self-esteem, and pursue their own interests. Individuality and diversity are valued and celebrated at the center, and the process of forming lasting relationships with both teachers and peers begins with the

youngest of pupils. The director of the center, Sandra Bispham-Parkin '02, takes special pride in the center's professional staff which has been selected for their knowledge of early-childhood education as well as their strong interpersonal skills. They are "the strength of the program," she said. The professional teaching staff is also supplemented by work-study students from the UMass Boston campus.

"The most rewarding part of

working with children is partnering with families to help the children grow socially, emotionally, physically and cognitively," according to Bispham-Parkin.

Parental involvement in the center includes attendance at monthly family/school partnership meetings, family workshops, and other activities planned throughout the year. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer in the classroom.

Proceeds from annual events such as the 5th Annual Beacon Dash, which was held on Sunday, April 1, also help to support the center's Enrichment Fund and offset the cost of field trips and art and music supplies.

Tuition is based on a sliding fee scale according to family size and income. Subsidies are given to currently enrolled UMass Boston students and are available on a limited basis to staff and community members who are eligible.

"I would most definitely recommend the Early Learning Center," said McNair. "It is a hidden jewel. More families need to know that they exist."

## A Testimony for Change

By Kraig Ludensky

Graduate College of Education Professor Arthur Eisenkraft testified before the Congressional Subcommittee on Research and Science Education on March 8 in support of a proposal to launch a pilot program to improve the quality of high school laboratories in American high schools.

Eisenkraft, the university's Distinguished Professor of Science and Education, hopes his testimony will help secure funding for new ways to research and incorporate laboratory work in the nation's high schools.

"It was a new experience for me," Eisenkraft said. "It was a thrill to have a small part in U.S. history."

Many of components of the bill H.R. 524: "To establish a Laboratory Science Pilot program at the National Science Foundation," Eisenkraft addressed in the 2005 National Research Council's *America Lab Report*, which he coauthored. The Council reported that laboratory work plays an integral role in the scientific learning process and an overhaul of the system is needed in order to ensure that American students remain competitive in the global arena.

"A serious agenda is required to build knowledge of how various types of laboratory (within the context of science education)



Left photo: Graduate College of Education professor Arthur Eisenkraft testified before the March 8 Congressional Subcommittee on Research and Science Education. Right: Committee Chair, Congressman Brian Baird. (Photos courtesy of Professor Eisenkraft)

may contribute to specific science learning outcomes," Eisenkraft testified. "We must ensure that all students have equal access to labs regardless of their socioeconomic status."

Eisenkraft, a longtime science educator in New York State, now directs the campus's Center of Science and Math in Context (COSMIC). He is a past president of the National Science Teachers Association and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"There was a lot of momentum going into this and I was pleased to hear that there was a lot of bipartisan support for the bill," Eisenkraft said.

If passed, bill H.R. 524 will establish the pilot program Partnerships for Access to Laboratory Science (PALS) at the National

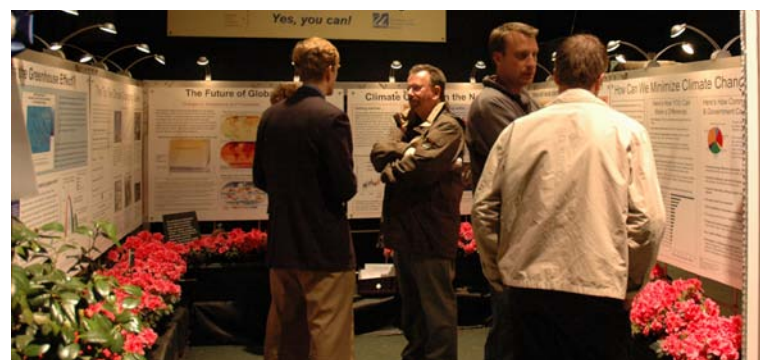
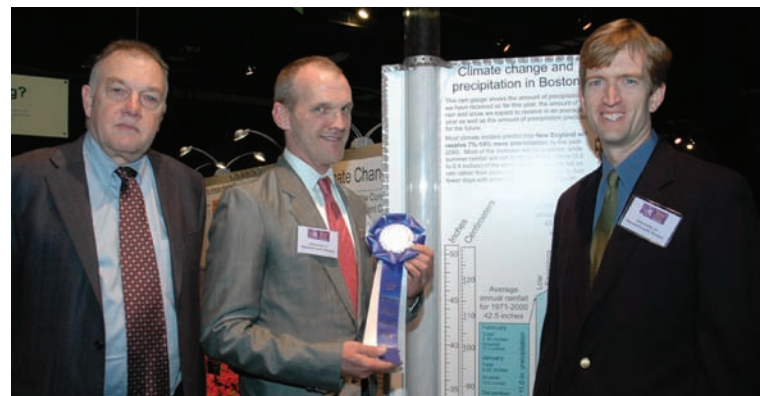


Science Foundation. PALS will award grants to provide equipment, maintenance, and safety upgrades of laboratory facilities. The overriding goal is for American students to be better prepared to pursue post-secondary education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

"In addition to teaching students how to do science, laboratory work also creates a common experience that can be used to improve discussions and increase achievement," Eisenkraft told Congress.

Joining Eisenkraft in testifying were Representative Ruben Hinojosa; Mrs. Linda Forschaur, president, National Science Association; and Dr. Jerry Mundell of Cleveland State University.

## Green Exhibit Wins Silver at Boston Flower Show



Top photo: Interim Science and Mathematics Dean Bill Hagar, horticulturist James Allen, and Professor Jeffrey Dukes of the Biology Department with the silver medal prize. Below: Visitors examine the UMass Boston exhibit. (Photos by Harry Brett)

## Visit the Boston-Area Climate Experiment on Earth Day!

The Boston-Area Climate Experiment is opening its public exhibit at 240 Beaver Street in Waltham from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Earth Day, April 22, 2007. For more information on tours and lectures, please contact Meg Coward at: [megcoward@communityfarms.org](mailto:megcoward@communityfarms.org).



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## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

In February, **Jalal Alamgir**, assistant professor of political science, presented “Conflating Representation with Revolution: The Myth of Islam’s Subversion of Democracy” at the annual convention of the International Studies Association in Chicago.

**David S. Areford**, assistant professor of art history, presented “The Image That Bleeds: The Interactive Wound of Christ” in the session “Interactivity and Material Culture” at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America in Miami on March 22.

**Elsa Auerbach**, professor of English, was an invited presenter at a colloquium in Akita, Japan, on February 23 and 24. She also presented workshops with Japanese university faculty and high school teachers on teaching reading to English-language learners and was an invited member of the Resource Group on ESL of the National Commission on Adult Literacy, an independent blue-ribbon commission of the Council for the Advancement of Adult Literacy.

English Department graduate student **Kristen Bennett** presented “Preposterous Translation: Ass-lore and Myth in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*” at the CUNY 2nd Annual Medieval Study/Medievalists Interdisciplinary Conference on 3/16/07 in New York City.

**Chris Bobel**, assistant professor of women’s studies, presented “‘We are activists. We are artists’: The Uses of the Aesthetic and the Body in Feminist Activism,” as an invited lecture for Women’s History Month at SUNY Fredonia on March 14.

**Ramon Borges-Mendez**, assistant professor of public policy and public affairs participated in the National Latino Alliance for Economic Progress Latino Scholars Roundtable on February 22-24, at Arizona State University’s College of Public Programs. He was also a panelist at the Impact on Workforce Development session at the Tough Choices Tough Times Conference held at UMass Boston in late February.

**Carol Chandler-Rourke** of the English Department presented “Massachusetts Policy: Citizenship for New Americans” on February 13, 2006, at the Immigration Policy Forum “Public Policy and the Roads to Integration,” sponsored by the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University.

**Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen**, Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, presented “Promoting Labor Market Flexibility: How Do Savings and Insurance Complement Social Security?” and copresented “Social Security and Labor Market Policies in Sweden: Could Some of Them Be Adapted for the United States?” at the Research Conference of the International Social Security

Association in Warsaw, Poland, and participated in a roundtable discussion of social security and individual accounts.

**Robin Coddington**, assistant professor of school psychology, presented a poster titled “Brief & Extended Experimental Analyses of Mathematics Problems” and a paper titled “Comparing Mathematics Interventions: Does Fluency Predict Intervention Effectiveness?” at the annual convention of the National Association of School Psychologists on March 28 and 29. She was also selected to participate in the March School Psychology Research Collaboration Conference as an Early Career Scholar.

**Jay R. Dee**, associate professor in the Department of Leadership in Education, presented “Faculty Development and Organizational Renewal” at the National Education Association’s March Higher Education Conference: The Academy at Work in San Diego, CA

**Alexander Des Forges**, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, presented “Manufacturing Cultural Difference: Shanghai’s Fabrication of ‘China’ and ‘the West,’ 1843-2003” at the University of Toronto on February 9.

Professor of English **Linda Dittmar** presented “‘Thought Emerges from the Ruins’: Geographies of Possession in Israel/Palestine” at the March Social Theory Forum held at UMass Boston.

On March 6, **Jeffrey Dukes**, assistant professor of biology, gave the Jack and Pat Bryan Life Sciences Distinguished Lecture at Syracuse University on “Burning Buried Sunshine: Yesterday’s Energy Changing Tomorrow’s Environment.”

**Kim Frashure**, **Bob Chen**, **Wei Hung**, and **Bernie Gardner** from the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department all presented papers at the February Aquatic Sciences Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the McCormack Graduate School’s Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, presented “Cleavage or Convergence: Elected Officials of Color and the Politics of Immigration” at the Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Las Vegas on March 8.

Professor **Virginia Smith Harvey** of the Graduate College of Education Counseling and School Psychology presented five papers at the National Association of School Psychologists’ annual conference in New York City in March.

Assistant Professor of English **Stephanie Kamath** presented “The Vision and Revision in John Lydgate’s ‘Reson and Sensualyte’” to the international conference of the Centre d’Etudes Médiévales Anglaises at the Sorbonne in March.

**Erika Kates**, research director at the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, presented the findings of a recently completed study on access to education for welfare recipients in Boston at a conference held at Northeastern University on March 10. Daphnie Armand, former director of the UMB ARMS Center, and CPCS student Consuela Greene were copresenters.

In March, CPCS Professor Emerita **Marie Kennedy** presented “Ocupar, Resistir, Producir: Los Argentinos reconstruyen su economía desde abajo” at the Colegio de México and “The intersection of class, race and gender in the US women’s movement” at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. Her coauthored monthly blogs from Mexico are posted on [www.dollarsandsense.org/blog/](http://www.dollarsandsense.org/blog/) and [www.grassrootsonline.org/weblog/](http://www.grassrootsonline.org/weblog/).

In March, **Peter Kiang**, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, delivered an invited roundtable presentation, “Cambodia: Issues of Memory, Justice and Reconciliation,” sponsored by the Committee on Teaching About Asia at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, held in Boston.

**Maura Mast**, associate professor of mathematics, is co-organizing the workshop “Models and Strategies for Quantitative Literacy Across the Sociology Curriculum” at the April Joint Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and North Central Sociological Association, where she is also participating in panel discussions: “Quantitative Literacy: Mathematicians, Statisticians and Sociologists Share What Works” and “Teaching Quantitative Literacy: Examples from Across the Disciplines.”

Professor **Jon Mitchell** of the Department of Performing Arts presented a lecture titled “Some Unknown Holst” at the College Orchestra Directors’ Association Eastern Division conference, held at Binghamton University in February.

**Kevin Morrisette**, lecturer in English, gave a workshop titled “Trans-Campus Communication Gateways: Creating Regional Dialogues in English Composition Classrooms,” at the 2007 Conference of the National Association for Humanities Education.

Professor **Susan Opatow** of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution and **Sara McClelland** of the Graduate Center of the City University of New York presented a poster, “Hating: Psychological Perspectives on Hate Crime” at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice Conference “Off the Witness Stand: Using Psychology in the Practice of Justice.”

**Sherry Penney**, professor of leadership in the College of Management, speaks on “Women and Leadership in Higher Education” at Wellesley

College on April 20 to the HERS (Higher Education Resource Services) alumni group.

**Nina M. Silverstein**, associate professor of gerontology in CPCS, copresented “DriveWell: A Train-the-Trainer Model to Promote Safety Among Older Drivers” with **Kelly Fitzgerald**, gerontology PhD candidate and “Assessing Elder Livability in Three Massachusetts Communities: A Student Action-Research Project” with **Elizabeth Johns**, gerontology PhD candidate, at the March Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon. At the March 6-10 American Society on Aging & National Council on Aging joint conference, Silverstein and Fitzgerald presented “Older Driver Re-Education, Re-Fitting, Responding”; Silverstein, Johns and six gerontology students presented “Livable Communities: Taking Steps From Vision to Reality.” Silverstein also conducted training sessions for occupational therapists’ groups at Boston University and for AAA Northern New England.

**Nancy Stieber**, associate professor in the Art Department, cochaired the session “The Miniaturized Metropolis: Urban Desire, Anxiety and Time” at the Annual Conference of the College Art Association in New York City on February 15.

**Michael Stone**, professor of Community Planning and Public Policy, gave an invited presentation on “Housing Affordability Concepts and Consequences” at the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s Annual Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., on February 26.

**Mohammad Tamdgidi**, assistant professor of sociology, presented three panel papers at the March meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society: “Grounding Sociological Theories in Pedagogy: Classroom Publishing of Diverse Scholarships of Student Learning in Human Architecture: Journal of the Sociology of Self-Knowledge”; “Peer Reviewing the Peer Review Process: Toward Liberating Practices of Scholarship Diversity”; and “Diverse Classes, Flexible Courses: Anzaldúan Meditations on Teaching the Sociology of Self-Knowledge.”

**Shirley Tang**, assistant professor of Asian American studies and American studies, spoke as an invited panelist on “Cambodian Americans and Race Relations” at Wellesley College in March.

In February, **Peter Taylor** of the Critical and Creative Thinking Program spoke at the University of California Berkeley and San Francisco. He presented “Making Sustainable Science at the Complex Intersections of Environment, Health and Development,” and “When Is Genetic Analysis Useful and Sustainable: Perspectives on Some New and Old Debates About Genes and Environment.”

**Felicia Wilczenski**, chair of the Department of Counseling and School Psychology in the Graduate College of Education, and alumna Susan Coomey presented “Comparative Social-Emotional Benefits of Direct and Indirect Service-Learning” at the annual meeting of the National Association of School Psychologists in New York City.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Kristen Bennett**, Department of English graduate student, authored “Preposterous Translation: Ass-lore and Myth in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*,” which was published in the spring 2007 edition of *Transverse: A Journal of Comparative Literature*.

*The Selected Poetry and Prose of Andrea Zanzotto*, edited and translated by **Patrick Barron**, assistant professor of English, has been published by the University of Chicago Press.

**Heike Boeltzig** of the Institute for Community Inclusion coauthored “Moving Toward E-Government-Effective Strategies for Increasing Access and Use of the Internet,” which can be found at [www.dgsociety.org/library.php](http://www.dgsociety.org/library.php) and in *Ability* magazine in April.

**Ramon Borges-Mendez**, assistant professor of public policy and public affairs, contributed a chapter, “The Latinization of Lawrence: Migration, Settlement, and Incorporation of Latinos in a Small Town of Massachusetts,” to the recently published edited collection by Martha Monteiro-Sieburth and Edwin Melendez, *Latinos in a Changing Society* (Praeger Press, 2007).

**Paul Camacho** of the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences edited the special issue on veterans in the journal *Armed Forces and Society*, Vol. 33. No. 3, April 2007. In the same issue, Camacho published an article, “Veterans and Veterans’ Issues,” as well as a review of the book *Home from the War: A History of the Vietnam Veterans Movement* by Gerald Nicosia (Crown Publishers, 2001). In the same issue, Camacho and **Paul Atwood**, also of the Joiner Center and the American Studies Department, published “A Review of the Literature on Veterans Published in *Armed Forces and Society*, 1974-2006.”

Professor **Yung-Ping Chen**, Ph.D., who holds the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, authored an article on phased retirement that was published in the Italian edition of *European Papers on Social Welfare*, February 2007.

Professor **Virginia Smith Harvey**’s coauthored book *Fostering Independent Learning: Practical Strategies to Promote Student Success* was released by Guilford Press in March 2007.

American studies professor **Esther Kingston-Mann** published “The



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Return of Pierre Proudhon: Privatization, Crime, and the Rules of Law” in *Focaal: Journal of European Anthropology*, Fall/Winter, 2006-7.

Scott Maisano, assistant professor of English, published “Shakespeare’s Last Act: The Starry Messenger and the Galilean Book in *Cymbeline*” in the recent issue of *Configurations: The Journal of Literature, Science and Technology*.

Director of Academic Support Programs, Mark Pawlak’s “Quoddy Haibun” appeared in *For the Time Being*, an anthology of poetic journals published by Bootstrap Press.

Professor Jennifer Radden of the Philosophy Department published “Virtue Ethics as Professional Ethics: the Case of Psychiatry” in *Working Virtue* (Oxford University Press, 2007). Professor Lawrence Blum published “Racial Virtues” in the same book.

In February, two articles by Professor Peter Taylor of the Critical and Creative Thinking Department appeared: “Heritability and Heterogeneity: The Irrelevance of Heritability in Explaining Differences Between Means for Different Human Groups or Generations” in *Biological Theory*, and “Guidelines for Ensuring That Educational Technologies Are Used Only When There Is Significant Pedagogical Benefit” in the *International Journal of Arts and Sciences*.

Felicia Wilczenski, professor of counseling and school psychology, and UMass Boston alumna Susan Coomey coauthored *A Practical Guide to Service Learning: Strategies for Positive Development in Schools*, recently released by Springer Publishers.

Julie Winch, professor of history, wrote “The Making and Meaning of James Forten’s Letters from a Man of Colour,” which appeared in the January 2007 issue of the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

## EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

CPCS lecturer Susan Eisenberg’s exhibit of photographs and poems, “Perpetual Care,” was on display at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health March 15-30, where she also gave a poetry reading at a Women’s History Month celebration. Her poems “Introduction to Asthma” and “Funnel Clouds” were among the 44 selections on exhibit at Boston City Hall from February 23 to May 23 as part of the Mayor’s Prose & Poetry Program.

On Tuesday, March 6 at the Campus Center Bookstore, UMass Boston alumnus Chet Frederick read from his newest publication, *Inland*, and UMass Boston professor Patrick Barron read from his book *The Selected Poetry and Prose of Andrea Zanzotto: A Bilingual Edition*.

Professor Erik Levine of the Art Department will exhibit new video and photography at Space Other in the South End at 63 Wareham Street from April 12 to May 12.

Jon Mitchell’s CD, *Gustav Holst: Composer as Arranger* was released by Centaur Records the third week of February. For this CD he conducted the Filharmonia Bulgarica. It features “Greeting,” “Incidental Music from Pan’s Anniversary,” “Incidental Music from the Pageant of St. Martin-in-the-Fields,” and Holst’s arrangements of four theatrical suites by Henry Purcell.

Mark Pawlak’s “Quoddy Haibun” appeared in *For the Time Being*, an anthology of poetic journals by prominent American poets, edited by Tom Morgan and Tyler Doherty and published by Bootstrap Press. Pawlak, director of Academic Support Services, will read from this work on April 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the Union Square Poetry Series, held at P.A.’s Lounge in Union Square, Somerville.

## GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Steven Ackerman, associate professor in the Biology Department, received a \$5,356 Joseph P. Healey Grant for his project “Identification of Plant Rel Proteins.”

Gregory Beck, associate professor in the Biology Department, received a \$7,000 Joseph P. Healey Grant for his proposed research “Significance of Immunological Resistance in the Recovery of the Black-spined Sea Urchin, *Diadema antillarum* from Caribbean-wide Mass Mortality.”

The Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy received a \$9,669 grant from The Boston Foundation to expand its earlier research on gubernatorial appointments. Combined with funds from the McCormack Graduate School, the new study will examine gender and racial diversity on the full range of state boards and commissions, as well as boards of Massachusetts hospitals, institutions of higher education, the Globe 100 corporations, and cultural institutions.

Adán Colón-Carmona, associate professor of biology, has received a Joseph Healey Endowment grant for \$7,000 to engineer inexpensive biosensors to detect organic pollutants.

Jeffrey Dukes, assistant professor of biology, will work with researchers from Colorado State University on a new three-year, \$375,000 grant, “Parsing the Mechanisms that Drive Soil Decomposition Responses to Climate Change: A Test of the Substrate Depletion and Microbial Acclimation Hypotheses.” Over \$20,000 in funding will come to UMass Boston.

CPCS lecturer Susan Eisenberg received a grant from the Puffin

Foundation for her photo/poetry exhibit on chronic illness, “Perpetual Care.”

Michael Shiaris, professor of biology, received a \$6,926 NSF-USDA Proposal Development Grant to develop a molecular method and collect preliminary data for “Microdiversity of Crenarchaea in Soils.”

## APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

The Best Paper award for the 2006 Annual Scientific Seminar of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists was presented to coauthor Kevin Dye, director of research for the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution and Public Collaboration, for his work with UMass Lowell’s Center for Green Chemistry in Environmental Justice.

Professor Rona Flipppo, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Graduate College of Education, has been invited by the incoming president of the International Reading Association (IRA) to serve on the IRA’s Early Literacy Committee for 2007-2008. Four of her graduate students were selected to serve as Student Literacy Ambassadors at this year’s Massachusetts Reading Association Annual Conference, held in Sturbridge, MA, March 15 and 16.

Peter Janson of the Performing Arts Department received the 2006 New Artist Radio Lifestyle Music Award for “Best Contemporary Instrumental Album” for his new CD, *Beautiful Day*, which has been in the NAR Top 25 for five consecutive months.

Lusa Lo, assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, was honored on Saturday, March 10, with the Federation for Children with Special Needs’ Community Partnership Award for her work with Chinese families that have children with special needs.

The College of Management named Cathy E. Minehan president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, its Distinguished Executive for 2007.

Sherry H. Penney, professor of leadership in the College of Management, has been named guest editor of the Women’s Issue of the *New England Journal of Public Policy*.

Nina M. Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, was elected member-at-large to the Executive Committee of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.

## EVENTS

On Friday, May 11, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., The William Joiner Center at the University of Massachusetts will host the conference “Post Traumatic Stress and the New Veterans,” a working meeting for state veterans outreach providers, VA personnel, and other community professionals. For more information, please call 7-5853.

On May 3, Padraig O’Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor for Peace and Reconciliation for the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, will present the third Joseph Moakley Lecture: “All Has Changed, Changed Utterly: The Middle East After the U.S. Invasion.” On May 10, he will present the fourth lecture: “Sharing the Peace?: Northern Ireland, South Africa, the Middle East.” For more information about these lectures, please call 7-5550.

## IN THE NEWS

Jalal Alamgir, assistant professor of political science, was interviewed on the political crisis in Bangladesh by New York’s WBAI Radio.

Jim Campen, professor emeritus of economics and senior research associate for the Gastón Institute, was quoted by *USA Today* in its March 19, 2007, story on mortgage lending practices. The article referenced his report *Borrowing Trouble VII*, released in January.

Robin Coddling, assistant professor of school psychology, was interviewed by *The Patriot Ledger* about the work he and graduate students have done to help teachers raise achievement at Randolph Community Middle School.

Jeffrey Dukes of the Biology Department was interviewed by WBZ-AM/1030 to discuss the UMass Boston exhibit at the 2007 New England Spring Flower Show.

Laura L. Hansen, assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, was interviewed in February by *Ocular Surgery News* for an upcoming article on how women around the world are disadvantaged in ophthalmologic healthcare. Hansen was also interviewed by Ric Kahn of the *Boston Globe* for a January 21 article on our self-serve society and its alienating effect on consumers.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the McCormack Graduate School’s Center for Women in Politics & Public Policy, was quoted in a March 5 *Los Angeles Times* story discussing the controversy some say surrounds U.S. Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA). She also was on the panel “Making History in Massachusetts” that aired on WBUR on February 24. It was syndicated nationally and aired on several other stations, including WBEZ in Chicago. On February 27, she was a guest on the BNN-TV show *Talk of the Neighborhoods*, discussing the *Benchmark Study of Diversity in State and Local Government*.

The newspaper *El Mundo* covered the International Women’s Day forum that featured Joan Wallace-Benjamin, Chief of Staff for Gov. Deval Patrick, Chelsea District Court Judge Diana Maldonado, and Suffolk County Superior Court Clerk Maura Hennigan.

Cheryl Nixon, assistant professor of English, was interviewed by the Associated Press for an article about her Boston Public Library exhibit “Crooks, Rogues, and Maids Less Than Virtuous: Books in the Streets of 18th Century London.” She spoke on the rise of the popular novel in Britain. The article has appeared in newspapers across the country, including the *Washington Post* and the *Ottawa Citizen*.

Padraig O’Malley, the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor for Peace and Reconciliation for the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, was a featured guest on WGBH-TV’s *Greater Boston with Emily Rooney* to discuss Northern Ireland. He also authored an op-ed piece on the subject in the *Boston Globe*.

Paul Watanabe, codirector of the Institute for Asian American Studies, was interviewed by WBZ-AM/1030 on Senate President Robert Travaglini’s decision to step down and start a lobbying and government relations firm.

## Spring Break, UMass Boston-Style



“Alternative Spring Break” students wait for a bus to New York City to do a week of community service with Women in Need, an organization that serves homeless women and children in shelters. (Photo courtesy of Jain Ruvidich-Higgins)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

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.

Please submit calendar listings by Friday, April 13, 2007 to [umb.edu/news/calendar/](http://www.umb.edu/news/calendar/).

## Monday 2

### North Atlantic Right Whales: A Critically Endangered Species in Our Backyard

Mondays 7 p.m. The Whale and Dolphin Society and Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary are proud to present leading experts who will discuss ongoing studies of right whale biology and behavior, and conservation efforts to save this species from extinction. For more information, call 781-545-8026 or email [stellwagen@noaa.gov](mailto:stellwagen@noaa.gov).

## Wednesday 4

### A Lecture by Howard Zinn: "History and Current Wars in the Middle East"

2:30-4:00 p.m., Science Center, 2nd Floor, Lipke Auditorium. Professor Zinn is a historian, playwright, and social activist. Sponsored by The William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences. For more information, please contact Paul Camacho at 7-5853.

## Thursday 5

### A Lecture by Robert Drago: "A New Agenda for Work and Family"

4:00-5:30 p.m., Healey Library, 11th Floor. Drago is author of *Striking a Balance: Work, Family, Life*. Sponsored by the Center for Social Policy, the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, the Economics Department, the Labor Resource Center, the Public Policy Forum, and the Women's Studies Department.

### A Lecture by Gary Sick: "America and Iran: Is a Military Clash Inevitable?"

1:00-2:30 p.m., Campus Center, 3rd Floor, Room 3540. Professor, author, and research scholar Gary Sick served on the National Security Council under Presidents Ford, Carter, and Reagan and was the principal White House aide for Iran during the Iranian Revolution and the hostage crisis. Sponsored by The William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences. For more information, call Paul Atwood at 7-5850 or email [paul.atwood@umb.edu](mailto:paul.atwood@umb.edu).

## Friday 6

### Biology Spring 2007 Seminar Series: "Therotactic Behavior in Drosophilids"

2:30-3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Small Science Lecture Hall, Room 6. Lecture presented by Dr. Paul Garrity of Brandeis University. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Call 7-6600 for updates, or visit <http://www.bio.umb.edu/events>.

## Saturday 7

### Dissertation Defense for Lindsey Baker, PhD Candidate

10 a.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor, Room 138. Dissertation Title: Bridging the Gaps: The Effects of Level of Care, Duration of Care, Grandchild Characteristics and Parental Involvement on Depressive Symptoms among Grandparents Raising Grandchildren." For more information, please call Michele Campbell at 7-7302 or email [michele.campbell@umb.edu](mailto:michele.campbell@umb.edu).

## Wednesday 11

### Hispanic Studies Speakers Series Spring 2007: "War, Modernity and Remembrance: The Puerto Rican Soldier in the Korean War (1950-1953)"

4:00 p.m., Healey Library, 4th Floor, Room 15. Presentation by Silvia Alvarez Curbelo from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Healey Library. For more information, call Wanda Rivera-Rivera at 7-7553 or email [wanda.rivera-rivera@umb.edu](mailto:wanda.rivera-rivera@umb.edu).

### Annual Slomoff Lecture by Professor James K. Sebenius: "New Directions in Negotiation: From Making Deals to Making Public Policy"

1:30-3:00 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd Floor, Alumni Lounge. Professor Sebenius is the Gordon Donaldson Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School and director of the Negotiation Roundtable, Program on Negotiation. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please contact Ann Rugnetta at 7-7421 or email [ann.rugnetta@umb.edu](mailto:ann.rugnetta@umb.edu).

### Eco-tours of UMass Boston

3:00-3:40 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd Floor, just off catwalk. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. RSVP by phone or email. For more information, please call umbe green at 7-5083 or email [umbe.green@umb.edu](mailto:umbe.green@umb.edu).

## Thursday 12

### A Lecture by Michael Stone: "Housing Affordability for Households of Color in Massachusetts"

Presented by Michael Stone, professor of Community Planning and Public Policy. For more information, please contact Yvonne Gomes-Santos at 7-5885 or email [yvonne.gomes-santos@umb.edu](mailto:yvonne.gomes-santos@umb.edu); RSVP by April 5, 2007.

### Conference on Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks

April 12-13. The first conference on Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks will feature a keynote address by Dr. Deborah Estrin, Founding Director of the Center for Embedded Network Sensing at UCLA. In addition, Margaret Davidson, Director of the NOAA Coastal Services Center, will be moderating a panel discussion. For more information, please contact Kristin Mallek at 7-5570 or email [kristin.mallek@umb.edu](mailto:kristin.mallek@umb.edu).

## Friday 13

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### Biology Spring 2007 Seminar Series: "Sweeping Water, Oozing Carbon, and Resource Energy in the Rhizosphere"

2:30-3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Small Science Lecture Hall, Room 6. Presented by Dr. Zoe Cardon of the University of Connecticut. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Call 7-6600 for updates, or visit <http://www.bio.umb.edu/events>.

## Wednesday 18

### 23rd Women's Research Forum: "Research and Action, Human Rights: Perspectives on Teaching"

Sponsored by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy. For more information, please call 7-5544.

### Eco-tours of UMass Boston

3:00-3:40 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd Floor, just off catwalk. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. RSVP by phone or email for individuals or groups. For more information, call umbe green at 7-5083 or email [umbe.green@umb.edu](mailto:umbe.green@umb.edu).

## Thursday 19

### A Lecture by Padraig O'Malley: "The Long March Continues: South Africa, the Post-Apartheid Struggle"

4:30-6:00 in McCormack Hall, 3rd Floor, Ryan Lounge. Dr. O'Malley is the Moakley Chair, McCormack Graduate School for Public Policy and Policy Studies. For more information, please contact the McCormack School at 7-5556.

### Water Watch General Meetings

2:30-3:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th Floor, Room 156. We meet to discuss upcoming events and projects we are working on, such as: cleanups on the Charles and the Neponset rivers, education in K-12 classrooms, Water Watch website development, and other things related to pollution in our waterways. For more information, call Teresa D'Anna at 7-3866 or email [teresa@waterwatchonline.org](mailto:teresa@waterwatchonline.org).

## Friday 20

### Biology Spring 2007 Seminar Series: "Sex in the Sea: Is Fertilization in Sea Urchins Limited by Sperm Availability?"

2:30-3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Small Science Lecture Hall, Room 6. A presentation by Dr. Phil Yune of the Marine Science Center, University of New England. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Call 7-6600 for updates, or visit <http://www.bio.umb.edu/events>.

## Monday 23

**Targeting Older Adults at Risk of Adverse Events during Hospitalization: Development of the Pre-Hospital Risk Index Profile** 1:00-2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 125. For more information, call Michele Campbell at 7-7302 or email [michele.campbell@umb.edu](mailto:michele.campbell@umb.edu).

### Robert C. Wood Lecture: "No Margin for Error: Disadvantages and Success in the Immigrant Second Generation"

5:30 p.m. Campus Center, 3rd Floor, Ballroom. Presented by Dr. Alejandro Portes, chairman of the Department of Sociology at Princeton University.

## Wednesday 25

### EEco-tours of UMass Boston

3:00-3:40 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd Floor, just off catwalk. Take the eco-tour and learn how you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. RSVP by phone or email for individuals or groups. For more information, call umbe green at 7-5083 or email [umbe.green@umb.edu](mailto:umbe.green@umb.edu).

## Thursday 26

### Gaston Institute Speakers Series: Latinos in New England

1:00-2:30 p.m., Campus Center, 3d floor, Bay View Conference Room. The speaker will be former director of the Gaston Institute Andres Torres. For more information, please contact the Gaston Institute at 7-5790.

## Friday 27

### Biology Spring 2007 Seminar Series: "Crops and Weeds: Insights from Plant Population Genomics"

2:30-3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1st Floor, Small Science Lecture Hall, Room 6. Presented by Dr. Ana Caicedo of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Light refreshments will be served. Call 7-6600 for updates, or visit <http://www.bio.umb.edu/events>.

## April 23-28

### Spring Enrichment Week

Please see page 3 for a listing of Spring Enrichment Week Events or visit the [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu) web site for further details on Spring Enrichment Week events.

## Monday 30

### Transportation Options for Older Adults: The Need for Multiple Strategies

1:00 - 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 3rd Floor, Room 125. Barbara S. Roberge, RN, Ph.D., Nurse Scientist, Massachusetts General Hospital Yvonne Munn Nursing Research Center & Geriatric Nurse Practitioner MGH Senior Health Practice: "Targeting Older Adults at Risk of Adverse Events during Hospitalization: Development of the Pre-Hospital Risk Index Profile." For more information, call Michele Campbell at 7-7302 or email [michele.campbell@umb.edu](mailto:michele.campbell@umb.edu).

## Miscellaneous

### Department of Athletics Games and Facilities Information

Please visit [www.athletics.umb.edu/](http://www.athletics.umb.edu/) for a complete listing of sporting events and information on athletics facilities hours, or call 7-7801.

### Beacon Fitness Center

McCormack Hall, 1st floor. Open to students, alumni, staff and faculty. Programs include personal training, aerobics classes, massage therapy, orientations, and fitness assessments. For membership, hours of operation, and schedule, please see [www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness\\_fitness](http://www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_fitness) or call 7-6786.

### WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal

Sundays, 7:00 p.m. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. Contact: 7-6900.