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## Shelter Poverty Study: For Minority Households, Housing Costs Cut Deeper into Budgets Between 1990 and 2000

By Ed Hayward

Nearly 27 percent of all households in Massachusetts were “shelter poor” in 2000, with households headed by Latinos, African Americans, and Asians nearly twice as likely as White households to find housing costs absorbing money needed to pay for their non-housing needs, according to a new UMass Boston report.

The shelter poor are those households that cannot meet their needs for food, clothing, medical care, and transportation at some minimum level of adequacy after paying for housing. The incidence of shelter poverty, UMass Boston Professor Michael Stone found, is 55 percent for Latino households, 42 percent among Black house-



*Paul Watanabe, director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, Chancellor Michael Collins, CPCS Professor Michael Stone, Miren Uriarte, director of the Gastón Institute, and Barbara Lewis, director of the Trotter Institute, together released Stone’s study on the burden of housing costs for minority households. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

holds, and about 39 percent for Asian households.

“While households headed by a person of color accounted for about one of every six Massachusetts households, shelter poor

households of color accounted for nearly one out of every four shelter poor households,” said Stone, a professor of community planning and public policy. “We’re talking about 46 percent of households

of color living in shelter poverty; that has serious implications for neighborhoods, cities, and towns, and the Commonwealth.”

Of particular relevance to the issue of shelter poverty, households headed by persons of color are larger on the average than those headed by Whites. The median household size among renters is 2.9 for Latino-headed households, 2.3 Asian American, 2.2 Black, and 1.6 White. Among home-owning households, the median size is 3.5 for Latino-headed households, 3.4 Asian American, 2.9 Black, and 2.4 White. Since it costs larger households more to meet their non-shelter basic needs, the squeeze between their incomes and housing costs is more challenging than for smaller

households of the same income.

Stone prepared his report for three of UMass Boston’s policy research institutes: the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, the Institute for Asian American Studies, and the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture. They are three of the 38 centers and institutes on campus that provide research, scholarship, and service to Boston and the Commonwealth.

“Home ownership is often touted as an ‘anchor’ that allows a household to weather economic storms,” said Miren Uriarte, director of the Gastón Institute. “But the more we learn about shelter poverty, we see that when a household has insufficient or

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## McCormack Graduate School Survey: Race Relations Remain Challenge for Massachusetts Residents

By Ed Hayward

While Massachusetts voters made the historic decision in November to elect the state’s first African-American governor, the majority of state residents rate the quality of race relations in Massachusetts as “fair” or “poor,” according to a new survey conducted by UMass Boston’s John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies.

The findings of the Boston Diversity Project survey of 749 Massachusetts adults—including statistically significant samples from all major racial groups—show that within an increasingly diverse

population in Massachusetts race relations must be improved, immigrant rights garner significant support, and many of the state’s public institutions struggle with low public confidence ratings.

“Boston’s economic future is going to depend on our ability to attract and sustain a racially and ethnically diverse population in order to spur innovation and growth in an increasingly competitive world,” Chancellor Michael Collins said. “The McCormack School’s new research shows we have social challenges to confront to better develop our workforce and improve the civic

health of our cities and towns and the neighborhoods that sustain them.”

Among the findings:

- Fifty-six percent of whites, 75 percent of African Americans, 67 percent of Latinos, and 52 percent of Asian respondents rated the quality of race relations today as “fair” or “poor.”
- While 45 percent of Whites and 43 percent of Asians state that conditions have “gotten better” for minority groups, only 16 percent of African Americans and 29.3 percent of Latinos agree.
- A total of 42 percent of African Americans and 49 percent of

Latinos said they had experienced discrimination during the past 12 months.

- When provided with information about the matter, 82 percent of African Americans, 80.5 percent of Latinos, 70.9 percent of Asians, and 69.7 percent of Whites favor charging in-state rates at public universities to undocumented immigrants who graduate from high school here.
- All racial groups, except Asians, reported a decline in confidence in state government. Those who have “great confidence” dropped by nearly half or more since 1998.

“Massachusetts has taken the significant step of electing our first African-American governor, but it’s clear that race relations is a standing area of improvement our major institutions need to begin to confront,” said Steve Crosby, dean of the McCormack Graduate School. “As a university with an urban mission, our role is to turn our research into action and not just lead the discussion, but lead change.”

The Boston Diversity Project is being undertaken by the McCormack Graduate School in order to conduct an in-depth, academic-quality study of racial

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# Student-Curated Exhibit Takes a New Look at Early Pop Culture

By Leigh DuPuy

A new exhibit of rare books at the Boston Public Library (BPL) highlights one of the earliest rises of pop culture in London with pamphlets, broadsides, and rare books telling stories of criminals, ghosts, shipwrecks, and pirates. UMass Boston faculty and graduate students worked with BPL rare book curators to organize a first-of-its-kind exhibit, “Crooks, Rogues, and Maids Less Than Virtuous,” which opened on December 12 and will show through May 1. The exhibit is the first collaboration for UMass Boston and the Boston Public Library.

“This is a great example of what happens when collaboration flourishes,” said Bernard Margolis, president of the Boston Public Library, at the opening reception for the exhibit.

“We were able to witness firsthand materials directly from the early streets of London’s pop culture—a pop culture built around literature,” says English professor Cheryl Nixon, project leader.

The exhibit includes articles from the first newspapers and magazines in London, which blur the lines between fact and fiction with stories of Atlantis, miraculous births, and the supernatural. It also includes “true life” stories of famed criminals, highwaymen, and female pickpockets. The materials were gathered from the riches of the Boston Public Library’s Trent Collection of Defoe and Defoeiana. Daniel Defoe, writer of *Robinson Crusoe* and *Moll Flanders*, is considered to be one of the inventors of the English novel.

“One of our most popular forms of literature—the novel—was born in the streets of eighteenth-century London,” says Nixon. With an



Top row: UMass Boston’s Bridget Hagerty (left), and Matthew Kelly, Jennifer Giblin, and Nicholas Fitzgerald (right) were a few of the graduate students who helped to curate the “Crooks, Rogues, and Maids Less Virtuous” exhibit, now showing at the Boston Public Library.



At the opening of the exhibit, Earle Havens, BPL’s acting keeper of rare books and manuscripts; Cheryl Nixon, English professor; Chancellor Michael Collins; and Bernard Margolis, president of the Boston Public Library. (Photos by Harry Brett)

explosion of “cheap print” materials, more and more people had access to literature, were learning how to read, and were thirsting for stories beyond the facts of the day, explains Nixon. “Readers of 300 years ago were fascinated with opinion, gossip, and scandal,” she says. “This was a period of a crucial shift in literary culture, with average people starting to read and demanding popular stories in print.”

A longtime scholar of archival material, Nixon worked closely

with the BPL’s Earle Havens, acting keeper of rare books and manuscripts, to create a graduate-level class for students to work hands-on with archival material in the Rare Books Room and to create their own exhibit based on what they found. Students examined more than 150 pieces, which are displayed in four cases in the Cheverus Room in BPL’s McKim Building.

“It can be a transformative experience to work with rare books, to get your hands dirty in its raw

materials,” said Nixon.

The graduate students became their own curators of the project. They explored four themes in selecting their materials: concepts of literacy, the idea of “news,” the lure of crooks and highwaymen, and the rise of the novel. The students involved were Ryan Black, Ian Doreian, Nicholas Fitzgerald, Emmy Garr, Jennifer Giblin, Bridget Hagerty, Itai Halevi, Matthew Kelly, Sara Osborne, Alan Reinstein, Alistair Saltus, Laura Sherriff, and Joseph Spremulli.

“As someone who is interested in becoming a rare books curator, I am forever grateful for the opportunity I was given to work with the BPL’s rare book collections. The project gave me a new understanding of how important book history is to the understanding of human civilization,” said Sherriff ’06, circulation assistant at the Healey Library.

Eight of the graduate students were also teachers of middle and high school students in the greater Boston area. “Paging through texts hundreds of years old, as the original owner must have, was like peering over that reader’s shoulder,” said Matthew Kelly ’05, who is an English teacher at the Xaverian Brothers High School.

The exhibit was made possible by support from the Boston Public Library, the Boston Public Library Foundation, and the Chancellor’s Office, College of Liberal Arts, and Office of University Advancement.

“We hope to continue to work on projects between these two great urban institutions, both of which are committed to public education,” says Nixon of her collaboration with Havens.

Nixon’s love of archival research comes from her own digging in London’s Court of Chancery records. A specialist in eighteenth-century literature, Nixon has created a comprehensive survey linking the novelistic orphan and surrogate family with British court cases. She has also brought previous classes to the Massachusetts Archives to research manuscripts in its collection of colonial and early state materials, which include records on witchcraft trials, Indian affairs, sea security, and the archives of Plymouth County.

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unstable income, the anchor can become a deadweight. Policy makers and legislators need to understand there is a significant need to bring stability to an increasingly unstable class of renters and homeowners in a high-priced housing market.”

The analysis takes note of the increasingly diverse Massachusetts population. In 1990 there were 207,000 Massachusetts households headed by a person of color. By 2005, this number

had doubled to 416,000. In 1990 households headed by a person of color accounted for about one out of every 11 households in the state (9.2 percent); by 2000 this had increased to more than one out of eight households (13.5 percent), and by 2005 to more than one out of six (17.0 percent).

According to Stone, the shelter poverty analysis is a “real world” approach to the issue. Conventionally, housing affordability is measured by a simple and univer-

sal standard that housing costs of 30 percent or less of a household’s income are “affordable,” housing costs of over 30 percent are “unaffordable,” and housing costs of over 50 percent are “worst-case housing needs.” Comparing the two measurements, Stone found that 46 percent of households of color were shelter poor in 2000, compared to 41 percent paying more than 30 percent of income.

The report recommends:

- Link strategies for income

development with housing support, focused primarily in the cities and neighborhoods with concentrations of very low-income renters of color.

- Preserve, improve, and expand non-profit and public housing to increase housing affordability, but also as the focal points for educational and social supports for shelter poor single-parent families.

- Promote models of community- and resident-controlled

non-speculative ownership—such as limited-equity cooperatives, community land trusts, and mutual housing associations—which can provide security of tenure and experience in resident control for moderate-income households of color who cannot afford conventional home ownership.

- Create a public program to provide permanent mortgage relief for low-income home owners who are shelter poor and at risk of foreclosure.

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# Employees Spend Community Partnership Day Sprucing Up Victory Programs' Portis Family House for the Holidays

By Ed Hayward

Chancellor Michael Collins, campus employees, and students teamed up on December 5 for Community Partnership Day to provide volunteer services to the Victory Programs' Portis Family House in Jamaica Plain.

Trading their business attire for work clothes, Collins and the university's executive leadership joined faculty and staff volunteers to paint and decorate the common family area at Portis Family House, a short-term shelter and transitional housing program that serves approximately seven families.

"Victory Programs and the Portis Family House make our city a better place by providing housing, support, and services for parents who are willing to work hard to strengthen themselves and their families," said Chancellor Collins. "UMass Boston is deeply connected to our communities, so it is a privilege to volunteer at the Portis Family House, especially during the holiday season, when we all take time to appreciate the importance of family, health, and home."

Nearly two dozen volunteers busied themselves painting inside



(Top and bottom right) UMass Boston staffers pitched in to paint and decorate the common family area and to clean and spruce up the yard at the Victory Programs' Portis House in Jamaica Plain. (Bottom left) Jonathan D. Scott, executive director of the Portis House, worked alongside Chancellor Collins as part of Community Partnership Day, held on December 5. (Photos by Harry Brett)

the home, sprucing up the yard, and cleaning. The university's Office of Community Relations delivered a tree, ornaments, and other small gifts of blankets and towels for the adults who call

Portis Family House home. New children's furniture, painted in bright colors by students organized by the university's Office of Service Learning, was also delivered to brighten up the fam-

ily space.

"The residents and staff of Portis Family House are grateful for the time and support UMass Boston faculty, staff, and students have provided as we approach the

holidays," said Victory Programs executive director Jonathan D. Scott. "By bringing Community Partnership Day to Portis Family House, the university has recognized the hard work of the families and staff who make up the Victory Programs community."

Victory Programs, Inc., is a Boston-based multiservice agency that opens doors to recovery, hope, and community to individuals and families facing homelessness, addiction, and other chronic illness. For more than 30 years, Victory Programs has been offering men and women the chance to regain their dreams, their hopes, and their dignity.

"The strength of UMass Boston's community outreach is a willingness to roll up their sleeves and provide targeted help—whether it's painting the community room at Portis Family House, conducting a needs assessment for a neighborhood group, or working with local businesses," said Lee M. Kennedy, chairman of Lee Kennedy Co. and a longtime supporter of Victory Programs. "This is a university that is engaged with the community, and many people benefit from this work."

## Hannah Sevia Wins UMass President's Public Service Award



Hannah Sevia, a professor of chemistry and science education, was recently honored with a President's Office Public Service Award for her commitment to science education.

This December, UMass Boston's Hannah Sevia was honored with the University of Massachusetts President's Public Service Award for her commitment to science education.

Sevia, an assistant professor jointly appointed in science education and chemistry and associate director of the Center of Science and Math in Context (COSMIC), was recognized for

her commitment to providing science education of the highest quality to all students, especially underrepresented, overlooked, or underprivileged K-12 students in urban communities.

She is the principal investigator for the Boston Science Partnership, a \$12.5 million National Science Foundation-financed project designed to improve science achievement for students in grades six to 12 in the Boston Public Schools and the co-principal investigator on the Watershed-Integrated Science Partnership (\$3.5 million), that provides graduate students majoring in science with "a rich, year-long experience in

the Boston, Milton and Dedham school districts to prepare them to interact with K-12 education throughout their teaching careers," reads the announcement issued by the UMass President's Office.

The office also praised her proposal to establish a "universal design model teaching laboratory," her work to oversee the Improving Teacher Quality project with the Transition to Teaching Boston Teachers Licensure program, and her research "World Class: the Massachusetts Agenda to meet the International Challenge for Math and Science Educated Students."

The President's Public Service

Awards recognize faculty members who apply their academic or professional expertise in addressing priority needs of the Commonwealth, such as K-12 education, economic development, workforce development, health and environment innovation, or international linkages for Massachusetts.

The award has been presented to a total of 53 University of Massachusetts faculty members since 1998. In 2006, six professors, representing all five UMass campuses in Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, and Worcester, were honored at a ceremony at the President's Office.

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attitudes, perceptions, and experiences in greater Boston and Massachusetts, to be followed by community conversations and action plans to address the issues raised by the research.

The survey included interviews—in some cases using bilingual researchers—with large enough samples of Asians, African Americans, and Latinos so that the groups could statistically be compared. The initial survey was conducted in association with three of UMass Boston's public policy research institutes:

the Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture, and the Institute for Asian American Studies. The survey was conducted by the university's Center for Survey Research.

Asked about their futures in Massachusetts, Latinos and Asians were the most hopeful respondents. Among Asians, 61.2 percent said they expect life to be better for the next generation. Among Latinos, about half

responded that they think life will be better for the next generation. The responses by Asians and Latinos may reflect that significant portions of each group—76.7 percent of Asians and 70.8 percent of Latinos—are immigrants, according to an analysis of survey results.

The new survey connects to similar studies done in 1998 and allowed researchers to examine how opinions and experiences have changed in the past eight years. For instance, between 1998 and 2006, there was a

general decline in confidence among Whites, African Americans, and Latinos in various institutions—such as state and local government, police, schools, the media, and the courts. Asians were the only group that showed an increase in confidence.

"All of those who care about the future of the state could benefit from some stock taking with respect to the attitudes, experiences, and aspirations of residents from all sectors of the Commonwealth," write the co-authors of the report, Carol

Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, and professor Paul Watanabe, director of the Institute for Asian American Studies. "It is critical in the weeks ahead for these results to help inform what should be a vigorous period of discussion, analysis, and activism in many arenas regarding the near- and long-term future of Massachusetts."

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# New *Lux* Magazine Highlights Creative and Dynamic Student Work

By Maria Helena Serpa

As the semester came to a close, students, faculty, and staff going about their usual business may have noticed the glossy image of a striking young man with a mohawk adorning the cover of a new publication. *Lux*, a magazine created by a group of dedicated and talented UMass Boston students, was designed to give a voice and a face to the UMass Boston's varied and dynamic student body.

One look at the sleek cover and readers will see an example of the extraordinary ambition of UMass Boston students. A look inside the magazine will illuminate their tremendous talents and potential. As a representation of the student body, the publication suggests an accomplished and industrious group; and like many of the students themselves, the magazine has not had an easy path to its fruition.

*Lux* was born as a UMass Boston Honors Program newsletter, the final project of two honors students, Devin Bramhall and Lucienne Pierre. The newsletter's focus was mainly scholarly, with in-depth articles showcasing student and faculty research. Anna Tsui, *Lux*'s current editor in chief,



UMass Boston students and *Lux* creators: Editor in chief Anna Tsui, an economics major; Sarah Cacicio, a major in Spanish literature; and Kate Danckert, a history major. Not pictured: Alpan Gunaydin, Carey Shockey, Jade Goheen, Zulissa Gonzalez, Yelena Bryant, Chris O'Keefe, Brenda Tracchia, Michelle Tracchia, and Scott Baker Kennedy. (Photo by Harry Brett)

had a vision for something a bit different.

"I was inspired by the kids in my classes, who are amazingly dynamic," says Tsui. "I felt there was a lack of communication between colleges and even majors, and I wanted to learn about what they're doing."

With this new purpose, Tsui set about changing the face and the content of the magazine so that it would serve as a forum for a variety of students and their concerns and work. To this end,

she recruited staff, e-mailed more than 30 faculty for submissions, got the word out to students in her classes to submit, and, importantly, approached the Office of Student Life to make *Lux* an official student organization, which provided the magazine with something they did not have before—a budget.

However, \$7,000 for the year, the standard allowance for student organizations, only goes so far. The magazine cost \$4,500 to print, which would make multi-

ple issues a year a challenge. *Lux* staff hope to produce one issue a semester, with the possibility of a smaller supplemental issue in between.

The greatest challenge for the *Lux* staff was organizing their busy schedules to collaborate on a project that they had to build from the ground up. Tsui and five other staff members, Jade Goheen, Kate Danckert, Yelena Bryant, Sarah Cacicio, and Chris O'Keefe, spoke of the process as daunting. The nature of campus

life meant the *Lux* staff had to work twice as hard to ensure they came together to bring the issue to life. "We had no set space, no computer, no software, no structure for our staff, no training," says Tsui. "We had to find our own printer, which is all the way out in Washington. And that's just half the battle—then there's the distribution."

The staff's collaborative effort has resulted in a polished product. This issue, devoted to money and finance, is vibrant and pertinent, with articles ranging in topic from student financial aid and scholarship advice to broader issues, including economic systems and the problem of homelessness. The articles and photographs showcase students and faculty from various majors and departments, holding true to *Lux*'s purpose to serve as an inclusive, campus-wide forum.

"UMass is not a typical campus, but it's a great campus," says *Lux* editor Sarah Cacicio.

For Anna Tsui this issue of *Lux* was about harnessing that greatness. "People are capable of much more than they think," says Tsui. "This was all about discovering what they're capable of."

# Winter Wonderland Celebrations Highlight Spirit of Giving and Fun

By Maria Helena Serpa

This year, the spirit of the holiday season took the form of a snowman in a beret and a colorful scarf as the UMass Boston community received an invitation to "A Winter Wonderland," Chancellor Collins' annual university-wide holiday party. The snowman is the work of Toni Jonas Silver of the Colonel Marr Boys and Girls Club, one of many talented young community artists currently on display in the Campus Center. The day promised to be one of good food, good music, and good company, and included the opportunity to both give and receive in celebration of the end of the semester and the anticipation of beginning a new year.

Holiday music and a spirit of fun set a warm and festive tone in the Clark Athletic Center's ice rink, where the festivities kicked off. Skaters were treated to soft pretzels and hot chocolate to keep them going and help ward off the chill. All were welcome regardless of ability, and skates were provided to encourage everyone to attend.

Following the ice skating, all were invited to the Campus



(Top and bottom left) Staffers gather with friends, skate, and enjoy a student hip-hop dance performance at UMass Boston's Winter Wonderland celebrations. (Bottom right) UMass Boston's Ryan White, Allison Duffy, Cheryl Aaron, and Neely House's Scott Neely and Patricia Rowe smile together near the many gifts donated by UMass Boston employees and university athletes to the Neely House, a bed-and-breakfast-style home away from home for cancer patients and their families. (Photos by Harry Brett)

Center Ballroom to enjoy a cornucopia of goodies inspired by the traditional treats of various cultures. From the toasted ravioli

to the chicken satay, there was something for everyone to enjoy, including those with a sweet tooth, who indulged in pumpkin

cheesecake, Italian cookies, and baklava. Guests munched and mingled as the Troubadours of Truth, a jazz quintet composed

of UMass Boston students and alumni, played jazz arrangements of holiday favorites as screenings of *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* and *Frosty the Snowman* provided a holiday visual. The afternoon's featured entertainment culminated with a performance by Professor Sharon Montello's hip-hop dance class, who charmed the guests with an energetic and acrobatic display.

In the true spirit of the season, the university community demonstrated their generosity and kindness, donating games and toys to fill the playroom in the Neely House, a bed-and-breakfast-style home away from home for cancer patients and their families. All who donated were entered in a raffle for tickets to the Holiday Pops at Symphony Hall, the lucky winner of which was Julie Sanabria of University Advising.

The day offered the chance to enjoy some great food and music, take a break and have some fun, and spread a little holiday cheer. All who attended or donated a gift to the Neely House helped to set the tone for a festive holiday season and a happy new year to come.



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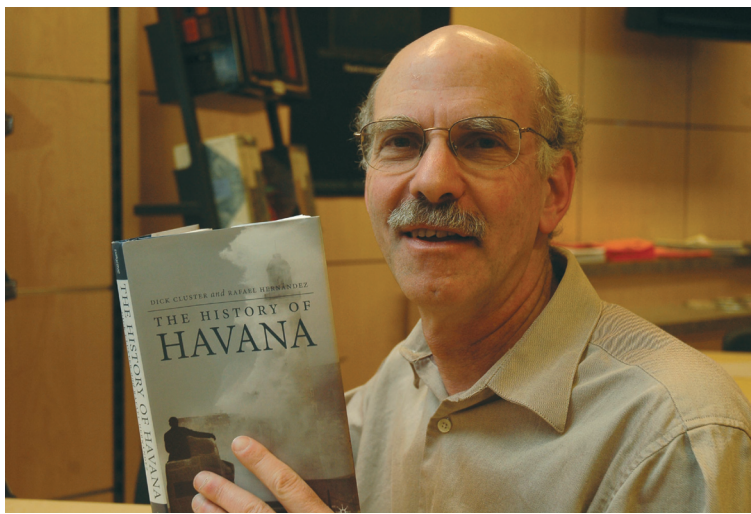
# Cuban History Enthusiast Unveils New Book on Havana

By Leigh DuPuy

UMass Boston's Dick Cluster was able to do what few scholars could. He's been to Cuba a half a dozen times since 1969, collaborated with Cuban professors of English, and, most recently, coauthored a book with Cuban scholar Rafael Hernández, a project Cluster believes to be the first since a U.S. ban on such collaborations was recently lifted. The result is a comprehensive social and cultural history of the country and a capital: *The History of Havana*.

"The book was unique because it was the first coauthored work by an American and Cuban writer to be commissioned by a U.S. publisher in a long time," explains Cluster. "This has been legal only since the end of 2004."

Cluster is the associate director of the University Honors Program and teaches first-year seminars and upper-level honors classes in history, literature, and econom-



*Dick Cluster, associate director of the University Honors Program, is celebrating the publication of The History of Havana, a 300-year social history he wrote with Cuban scholar Rafael Hernández. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

ics. Characterizing himself as a generalist, Cluster has built a multifaceted career. He worked for a number of years as a journalist for the economist publication *Dollars and Sense*, written several detective novels, and is a prodigious translator of literature from Spanish to English.

He and Hernández, the editor of *Temas*, a Cuban quarterly in history, culture, economics, and politics, worked together initially when Cluster translated Hernández's book of essays on Cuban civil society for the University Press of Florida. After the success of this collaboration, Hernández and

Cluster decided to try their hands at a more ambitious project.

*The History of Havana* examines what it was like to live in Havana over a span of 500 years, from 1519 through the 21st century, says Cluster. Cluster and Hernández sifted through archival sources, social histories, memoirs, fiction, and travel narratives, and talked with many Cubans to look at life in Havana throughout very distinct periods: before and after Independence, during U.S. occupation (1898-1902), and before and after the 1959 Castro revolution.

"We found an amazing amount of continuity in the city's histories, despite these momentous changes," says Cluster.

Though Cluster was able to go to Havana twice and Hernández was able to come to the U.S. once, the scholars did much of their work together via e-mail. They divided up chapters, writing in Spanish and Eng-

lish, respectively. Fluent in each other's languages, they then read each other's work, gave each other feedback, and finalized the English text.

This technique was crucial to the work's success, particularly in an examination of Cuba, says Cluster, which is often seen one-dimensionally through an outside perspective. "It's better to have two set of eyes," says Cluster, "those of a Cuban who also knows North American audiences and those of a North American who has lived in Cuba."

Since its release on November 28, the book has been selected as an upcoming History Book Club selection and Cluster and Hernández have given talks locally at UMass Boston, Porter Square Books, and Harvard Co-op, as well as at a Yale University conference and for readings held at City University of New York and the Center for Cuban Studies.

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## Researchers Explore Boston Harbor for U.S.S. *Niagara* Wreck

By Leigh DuPuy

UMass Boston professor Allen Gontz and student Christopher Maio boarded the R.V. *Looney* on December 19 in search of the U.S.S. *Niagara*, which has been lying on the floor of Boston Harbor for more than one hundred years. A steam-run and sail-powered frigate commissioned in 1857, the *Niagara* was once a Civil War blockade-runner and escort and was used to help build the first transatlantic cable. With the arrival of new, steel-hulled frigates, the *Niagara* was retired, stripped of most of its armament, and scuttled in 1897 in Boston Harbor.

Gontz and Maio are working on a collaborative project with the Massachusetts Bureau of Under-

water Archaeological Resources to help preserve the *Niagara's* site. After locating the wreck using geophysical and geological tools, they will compile a geophysical site assessment and work with the state to help get the site listed on the national historic registry and designate the site as an underwater archaeological preserve.

A coastal geologist and geophysicist, Gontz is a faculty member in the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department. He is an expert in assessment of the seafloor and coastal zone and frequently applies this knowledge to assist in identifying and mapping marine archaeological sites.

The team has been using a variety of high-tech equipment, includ-



*Professor Allen Gontz and student Christopher Maio loaded high-tech equipment onto the R.V. Looney in preparation for their search for the U.S.S. Niagara. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

ing sidescan sonar to get an image of the seafloor using sound and a magnetometer, which detects metal in the wreck. The tools allow the researchers to see through

the bottom of the seafloor and analyze the different composition sediments, according to Gontz. "These tools are like fish finders on steroids," says Gontz.

This technology is integral to successful analysis, says Gontz, as visibility is very limited in Boston Harbor. "This technology will really help us develop a better understanding of the overall picture," says Gontz. "If we're able to have it listed as an underwater archaeological preserve, people can dive and look at the wreck but will not be able to touch the materials."

The efforts are part of a new GeoSTRAT Lab at UMass Boston, a collaboration of archaeologists and geologists to integrate their sciences for better understanding of the environment and society's impact on the environment over time. It was established in July of 2006.

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## The Center for Media and Society Launches New Ethnic Wire Service

By Lisa Gentes

UMass Boston is giving voice to the ethnic and immigrant communities of New England with NEWz, a new ethnic wire service and student internship it's launching this January.

"It'll be a website, a portal, which is going to aggregate the best of the ethnic media stories of the week in one place—which is unusual because we're crossing all these ethnic boundaries," said Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society.

Hume, a longtime journalist, current professor, and media commentator, said the New England Ethnic Newswire ("Newz," tentatively located at [www.goNEWz.com](http://www.goNEWz.com)), will include participation

from local ethnic media, community forums, and student interns in her undergraduate class "Local and Ethnic Journalism."

Area journalists will come in to coach the students throughout the project. Kenneth Cooper, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist formerly of the *Boston Globe* and *Washington Post*, is a fellow at the Center on Media and Society for this academic year and will aid students with their projects and help teach Hume's class.

"We are delighted to have found Ken in the right place at the right time to work with us on the Ethnic Media Project," Hume said. NEWz will feature stories gleaned each week from the nearly 100 local ethnic media listed in the

Center's database on such issues as culture, tradition, business, and politics. "We're going to get the voices of these neighborhoods heard on our website," she said.

The UMass Boston project is "trying to use the Internet as [a way] to cross ethnic divides, to bring new vitality and information to all of us in New England. We want to raise the visibility of the ethnic media and also help the mainstream media who are struggling in many ways to cover" all the diverse changes in New England, Hume said.

The Center on Media and Society, part of the McCormack Graduate School, hosts the Ethnic Media Project, which is creating NEWz. The web project was

funded in part by a grant from the Ford Foundation and through volunteers who are donating their time, according to Hume.

One of the goals of the project is to highlight important stories that may be overlooked by the mainstream media, she said.

The NEWz website will not only feature the best stories each week from the region's ethnic media, but will also offer community forums, a Q & A with local ethnic editors, research, links to government and community services, and a high school blog written by students interested in journalism. UMass Boston undergraduate interns will be writing original content both for the ethnic media and directly for the website.

NEWz will also include a reporter's tool kit and a "wiki" for the public to develop a professional code of ethics for the news media.

Local media that have already agreed to partner with UMass Boston on this project include *El Planeta*, *Sampan*, *KoreaBoston*, the *White Eagle*, *Irish Emigrant*, *Boston Haitian Reporter*, WBUR Radio, *Hairenek Weekly*, and *Bay State Banner*. Hume said the project hopes to partner with others, including some local TV outlets.

Boston.com, the website run by the *Boston Globe*, said it will highlight and link to some of NEWz's best stories, Hume said. For more information, contact her at [ellen.hume@umb](mailto:ellen.hume@umb).



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# CAMPUS NOTES

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## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

**Jalal Alamgir**, assistant professor of political science, chaired the panel “Human Rights Policy Challenges in Bangladesh,” hosted by the South Asia Initiative at Harvard University.

**Emilian Badea** of the Performing Arts Department was a guest speaker for the Pro Musica Corp’s concert “A Tribute to the Jazz Masters,” held on November 11. Badea presented a comprehensive commentary on the history and evolution of jazz.

**Chris Bobel**, assistant professor of women’s studies, gave the talk “‘Our Revolution Has Style’: Menstruation, Resistance and ‘Doing Feminism’” as part of the Women’s Studies Research Center Lecture Series, held at Brandeis University on December 5.

In November, **Jeff Dukes**, assistant professor of biology, gave an invited presentation, “The Boston-Area Climate Experiment: Characterizing Ecosystem Responses to Climate Change,” at the National Academy of Sciences’ Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium. He also gave an invited lecture, “The Effect of Climate Change on the Success of Alien Species,” at the “Fifth Environment Symposium: Alien Species—Environment, Biorisks, Future,” held in Turku, Finland.

**Virginia Harvey**, associate professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, presented the paper “Ethical Issues in Professional Development and Supervision” at the Massachusetts School Psychologists’ Association’s fall conference, “Ethical and Legal Considerations in School Psychology: Current Best Practices.” She will present the paper “Study Skills and Self-Regulation” at the annual conference of the Illinois School Psychology Association in February.

**Ellen Hume**, director of the Center on Media and Society, spoke on media ethics at the InterAmerican Press Association conference, featuring journalism leaders from across Latin and Central America.

**Erika Kates**, research director for the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, presented testimony to the Patrick/Murray transition team on workforce development at the Benjamin Franklin Institute, held on December 1. She presented information on the barriers to substantive education and training experienced by low-income women as a result of current welfare, workforce development, and educational policies.

On November 6, **Jon Mitchell**, chair of the Performing Arts Department, gave the Keighton Fund lecture, “Mozart 250: The Man Behind the Music,” at Curry College.

**Charles Ndungu** of the Ph.D. in Public Policy Program was invited to facilitate a session for the United Nations Habitat Experts Group Meeting “Mainstreaming Aids into Slums Upgrading projects,” held in Nairobi Kenya in November.

**Mark Pawlak** of Academic Support Services participated in the panel “The Relationship Between Polish-American Poetry and Polish-American Culture” at the annual conference of the American Historical Association, held in Atlanta on January 5. He was also the featured reader at the Forest Hills Trust’s “Poetry in the Chapel” reading series, held on January 14.

Professor **Jennifer Radden** of the Philosophy Department delivered the following papers: “Unruly Virtues: Hume, and the Moral Psychology of the Good Psychiatrist” at the Royal Institute of Philosophy Workshop; “A Confusion of Pains: the Sensory and Affective Components of Pain, Suffering, and Hurt” at the James Martin Advanced Research Seminar for Philosophy Faculty at Oxford University; and “Epidemic Depression and Burtonian Melancholy” for the Maudsley Hospital Philosophy Group in London.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy’s **Paige Ransford**, research associate, and **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director, presented the paper “The Intersection of Gender and Race in Women’s Descriptive Representation: A Comparison of Six New England States” at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, held on November 9.

**Eileen Stuart-Shor**, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), presented “Management of Hypertension in the Older Adult” at Scientific Sessions of the American Heart Association, held in Chicago. She and Sharon Perryman, CNHS doctoral student, presented “Cross Cultural Care: What Is It? Are We Prepared to Deliver It?” at the joint Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Centers—UMass Boston Theta Alpha Conference, held on December 6.

## PUBLICATIONS

Biology master’s student **Heather Charles** and assistant professor of biology **Jeff Dukes** published “Impacts of Invasive Species on Ecosystem Services” in the 2007 Springer book *Biological Invasions*, edited by W. Nentwig.

*Biography: A Brief History*, written by McCormack Graduate School visiting fellow **Nigel Hamilton**, was recently reviewed by *Publishers Weekly*. The book will be published by Harvard University in March 2007.

**Susan Opotow**, professor in the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution, published the paper “Seeking Inclusion and Pluralism: Two Exploratory Studies” in *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*’s special issue “Pioneers in U.S. Peace Psychology: Morton Deutsch.”

**Melissa Pearrow**, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, published a chapter, “School-Based Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents,” in *Research on Community-Based Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents*.

Gerontology professor **Nina M. Silverstein** and alumna and first author **Bei Wu** cowrote with a colleague the article “Gender Differences in Contributory Behaviors among the Oldest Old in the U.S. and China,” which was published in *Chinese Journal of Population Science*. A report that Silverstein coauthored, “Community Mobility and Dementia: A Review of the Literature,” is posted on the Web site of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

## EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

*Clarinet Now*, a CD by clarinet instructor **Chester Brezniak**, received a review from German critic Diether Steppuhn, who wrote, “Chester Brezniak, the soloist, who sovereignly masters the art of playing the clarinet, arranged Bartok’s Hungarian Peasant Songs written for piano between 1914 and 1917, for his own instrument. The popular coloring of the multicolored pieces in the folkloristic sound of the clarinet feels completely natural ... a beautiful CD with richly varied content.”

*Grip*, a large-scale, two-channel video projection that is 5:52 minutes long, by **Erik Levine**, assistant professor of art, was purchased by the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Diego.

**Lloyd Schwartz**, Troy Professor of English and Creative Writing, participated in a reading of Russian poetry translated by the late Paul Schmidt in an evening celebrating the publication of *The Stray Dog Cabaret*, held at the New School in New York on December 6. Schwartz also served on the Literature Grants panel of the Somerville Arts Council and participated in the Poetry Calendar reading at the Brookline Booksmith on December 21.

## GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

**Arthur Eisenkraft**, director of the Center of Science and Math, received a \$64,000 grant from Toshiba America to assess technological literacy of students in America in conjunction with the National Science Teachers Association.

In December, the Center for Social Policy released the report “Outside the Box: RAFT Plus, A Homelessness Prevention Pilot,” funded by One Family, Inc. The midterm evaluation report examines how family homelessness can be avoided through warning/assessment teams and partnerships.

## APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

**Laurie L. Charlés**, assistant professor of family therapy in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, received the 2007 Nova Southeastern University Distinguished Alumni Achievement Award for the Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

**Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen**, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, has been appointed to the board of advisors for Americans for Generational Equity.

**Robert Crossley**, chair of the English Department, has been elected to a three-year term, beginning January 1, to the national executive committee of the Association of Departments of English.

Members of the College of Management’s Delta Sigma Pi, a co-ed professional fraternity organized to foster the study of business in universities, received scholarships and awards: **Daniel Collins** received the Beta Chapter Scholarship and the 2006 New England Region Collegian of the Year Award; **Yelena Zaytsev** received the 2007 Xi Phi Collegian of the Year Award; and **Carrie Peapples** received the Howard B. Johnson, Thomas M. Mocella, Lester H. White and Ben H. Wolfenberger Graduate Fellowship.

**Melissa Howard Graham**, a communications professional with 20 years of experience working in public relations, event management, graphic design, and fundraising, was appointed the new host for WUMB’s *Commonwealth Journal*.

**Felicia Wilczenski**, professor of counseling and school psychology, was awarded a Curriculum Innovation Fellowship Grant by the Rhode Island and Massachusetts Campus Compacts to develop a graduate-level service-learning course that directly impacts disadvantaged youth in Massachusetts. Wilczenski will implement BostonNET (Network for Educational Transitions), a service-learning partnership between the UMass Boston School Counseling Program and the Boston Public Schools (BPS) to support BPS students as they progress from high school to postsecondary education.

At a December 7 ceremony at the Boston Globe, *El Planeta* recognized the 100 most influential people to impact the Hispanic community of Massachusetts in 2006. Among those honored were Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) alumni **Eduardo Tobon**, vice president of Sovereign Bank, and **Georgianna Melendez**, executive director of Casa Myrna Vazquez. Professor **Sherry Penney**, ELP founding director, was also honored.

The Frank J. Manning Certificate Program in Gerontology was acknowledged by the Korber Foundation’s Transatlantic Idea Contest for the impact it has made in helping people transition from work life to civic engagement in retirement. The program was nominated by former visiting researcher Ingrid Zunde.

## EVENTS

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy held the Massachusetts Roundtable on Gender and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in the Healthcare Workforce on December 11 at UMass Boston. More than 40 statewide policymakers developed recommendations to address these disparities, which will be presented to the Region I Offices of Women’s Health and Minority Health, as well as the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

College of Management graduate students, faculty, and leaders of IBM’s Academic Initiative group piloted the “Collaboration Jam” program. MBA students, with faculty members **Jean Pierre Kuilboer** and **Ed Romar**, met with IBM employees to discuss the telecommunications, health care, and banking industries. IBM plans to continue working with CM faculty and students to set up future collaboration jams.

On December 6, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs hosted the National Science Foundation Proposal Writing Workshop for faculty and staff from UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, Northern Essex Community College, Roxbury Community College, and Tech Boston of the Boston Public Schools.

The UMass Boston Nantucket Field Station hosted a presentation of “The Climate Project’s” slide show on global warming on December 1 at the field station’s Grace Grossman Environmental Center.

## OBITUARY

Professor **Beatriz (Bettina) Iffland** of the Department of Hispanic Studies passed away on December 13 after a long and courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She began her career at UMass Boston in 1975 and was known as a gifted and dedicated teacher of Spanish language and literature.

## IN THE NEWS

**Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen**, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar's Chair in Gerontology, was quoted on the financial and medical implications of an increasingly overweight or obese population moving into retirement for a December 13 *Market Watch* article.

**Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was quoted in "Report Faults Romney on Hiring Few Minorities for Top Posts," released

by the Associated Press on December 7. A lead editorial on the study appeared in the *Boston Globe*, with additional coverage by the State House News Service. This story also appeared in the Boston *Metro* and aired on WBUR. Hardy-Fanta was also interviewed for Univision, WUNI-TV.

"Defragmenting Public Health," a piece on the public health system in New England by College of Management professor of finance **Eric Hayden's** appeared on Boston.com on November 16.

Research on the benefits of walking by **Kyle McInnis**, professor and chair of the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences, was cited in a story on MSNBC.com in December.

American studies professor **Rachel Rubin's** comments about the need for consistency in state funding of higher education are quoted in an editorial about the higher education working group of Governor-elect Deval Patrick that appeared in the *Boston Globe* on December 11.

**Miren Uriarte**, director of the Gastón Institute, was quoted on the future implications for students who decide not to take the SATs in a story for the *Boston Globe* in December.

**Vincent Cannato**, assistant professor of history, cautions that his fellow historians shouldn't rush to judge Bush as the "worst president" in history in a *Washington Post* article on December 3.

A *Boston Herald* article about the return of retirees to the classroom says that membership in UMass Boston's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute has more than tripled, from about 100 members when it opened in 1999 to more than 300 today.

The McCormack Graduate School's Boston Diversity Project was the lead editorial in the *Boston Globe* and the focus of stories in the Associated Press, *Boston Herald*, *Salem News*, *Worcester Telegram*, and on WGBH-TV on December 17, 18, and 19.

## CWPPP Analysis Questions Statewide Gubernatorial Appointments

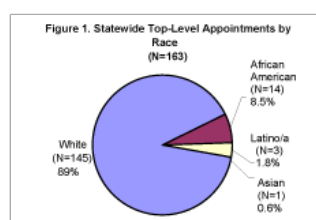
By Ed Hayward

A study conducted before this year's election by the McCormack Graduate School's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at UMass Boston found that less than 11 percent of top-level gubernatorial appointees in the outgoing administration are people of color. Out of 163 top-level positions, only three Latinos and one Asian held appointments. African Americans achieved the highest level of representation among the group. Significant disparities in appointments of people of color were also discovered at different levels of authority.

"The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has an increasingly diverse population but, for the most part, the racial makeup of those holding top-level positions filled by gubernatorial appointments has not kept pace with the state's increasingly diverse popu-

lation," said Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, who led the study.

"Governor-elect Deval Patrick



A figure released by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy shows a breakout of gubernatorial appointments by race.

has sent a clear message that he intends to find leaders from across the deep and diverse community of executives and community leaders in Massachusetts," said Paul S. Grogan, president and CEO of the Boston Foundation. "This is a powerful way to send a message that we need a leadership

that reflects of our population."

The study was commissioned by the Boston Foundation as part of its Pipeline to Public Service Initiative, which the foundation funds in partnership with the New Community Fund, an independent, local foundation. The initiative is designed to develop the next generation of leaders of color to run for elective office and to hold appointive office in the Commonwealth.

According to the study, Latinos and Asians are underrepresented in top-level appointments. Latino appointments make up 1.8 percent of the total number of posts, far below their 7 percent share of the population. Despite the fact that Asians make up 4 percent of the population, they hold less than 1 percent of total top-level positions.

African Americans have achieved the best level of repre-

sentation, according to the study; 14 African Americans were appointed top positions, 8.5 percent of appointments; their share of the population, according to the 2000 Census, is 6 percent.

However, the study also identifies a dramatic disparity in the level of position held by people of color by examining appointments to executive versus board positions. The study finds that only five African Americans and two Latinos were appointed out of 82 executive positions filled. No Asians received executive-level positions.

On the boards and commissions, African Americans do a bit better: there are five African Americans among the 81 chairs, vice chairs, or members of the boards/commissions studied, making up 6.1 percent of these positions, somewhat above their share of the population.

However, representation by Latinos or Asians at this level is very low, with one Latina and one Asian serving on the boards/commissions surveyed; their share is just 1.2 percent each of the total.

The research was conducted by UMass Boston's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. A research team overseen by Hardy-Fanta gathered the names, race, and gender for 163 top-level gubernatorial appointments. The method was to identify the name of each person holding a given position and to verify race and sex by directly contacting the offices and/or the individuals by telephone.

Additional information is forthcoming on the diversity of elected and appointed officials at the municipal level.

## Access to Excellence: Culture of Achievement Thriving at UMass Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

UMass Boston graduate and Fulbright winner Tim Menz soon leaves for India, where he will join leading physicians as they evaluate newborn care in rural and urban settings.

Meanwhile, this year's Fulbright applicants are eagerly awaiting news from the selection committee.

Interest in applying for major fellowships is strong, said Susan Gore, professor of sociology and major fellowships advisor, who reports that about half of UMass Boston students who apply for such awards are successful in winning the awards or becoming finalists. In recent years, five UMass Boston students have won Fulbright Fellowships and one has become a Marshall Scholar. Others have become finalists and semifinalists for these and other awards.

This year's Fulbright applicants are honors student Erica Mena, who has won numerous scholarships, including the English Department's Peter Butler Brooks Scholarship to study at Trinity College, Oxford, and who also applied for the Marshall Scholarship; Pre-Med Society president Jon Marino, who majors in biology and philosophy, has studied at Oxford, and is completing an internship at Massachusetts General Hospital; and Dancia Garcia, a graduate student in applied linguistics who is taking her program through distance learning.

"The culture of achievement is much, much broader than that which is reflected in participation in these specific competitions," said Gore, who points to other indicators, including the large numbers of students from the liberal arts and the sciences who

go on to law school, medical school, professional and doctoral programs, and receive support from those programs for their graduate studies.

Other awards include one that was named for founding director of the New England Center for Inclusive Teaching Esther Kingston-Mann, holder of the university's Roy J. Zuckerberg Endowed Chair for Academic Leadership. UMass Boston students Laura Paz and Rachel Ottaviano recently received this award for their contributions to the scholarship of diversity and inclusion.

"The awards permit undergraduate students to demonstrate that they are not simply receivers, but producers of research and knowledge; their work embodies the productive and creative link between diversity and academic excellence," said Kingston-Mann.

Paz, who held writing and editing positions with *Mass Media* and *Lux* and also interned at Arrow-smith Press, is currently pursuing a master's degree in applied linguistics and hopes to teach English as a Second Language in Spain. Now a Boston Public Schools teacher, Ottaviano is pursuing a master's degree in elementary education. "My future goals are to teach in urban school districts, specifically to English Language Learners, to close the achievement gap that is so present in inner-city schools," said Ottaviano.

The spring fellowship season centers on the Jack Kent Cooke graduate scholarship, for which our campus may nominate two people. Criteria for this scholarship include coming from an underserved or low-income family and overcoming adversity.

"We have five excellent candi-

dates who will complete a pre-application which our fellowship committee will review, and then decide on the two people who will complete and submit the application," said Gore.

Those candidates are: psychology majors Sarah Dolan and Tara Delmonico; English major Lucienne Pierre; biology major and Fulbright winner Tim Menz; and music major Sheerin Hosseini.

Surveying the various expressions of UMass Boston student achievement, Gore noted, "This level of accomplishment is all the more striking because we are not the flagship campus of the UMass system and we have devoted understandably modest resources to support these efforts. This speaks to the initiative, motivation, and excellence of our students and to the dedication of the faculty who have mentored them."



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**JANUARY**

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of Marketing 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.

Submit February calendar listings by Wednesday, January 17, to [umb.edu/news/calendar/](http://umb.edu/news/calendar/).

## Saturday 6

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Basketball vs. Keene State College**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Amherst College**  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

## Sunday 7

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Basketball vs. Keene State College**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

## Tuesday 9

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Basketball vs. Plymouth State College**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Basketball vs. Plymouth State College**  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**Kripalu Yoga**  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl., Kripalu yoga class open to all. Students: free. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5680

## Wednesday 10

**Kripalu Yoga**  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl., Kripalu yoga class open to all. Students: free. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Contact: 7-5680.

**ITC Course: WebCT No Static Part 1**  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level, p4. Two-part introduction to e-learning pedagogy to provide you with strategies and techniques for using WebCT to enhance teaching and learning. Workshop topics include online learning activities, creating your online syllabus, assessment strategies, essential web resources, and more. Contact: [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu) or 7-2990

## Saturday 13

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Ice Hockey vs. College of Holy Cross**  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

## Monday 15

**Martin Luther King Day**  
University closed.

**Eleventh Annual Amilcar Cabral Conference—Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Program: "Uniting Our Community: Strengthening the Ties That Bind"**  
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Free lunch and admission. Sponsors: Africana Studies Department and African Students Union. Contact: 7-6790.

## Tuesday 16

**ITC Course: WebCT – Introductory Series**  
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Healey Library, lower level, p2. Attend WebCT Vista Orientation and the Introduction to WebCT Parts 1 and 2 workshops in a half-day session. Also on January 17, 23, and 24 at 8:30 a.m. Contact: [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu) or 7-2990.

**ITC Course: WebCT – Faculty Presentations**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level, p2. Also on January 23 at 3:00 p.m. Contact: [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu) or 7-2990

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Basketball vs. UMass Dartmouth**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Ice Hockey vs. UMass Dartmouth**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Basketball vs. UMass Dartmouth**  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

## Wednesday 17

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Ice Hockey vs. Middlebury College**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**ITC Course: WebCT – Course Tune-Up**  
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level, p1 and p2. Also on January 24 at 1:00 p.m. Contact: [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu) or 7-2990

**Public Meeting on Strategic Planning Process**  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Learn more about the strategic planning process and discuss plans. Contact: [www.umb.edu/strategic\\_plan](http://www.umb.edu/strategic_plan).

## Thursday 18

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Basketball vs. Bridgewater State College**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Basketball vs. Bridgewater State College**  
7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**Chancellor's Reception for Hannah Sevan**  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Reception honoring Sevan, winner of the President's Public Service Award. Contact: 7-6800.

**McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies Alumni Event: Transitioning Public Policy into 2007**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Room, 2nd fl. Featuring Dean Steve Crosby along with other members of Governor-elect Deval Patrick's transition team. Reserved for McCormack alumni. Contact: 7-5550.

## Friday 19

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Ice Hockey vs. University of Southern Maine**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

## Saturday 20

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Salem State College**  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

## Wednesday 24

**Boston State College Celebration**  
6:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Festivities for alumni celebrating Boston State College's history and traditions. Contact: 7-3550.

## Thursday 25

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Basketball vs. Suffolk University**  
5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

## Friday 26

**Center for Improvement of Teaching Conference on Teaching for Transformation Conference**  
For more information: [anna.tsui@umb.edu](mailto:anna.tsui@umb.edu) or 7-6509.

## Saturday 27

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Basketball vs. Western Connecticut State**  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Basketball vs. Western Connecticut State**  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston 25th Alumni Reunion**  
5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Reception and dinner for UMass Boston alumni celebrating their 25th reunion.

## Monday 29

**First Day of Classes**

**Opening Week Spring 2007 Activities**  
Beginning 8:00 a.m., Campus Center, McCormack Hall, Science Center, and Wheatley Hall. Activities throughout, including free food, information tables, and more. Contact: [michael.todorsky@umb.edu](mailto:michael.todorsky@umb.edu).

## Tuesday 30

**Opening Week Spring 2007 Activities**  
Beginning 8:00 a.m., Campus Center, McCormack Hall, Science Center, and Wheatley Hall. Activities throughout, including free food, information tables, and more. Contact: [michael.todorsky@umb.edu](mailto:michael.todorsky@umb.edu).

## Wednesday 31

**Opening Week Spring 2007 Activities**  
Beginning 8:00 a.m., Campus Center, McCormack Hall, Science Center, and Wheatley Hall. Activities throughout, including free food, information tables, and more. Contact: [michael.todorsky@umb.edu](mailto:michael.todorsky@umb.edu).

**UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Ice Hockey vs. University of Southern Maine**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Clark Athletic Center Rink. Contact: 7-7801 or [david.marsters@umb.edu](mailto:david.marsters@umb.edu).

## Miscellaneous

**Beacon Fitness Center**  
McCormack Hall, 1st fl. 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\\_center/](http://www.athletics.umb.edu/fitness_center/) or 7-6786.

**"Crooks, Rogues, and Maids Less Than Virtuous": An Exhibit of Rare Books**  
Boston Public Library, The Abbey Room, McKim Building, 2nd fl. Opening of exhibit by Professor Cheryl Nixon and English graduate students. Exhibit to run through May 2007. Contact: 7-6700.

**Instructional Technology Center (ITC)**  
Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC Web site at [www.itc.umb.edu](http://www.itc.umb.edu) or contact: 7-2990.

**UMass Boston Doctoral Dissertation Grant Program**  
Application deadline: May 25, 2007. Doctoral candidates with approved dissertation proposals are eligible. Application: [www.umb.edu/orsp/](http://www.umb.edu/orsp/).

**University Club at UMass Boston**  
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, Campus Center, 2nd fl. Open to faculty and staff. \$6.00 for members and \$8.50 for non-members. All-you-can-eat buffet, featuring "Sizzlin' Cuisine" every Thursday. Contact: 7-5144.

**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.