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Renew and Rebuild: UMass Boston Plans for a Dynamic Future

By Leigh DuPuy

As the university eagerly anticipates the return of students for the fall semester, UMass Boston staffers are organizing fun campus activities, rolling out a comprehensive parking and transportation plan, and embarking on a strategic master planning process that includes a proposal for a new, \$84 million academic facility.

“We are thrilled to see our students come back to school and become engaged with life at UMass Boston once again,” says Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. “The campus has such great energy and electricity when they return.”

Beginning September 5, the university is sponsoring activities that have become part of an exuberant UMass Boston tradition: opening events for students. Returning students can sample free food and



With the return of students, the university is hard at work planning activities, creating new parking and transportation options, and embarking on a strategic master planning process that includes a proposal for a new academic facility. (Photo by Richard Howard)

music, tour information stations and open houses, and explore employment opportunities and harbor cruises. Highlights of opening activities, themed “Let’s Get It Started,” include a “Taste

of Boston” welcome reception, a comedy and hip-hop night in the Campus Center, and a UMass Boston night at the Museum of Science.

This year, administrators de-

cided to expand activities through the month of September. Special events include a remembrance marking the fifth anniversary of September 11. Convocation 2006 celebrations, to be held on September 14, include the Chancellor’s convocation address, keynote speaker Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall, and Fest-of-Us games, barbecue, and music.

Rounding out the month, top musicians such as Bruce Cockburn, Eileen Ivers and Immigrant Soul, Richie Havens, Jennifer Kimball, and Jesse Winchester are slated to perform at WUMB’s 2006 annual Boston Folk Festival, September 16 and 17.

In addition to event planning, university officials led an intensive effort to provide additional park-

ing and transportation options following the July closure of the original, interior garage.

For more than a year, Chancellor Collins and senior administrative staff worked with the Division of Capital Asset Management and the engineering firm of Simpson, Gumpertz & Heger to assess the garage and the substructure, which serves as the foundation of UMass Boston’s five-building campus.

Engineering reports found the foundation to be structurally sound, but that the rehabilitation of the garage and the substructure would cost more than \$160 million. This estimate, combined with the continual loss of parking spaces and the need to reroute pedestrian and vehicle access, led to the chancellor’s decision to close the upper and lower levels

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University Grants and Contract Awards Top \$38 Million Mark



(From left to right): Hannah Sevia, Adán Colón-Carmona, Arthur Eisenkraft, Jason Evans, and Rachel Skvirsky smile following the conclusion of a six-week intensive professional development course through the Boston Science Partnership, held this summer. The Boston Science Partnership, of which Sevia is principal investigator, works with middle and high schools in the Boston Public Schools to change the way students are taught science, mathematics, and engineering. Funding comes from the National Science Foundation. (Photo by Margaret Brett)

By Ed Hayward

Grant and contract awards for UMass Boston research, training, and service projects increased for the fifth consecutive year, pushing total awards for the 2005–2006 fiscal year to \$38.7 million, according to Valera Francis, director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP).

The total awards marked a \$3.2 million increase from the prior year. The university has set a goal of \$50 million in annual sponsored programs funding by 2008. “The faculty and professional staffs of the research institutes and centers have responded to the challenge to establish UMass Bos-

ton as an urban center for research that has a profound impact on the commonwealth and beyond,” said Provost Paul Fonteyn. “It is critical for the university to see continued growth in external funding given the increasingly competitive financial climate for higher education.”

Of the \$38.7 million, research awards accounted for 60 percent, education and training awards for 36 percent, and service awards 4 percent.

External research funding from government agencies, foundations, corporations, and other sponsors pays for projects conducted by faculty and staff of the university, the colleges, and research institutes and centers. Grants cover a

range of project costs, from graduate student support, equipment, and other operational expenses to support staff, travel, and administrative costs connected to the projects.

The \$38.7 million in awards last fiscal year pushed the five-year average for annual awards to \$33.4 million. In FY 2002, the university’s five-year average was just \$19.8 million.

“The university has made improving research capacity and awards a priority for several years and we have put in place the infrastructure to support those goals,” said Richard Antonak, vice provost for research, whose position was created in 2004. “External

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2006 Convocation: University Celebrates Year to Come

By Leigh DuPuy

Fittingly, as UMass Boston joins the nation in commemorating the signing of the United States Constitution, Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall will be speaking about education and freedom as the keynote speaker for Convocation 2006, to be held on Thursday, September 14.

“Chief Justice Marshall is a respected jurist and a passionate advocate of democracy,” says Chancellor Michael F. Col-

lins, MD. “We look forward to celebrating the start of another invigorating and exciting year at UMass Boston with this terrific program.”

The Honorable Margaret Marshall is the first woman to serve as chief justice in Massachusetts and the second woman appointed to serve as an associate justice.

A native of South Africa, Chief Justice Marshall fought apartheid before coming to the United States to pursue graduate studies in 1968. She earned

her graduate and law degrees at Harvard and Yale universities, became an American citizen in 1978, and was appointed in 1996 to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, where she has been involved in landmark cases.

Her keynote will be part of a schedule of events that blend tradition with Fest-of-Us fun. Convocation 2006 starts with a continental breakfast for faculty and staff, 8:00–9:00 a.m. at the Campus Center terrace, giving colleagues a chance to gather

together before the day’s events. Chancellor Collins welcomes the UMass Boston community and speaks about the upcoming academic year in his convocation address, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Campus Center Ballroom. Following the Chief Justice’s keynote address, “To ‘Be Educated and Instructed in the Principles of Freedom,’” at 10:00 a.m., the chancellor and Mrs. Collins, along with university colleagues, will host a barbecue for students at noon. Music, entertainment, food,

and fun of all kinds—everything from a bungee rock-climbing wall to spin-art Frisbees—will be part of Fest-of-Us celebrations held on the Campus Center Lawn beginning at noon. Students will also get the chance to enter a free raffle for prizes that include two \$500 UMass Boston Bookstore gift certificates, Red Sox tickets, and an iPod. Winners will be announced at Fest-of-Us.

For more information and a full schedule of events, please visit www.umb.edu/convocation/.

Student Affairs Sees a New Day at UMass Boston

By Leigh DuPuy

“Boston is a great city and it requires a lot of learning,” says newcomer Patrick Day, who took the helm as vice chancellor for student affairs in July. For someone who relishes scholarship, this is hardly a chore. “I can’t wait to explore, learn the history, and get to know this diverse culture,” he says.

Day comes to UMass Boston with more than 13 years of experience serving diverse student populations at large and small institutions, such as Temple University, Johnson C. Smith University, and Texas Tech University.

What is first on his to-do list? He wants every student on campus to interact with the Division of Student Affairs at one time or



Patrick Day, vice chancellor for student affairs, arrived in July with ambitious plans to build a stronger student body. (Photo by Harry Brett)

another. “I want that interaction to influence our students’ sense of possibilities, their sense of self and of their own strength, and lead to new developments,” says Day. Providing transformative and relevant experiences are key ingredients in Day’s recipe for building a stronger student body.

Well familiar with the dynamics of a large university with many nontraditional students, Day knows that people aren’t guaranteed to come out for an event “just because it’s interesting.” With competing schedules and responsibilities, students need a broader offering of services, he says. “We need the agility to deliver innovative programs that are applicable and relevant to our students’ experiences,” says Day.

Day wants to create broader programming and foster campus-wide support of student organizations and services. “We need to invest in our student leaders and organizations. They are the ‘lifblood’ of what happens on campus,” he says.

He will encourage a wider range of faculty and staff to get involved in campus life, to attend events, and participate in community-wide service projects. He explains, “I want people to say ‘yes’ to participating in the lives of our students.” For Day, this collaboration not only leads to more effective and specialized services, but also integrates student feedback in such planning. “Students need to buy in and take ownership for what happens on

campus,” he says.

Day’s litmus test for success is to evaluate how well a program or service addresses student needs. “We need to place students at the center of all decision making,” he says. “They should be at the center of all of our analysis—how we make our decision, how we determine what to do, what is right and wrong, and how we cast future plans.”

When not on campus, Day might be found home, wearing a pair of jeans, and watching a “Law & Order” marathon on TV or reading nonfiction on the history of higher education. A newcomer not for long, Day is clearly excited to learn about his community and ready for his new post leading students and colleagues.

Grants and Contract Awards Tops \$38 million

awards require a coordinated approach where faculty members and administrators work together to achieve goals that serve both the research interests of the faculty member and the strategic priorities of the university.”

Francis, who joined the university in 2005, says, “As an office, we support the scholarly and creative activity of faculty and staff by providing them with the assistance necessary to identify and secure externally funded grants, contracts, and cooperative and technical assistance grants. Over the past year, ORSP has moved toward a more customer–service-oriented approach; hopefully this has contributed to the increase in the number of proposals be-

ing submitted to and ultimately awarded by funding agencies.”

ORSP provides a range of services that include finding grants aligned with faculty specialties; searching for funding sources suited to the campus, its faculty and students; assistance with the application process; and assistance with the financial administration of award funding.

Among the hundreds of projects awarded funding last year, the focal points of research range from science education reform to tracking climate change to assisting individuals with disabilities succeed in the job market.

Projects that received funding last year included:

- The Boston Science Partner-

ship: Graduate College of Education professor Hannah Sevan, principal investigator, works with middle and high schools in the Boston Public Schools to change the way students are taught science, mathematics, and engineering. Funding comes from the National Science Foundation.

- National Disability Technical Assistance Consortium on Employment of Adults: Institute for Community Inclusion director William Kiernan, principal investigator. Funding comes from the U.S. Department of Labor.

- Problems and Competence Under Age 5 and School Transition: Psychology Professor Alice Carter, principal investigator. Funding comes from the National

Institutes of Health.

- A Longitudinal Study of Children with ASD (autism spectrum disorder) and Their Families During the Elementary School Years: Center for Social Development and Education Senior Research Associate Paul Benson, principal investigator. Funding comes from the U.S. Department of Education.

- Boston Area Advanced Technology Education Connections (BATEC): Deborah Boisvert, principal investigator, Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education. Funding comes from the National Science Foundation.

- The Boston Area Climate Experiment: Biology Professor Jeff Dukes, principal investigator.

Funding comes from the National Science Foundation.

- Smoking Trajectories Amid Waning State Program Budgets: Center for Survey Research Associate Director Lois Biener, project investigator. Funding comes from the National Institutes of Health.

- The Community Technology Centers VISTA Project: College of Public and Community Service’s Peter Miller, principal investigator. Funding comes from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

- Upward Bound: Associate Vice Provost of Academic Support Services Joan Becker, principal investigator. Funding comes from the U.S. Department of Education.

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Researchers Help Cancer Survivors Regain Life's Balance Through Fencing

By Lisa Gentes

Fencing and fitness is helping some local cancer survivors boost their health with a first-of-its-kind program sponsored in part by UMass Boston.

The pilot program involves the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, UMass Boston, and the Boston Fencing Club in Waltham. Cancer survivors, all patients at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, are getting a taste of fencing, learning physical fitness, and getting their minds and bodies back in gear through the new summer program.

About 11 cancer survivors ranging in age from 16 to 76 are taking part in the free, 12-week summer program, which wraps up in September.

"I wasn't sure what the reaction would be to fencing," said the program's fitness instructor, Andrea Wyson. "It's not a typical everyday sport," she said.

"But once they have the equipment on, they love it, they have a



UMass Boston's Bruce Bailey, Andrea Wyson, and Kyle McNnis (not pictured) are running a pilot program with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Boston Fencing Club in Waltham to help cancer survivors improve physical fitness and mental well-being through fencing. (Photo by Harry Brett)

great time," said Wyson, a 2005 UMass Boston graduate of the exercise science program who conducts research in the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences.

For 12 weeks, kicking off in July, participants learn strength and conditioning from Wyson and fencing from an instructor through the Fencing Club. Wyson

uses games, yoga, cardio, dance, and stretching to work with the participants, she said.

The participants are dealing with different types of cancer, according to Wyson. She said many have gone through treatment and were deemed by their doctors ready to participate in the program.

The instructor said she hopes her students will improve their physical fitness: "That's our main goal," she said. The program boosts their self-esteem and confidence, she said, and helps improve their quality of life.

The participants are getting the chance to meet others who are battling and surviving cancer, she said. The new partnership program allows them to share their experiences and get to know each other, while testing their limits and boundaries physically, she said.

"A lot of them had lost a great deal of balance and coordination.... It's really nice for them to see what they can do," Wyson said. "I think anytime you learn something new, or discover a new ability, I think there's a self-esteem piece with that."

Kyle McNnis, professor and chair of the Department of Exercise and Health Sciences and a health and fitness expert, along with Eva Guinan, clinician and re-

searcher at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, created the idea for the fitness and fencing program.

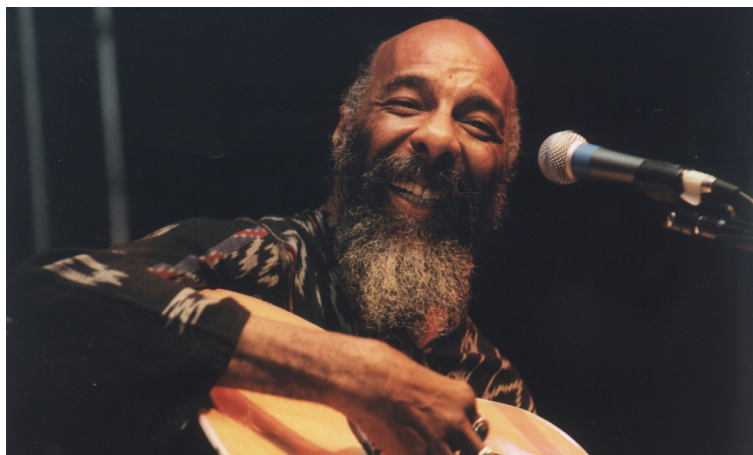
Guinan had "the idea of doing a fitness program with cancer survivors," and she wanted to "get someone who knew exercise," said Bruce Bailey, assistant professor of exercise physiology at UMass Boston.

"Eva's component was the fencing," he said. "It's a unique way of engaging people in physical activity."

Bailey coordinates the UMass Boston end of the program, with Wyson the on-site instructor and Guinan coordinating Dana-Farber's end. The aim is to improve fitness in survivors, to increase muscle strength and quality of life, he said.

The program is engaging and fun and something the survivors can do together as recreation, he said. Organizers are planning on bringing the program back for a fall session, he said.

Audiences Travel Far and Wide for 2006 Boston Folk Festival



Richie Havens is one of the many artists playing at the 2006 Boston Folk Festival, to be held September 16 and 17 at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett).

By Marilyn Beyer

Singer/songwriter Bruce Cockburn has carried his expansive, insightful music from his native Canada to Colorado, to Cambo-

dia, and other exotic locales. He comes to UMass Boston in September toting his newest songs and some of his classics. The audience is global, too. This year's two-day

festival runs Saturday and Sunday, September 16 and 17, and already music fans from nearly twenty states and six countries have purchased their festival passes.

Globe-trotting folk fans from Japan, Iceland, Portugal, and other countries will make the trek to UMass Boston. U.S. travelers will venture from the four corners of the country and everywhere in between—from Florida to California and from Oregon to Maine—to see a lineup that includes Cockburn, as well as Tex-Mex songstress Tish Hinojosa, Irish-American Eileen Ivers and her blues band, Immigrant Soul, African-born Tony Bird, Greenwich Village's own Richie

Havens, the youthful Cape Breton band, and The Cottars.

Some come from afar to sample the rich local music scene. Known for elastic harmonies as half of The Story in the '90s and for her current genre-stretching songs, Boston's Jennifer Kimball will be on hand. Cape Cod singer/songwriter Greg Greenway brings friends Kim and Reggie Harris and Pat Humphries and Sandy O (emma's revolution) for a tribute to the late protest singer Phil Ochs.

The Coffeehouse Stage re-creates a New England coffeehouse and will feature some of the region's finest folk musicians, including renowned songwriters Bob Franke, Michael Troy, recent

Harvard grad Liz Carlisle, and Jake Armerding.

Wherever fans come from, they can bring the kids. Children's activities, staged within view of the Field Stage and Boston Harbor, include sponsor Stonyfield Yogurt's "Mooville Farm," complete with a mechanical cow. Tickets for children ages 7-15 are \$10 for each day. Children under six years are admitted free.

Tickets are on sale at www.bostonfolkfestival.org or by calling 617-287-6900. Tickets will be on sale for \$25 a day to faculty and staff through September 15. The Boston Folk Festival is a production of UMass Boston's WUMB Radio (91.9 FM).

UMass Boston Staffers Pull Together Through Sudden Losses

By Anne-Marie Kent

UMass Boston recently lost three beloved employees: Joseph Coppola in the Facilities Services Department, Ed Gagnon in the Customer Service Center, and James Rakauskas in the Property Department. All served the university in critical ways and inspired coworkers and close-knit friends to pull together as a family.

It was on June 13 when Gagnon lost his months-long battle with cancer. At the outset of his ordeal in July of 2005, when he first complained of headaches, co-worker Marcia Porro urged him to seek medical attention. Gagnon continued to work while undergoing treatment for what was diagnosed as a brain tumor. By

Christmas of 2005, he was unable to continue working.

"Ed, Marcia, and I had worked together for eight years and it was devastating for all of us to watch him go through what he went through," said Linda O'Brien, director of the Customer Service Center. "We lived through all the happy and sad times with Ed, and watched him raise his three children."

As his sickness progressed, coworkers in Customer Service arranged for a local restaurant to deliver dinner to his house Friday nights. "That was his night with his daughter Kerry to watch a movie together," explained O'Brien.

The Customer Service team visited Gagnon in the hospital. "He was in a great deal of pain and

heavily medicated, but he knew we were there," said O'Brien. "I told him we brought him a lobster salad sandwich (his favorite) and he smiled." Days later, he died.

"At Ed's wake, we gave his family a donation collected from a great many good friends and from people who had spoken with him only by phone," said O'Brien. "He made people feel like he was personally taking care of their requests; he went beyond the expectations of his job to ensure they received great customer service."

Barely a month later, on Saturday, July 2, the university suffered another loss with the death of Jim Rakauskas. A Vietnam-era veteran of the U.S. Navy and Army, Rakauskas came to UMass Boston

in 1996 when he matriculated as an undergraduate student in the Veterans Upward Bound Program. A voracious reader, Rakauskas graduated with a B.A. and M.A. in American Studies and continued to take classes in German language and history while working full-time.

"Jim was a serious, life-long student who loved learning. He was a brilliant, analytical thinker, yet was also a down-to-earth, regular guy," said friend Shauna Lee Manning.

Just days later, on July 9, plumbing shop supervisor Joseph Coppola passed away unexpectedly.

Deputy Director of Facilities Administration Denise Duggan recalled, "He was a great guy. He would always help anybody if they

needed help with a job. He was very close with Rick Coppola [no relation]."

According to Duggan, the two men were fishing together with their families on a boat off the coast of Marshfield on the day Coppola suffered a massive stroke.

"It was heartbreaking for all of us," said Duggan. "The only consolation is that he was doing what he loved and he was with his family and friends, but still it's a tremendous loss."

Duggan reported that a large number of current and former Facilities staff members showed an outpouring of support at the funeral, and presented a donation to Coppola's family on behalf of his UMass Boston "family."

English Professor Launches Small Press for Writers and Readers

By Leigh DuPuy

A storied editor and award-winning author, Askold Melnyczuk is well versed in the intricacies of the publishing world. But don't look for his latest work on Amazon.com. Melnyczuk has purposely avoided the commercialism of publishing to create a small press that brings limited-edition books to an intimate circle of readers.

With the help of UMass Boston students, Melnyczuk has published eight titles under Arrowsmith Press, a venture named after the late William Arrowsmith, a renowned classics scholar, and literary and film critic. Arrowsmith specializes in pairing original works, previously unpublished as books, with critical essays by veteran and novice writers and cover designs featuring local artists.

The project began informally in April 2005 when Melnyczuk offered to help fellow writer Oksana Zabuzhko, who did not have a published work in English to share with colleagues at an International PEN Conference in New York. "I

offered to translate her short story 'Girls' and produce it as a book," said Melnyczuk. He worked with English undergraduates Erica Mena and Amber Johns to copy-edit and typeset the book and with the staff at Central Reprographics to publish 150 copies to sell and distribute.

From there, the idea blossomed into a number of chapbooks, including *Bula MatarilSmasher of Rocks* by Tom Sleight, *This Carrying Life* by Maureen McLane, *Divided Mind* by George Scialabba, and *The Jinn and Other Poems* by Amira El-Zein.

Arrowsmith publishes 150 limited regular and deluxe editions for each work. "It's book production in miniature," says Melnyczuk. The group sells copies through direct-mail marketing to a database that includes friends of the writers and about 1,000 editorial contacts that Melnyczuk has developed over the years. They also sell them at book parties, the last one held recently at Lane Duck Books in Cambridge.

Selling regular editions at



Askold Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program, has published eight titles as editor of the small press Arrowsmith. (Photo by Harry Brett)

\$10.00 a copy, Melnyczuk and Arrowsmith staff seek to spread the word about their writers and to cover production costs. Frequently, the books have led their writers to develop new works, with many drawing interest from mainstream publishers.

Arrowsmith has also excelled in pairing well-known writers with up-and-comers. Melnyczuk worked with Matiop Wal, an undergraduate UMass Boston student and former Sudanese refugee, to publish

his story "Animals and Wartime," printing it with a piece by Lawrence Ferlinghetti, famed poet and publisher of City Light Books.

A future Arrowsmith chapbook will feature work by one of America's leading dissidents Father Daniel Berrigan and will be accompanied by essays by well-known writers Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, and Fanny Howe, and essays by students. Another will feature a work by Donald Hall, a former poet laureate of New Hampshire.

Melnyczuk's students have been a central part of Arrowsmith's development. Mena, who has worked on the project since its inception, will publish her translations of a Puerto Rican poet and student Jason Vedore is an intern doing an independent study on publishing this semester. Catherine Parnell, an adjunct creative writing faculty member, will begin in the fall as executive editor.

In addition to his Arrowsmith work, Melnyczuk is teaching a graduate class on writing memoirs this fall, will see the publication of his latest work, *House of Widows*, in September '07, and is working on several writing projects.

Despite his schedule, Melnyczuk relishes his return to the world of bookmaking. "I found that I didn't miss editing," said Melnyczuk, who edited the highly regarded literary journal *AGNI* for 30 years, "but I did miss working with writers and artists on an intimate scale—it's wonderful to get behind a book that you love and then help readers discover the work."

UMass Boston Student Travels to Palestine for Human Rights Internship



Claire, a UMass Boston political science major, recently returned from a trip to the West Bank. (Photo by Chris Smith)

By Anne-Marie Kent

Claire, a UMass Boston political science major who prefers that her last name not be used in this article, found herself fascinated by the conflict in Palestine. Her interest led her to a class at UMass Boston and, this summer, a trip to the West Bank.

"As a young Jewish woman, I was taught about a place called Israel, a place for Jewish people. Missing from my education was information about Palestine, or any mention of the longest military occupation in modern history, which now exists on the West Bank," she said. "I began to look for information about Palestinians on my own, and also began attending speaking events around Boston to learn more."

These explorations led her to a UMass Boston class on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East, taught by a Palestinian

professor, and later to a local group of activists who have been sending educational delegations to the West Bank for the past four years. She applied to travel with them during the month of July. Her delegation included a weeklong tour of East Jerusalem, Hebron, Jenin, the Salfit Region, Bethlehem, and other territories.

"I met with many Palestinians who live in refugee camps and are not allowed to return home. I saw the separation wall crisscrossing through the West Bank, and attended demonstrations against the continued building of the wall," said Claire.

Staying with the International Women's Peace Service, she photographed, documented, and nonviolently intervened, when necessary, during military incursions into Palestinian villages. Her human rights reports are published on the

organization's website.

Back at UMass Boston, Claire intends to start a campus solidarity group to spread awareness about Palestine.

"The request I most frequently received from Palestinians was to share their stories and experiences in the United States," said Claire. She plans to show the footage she taped and documentaries made by Palestinians, Israelis, and Internationals about the situation in Palestine and to arrange speaking engagements for Palestinians who will be traveling through the U.S. in the next year.

While focusing on global conflicts, Claire remains faithful to local commitments. "Being a student at UMass Boston has instilled a strong sense of commitment to my surrounding community, and a strong desire to be part of the Harbor Point Community," said Claire who will, for a second year, participate in the Harbor Point Tutor/Mentor Program with professor Joan Arches, tutoring neighborhood youths at the Walter Denney Youth Center.

"My long-term goals are to contribute to awareness about the occupation in the United States, starting here in Boston, and to be part of the movement that will one day end the occupation in Palestine," says Claire.

New Book Examines Lessons from War



Sticks and Stones creators Patricia Peterson, managing editor of the New England Journal of Public Policy; Paul Wright, Boston editor for the University of Massachusetts Press; Pdraig O'Malley, editor of the New England Journal of Public Policy; and Paul L. Atwood, lecturer in American studies and research associate at the Joiner Center. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Patricia Peterson

Albert Einstein once said he did not know how World War III would be fought, but World War IV would be fought with sticks and stones. In the volume *Sticks and Stones: Living with Uncertain Wars*, a distinguished group of scholars, government officials, politicians, journalists, and statesmen examine what can be learned from the wars of the twentieth century and how that knowledge might help us as we step perilously into the twenty-first.

Following an introduction by Pdraig O'Malley, the editor-in-chief of the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies' *New England Journal of Public Policy*, from which these essays and commentaries are drawn, the book is divided into four sections: "Understanding the World as We Have Known It," "Global Uncertainties," "Whose Values? Whose Justice?,"

and "Shaping a New World."

Although each contributor comes from a different starting point, speaks with a different voice, and has a different ideological perspective, the essays reach startlingly similar conclusions. In sum, they find that the West has not absorbed the lessons from the wars of the last century and is inadequately prepared to meet the challenges that now confront us.

The volume will be published in October by the University of Massachusetts Press and contributors include J. Brian Atwood, Susan J. Atwood, John Cooley, Romeo Dallaire, Ramu Damodaran, Valerie Epps, Michael J. Glennon, Stanley Heginbotham, Robert Jackson, Winston Langley, Alfred W. McCoy, Greg Mills, Jonathan Moore, Chris Patten, Gwyn Prins, Jonathan Schell, John Shattuck, Cornelio Sommaruga, Brian Urquhart, Stephen Van Evera, and Robert Weiner.

Scenes of Summer at UMass Boston's Busy Campus

By Leigh DuPuy

Think UMass Boston was a sleepy place to be this summer? Think again. The campus was bustling under the bright sun with a bevy of campers, international students and novice sailors, Boston kids working on campus, and a delegation of Iraqis planning a future conference here.

"UMass Boston hosts many summer youth programs, but Camp Shriver's presence on campus has been a real inspiration to us all," said UMass Boston Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, of the inclusive program that offered swimming, basketball, soccer, and many other camp activities to children with and without special needs.

More than 65 kids, ages 9-12 and hailing from Brockton, Hyde Park, Dorchester, and Cambridge, spent two weeks at the one-of-a-kind Camp Shriver, held on campus for the first time this July. Campers, counselors, and staff made occasional off-campus field trips, including a private tour of Fenway Park and a harbor cruise aboard the UMass Boston research vessel *Columbia Point*. The camp included visits by U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and Special Olympics Chairman Tim Shriver and concluded with an awards presentation hosted by WBZ radio's Gil Santos on July 28.

The camp was developed and organized by director Gary N. Siperstein and his staff at the Center for Social Development and Education, who also conducted a scientific evaluation of the camp that will inform their future research on societal inclusion of people with disabilities.

The university was also host to a group of 35 young people who were working throughout campus as part of the Mayor's Summer Job Program. For the second year in a row on campus, Boston high school students worked for seven weeks gaining valuable work experience in areas throughout the university. From



Top left: Sneha Mathew, counselor Zipporah Deeble, and Fauna Jean-Louis smile together at the two-week Camp Shriver, an inclusive summer program for children with and without intellectual disabilities. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Mid-left: International students from Chukyo University took to the bay with the Division of Marine Operations sailing instructor Michael Magni and Chukyo faculty member Richard Morrison. (Photo by Jason LeBlanc)

Top right: Volunteer Liz Maxey, daughter of faculty member Dennis Maxey, helps Jessica Merisca in the pool. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Mid-right: Campers like Robert Burns swam, played, and took a special tour of Fenway Park as part of the camp's activities. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Lower right: U.S. Senator Kennedy and Tim Shriver were on hand for the Camp Shriver kickoff, held on July 17. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Bottom: A delegation of Iraqis met with UMass Boston officials during their July visit. (Photo by Harry Brett)

July 10 through August 25, the interns contributed at the Early Learning Center, the Gerontology Institute, the Division of Marine Operations, and the Healey Library.

The summer interns have also taken advantage of career services leadership development offerings and mentoring workshops created by the university.

"This is a great way to invest in tomorrow's workforce," says Denise McNair, business manager for the Department of Human Resources. "Teenagers stay busy and productive throughout the summer, while also learning the importance of staying in school and going on to college."

Boston's youth weren't the only ones learning hands-on new skills on campus. The Division of Marine Operations, in partnership with Athletics, has been teaching summer and special program students how to sail.

Twice a week, for about five or six weeks, instructors took students out on the water in Cape Cod Mercuries to give them introductory lessons and an overview of how sailing works. This year the group included international students from Chukyo University.

"It is great way to help kids build confidence in their social skills," said Jason LeBlanc, sailing program manager. "Some of

these students were really quiet, but you get them three to a boat, in a small space, and they talk more, they pick up new language skills, and learn how to do something completely new. Their smiles are unbelievable."

They join the veteran program Courageous Sailing, hosted by UMass Boston, for six weeks each summer since 2003.

"These are really teaching and learning programs," says LeBlanc. "It's a great way to expand our youth outreach."

UMass Boston also recently extended their outreach to a group of Iraqi professors, who visited campus on July 11 to discuss potential partnerships with

Iraqi universities.

Led by Deputy Minister for Scientific Affairs Beriwan M. Khailany of Iraq's Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the seven representatives from the University of Baghdad planned the 2007 conference "Rebuilding Sustainable Communities in Iraq" with College of Community and Public Service Dean Adenrele Awotona.

"It is very important for people to know what Iraq needs and how the country must be rebuilt," said Khailany. "The rehabilitation of higher education is very vital. We play a significant role in rebuilding Iraq economically and socially."

Rebuilding UMass Boston (cont.)

of the original, interior garage. Chancellor Collins and university officials are planning to dedicate \$25 million to ensure the security of the substructure and begin initial plans to build a new academic facility.

"It wasn't responsible to spend huge funds in the hopes of returning the garage to its 1970s glory," says Chancellor Collins. Instead, the university plans to devote funds to rebuilding the campus,

something long overdue, he says.

These efforts are part of a new master planning effort to guide UMass Boston in its future endeavors with academic space, transportation needs, and how the campus can be more physically linked to the local community, to name a few areas for discussion.

Officials have hired an architectural firm to draft a long-term outline of new academic facilities and parking options. "Planning for a

new academic facility is a critical step in rebuilding and revamping the UMass Boston campus," says Chancellor Collins.

Since the garage closure, parking has been a top priority for university officials. "I am happy to report that by the start of the fall semester our on-campus parking capacity will be only slightly shy, about 125 spaces, of our capacity last May," he says.

To create more parking for the

community, campus officials created six new parking lots, including a students-only designated lot in the South Lot. They also have been working with neighborhood groups, local officials, and vendors to develop additional parking options throughout the Columbia Point area.

In addition, the university has a new partnership with the carpooling initiative MassRIDES, which can help people establish a

vanpool or carpool arrangement, and installed additional bike racks throughout campus.

"Providing assistance to students, staffers, and visitors coming to campus is a top priority," says Chancellor Collins of the transitions. "Change is exciting and it will lead to a brighter future for our great campus."

For more information about the latest in campus news and activities, please visit www.umb.edu.

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

In July, **Elsa Auerbach**, professor of English, led a two-day workshop on second-language teaching strategies at the School for International Training in Brattleboro, Vermont.

On July 16, **Charles Cnudde**, professor of political science and senior fellow in the Center for Democracy and Development, received an award from Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Atlantic Council of Croatia at the international conference “Crisis Management in South East Europe.” He presented the conference’s major paper “American Policy and Crisis Management” and served as chair of three panels.

Kevin Dolan, director of enterprise computing, and **Arlene Belliveau**, senior associate registrar, presented a case study on UMass Boston’s upgrade of its degree audit system and its subsequent interface to student information systems at the Miami University of Ohio Degree Audit Reporting System Users Conference, held on June 21.

Jeff Dukes, assistant professor of biology, presented an invited talk at the workshop “Assessing Gaps and Needs for Invasive Species Management in a Changing Climate,” held in Washington, D.C., on June 6.

This summer, **James Green**, CPCS and Labor Resource Center professor, spoke at the Old Labor Hall in Barre, VT at an event sponsored by the Vermont Workers’ Center, and at Modern Times Book Store in San Francisco as part of “Labor Fest.”

Stephanie Kamath, assistant professor of English, read the paper “John Lydgate and the Curse of Genius” at the International Congress of the New Chaucer Society, held in July.

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, participated in a two-day Brookings Institute conference, “Hidden in Plain Sight: Micro-economic Measurement of the Informal Economy: Challenges and Opportunities.” Marcelli will review a new publication on the subject, to be released by the Brookings Institute.

Deborah Metzel, assistant professor in the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences (EEOS) Department, presented “The Locations of Employment Services and Unemployment People with Disabilities” at the Society for Disability Studies annual conference, held in Washington, D.C., on June 15. Alberto Giordano of Texas State University-San Marcos was coauthor.

WUMB General Manager **Patricia Monteith** was a panelist at the First Annual Media Conference, held at Media Communications Technology High School in West Roxbury on June 1. The conference was designed to present media career options to high school juniors.

Siamak Movahedi, professor and chair of sociology, presented the paper (coauthored with Miriam Riss) “The Cultural Narrative and the Individual Story” at the “Narrative Matters: The Storied Nature of Human Experience” annual meeting, held at Acadia University on May 27.

Mary Oleskiewicz, assistant professor of music, presented the paper “Rewriting the Recent Past: Icons, Anecdotes, and the Music of Eighteenth-Century Berlin” at the 12th Biennial Baroque Music Conference, held in Warsaw on July 27.

Professor **Susan Opotow** of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution presented the paper “Moral Inclusion and Post War Reconstruction” at the 11th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Justice Research, held at Humboldt University in August.

In June, **Laurel E. Radwin**, associate professor of nursing, presented “Patient Centered Care: The Patients’ Perspective” as the Robert W. Carey M.D. Endowed Lectureship at Massachusetts General Hospital. She also presented two posters with colleagues at the ONS Congress 2006 and the Academy-Health Annual Research Meeting, and attended the 2006 Health Disparities Research Methods Training Symposium and 2006 Cancer Health Disparities Summit 2006.

American studies professor **Lois Rudnick** presented a paper for the session “Modernizing Women: The Cultural Crossroads of Gender, Modern Art, and Modern Culture” at the International Conference on Arts in Society, held at the University of Edinburgh in August.

In July, **Nina M. Silverstein**, associate professor of gerontology, presented “Transportation Options for People with Dementia” as a panelist for the Administration on Aging Alzheimer’s Disease Demonstration Grants to States Teleconference. She also presented “Elderly Behind the Wheel: Emerging Issues in Driver Safety” at the Women in Government 8th Annual Eastern Regional Conference.

In June, **Judith Smith**, professor of American studies, presented a featured lecture and a teacher’s workshop on “Immigrant Families and Popular Culture” as part of the Department of Education Teaching American History Professional Development Project for high school teachers in the Fall River and New Bedford public schools.

David Terkla, economics and EEOS professor, presented findings from the recently completed study “An Assessment of the Coastal and Marine Economies of Massachusetts,” co-authored with **Lisa Bowen**, **Jack Wiggin**, **Dan Hellin**, Dan Georgianna, Rebecca Loveland, and Sasha Proshina, for the Environmental Business Council in Boston on July 13.

Paul Watanabe, director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, was a featured speaker for the Fields Corner Main Street 2006 Annual Meeting “Immigration and Entrepreneurship, The Fields Corner Experience,” held on June 14.

Vivian Zamel, professor of English, gave the plenary address and conducted a daylong workshop on teaching linguistically diverse learners across the curriculum at Central Piedmont Community College in North Carolina.

PUBLICATIONS

Jalal Alamgir, assistant professor of political science, published the article “The Challenge of Democratic Consolidation in Bangladesh” in the *Journal of Social Studies* and has been commissioned to write an article on the 2007 elections in Bangladesh for the *Journal of Democracy*.

Elsa Auerbach, professor of English, published “Aligning Socio-Cultural and Critical Approaches to Multilingual Literacy Research” in *Adult Literacy, Numeracy and Language: Policy, Practice and Research* with Open University Press.

The article “Is There Anything ‘Post-’ About Postnationalist Ireland?” by assistant professor of English **Matthew Brown** was published in *The Irish Review*.

Yung-Ping Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent’s Scholar Chair in Gerontology, presented two papers at the International Conference on Social Sciences, two briefing papers at the Hawaii Employers Council, and the paper “Financing Longevity Risks” at the 4th Congress of the European Union Geriatric Medicine Society, held in Geneva.

Robert Crossley, professor of English, published the article “H. G. Wells, Visionary Telescopes, and the ‘Matter of Mars’” in *Philological Quarterly*.

Susan DeSanto-Madeya, assistant professor of nursing, published the article “A Secondary Analysis of the Meaning of Living with Spinal Cord Injury for the Family Using Roy’s Adaptation Model” in the July issue of *Nursing Science Quarterly*.

Blind Spot, a new book of poetry by CPCS faculty member **Susan Eisenberg**, has been published by Backwaters Press. The work, which explores historical amnesias and denials, was launched at a book party on September 10 at Forsyth Chapel.

Linda Huang, assistant professor of biology, was senior author for the article “The Conserved ATPase Get3/Arr4 Modulates the Activity of Membrane-Associated Proteins in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*,” published in the journal *Genetics*. UMass Boston student **Hugh Doherty** is a co-author. The paper began as a collaboration with Harvard Medical School and the university’s partnership with Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center.

Esther Kingston-Mann, professor of history and American studies, published “The Romance of Privatization and Its Unheralded Challengers: Case Studies from England and Russia” in *The Changing Properties of Property* and “Claiming Property: The Soviet-era Private Plots as ‘Women’s Turf,’ in *Borders of Socialism: The Private Sphere during the Soviet Era*.

More Man, a new video work by **Erik Levine**, assistant professor of art, that lays bare the contradictions between adult projections, fears, and fantasies, and children’s realities in the world of youth football was published in *Aspect—The Chronicle of New Media Art*.

An article “Complexity Dynamics of Organization Emergence,” coauthored by **Benyamin Lichtenstein**, assistant professor of management, was accepted for publication by the *Journal of Business Venturing*.

Arthur MacEwan, professor and chair of economics, published “Liberalization, Migration, and Development: The Mexico-U.S. Relationship” in *Revista de Economia Mundial*.

Monica McAlpine, professor emeritus of English, has an essay titled “Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters: A Paradigm from Ecclesiastes in Gower’s ‘Apollonius of Tyre’” in *Mindful Spirit in Late Medieval Literature*, published by London: Macmillan.

Susan Moir, director of the Labor Resource Center, published the cowritten article “Noise Perimeter Zones—A New Systematic Method for Noise Exposure Reduction in Highway Construction Sites” in *Journal of Korean Society of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene*.

Joyce Peseroff, poet-in-residence and director of the Creative Writing Program, published “No More Water” and “The Hole Beside the House” in the on-line magazine *Memorious*.

Sally Bernardina Seraphin, lecturer of psychology, contributed to the book chapter “The Interaction of Hormones with Ecological Factors in Male Budongo Forest Chimpanzees” for *Primates of Western Uganda*, published by Springer-Verlag.

Michael Stone, professor of community planning and public policy, published two papers in leading journals: “What Is Housing Affordability? The Case for the Residual Income Approach” in *Housing Policy Debate* and “A Housing Affordability Standard for the UK” in *Housing Studies*. He also has a chapter, “Latino Shelter Poverty in Massachusetts,” in *Latinos in New England*, edited by former Gastón Institute director Andres Torres and published by Temple University Press.

The article “Republican Centaurs: Crises of American Legitimacy and the Naming of a Mobile Nation,” by assistant professor of English **Leonard von Morzé**, was published in *Early American Studies*.

Xuchen Wang, EEOS research associate, published two articles: “Variability in Radiocarbon Ages of Biochemical Compound Classes of High Molecular Dissolved Organic Matter in Estuaries” in *Estuarine, Coastal and Shelf Science* and “Sources and Distribution of Aliphatic and Polyaromatic Hydrocarbons in Sediments of Jiaozhou Bay, Qingdao, China” in *Marine Pollution Bulletin*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

“Perpetual Care,” an exhibit exploring chronic illness through photographs of medication bottles by CPCS faculty member **Susan Eisenberg**, is being exhibited at the West End Branch of the Boston Public Library from September 5 through 28.

A plywood sculpture by art professor **Erik Levine**, “Untitled from 1989,” was acquired by the Museum of Fine Arts Boston for their permanent collection.

Mark Pawlak, director of Academic Support Programs, read from his new poetry collection as part of the Newton Free Library Poetry Series on September 12.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

On June 8, the Labor Resource Center released the report “Sharing the Costs, Reaping the Benefits: Paid Family and Medical Leave in Massachusetts,” written by **Randy Albelda** of the Economics Department and **Alan Clayton-Matthews** of the Department of Public Policy. Albelda testified on a bill that would establish a paid family and medical leave program in Massachusetts and several media outlets, including WBUR-FM and *Time* magazine, quoted Albelda on the report.

Jim Allen, horticulturist in the Biology Department, was a judge for the Mayor’s Garden Contest on August 1.

The COPC Columbia Point Charette held a community planning meeting at the Community Center at Harbor Point to discuss plans for Mount Vernon Street. The charette was made possible by the Community Outreach Partnership Center grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, awarded to faculty members **Joan Arches** and **Robert Beattie**.

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Jeff Dukes, assistant professor of biology, received a \$422,608 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Institute for Climate Change Research to support the ongoing project “The Boston-Area Climate Experiment: A Gradient-Based Approach for Characterizing Ecosystem Responses to Warming and Precipitation.”

Robert Chen, EEOS professor, is the principal investigator on a \$150,000 UMass President’s Office Award for the project “Center for Coastal Environmental Sensing Networks.” The center will focus on the creation and testing of new environmental sensors and the development of smart sensor networks.

Susan Haussler, associate professor of nursing, served on the Council for International Exchange of Scholars Fulbright Peer Review Committee in August.

Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society in the McCormack Graduate School, received a \$30,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to develop an ethnic media student internship program and ethnic news wire. The project will launch in January, with students working for ethnic news organizations in the greater Boston area with coaching from journalism professionals. In July, the center convened local ethnic media to participate in the first ethnic “Pulitzer Prizes.”

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, received a \$6,000 grant from the Center for Community Change to write an article estimating the impact of former unauthorized Mexican immigrants on total employment and earnings outcomes in California.

Mary Oleskiewicz, assistant professor of music, has been chosen as a 2006–07 fellow at the Alexander Humboldt Foundation. This one-year fellowship will support a stay in Germany to produce a monograph on the 18th-century flutist and theorist Johann Joachim Quantz and his career at the Dresden and Berlin courts.

Wichian Rojanawon of the Gerontology Institute received a 100,000, second-year grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation to support the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Stephen W. Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, received a \$114,000 National Science Foundation grant to fund his ongoing archaeological research project in Connecticut on Native American responses to colonialism.

Nina M. Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, is the co-investigator on the grant project “Fitness to Drive in Early Stage Dementia: An Instrumented Vehicle Study,” awarded to the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute.

The Center for Democracy and Development at the McCormack Graduate School received two new grants from the U.S. Department of State. The Mock Trial Project for China, now in its fifth year, demonstrates American legal principles to Chinese judges and law students in Western China through mock trials that are presided over by Massachusetts judges and involve Chinese law students who serve as jurors. The second funded project is the “Building a Responsible, Effective Liberian Media,” an exchange program for journalists, editors, educators, and media business managers.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Stephen B. Arnason, assistant professor of physics, received a \$33,868 Spring 2006 research corporation grant for his project “Noise Spectroscopy of a Relaxing Electron Glass.”

The Boston chapter of Xi Phi was named among the top 10 percent in new member growth in Delta Sigma Pi for the 2005–2006 year. Xi Phi is a co-ed, professional fraternity, operating from the College of Management and led by Daniel Collins, organized to foster the study of business in universities.

Carroy U. Ferguson, chair of the CPCS Curriculum Council, was appointed the president of the Association for Humanistic Psychology (AHP) on July 9. Ferguson is the first African American and person of color to hold the position since the founding of AHP in 1962. AHP is an international organization with professional members in at least 18 countries and 37 states, plus the District of Columbia.

Rona Flippo of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction was named a Massachusetts Literacy Champion Award winner for 2006-2007. The awards are given by the Massachusetts Literacy Foundation in conjunction with the *Boston Herald* and “Verizon Reads.” The grant provides professional development opportunities for her students, as well as literacy information to parents, families, and daycare centers in the greater Boston area.

An article by Paul Nestor, associate professor of psychology, was cited as one of the top 50 articles downloaded in 2005 from the American Psychological Association’s *Journal of Neuropsychology*. The article “Neuropsychological Correlates of Diffusion Tensor Imaging in Schizophrenia” was downloaded 2,238 times.

Laurel E. Radwin, associate professor of nursing, was selected via competitive review to attend the Oncology Nursing Society’s first ONS Foundation Research Institute in October 2006.

EVENTS

On July 10, a group of Boston high school teens attended a workshop on media literacy, organized and taught by Ellen Hume, director of the Center on Media and Society. Students from the Trinity Education for Excellence Program joined peer leaders from GRLZ radio and Carole Remick’s Dow Jones summer newspaper internship.

IN MEMORIAM

The university was sad to learn of the deaths of several faculty and staff members since May. They include: Irving H. Bartlett, Joseph Coppola, Edward F. Gagnon, Nicholas Grigg, Richard A. Hogarty, James Rakauskas, and Daisy Tagliacozzo.

The University of Massachusetts Boston Alumni Association made a donation to The Children of Paul F. Barry Memorial Fund in honor of alumnus and State Trooper Paul F. Barry. Trooper Barry died in an automobile accident on June 15. A native of Dorchester, Trooper Barry is survived by his wife, Maryellen, and their seven children.

CORRECTION

Professor Lorna Rivera of the College of Public and Community Service received a \$4,100 public service grant from UMass Boston for her project “Using Multimedia to Promote Awareness of Women and Adult Basic Literary Education.”

IN THE NEWS

Lawrence Blum, professor of philosophy, was quoted in the July 8 *Orlando Sentinel* article “‘Know it when I see it’ approach fails with racism” and was interviewed on issues of language and racism for a radio talk show on KSRO in Santa Rosa, California, on August 2.

On August 6, “Prophets of Science Fiction,” a documentary film on Jules Verne and H. G. Wells, was broadcast on The Science Channel, featuring commentary by Wellsian authority and professor of English Robert Crossley.

James Green, CPCS-Labor Resource Center professor, was interviewed on his new book *Death in the Haymarket* for CSPAN 2’s “Book TV” following his participation in the “Printers’ Row” Book Festival, held on June 9.

American studies professor Lynnell Thomas was interviewed by WBZ-TV for a segment examining the fifth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. She compared 9/11 with other major tragedies in U.S. history, then spoke of how the country has changed and how these events impact our understanding of the catastrophe.

Joiner Center’s Annual Summer Institutes Examine Conflict Through Teaching and Writing

By Paul Atwood and T. Michael Sullivan

Teachers, writers, and activists spent a busy June on campus examining conflict and war at two annual institutes sponsored by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

For the fourteenth year, the center sponsored its annual institute for area high school teachers on war and its far-reaching effects. This year, the institute focused primarily on the war in Iraq, with comparisons to the war in Vietnam, for instructors from Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

Noted scholars led the workshops. Michael Klare, professor at Hampshire College and author of *Blood and Oil*, spoke about the over arching issue of petroleum, its role in U.S. foreign policy, and the potential for more armed conflict as competition for oil accelerates between na-

tions. Cynthia Enloe, professor at Clark University and author of *Maneuvers: The International Politics of Militarizing Women’s Lives*, discussed how U.S. militarization in the aftermath of 9/11 has negatively affected women on American military bases at home and abroad and those serving in the U.S. military. Christian Appy, professor at UMass Amherst and author of *Working Class War*, analyzed the experiences of soldiers fighting in wars on all sides and reflected on the similarities between the wars in Vietnam and Iraq.

The program was rounded off by two high school social studies teachers, John Fitzgerald and William Britton, both veterans of the Vietnam War, who shared curricular materials with their colleagues.

The Joiner Center also held its nineteenth annual Writers’ Workshop, where approximately 65 writers participated in a two-week

conference and others attended an evening reading series that featured the workshop faculty.

The workshop welcomed its first writer-in-residence and its first visual artists. Under the auspices of a recent grant for the U.S. State Department, Sam Hamill, founding editor of Copper Canyon Press and founder of Poets Against War, gave lectures on poetry, political responsibility, and Zen Buddhism. Irish artists John McHugh and Margaret Morrison, also fellows under the grant, presented on art as an alternative expression to conflict and on the legacy of the Heinrich Boll House on Achill Island off the Irish coast.

The grant was awarded to the Joiner Center to encourage and explore alternative and remedial avenues to war. Over the next three years the center will bring artists, scholars, and activists to UMass Boston to develop new interpretations of conflict and

CSP Takes a Closer Look at Homelessness and Gubernatorial Candidates

The Center for Social Policy (CSP) at the McCormack Graduate School for Policy Studies has partnered with the Citizens Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) to launch the “2006 Massachusetts Gubernatorial Candidates Website on Housing and Homelessness.” The website tracks candidates’ prepared statements on housing and homelessness, as well as statements made in the press on these issues. It

also features the full transcript from the CHAPA-led forum on these issues, held at Faneuil Hall on June 22. The site will be easily searchable by topic, candidate, or more specific information, and will be a resource for voters and advocates alike. The target launch date for the website is September 13 and represents a partnership with leading housing and homelessness organizations. See www.mccormack.umb.edu/csp.

Support the New Empower Disabled Fund

This September, you can help to support UMass Boston’s Empower Disabled Fund (EDF), a nonprofit charitable fund established to help students with disabilities become more independent and achieve their goals, and possibly win a new car.

To raise funds, EDF is holding a raffle for a new 2006 Toyota Corolla, donated by Robert Boch at the Expressway Motors in Dorchester. Tickets

are \$50 and the winning number will be announced at a drawing on September 20. The winner will be responsible for tax, title, and fees.

Want to help out? To purchase a ticket or for more information, please e-mail Sergio. Goncalves@umb.edu or Kerri. Cleghorn@umb.edu. For more information, please visit www.EmpowerDisabledFund.umb.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. 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 October calendar listings by **Thursday, September 14** to umb.edu/news/calendar/.

Monday 4

Labor Day
University closed.

Tuesday 5

Classes begin.

Let's Get It Started 2006
8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Campus Center. Opening activities, including information stations (campus-wide), free food, music; JAM'N 94.5 Campus Invasion Tour, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Treasure Hunters, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; and *Taste of Boston* Welcome Reception, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

Tuesday Harbor Cruise
12:00 – 1:15 p.m., Tuesdays through September 26. Cruises depart from the Fox Point Dock, located between Wheatley and McCormack Halls. Tickets given on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations required. Sponsored by the Division of Marine Operations. Contact: 7-5404 or opctr@umb.edu.

Yoga for All
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room, 1st fl., Kripalu yoga class open to all. Mats will be provided. Students: free. Faculty and staff: \$5.00. Sponsored by University Health Services. Also on Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. Contact: 7-5680 or linda.jorgensen@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Nazarene College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Wednesday 6

Let's Get It Started 2006
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., campus-wide. Opening activities, including information stations; free food; Get the Scoop!; Boston Bike Tours, beginning 12:30 p.m.; and more. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

Labor Studies Open House
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Join faculty, staff, alumni, and students to learn more about labor studies. Contact: 7-7426 or laborresource-center@umb.edu.

Eco-tours of UMass Boston
3:00 – 3:40 p.m., Campus Center, off catwalk, 2nd fl. Learn more about UMass Boston's eco-friendly practices. RSVP to 7-5083 or umbe.green@umb.edu.

Thursday 7

Let's Get It Started 2006
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., campus-wide. Opening activities, including information stations; free food; student employment showcase, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; free sail with the sailing program, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.; Graduate Student Welcome Reception, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; comedy night and hip-hop after party, 7:00 – 12:00 p.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

Mindfulness Meditation Group
2:30 – 3:00 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. Join the mindfulness meditation group sponsored by University Health Services. No prior experience with meditation is required. Contact: 7-5624 or lauren.mayhew@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Soccer vs. St. Joseph College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Tennis vs. Regis College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Friday 8

Let's Get It Started 2006
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., campus-wide. Opening activities including information stations; Good Neighbor Day, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Beacons on the Plaza, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Beacon Fitness Open House, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; UMass Boston Night at the Museum of Science, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

Gerontology Department Dissertation Defense: Social Predictors of Driving Cessation Among Older Adults: Understanding the Driving Continuum
1:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Rm. 125, 3rd fl. Featuring Jenai Murtha, PhD candidate in gerontology. Contact: 7-7302.

Saturday 9

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Soccer vs. Fitchburg State College
11:00 a.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Soccer vs. Newbury College
2:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Sunday 10

Komen Boston Race for the Cure®
9:00 a.m., UMass Boston. 5k (3.1 mile) co-ed run/fitness walk. More than 6,000 walkers and runners expected to participate. Contact: (617) 737- 5121 or kfinn@komen-mass.org.

Monday 11

Let's Get It Started 2006
Campus Center. Opening activities, including September 11 Memorial 8:30 a.m., Campus Center, Alumni Rm.; student organizations and activities fair, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.; Global Village Welcome Reception for International Students, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. See posters for full schedule or contact: 7-6020.

Tuesday 12

Add/Drop ends.

Let's Get It Started 2006
8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., campus-wide. Opening activities, including Boston Trolley Tours, beginning 11:30 a.m.; Stress Busters 101, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.; free food, McCormack Hall, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.; Harbor Art Gallery Opening Reception, 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Soccer vs. Suffolk University
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Volleyball vs. Suffolk University
6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Wednesday 13

Undergraduate Student Senate Meeting
2:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Featuring Patrick Day, vice chancellor for student affairs, Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, and discussions of 2006-2007 priorities.

Thursday 14

Convocation Breakfast
8:00 a.m., Campus Center, University Terrace, 1st fl.

The Chancellor's Convocation Address
9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Campus Center, Ballroom. Chancellor Collins welcomes the UMass Boston community and speaks about the upcoming academic year.

The Honorable Margaret Marshall, Guest Speaker
10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Campus Center, Ballroom. To mark Constitution Day 2006, the chief justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court offers a speech titled "To 'Be Educated and Instructed in the Principles of Freedom.'"

Barbecue for Students
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Campus Center Lawn. Hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. Collins and their university colleagues.

Fest-of-Us
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Campus Center Lawn. Music, entertainment, food, and fun of all kinds. Big raffle for prizes—two \$500 UMass Boston bookstore gift certificates—plus many more, including Red Sox tickets and an iPod.

www.umb.edu/convocation.

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Volleyball vs. Wentworth Institute of Technology
6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Saturday 16

2006 Boston Folk Festival
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., outdoor and indoor stages featuring Eileen Ivers & Immigrant Soul, Richie Havens, Jennifer Kimball, and more. For complete schedule and ticket information, visit www.bostonfolkfestival.org. Contact: 7-6911 or folkest.umb.org.

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Soccer vs. Plymouth State
1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Sunday 17

2006 Boston Folk Festival
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., outdoor and indoor stages featuring performers Bruce Cockburn, Jesse Winchester, The Kennedys, and more. For complete schedule and ticket information, visit www.bostonfolkfestival.org. Contact: 7-6911 or folkest.umb.org.

Tuesday 19

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Tennis vs. UMass Dartmouth
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Thursday 21

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Soccer vs. Worcester State College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Saturday 23

UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Soccer vs. Rhode Island College
1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Tennis vs. Bridgewater State College
1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Sunday 24

Shaun O'Connell Lecture and Reception
2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Lounge, 2nd fl. Featuring Thadious M. Davis of University of Pennsylvania presenting "Langston Hughes, Gender Ventriloquy and Political Embodiment." Sponsored by English Department. Contact: 7-6702 or janet.mickevich@umb.edu.

Monday 25

Diversity Luncheon Series
12:30 – 1:45 p.m., Campus Center, Rm. 3540, 3rd fl. Workshop luncheon sponsored by the Department of Counseling and School Psychology. Contact: 7-5690.

Trotter Institute: Boston Meets Katrina Anniversary Symposium
McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Panel of experts and scholars ask what have we learned, what do we do now, has history repeated itself? See <http://media.umb.edu/risingtide/>. Contact: 7-5880.

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UMass Boston Athletics: Men's Soccer vs. Salem State College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Wednesday 27

UMass Boston Athletics: Women's Volleyball vs. Western New England College
6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Miscellaneous

Annual Paul Gagnon Prize
The National Council for History Education (NCHE) has established the prize to recognize history teacher-scholars. A gift can be sent to NCHE, 26915 Westwood Road, Suite B-2, Westlake, OH, 44145-4657 or by calling (440) 835-1776.

Beacon Fitness Center
Contact: 7-6786 or athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Campus Ministry
Offerings include interfaith Bible study, gospel choir club rehearsals, Catholic mass, Christian ecumenical worship, justice coalition workshops, etc. Contact: 7-5839 or www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry.

Empower Disabled Fund (EDF) Car Raffle
Support UMass Boston's Empower Disabled Fund, a nonprofit charitable fund to help students with disabilities become more independent and achieve their goals. EDF is holding a raffle in support of the fund for a new Toyota Corolla, donated by Robert Boch, Expressway Motors, Dorchester. Tickets are \$50. The winner will be announced on September 20. Contact: kerri.cleghorn@umb.edu, sergio.goncalves@umb.edu or www.empowerdisabledfund.umb.edu.

Patience of Nantucket
September 6 – 24, Black Box Theatre, Boston Center for the Arts, 534 Tremont Street, Boston. Play by Robert Johnson, Jr., of African Studies and directed by Akiba Abaka. Contact: 617-427-9417.

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.