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Top UMass Boston Scientist Leads Research Project in Human Genomics

By Peter Grennen

Rick Jensen has a decidedly micro view of the material world. The Alton Brann Distinguished Professor of Physics, Biology, and Mathematics, Jensen has devoted much of his lifework to uncovering nature's hidden designs, having cut his researcher's teeth on applications of chaos theory before turning to biotechnology and functional genomics—the measurement of activity levels and expression patterns of genes. He seeks to distinguish organisms and their constituent biological systems by considering not only their outward appearance but the very essence of their genetic identity.

Quantity and quality in this phase of the human genome

project don't always go hand in hand. Investigators have identified many new genes within previously unknown DNA sequences, but now they are now tasked with organizing that information in ways that will explain, among other things, how genes contribute to cell and organ differentiation. The potential for error is great—but so is the potential payoff for both researchers and commercial interests, and the will to obtain reliable data is strong in both arenas.

Thus the Microarray Quality Control (MAQC) Project, a U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) initiative that has brought together scientists, regulatory bodies, and technology manufac-



Rick Jensen, the Alton Brann Distinguished Professor of Physics, Biology, and Mathematics and the director of the Center for Environmental Health, Science, and Technology, serves as lead academic collaborator for the Microarray Quality Control Project, a U.S. Food and Drug Administration initiative that has brought together scientists, regulatory bodies, and technology manufacturers to evaluate and, where possible, improve the means by which genomic information is acquired. (Photo by Harry Brett)

turers to evaluate and, where possible, improve the means by which genomic information is acquired. The final MAQC workshop, hosted by the UMass Boston Physics Department and the Biotechnology Center, took place in early February and attracted more than fifty participants.

Jensen describes the contours of the MAQC project—for which he is the lead academic collaborator—by delimiting two terms of art: “*Genetics* refers to what you're born with—your DNA, which is the same in every cell in your body,” he says. “Coded in that DNA are genes that provide instructions for proteins, which are the building blocks of the cell.” The much younger field of

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U.S. Senator Barack Obama to Address 2006 Commencement

By Ed Hayward

U.S. Senator Barack Obama will deliver the keynote address and receive an honorary doctor of laws degree at the University of Massachusetts Boston's 38th commencement ceremony, to be held on Friday, June 2.

“With over half of its undergraduates representing first-generation college students, UMass Boston is leading the way in giving young Americans a chance to compete in the 21st century global economy by providing them with a quality education in a diverse setting,” Senator Obama said. “I am honored to have the opportunity to speak at



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this remarkable institution and to visit a city that I love.”

Senator Obama (D-Illinois), who was elected to the U.S. Senate in 2004, will be joined by fellow honorary-degree recipients Marvalene Hughes, president of Dillard University in New Orleans; Thomas W. Payzant, superintendent of Boston Public Schools; and Sylvia Poggioli, senior European correspondent at National Public Radio.

“Senator Obama's tireless work as a civil rights attorney and his diligent legislative efforts on behalf of veterans, children, working families, and the environment resonate deeply

with our campus,” said Michael F. Collins, MD. “He will be addressing New England's most diverse public university, with a faculty and student body who share his commitment to public service and America's future.”

Dedicated to building stronger communities, Senator Obama has been a powerful advocate as a community organizer, civil rights attorney, and leader in the Illinois state senate, where he served for seven years. Senator Obama now serves on the important Environment and Public Works Committee and the Veterans' Affairs Committee. He and his wife, Michelle, and their two children live

on Chicago's South Side.

“In addition to Senator Obama, the Class of 2006 will be joined by honorary-degree recipients who have dedicated their lives to leading urban public schools, delivering the promise of higher education, and getting the story right no matter how dangerous the journalistic assignment,” Chancellor Collins said. “It is fitting that our new graduates, who have demonstrated such passion and dedication pursuing their academic degrees, will be joined by leaders who share those same senses of commitment and sacrifice.”

Dillard University president

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Hoopsters Win First-Ever Little East Conference Championship

By Anne-Marie Kent

February 25, 2006, is a day that will go down in UMass Boston Athletics history.

On that day, men's basketball sophomore guard Amigo Paniagua scored 19 points as the number-two-seeded UMass Boston Beacons upset number-one-seed Keene State College, 81-67, to win its first-ever Little East Conference Championship. The Beacons improved to 18-10 overall, and by virtue of winning the LEC title, have earned an automatic NCAA Tournament berth, its first since 1983. They play a first-round NCAA Tournament game on March 3 against SUNY Cortland in upstate New York.

"This is a terrific time for the Beacons and Coach Charlie Titus. They have worked tremendously hard to reach this level," said Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. "It's also a great opportunity for members of the UMass Boston community to come to-



The fierce men's basketball contest between UMass Boston and Keene State College on February 4 (seen here) was reprised on Saturday, February 25, when the Beacons won the Little East Conference Championship, outscoring Keene State 81-67. (Photo by Harry Brett)

gether and cheer for the Beacons during March Madness."

Plans were made for a pep rally on March 1 for the men's team and for the women's hockey team as it competes in the ECAC Championship, and on February 4, there was an historic show of team spirit as the men's and women's basketball teams faced off in the Clark Athletic Center

with their Keene State College counterparts at the start of the race for the Little East Championship.

That day, the stands were filled not only with families and friends of players, but also with faculty, staff, and administrators of UMass Boston, along with young people from Harbor Point, the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys and

Girls Club, the Walter Denney Club, and the Dorchester YMCA, who were special guests of the university.

At times, the cheers for the Beacons were deafening, as university administrators and community youth alike stomped, waved, and shouted the Beacons to victory.

"In my 30 years here I have not seen a sports atmosphere like the one that was created at Saturday's basketball game," said Charlie Titus, vice chancellor for athletics and recreation, special projects and programs, who also coaches the men's basketball team.

Amid balloons and banners, employees and students from Athletics greeted fans at the door with free t-shirts and chances to win cash prizes, semester parking passes, and a pair of Celtics tickets. Free popcorn was available for the first 250 guests and free parking for the first 100 guests. During game breaks, children from the crowd came down to the

court to learn dance moves from the team mascot, the UMass Boston Beacon, and take part in relay races.

Although the UMass Boston women's team lost in the first contest, the men's team beat Keene State after a fast-paced tug-of-war. UMass Boston sophomore guard Amigo Paniagua made a lay-up with five seconds remaining in the game, and junior swingman Tony Barros of Dorchester netted a game-high 26 points to lead the UMass Boston men's basketball team over Keene State College, 90 to 88.

"So far, this is a very special season for a group of very special student-athletes. We are so happy that the university community is enjoying the success of its basketball team. On behalf of the Athletics staff and the student-athletes, I thank Chancellor Collins and the campus community for the tremendous support," said Titus.

2006 Quinn Recipient Honored for Anti-Domestic Violence Work

By Ed Hayward

Roslindale resident Maggie DeJesus, a family advocate who is part of the anti-domestic violence programs at the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center, has been selected to receive the Robert H. Quinn Award for community service at the annual Community Breakfast in the Campus Center on March 14.

DeJesus will be joined by two other honorees, who will receive special awards from Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, for their work supporting community-based institutions in Boston. Dorchester native Kevin Chapman, now a successful actor, and Dorchester businessman Lee M. Kennedy will receive special recognition at the Quinn breakfast.

DeJesus, who was raised in a household marred by domestic violence, turned her painful personal lessons into sensitive support and meaningful training for Dorchester and South Boston families trying to rid their homes

of domestic violence. Most recently, she has focused on the effect of domestic violence on teen relationships.

"We tend to forget that domestic violence happens at all ages and teens are sometimes vulnerable to peer pressure to stay involved with a boyfriend who is physically abusive or extremely controlling," DeJesus said. "Being able to educate teens about what is a healthy relationship is my passion."

DeJesus, who joined the Geiger Gibson staff last year, previously served as a volunteer, hotline advocate, and emergency shelter coordinator at Casa Myrna Vasquez, Inc. DeJesus can be seen on the street, posting fliers announcing services, but also works behind the scenes to secure food, shelter, and emergency support for families. She also assists with fund-raising efforts, training, and advocacy.

The Quinn Award, which recognizes individuals whose outstanding contributions have sig-



Maggie DeJesus, a family advocate at the Geiger Gibson Community Health Center, will receive the Robert H. Quinn Award in recognition of her community service at the annual Community Breakfast, to be held on March 14. (Photo by Harry Brett)

nificantly improved the quality of life in the greater Boston area, was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, who served the Commonwealth as speaker of the House of Representatives, attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

"Maggie DeJesus through her own example and her dedicated service has inspired hundreds of

families to take the necessary steps to escape and prevent domestic violence," Chancellor Collins said. "She embodies the spirit of the Quinn Award and its namesake, and we're honored to recognize her superb work."

Chancellor Collins will present awards for Longstanding Community Commitment and Service to Chapman and Kennedy. Chapman

grew up in Dorchester and now lives in Los Angeles, where he is a professional actor. He is currently working on the film *Flags for Our Fathers*, with Clint Eastwood, and the Showtime series *The Brotherhood*.

Chapman remains close to his neighborhood and friends and is actively involved with several community groups, in particular the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club, the Paul R. McLaughlin Youth Center, and the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc.

Kennedy founded the Dorchester-based Lee Kennedy Co. construction firm, among numerous other enterprises. He is being honored for his extensive work in support of community organizations in Dorchester and South Boston.

In particular, Kennedy serves as a director at the Colonel Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club, Franciscan Children's Hospital, and the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund. He is an advisor to the city's Back Streets Program.

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Center Research Uncovers Strong Consumer Support for Businesses That Hire Employees with Disabilities

By Kari Russ

American consumers are responding positively to companies they consider socially responsible, and increasingly count those that hire disabled workers among that group, according to a national public survey led by the Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE). The study, done in collaboration with the Center for Survey Research and the America's Strength Foundation (ASF), is one of the first to examine the attitudes of consumers toward companies that hire people with disabilities.

"The uniqueness of this research is its focus on the consumer," said Gary Siperstein, CSDE director and lead author of the study. "In looking at the past work on employers, we found that many companies brand themselves as socially responsible because of their support of the environment, workers' rights, and products 'made in the USA,' but they don't talk about their policies on hiring people with disabilities."



Study collaborators: Amanda Mohler, 2005 graduate and coauthor; Gary Siperstein, CSDE director and lead author; Center for Survey Research's Carol Cosenza, who provided research assistance, along with Tony Roman (not pictured). (Photo by Harry Brett)

Hoping to change this, CSDE joined forces with ASF, the Gallup Organization, and Carol Cosenza and Tony Roman at the Center for Survey Research. "We wanted to explore whether there was an expanded idea of corporate responsibility and whether 'diversity' in the workplace should include not only skin color, gender, and age, but also people with disabilities," said Cosenza.

Their study, "A National Survey of Consumer Attitudes Toward Companies That Hire People with Disabilities," reports an overwhelmingly positive attitude among consumers toward socially responsible companies, and, in particular, toward those that hire individuals with disabilities. Specifically, 92 percent of consumers surveyed felt more favorable toward companies that

hire individuals with disabilities and 87 percent said they would prefer to give their business to such companies.

Among those surveyed, hiring people with disabilities ranked third behind offering health insurance to all employees and protecting the environment as an indicator of a company's commitment to social justice.

The survey included 803 adults who were randomly selected across the continental U.S. Most respondents drew upon personal experience in their answers—75 percent reported that they had either worked directly with someone with a disability and/or received services as a customer from a person with a disability. Ninety-one percent of those with a disabled coworker said that the job performance of his or her coworker was "very good" or "good." Ninety-eight percent of those who had been served by a disabled worker were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with the services they received.

The study, which began in the summer of 2004, has received much attention since it was published in January's *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*.

"We were really motivated to do it because of the timeliness of the issues and the support we received," said Amanda Mohler, a 2005 graduate of UMass Boston who was a coauthor on the study.

CSDE plans to help create a national awareness campaign about their findings. Working in partnership with ASF and Virginia Commonwealth University with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Rehabilitation Services Administration, the center will produce a film that highlights companies that make it part of their mission to hire people with disabilities.

"Companies who respond to these findings will not only help individuals with disabilities lead more fulfilling and productive lives through employment, they will also improve the company's brand image," says Siperstein.

Spring Picnic Tops Inauguration Week

By Anne-Marie Kent

How do you plan a "thank you" celebration for hundreds of people? Ask them what they want.

That's the approach the organizing committee took when planning the 2006 Campus Spring Picnic.

Clare Poirier, along with fellow committee chair Anne Riley, compiled the 400 or so responses to the university-wide survey they received last month. "People from across the university were really helpful getting the surveys in and sharing their

ideas," said Riley. The organizers surveyed the university community in order to plan an event that reflected the interests of those attending. "This is really a celebration for the university," said Poirier.

"Maryellen and I hope that many faculty and staff and their families will take this opportunity to join us for what promises to be a day of fun here on our campus," said Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD. "We look forward to thanking everyone personally for all the

hard work that they do to make this university great."

Activities include a barbecue, a boat tour, miniature golf, a basketball shoot-off, and softball games. "The softball games will pit department against department," explained Poirier, who added that the Human Resources Department would organize the teams.

For kids, there will be a magic show starring a UMass Boston student magician, temporary tattoos, face painting, a moon bounce, a

fire-safety exhibit, and an interactive event called "Fun with Science Projects," organized by UMass Boston science departments.

"Dance Heads" videos, purportedly "the latest rage, beyond karaoke," are among the activities lined up for the Campus Spring Picnic for faculty and staff and their families, which will be held on campus from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

This "high tech" gimmick allows a video image of your head

to be superimposed onto the video projection of a dancing body (which you select from a range of professional dancers showing off their freshest moves) and presto: "you" appear onscreen, "singing" (lip-synching) and dancing to perennial favorites such as "I Will Survive" and "Achy Breaky Heart."

Please watch the April *University Reporter* for news about the academic symposia and other inauguration-week details.

Watershed Integrated Science Partnership Receives \$2 Million

By Ed Hayward

The National Science Foundation has awarded a \$2 million grant to extend the Watershed Integrated Science Partnership between UMass Boston and three local school districts, according to Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences professor Robert Chen, the grant's principal investigator.

The partnership, known as WISP, uses the nearby Neponset River Watershed to train teachers and educate middle school students about the state's science curriculum. During the first three years of the \$1.5 million NSF-funded project, WISP placed UMass Boston graduate students in middle school science classrooms in Boston, Dedham, and



Robert Chen, professor in the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department, is the principal investigator for the Watershed Integrated Science Partnership. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Milton.

WISP is part of NSF's effort to integrate the work of university faculty and graduate students with primary and secondary school classrooms—a push known by the acronym GK-12. Chen said the second phase of the grant will allow the five-year program to expand its reach.

"The broader impacts include a strong partnership between UMass Boston and three local school districts, increased interest in science and environmental awareness among parents, teachers, and the public, and improvements in undergraduate and graduate teaching at UMass Boston," said Chen, who will be joined in his work by UMass Boston professors Adan Colon-

Carmona, Marilyn Decker, Arthur Eisenkraft, and Hannah Sevan, and Boston Public Schools science director Marilyn Decker.

The collaboration also makes use of campus resources, including the Center of Science and Mathematics In Context (COSMIC), partnerships with local businesses through the Environmental Business Council and the College of Science and Mathematics Scientific Advisory Board, and the Graduate College of Education's proposed Master of Science Education program.

Under the project, eight graduate students (WISP Fellows) will be teamed with eight middle school science teachers to support science teaching. For fellows, the experience strengthens their teach-

ing skills and develops them for potential careers as classroom teachers and scientists.

In the second stage of the project, teachers and graduate students will have the advantage of working off a science curriculum designed and tested during the first phase of WISP, Chen said. He said the proven effectiveness of the curriculum will allow it to be used by other middle schools looking for new ways to enrich their science teaching.

"We've got a high-quality research-based curriculum in place, so at this stage, we are building on concrete examples and specific experiences for students that make teaching better and show students the relevance between good science and each of our lives," Chen said.

Trotter Institute Celebrates 21 Years with Speaker Series and Films

By Lisa Gentes

This year, UMass Boston is celebrating the Trotter Institute's 21st anniversary. The William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black History and Culture, which focuses on black history and culture, was founded in 1984 at the university.

"This is the first one that we're doing, and we're doing it because it is 21," said Barbara Lewis, director of the Trotter Institute. "We feel like we have become mature."

Having existed for over two decades is momentous, she said. "[It signals] that we have survived and that we have grown and are looking very much forward to a great future," Lewis said.

In February, the institute kicked off the Tuesdays at the Trotter series. The speaker series will run throughout the spring semester, with the April series commemorating the institute's 21st anniversary. William Monroe Trotter, the



The Trotter Institute staff (left to right): Nancy Dodson, Elizabeth Tinkorang, Eva Hendricks, Yvonne Gomes-Santos, and director Barbara Lewis. Staffer Russell Larkin is not pictured. (Photo by Harry Brett)

newspaper editor, publisher, activist, and the institute's namesake, was born in April, Lewis said.

Tuesdays at the Trotter includes talks by scholars, artists, academics, professors, and community members, held throughout March, April, and May.

The lineup includes a Tufts University professor who has written

about blacks in Boston; a mystery writer and activist; a scholar from New York University; and an author who completed a manuscript on William Monroe Trotter. In May, a dance scholar and author will speak. The talks are open to all.

Lewis said Tuesdays at the Trotter was new for the institute and

she hopes to continue the series.

The Trotter has also sponsored the Second Channel Festival, an on-campus film festival, in February and March.

"The film series we did to celebrate Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Poetry Month in March, and to open up the possibility of using monitors on campus to help generate community," Lewis said.

She said the sense of community is oftentimes lacking at UMass Boston. "One thing [that is] not in as great supply as it could be, is a sense of community, with all of us connected," she said. "If we had one more thing in common, to share and link us, it would be a great thing," she said.

The Trotter aims to continue using the campus monitors and televisions, including on the Campus Center's new plasma TVs, to show the short films.

"We are hoping we could con-

tinue it, if the campus thinks it is a great idea, and make it a regular part of the semester," Lewis said. The film series can enhance students' and professors' studies and help the campus reach out to the community, she said.

The film series began February 1 and will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in March from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Campus monitors and televisions will display short videos, documentaries, and films.

The displays include: *The Black Press*, directed by Stanley Nelson, *The Human Stain*, directed by Robert Benton, *Stormy Weather*, directed by Andrew Stone, and *Stir Crazy*, directed by Sidney Poitier in February; and *The Contender*, directed by Rod Lurie, *The Way Home*, directed by Lee-Jeong-Hyang, *Osama*, directed by Siddiq Barmak, and *Coal Black Voices*, directed by Lani Guinier, in March.

Workforce Development Experts Visit the College of Management



Ray Uhalde, director of workforce development programs at the National Center on Education and the Economy, speaks to an MBA class on the challenges of workforce development. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By William Koehler

On February 8, Tim Barnicle, College of Management visiting professor, and Ray Uhalde, director of workforce development pro-

grams at the National Center on Education and the Economy, spoke about the challenges of workforce development in a glo-

balizing world economy to an engaged audience of graduate students, faculty, and researchers from the College of Management, McCormack School of Policy Studies, and the Institute for Community Inclusion.

Barnicle, former assistant secretary of labor and Uhalde's predecessor at the National Center on Education and the Economy, provided an overview of his and Uhalde's work over the past two decades on educational standards. He spoke of the changing nature of the global employment landscape and highlighted the advances made in educational attainment and smoothing people's transition from school to the workplace.

Uhalde focused on more recent developments, especially the increasingly competitive world economy and the addition of workforces in India, China, and the former Communist nations of Eastern Europe and Central Asia to the global labor pool. He highlighted the challenges facing the U.S. economy and educational institutions in the twenty-first century, including the impact of technological advances throughout the developing world that continue to shift manufacturing jobs and knowledge work to China and India.

The American response, Uhalde maintained, must lie in continuing to move further up the "value chain," adding worth through in-

novation, research, and tailor-made products and services. He argues that our focus must be on continued gains in access to and improvement in education at all levels, particularly for those at the lower end of the socioeconomic spectrum.

At the same time, he cautioned that the U.S. must recognize both its changing role in the world economy and the significant benefits accruing from globalization, as standards of living in many parts of the developing world, especially Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America, rise more rapidly than those in the richest economies and come into line with those of the developed nations.

Genomics (cont.)

genomics is concerned with the small fraction of an organism's genes that are both active, or "expressed," and subject to external influences. Says Jensen: "An interplay between nature and nurture—between genetics and environment—determines the level of gene activity, and genomics is about measuring that level in health and disease."

Which is to say that genomics is about microarrays. A microarray is a glass slide containing many genes arranged in a regular pattern; it can be used to study the expression of hundreds of thousands of genes at once—whether these genes are from a single source or from a variety of cell or tissue samples.

As researchers become more skilled with microarrays, they will be better able to determine the function of particular genes and detect new patterns of coordinated gene expression, including those that result in disease or unwanted drug reactions.

This helps explain the FDA's ongoing quest for microarrays that avoid procedural failures and allow for better data analysis. "Microarrays represent a core technology in pharmacogenomics and toxicogenomics," says an FDA website précis. "The MAQC project will help improve the microarray technology and foster its proper applications in discovery, development, and review of FDA-regulated products."

Researchers hope to one day be able to tailor medical experimentation, including that done by the FDA, to specific genetic profiles. It is thought that personalized disease treatments featuring "designer medicines" won't be far behind. "Using technologies being evaluated by the FDA," says Jensen, "we can have the ability to determine what combination of genetic and environmental factors might make someone susceptible to a bad reaction to, say, Vioxx."

Predicting an individual's medical susceptibilities and fashioning a disease-specific treatment regimen: It's but one example of what is possible when the subcellular basis of the visible physical world is laid bare.

Writing Guru Offers Advice to Dissertation Hopefuls



Joan Bolker, author of Writing Your Dissertation in Fifteen Minutes a Day: A Guide to Starting, Revising, and Finishing Your Doctoral Thesis, lent invaluable insight to graduate students looking to complete dissertations, tackle writer's block, and learn to enjoy the writing process at a February 7 Graduate Student Assembly event. A clinical psychologist who counsels writers, Bolker offered practical steps on setting reasonable goals every day. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Historian Publishes New Book on the First Labor Movement and the Haymarket Riot

By Leigh DuPuy

A bomb is thrown into a crowd of protesters and policemen: This act of terror forever changes the lives of city workers, immigrants, the labor movement, and the nation. What led up to this May 1886 event and the chaos and injustice that followed is the subject of James Green's latest book, *Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement and the Bombing That Divided Gilded-Age America*.

"I really wanted to write about what events led to that destructive act of violence," says Green, a public historian and labor scholar who founded the Labor Studies Program at the College of Public and Community Service in 1981.

And so he set out to write a suspenseful narrative that would give readers a context for understanding the conflict. "I wanted to paint a vivid picture of Gilded Age Chicago, a wonder of the world, an industrial dynamo, and a city with a history of violence that began long before the tragic Haymarket bombing," he says.

The book follows escalating



James Green, labor historian and scholar at the College of Public and Community Service, explores the first labor movement in his latest book, *Death in the Haymarket: A Story of Chicago, the First Labor Movement and the Bombing That Divided Gilded-Age America*. (Photo by Harry Brett)

city tensions as labor unions organize a strike for an eight-hour workday. On May 3, two workers on assembly are killed by the police. On May 4, a subsequent rally in Haymarket Square erupts into more violence; eleven policemen and organizers are killed and injured by an explosion and subsequent gunfire. Rally organizers, who were mostly German immigrants, are tried and convicted for inciting the incident and put to

death. It is viewed by many historians as America's first red scare, and the mass hysteria it inspired resulted in a major setback for the labor movement.

"Workers and policeman died in this fight for the eight-hour day, something we take for granted," Green says, "without remembering the great sacrifices people made."

Part of the story's timeliness lies with an evergreen labor concern:

the struggles of the lowest-paid workers, many of whom are immigrants. Green's book centers on the unjust treatment of the foreign born at an earlier time in our history. "It's a cautionary tale that centers on the suspicions of foreigners," he says. "This fear is very destructive—it can lead to a destruction of civil liberties for everyone."

In many ways, Green's time in the classroom gave him plenty of dress rehearsals to recount this moment in history. "I've been telling this story and others like it to my students for years, and this experience really influenced how I wrote the book," says Green, who teaches history and labor studies. "I've seen what grabs people's emotions, their imaginations, their concerns. I'm a much better writer having taught these stories and told them in public venues."

This is Green's sixth book, and, it was, he notes, a "labor of love." "I grew up around Chicago reading Theodore Dreiser, Carl Sandburg, Upton Sinclair, Studs Terkel, and the other great tellers of the city's story; so the chance

to make my own contribution to that genre was exciting," he says.

The book will be published on March 7 by Pantheon Books, a division of Random House and has been or is slated for review by the *New York Times*, the *Boston Globe*, and the *Atlantic Monthly*. In addition to his teaching schedule, Green is embarking on a two-month book tour, with stops in Boston, Washington, D.C., New York, and Chicago.

He is especially excited about a reading and signing on April 12 at UMass Boston, open to the university community. He and the Labor Resource Center have invited colleagues in the labor community, as well as alumni of the Labor Studies degree, which Green started in 1981; graduates of the Harvard Trade Union Program, where he lectured since 1987; the University Honors Program, and the master's programs in history, and American studies. The event will be held at the alumni room of the Campus Center from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

For more information on the book and Green's scholarship, visit JamesGreenWorks.com.

Campus Groups Host Same-Sex Marriage Symposium at UMass Boston

By Lisa Gentes

Nearly 150 students, faculty, and community members gathered at UMass Boston last month for a symposium on same-sex marriage. Two lectures and a roundtable discussion focused on same-sex marriage in terms of gay and lesbian civil rights, history, politics, activism, and religion.

"This was an unprecedented event," said David Areford, assistant professor of art history and chairman of the UMass Boston Sexuality Studies Group. The group, an ad hoc committee of faculty from across the university, is interested in the study of gender and sexuality.

The UMass Boston Sexuality Studies Group and the Queer Student Center, under the direction of Brandon Gorham, organized the symposium. Several groups provided funding for the event, including the American Studies Department, American Studies Graduate Student Roundtable, Art Department, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, Classics Club,

College of Liberal Arts, College of Public and Community Service, Graduate Student Assembly, Hispanic Studies Department, History Department, Philosophy Department, Student Arts Council, Women's Studies Program, and the Student Senate.

Areford, along with other faculty, felt it was "important for UMass Boston to lead in the discussion of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender [LGBT] issues," he said. "We are the premier public university in the city, and we need to serve the needs and interests of the LGBT community."

"The symposium allowed the audience to interact with some of the key figures involved in the historic events that are shaping the fight for gay and lesbian civil rights," he said. "These are the people that future generations will read about in history books."

The four-hour-long event, held at the Campus Center Ballroom, included George Chauncey, a University of Chicago professor and author; E.J. Graff, a scholar, journalist, and author; Jeffrey Sanchez, a Massachusetts state representative; Gary Buseck, legal

director of Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders; Denise Simmons, a Cambridge city councilor; and David Wilson and Rob Compton, one of the plaintiff couples in the *Goodridge vs. Department of Public Health* case.

"In the end, [the symposium] was a very rich examination of gay and lesbian rights ... in terms of history, politics, activism, religion, and personal experience," Areford said.

Those who attended the symposium provided positive feedback. Areford said that many students and faculty were moved by the lectures and discussion.

"There was a need to pause and reflect on what has happened in the state," Areford said, citing the reasons of part of the reason for the event. "Also, there is a growing interest at UMass Boston in creating a multidisciplinary program in lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender studies." Areford said he hopes the symposium will encourage further discussions among administrators and faculty about the development of such a program at the university.

2006 Commencement (cont.)

Marvalene Hughes has made it her mission to abide by the university's motto of *ex fide, fortis*—"from faith, courage"—in the wake of the severe damage the New Orleans campus suffered during Hurricane Katrina. Along with the structural damage sustained by the university, the challenge still remains, for this president in her first year, to re-create a tight-knit community of dedicated employees and students. Hughes will be honored for her academic leadership in the time of natural disaster.

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Thomas W. Payzant has served in his post for 11 years, during which time he has carried out a blueprint for educational reform through Focus on Children, a comprehensive improvement plan that targets all schools. Working closely with leaders of the Boston business community, Payzant has raised more than \$30 million to support professional development in every Boston school. As a result, Boston students and schools have demonstrated a consistent pattern of continuous improvement

in literacy and mathematics in virtually every grade on a variety of rigorous assessments. Payzant will be recognized for his commitment to the City of Boston.

As National Public Radio's senior European correspondent, Sylvia Poggioli reports from postings across the globe. Based in Rome, Italy, Poggioli reports often from the Balkans, other parts of Europe, and the Middle East. Poggioli can be heard on NPR's award-winning newsmagazines "Morning Edition," "All Things Considered," and "Weekend Edition." Poggioli's reports on the Bosnian conflict in 1993 earned her the George Foster Peabody Award and the Edward Weintal Journalism Prize. Poggioli grew up in Cambridge, where she graduated from Harvard College in 1968 with a bachelor's degree in romance languages and literature. Poggioli will be honored for her commitment to the highest standards of journalism.

For updates on activities, visit www.umb.edu/commencement/index.html

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PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Randy Albelda of the Economics Department and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program presented the paper “Time Out? Paid Family and Medical Leave and Low-Income Workers” at the Allied Social Science Association Annual Meetings in January.

On February 18, **Paul Atwood** of the Department of American Studies and the Joiner Center presented the paper “War and Empire Are and Always Have Been the American Way of Life” at the Historians Against the War conference. Held at the University of Texas in Austin, the conference’s theme was “Empire, Resistance, and the War in Iraq.”

Faculty, research associates, and graduate students from the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Science (EEOS) Department—**Robert Bowen, Robert Chen, Juanita Urban-Rich, Gordon Wallace, Bernie Gardner, Mingshun Jiang, Xuchen Wang, Kim Frashure, Wei Huang, Li Li, and Franco Pala**—presented eleven papers at the joint Ocean Science Meeting for the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography and the American Geophysical Union, which was held in February.

Jim Campen, professor emeritus of sociology and research associate at the Gastón Institute, presented “New Perspectives on Racial Disparities in Mortgage Lending: Exploring the 2004 HMDA Data,” the first research seminar in a series on fair housing, cosponsored by Harvard University’s Joint Center for Housing Studies and the Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston.

EEOS professor **Robert Chen** and doctoral candidate **Kim Frashure** held a workshop for scientists, “Telling Your Story,” at UMass Boston on January 18. Faculty from throughout New England attended this one-day event.

Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, gave a seminar on phased retirement for the “Policy Live” seminar series, sponsored by the Public Policy Institute of AARP and held in Washington, D.C., on February 9.

Arthur Eisenkraft, Distinguished Professor of Science Education and director of COSMIC, delivered the opening address at the Georgia Science Teachers Association Annual Leadership Conference on February 16. Some 2,500 attendees heard his address, “Instructional Models That Increase Engagement and Achievement for Student Scientists.”

On January 16, **Carroy U. Ferguson**, professor at the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS), presented “Levels of Consciousness” at the Association for Humanistic Psychology’s International Professional Day Conference. He also was a cofacilitator of the conference, themed “Worldviews: Living in Separate, Virtual Realities.”

Anamarija Frankic, EEOS assistant professor, served as a panelist for the “Capacity Development for Ocean and Coastal Management: Mobilizing to Address Needs” session at the UNESCO-sponsored Third Global Conference on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, held in January in Paris.

On February 25, the Center for Social Policy’s **Donna Haig Friedman**, director, and **John McGah**, research associate, presented at the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness regional conference, held at UMass Boston. Friedman presented on the condition of homeless families and McGah’s panel focused on the progression from individual casework to systemic advocacy and impact.

In March, **Cecilia Gandolfo** of the Institute for Community Inclusion gave a joint keynote and closing remarks at the Oklahoma APSE conference on motivating disability/employment professionals, as well as a seminar on marketing techniques.

On January 13, **Joan Garity**, associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS), gave a paper on levels of grief in the Alzheimer’s family caregiver at the Coyne Health Care Center in Rockland, MA.

The Institute for Community Inclusion’s **Joy Gould** presented at the Massachusetts Lodging Association’s annual meeting on good customer service for visitors with disabilities. This is part of the institute’s employer initiative ForEmployers.com.

John Halliday and **Elena Varney** of the Institute for Community Inclusion presented a pre-conference session, “Strategies for Effectively Serving All Customers Within the Workforce Development System,” at the National Association of Workforce Boards’ forum conference.

In February, **Pamela Jones**, associate professor of art, organized and chaired the session “The Roman Chapel, 1550-1750: Images, Functions, Rhetoric” for the College Art Association’s annual conference. In March, she delivered the paper “The Afterlives of Carlo Borromeo’s Procession of the Holy Nail: Art, Ritual, and Charity in Their Experiential Dimensions” at the annual meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, held in San Francisco.

In March, **Peter Kiang**, director of the Asian American Studies Program and professor of education, was an invited panelist for the Askwith Education Forum at Harvard Graduate School of Education, speaking on “Education and Catastrophe: Communities of Color Responding and Moving Forward.”

Bill Kiernan, director of the Institute for Community Inclusion, spoke at the Dubai International Rehabilitation Forum 2006 in the United Arab Emirates in March. His presentations covered employment for people with disabilities and rehabilitation counseling.

In February, Professor **Susan Opotow** of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution attended the midwinter meeting of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI) as an elected member of its council. She also attended the Commission for Social Development at the United Nations and the NGO Civil Society Forum as a SPSSI representative.

In February, **Jennifer Raymond** and **Michelle Kahan**, both of the Center for Social Policy and candidates for a Ph.D. in the McCormack Graduate School’s Public Policy Program, presented at the Eastern Sociological Society conference. Raymond presented “From Our House to the State House: Massachusetts’ Lesbians’ Political Participation Post Goodridge” and Kahan presented “Hunger and Food Support Program Participation: A SEM Model.”

CPCS professor **Lorna Rivera** and students **Celeste Chudyk, Jesse Edsell-Vetter, Alicia McKinney, Tamara Trejo, Priscilla Walker, and Leah Wentworth** presented the panel “Obstacles and Opportunities in Community Work” at the Center for Improvement of Teaching’s Annual Conference on Teaching for Transformation, held on January 20.

On January 12, **Laura Henze Russell**, director of the Elder Economic Security Standard Project at the Gerontology Institute, copresented “Senior Property Tax Relief,” to 50 seniors at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute’s Brownbag Presentation.

Stephen Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, gave a public lecture on New England archaeology to the Central Massachusetts chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society on February 4 in Worcester.

In February, **Nina M. Silverstein**, CPCS associate professor of gerontology, gave a pre-conference intensive presentation, “Overview of Issues Associated With Dementia, Driving, and Community Mobility,” at the International Conference on Aging, Disability, and Independence. She also served as program chair for an Association for Gerontology in Higher Education Annual Scientific and Educational meeting.

The National Service Inclusion Project at the Institute for Community Inclusion convened a training workshop at the Serve Idaho state conference on February 22. Training specialist **Joe Tierney** discussed ways to involve local people with disabilities in community service projects.

On February 15, **Julia Tripp**, constituent coordinator for the Center for Social Policy, participated in a panel at the Family Economic Initiative conference. Tripp presented research on the progression from individual casework to systemic advocacy and impact.

In February, **Robert Weiner**, chair of the International Relations track in the Master of Science in Public Affairs Program, attended the two-day conference “The Ukrainian-Russian Gas Crisis and Its Aftermath,” which was sponsored by the Ukrainian Research Institute at Harvard University.

Julie Winch, professor of history, gave a talk on John Redmond, a 19th-century caterer and civil rights crusader, at Boston’s Old South Meeting House on February 2. Originally from Curacao, Redmond settled in Salem and became a leading member of that city’s free black community.

On February 1, **Ajume Wingo** of the Philosophy Department presented “A Promising Image of Freedom for Africa” for the think tank The Primary Source in Watertown.

The MA Office of Dispute Resolution (MODR) delivered a paper and workshop to a coalition of twenty community mediation centers and the Trial Court Standing Committee on Dispute Resolution. MODR’s “Research-Informed Models for Communicating the Value of Court-Connected ADR for Public Funding” is the first product of their emerging research program.

PUBLICATIONS

EEOS professor **Robert Chen** and doctoral student **Kim Frashure** were coauthors of the article “Seeing the Carbon Cycle,” which was published in the National Science Teachers Association journal *Science Scope*.

The article “Long-Term Care: A Key Issue for the 2005 White House Conference” by **Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen** of Gerontology was published in *The European Papers on the New Welfare*. The Public Policy Institute of AARP also just issued a report that Chen did with John C. Scott: “Phased Retirement: Who Opts for It and Towards What End?”

In January, **Alexander Des Forges**, assistant professor in the Department of Modern Languages, published the book chapter “A New Mode of Literary Production in the Late Qing: The Invention of the Installment Plan” in the volume *Dynastic Crisis and Cultural Innovation: From the Late Ming to the Late Qing and Beyond*, a Harvard University Asia Center publication.

The disability newsletter *TRN InfoLines* features a new version of the Institute for Community Inclusion’s “30-Day Placement Plan” brief. The how-to guide was originally written for employment counselors and then reworked for a job-seeker audience by the institute’s **Danielle Dreiling**.

A six-photo essay by CPCS faculty **Susan Eisenberg** appears in the March issue of the journal *Bridges*. Shot at Forest Hills Cemetery, the photos are part of an upcoming exhibit about chronic illness, “Perpetual Care.” “Remembering the Fire at Triangle Shirtwaist,” a poem by Eisenberg, appears in the March issue of the journal *Labor*.

In January, **John Fulton**, assistant professor of English, published the short story “A Small Matter” in the literary journal *Other Voices*.

An article by EEOS professor emeritus **Harlyn Halvorson**, “Marine Bioprospecting and Sustainable Regional Development Policies,” was published in the *Journal of BioLaw and Business* in February.

A paper by **Michelle Kahan**, senior research associate at the Center for Social Policy, “Put Up on Platforms: A History of Twentieth Century Adoption Policy in the United States,” will be published in the *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*.

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GCOE professor and director of the Asian American Studies Program **Peter Kiang** published the journal article “Policy Challenges for Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Education” in *Race, Ethnicity & Education*.

A chapter by **Pepi Leistyna** of the Applied Linguistics Program, “When Ignorance and Deceit Come to Town,” was included in *What You Don’t Know About Schools*. His chapter “Kids Against Capital” was published in *Contemporary Youth Culture*.

Robert Lublin, assistant professor of theatre arts, published the essay “*spell #7* and Ntozake Shange’s Project of Anti-Drama” in the Winter edition of *Texas Theatre Journal*.

“Babe Ruth, The Red Sox, and the Fans of Boston,” a paper by **John McGah** of the Center for Social Policy, will be published by AMS Press, Inc., as part of a volume on the Babe Ruth Conference “Baseball and the Sultan of Swat.”

Mark Pawlak, director of academic support services, published the poem “Gala 2002” in the January 2006 issue of the literary journal *Off the Coast*.

The Physics Department’s **Gopal Rao** and **Pengfei Wu** recently published the article “Slow-light in Biological Bacteriorhodopsin Thin Films” in *Physical Review Letters*. A citation of this article, under the title “Photons Learn to Crawl,” appeared in the “Research Highlights” column in *Nature*.

Gerontology faculty **Nina Silverstein**, PhD alumni **D.M. Sullivan** and **M. Jawad**, and PhD candidate **J. Murtha** published the article “The Value of a Gerontology Certificate: A Survey of Frank J. Manning Alumni 1980-2001” in *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*.

Professor **Michael E. Stone** of the College of Public and Community Service and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program authored three chapters in *A Right to Housing: Foundation for a New Social Agenda*, a book he coedited and published with Temple University Press.

Ask the Wolf, a book containing selected translations from *Le Testament* of François Villon by **Taylor Stoehr**, professor of English, has just been published by Unicorn Press.

Xuchen Wang, EEOS research associate, and **Adan Colon-Carmona**, assistant professor of biology, coauthored the paper “Stress Responses to Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons in *Arabidopsis* Include Growth Inhibition and Hypersensitive Response-Like Symptoms,” which was published in *J. Experimental Botany*. Wang was also a co-author on the paper “Bio-geochemical Investigations of Marine Methane Seeps, Hydrate Ridge, Oregon,” which appeared in *J. Geophysical Research*.

A new book by Professor **Weili Ye**, who teaches women’s studies, history, and East Asian studies classes, was recently published in Palgrave’s Studies in Oral History series: *Growing Up in the People’s Republic: Conversations between Two Daughters of China’s Revolution*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

David Patterson, professor of music, will perform his piano composition “Thrushes in Forest Park” at the Northeast Chapter meeting of the College Music Society, held in March at Wilkes College.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Biology professor **Linda Huang** has been awarded \$41,938 from the National Institutes of Health, as part of the U56 grant given to strengthen the partnership between UMass Boston and the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center. This grant supports a collaborative project between Huang’s lab and Professor Pamela Silver’s lab at the Harvard Medical School that examines how protein factors involved in gene splicing are regulated.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the Center for Social Policy \$72,000 to provide technical assistance to agencies throughout New England implementing homeless management information systems (HMIS).

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy received a \$15,000 grant from the Massachusetts Sociological Initiatives Foundation to train low-income women in Boston to become community researchers. When trained, the researchers will collect information on the extent to which women know about

changes in welfare regulations in 2003 and 2004 and will also collect information from case managers and educators. They will present their conclusions to the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn, assistant professor at the Graduate College of Education, has been appointed to serve on the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards’ (NBPTS) Visiting Panel on National Board Research, which recently held its introductory meeting at NBPTS’ offices in Arlington, Virginia.

In January, **Randy Albelda** of the Economics Department and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program began her term as a vice president of the International Association for Feminist Economics.

Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, has been appointed a fellow in the World Demographic Association, based in Switzerland.

Song Ci, assistant professor of computer science, has been elected a senior member of IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.). The designation, awarded to only 7.6 percent of IEEE members, is based on the professional recognition of the peers for technical and professional excellence.

Betsy Klimasmith, assistant professor of English, was elected to the executive board of the Edith Wharton Society in December. In January, she was named New England regional representative to the American Studies Association.

Peter Langer has been appointed interim dean of the Graduate College of Education effective on February 6. Langer has served in a number of roles at UMass Boston since 1986, including his most recent position as associate provost.

Pepi Leistyna of the Applied Linguistics Program has been elected to serve on the executive board of the Association for Cultural Studies as a North American representative.

Benyamin B. Lichtenstein of the College of Management has been invited to join the editorial board of the *Journal of Business Venturing*, the premier academic journal for entrepreneurship.

“Commonwealth Journal,” WUMB-FM’s public affairs program hosted by author **Barbara Neely**, won first place in the public affairs category and first place for its use of sound from the Associated Press of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The show is also a national winner of a Silver Microphone Award in the public service category.

Karen Suyemoto, assistant professor of psychology and Asian American studies, has been selected as a delegate for the 2006 Japanese American Leadership Delegation, sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership and coordinated by the Japanese American National Museum. In March, delegates will travel to meet with Japanese leaders in government, business, political, nonprofit, and cultural sectors to improve long-term relations between Japanese Americans and Japan.

EVENTS

The MA Office of Dispute Resolution (MODR) is mediating three affordable housing development appeals under a program sponsored by the state’s Housing Appeals Committee and Massachusetts Housing Partnership. 318 housing units are proposed to be built in three eastern towns in Massachusetts. MODR is working with all parties to facilitate mutually acceptable resolutions of these disputes.

IN THE NEWS

In February, **Ana Aparicio**, assistant professor of anthropology, was quoted in *NUviews* magazine on the political integration of Dominican-Americans.

In February, the *Boston Globe* profiled Debbie Chambers, who helps survivors of sex abuse and started her work while studying at UMass Boston.

Research on graduate school enrollments by **Alicia Dowd**, assistant professor in the Graduate College of Education, was cited in the column “Educational Equity and the Transfer Student” in February 10’s *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

An article in the *Boston Herald* on January 28 noted that UMass Boston student **David Gai**, a native of the Sudan, addressed the Massachusetts House of Representatives on genocide awareness during an event observing Holocaust International Day.

Former Del Fuegos musician Brent “Woody” Giessemann spoke about studying addiction at UMass Boston in a February 18 *Boston Globe* article. Giessemann is the CEO and founder of Right Turn, a nonprofit organization that helps local artists and entertainers who are fighting substance abuse.

Laura Hansen, assistant professor of sociology, gave an interview on the meaning of money for WCVB-TV’s “Chronicle.” The program is slated to air in late March.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was quoted in the *Boston Herald* on February 13 in an article on the election campaign for governor and lieutenant governor. She also was interviewed on Springfield’s Rock 102 WAQY on the hurdles women and minority candidates face when running for high-level office in Massachusetts.

On February 16, the *Boston Globe* reported that U.S. Senator Barack Obama will deliver the keynote address at UMass Boston’s June 2 commencement.

Marc Prou, assistant professor in the Africana Studies Department, was quoted in a February 6 article in the *Boston Globe* on the upcoming elections in Haiti.

American studies professor **Rachel Rubin** was quoted on the popularity of country music with the Boston-area radio audience in the *Patriot Ledger* on February 4.

On January 23, the *Boston Globe* featured students who wrote accounts of their families’ histories as part of their coursework for the American Studies “American Identities” class taught by Professor **Lois P. Rudnick**.

Jack Wiggin, interim director of the Urban Harbors Institute, was quoted in the January/February *Preservation* magazine in a story citing the institute’s study of the feasibility of wind turbines on the Boston Harbor Islands. The magazine is published by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

A profile of fellows participating in the College of Management’s Emerging Leaders Program at the Center for Collaborative Leadership appeared in the February 16 *Dorchester Reporter*.

In February, the *Allston-Brighton TAB* profiled UMass Boston’s Jumpstart program in Brighton High School.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

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 below each event.

Submit April calendar listings by Wednesday, March 15 to umb.edu/news/calendar/.

Wednesday 1

ITC Teaching With Technology Workshop: WebCT Vista Orientation
9:30 – 10:20 a.m., Healey Library, room p1, lower level. Each participant will receive a WebCT account, a practice course, and information on how to access instructional resources for learning about WebCT. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu.

Thursday 2

Workshop: Inside Eating Disorders—A Personal Perspective
10:00 – 11:00 p.m., Campus Center, Alumni Room (2551). Workshop presentation by the Massachusetts Eating Disorders Association. Sponsored by University Health Services and The Women’s Center. For more details, visit www.healthservices.umb.edu/events.shtml. Contact: 7-6580 or linda.jorgensen@umb.edu.

General Skating
11:00 – 1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center, rink. For weekly schedule, visit www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/rink.htm.

Creative Writing Program Series: James Carroll: A Writer’s Life
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-047. “The Writer’s Life” inaugural program featuring James Carroll. Sponsored by the Creative Writing Program. Contact: 7-6700 or amberj_@hotmail.com.

Friday 3

Philosophy Club
2:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 5-041. All are invited to participate in the weekly presentation. Contact 7-6406 or peggy.roland@umb.edu.

Biology Spring Seminar Series: NMD: mRNA Decay Solves a Translational Problem
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Allan Jacobson of the University of Massachusetts Medical Center. Refreshments served. For updates, visit www.bio.umb.edu/events/. Contact: 7-6600.

Monday 6

College of Management Senior Executive Forum
6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Campus Center, Founders Room, 3-3545. Featuring Dan Ryan, vice president of operations for Raytheon’s Integrated Defense Systems. Contact: cmevents@umb.edu.

Tuesday 7

ITC Teaching With Technology Workshop: WebCT Introduction Part 1
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, room p2, lower level. Workshop providing information on how to get started with WebCT with instructions on posting a syllabus and course materials online. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu.

Tuesdays at Trotter Speaker Series
4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Healey Library, Jazzman’s Lounge, 2nd fl. Featuring Robert Hayden, UMass Boston faculty member who has written extensively on African-Americans in New England. Contact: 7-5880.

Wednesday 8

EEOS Wednesday Seminar Series: Hurricanes and Climates
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium (1-006). Featuring Kerry A. Emanuel of MIT. Contact: www.es.umb.edu.

The International Day of Women Celebration: In the Revolution of 1965 Dominican Women Also Made History
1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Campus Center, Founder Conference Room (3545), 3rd fl. Featuring keynote speaker Dr. Milagros Ortiz Bosch, former vice president of the Dominican Republic (2000-2004). Sponsored by the Gastón Institute and the William Joiner Center. Contact: 7-5791.

Thursday 9

College of Management MBA Forum
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Campus Center, 2-2545. Featuring Edward Merritt, president and chief executive officer of Mount Washington Bank. Contact: cmevents@umb.edu.

Graduate Student Assembly Lecture and Book Signing: The Power of Procrastination
7:00 p.m., Campus Center, University Dining Room, 2nd fl. Featuring Jorge Cham, creator of the graduate student comic strip “Piled Higher & Deeper.” Contact: www.gsa.umb.edu.

Friday 10

Biology Spring Seminar Series: The Genetic Basis of Cell Polarity—Insights from the Retina
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Jarema Malicki of Harvard Medical School. Refreshments served. Contact: 7-6600.

Monday 13

Spring Break begins

ITC Teaching With Technology Workshop: Spring Break WebCT Introduction Series
8:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m., Healey Library, room p2, lower level. Full day of orientation and introduction workshops that include WebCT Parts 1, 2, and 3. Also to be held on March 14 and 15. Refreshments and lunch provided. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu.

Tuesday 14

Annual Community Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 a.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Honoring the recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership, Maggie De Jesus, and two others for their community work: Lee M. Kennedy and Kevin Chapman. Contact: 7-5304.

Tuesdays at Trotter Speaker Series
4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Healey Library, Jazzman’s Lounge, 2nd fl. Featuring Mel King, well-known community leader, who will be sharing his poetry. Contact: 7-5880.

Wednesday 15

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

Friday 17

Evacuation Day
University closed.

Monday 20

Classes resume

Tuesday 21

ITC Teaching With Technology Workshop: WebCT Introduction Part 2
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, room p2, lower level. Workshop on how to organize and display course content using WebCT. Prerequisite: WebCT Introduction Part 1. Also held on March 22, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu.

Wednesday 22

EEOS Wednesday Seminar Series: Lagrangian Approach to the Role of Turbulence in Biological/Physical Interactions
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium (1-006). Featuring Lou Goodman of UMass Dartmouth. Contact: www.es.umb.edu.

Sociology Guest Speaker: Neighborhood Context and Crime in the City
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Featuring noted social researcher and author Robert J. Sampson of Harvard University. Open to the public. Contact: mmcmanaman@gmail.com.

Thursday 23

UMass Boston Athletics: Baseball vs. Eastern Nazarene College
3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Friday 24

Biology Spring Seminar Series: Arsenic Phytoremediation: New Hopes for an Old Problem
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Om Parkash of UMass Amherst. Refreshments served. For updates, visit www.bio.umb.edu/events/. Contact: 7-6600.

Monday 27

Student Luncheon with Chancellor Collins
12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Location to be announced. Share your background and experiences at UMass Boston with Chancellor Collins. Contact: Patricia MacNeil, 7-5800.

Gerontology Speaker Series: The Shifting Line Between Public and Private: The Politics of the 2003 Medicare Modernization Act
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. Featuring Andrea Campbell, associate professor of political science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Sponsored by the Gerontology Institute and Department at the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies. Contact: 7-7305.

UMass Boston Athletics: Softball vs. Brandeis University
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Tuesday 28

ITC Teaching With Technology Workshop: WebCT Introduction Part 3
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, room p2, lower level. Workshop on how to use WebCT communication tools for announcements, e-mails, and discussions. Prerequisite: WebCT Introduction Part 1. Also held on March 29, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu.

Tuesdays at Trotter Speaker Series: A Discussion of the Canon
4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Healey Library, Jazzman’s Lounge, 2nd fl. Featuring Clyde Taylor of New York University and UMass Boston’s Ajume Wingo. Contact: 7-5880.

Wednesday 29

EEOS Wednesday Seminar Series: Marine Ecosystems Dynamics in a “Simple” System: Right Whales, Copepods, and Ocean Physics
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium (1-006). Featuring Mark Baumgartner of Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. Contact: www.es.umb.edu.

Jay Wright Poetry Reading
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 6-047. Featuring Wright, author of nine books of poetry and more than 30 plays. In 2005, Wright became the first African American to receive Yale University’s Bollingen Prize in American Poetry. Contact: 7-6700 or amberj_@hotmail.com.

UMass Boston Athletics: Men’s Lacrosse vs. Emerson College
3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

UMass Boston Athletics: Baseball vs. Albertus Magnus College
3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. See www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for full schedule.

Thursday 30

Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy: Women in History Month Event
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., location to be announced. Event featuring Jane Midgeley, author of *Women & the US Budget*, and students in the Women in Politics and Public Policy Graduate Program. Presentation and discussion open to all. Co-sponsored by the Gerontology Institute. Contact cwppp@umb.edu or 75541.

Friday 31

Biology Spring Seminar Series: How Native Biota and Physical Environmental Attributes Shape the Success of Invasive Marine Species
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Jeb Byers of the University of New Hampshire. Refreshments served. For updates, visit www.bio.umb.edu/events/. Contact: 7-6600.

Upcoming

UMass Boston Sociology Presents: The Third Annual Social Theory Forum—Human Rights, Borderlands, and the Poetics of Applied Social Theory: Engaging with Gloria Anzaldúa in Self and Global Transformations
April 5-6. McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Two days of keynote speakers, panels, and discussions of the ideas of Gloria Anzaldúa (1942-2004), a Chicana lesbian-feminist, poet, and cultural theorist. Visit www.sociology.umb.edu/ or contact mohammad.tamdgidi@umb.edu.

Graduate Program of Critical and Creative Thinking Exhibit: MINDLEAPS! The Art and Imagination of Bill Oakes
April 1 - 30, Healey Library, 5th floor. Exhibit featuring the multifaceted artwork of program alumnus Bill Oakes. Contact: 7-6520.

Miscellaneous

Campus Ministry
Offerings include Catholic Mass, sacramental preparation for Catholics, confirmation classes, and preparation as requested. Contact: 7-5839 or www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry/.

National Service Inclusion Project
Are you interested in the effects of natural disasters on mental health? Join the National Service Inclusion Project at the Institute for Community Inclusion for a free March 14 web conference with mental health expert Kerim Munir. Contact: elesheva.soloff@umb.edu.