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On the Job: A Busy Summer for Chancellor Collins

By Anne-Marie Kent
and Ed Hayward

He's been out on the Fox Point Landing, where neighborhood kids come for sailing lessons each summer; he's been shaking hands in the Campus Center to welcome UMass Boston's incoming freshmen; he's gone downtown to the State House to lobby on behalf of the campus; and he's been throughout the campus—from the loading docks to the labs—getting acquainted with the people who make UMass Boston run.

In short, summer has been more like summer school for Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D. When he assumed leadership of UMass Boston late in May, the former clinical professor of internal medicine and senior fellow at the University Col-

lege of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University, knew that these months would be well-spent getting to know the people and programs of the university, as well as members of the nearby community.

He's found a student body that is both diverse and astute, a treasured faculty, a location more spectacular than he first thought, and a warm welcome from the people he's met. Beyond the campus, he's found an increasingly welcoming audience that wants to focus on UMass Boston.

"This is a great time to be the leader of UMass Boston," said Collins. "On a local and national level, people are focused on competitiveness. That's placed the spotlight on higher education and UMass Boston and the role we



On July 18, Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., speaks at a press conference held on campus about Governor Romney's capital plan for the University of Massachusetts. (Photo by Harry Brett)

play to make this state a competitive force. So it's an exciting time to serve as chancellor."

The question most frequently asked of the new campus leader: What's your vision for UMass Boston?

"I've really been in a listening and learning mode," said Collins, the former president and CEO of Caritas Christi Health Care System. "It's my nature to look at things and see how they can be improved. But the vision is going to come from the 13,000 people who come here every day. We also have a strategic plan in place to follow. My job is to give these ideas form and create the structures to support people who carry out our core business of education."

He's moved quickly to

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UMass Boston Archaeologists Lead Summer Dig at African Meeting House

By Leigh DuPuy and
Ed Hayward

Hoping to learn more about the lives of African-Americans in nineteenth-century Boston, a team of archaeologists from the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research at UMass Boston spent the summer months unearthing artifacts from the African Meeting House on Beacon Hill.

"These objects can tell us a lot about their everyday life," said David Landon, director of the excavation, which was done in partnership with the Museum of Afro-American History. The meeting house, a National Historic Landmark, is the oldest extant African



David Landon (bottom right), associate director of the Fiske Center, led undergraduate and graduate students from UMass Boston and universities around the country in a summer excavation of the African Meeting House. (Photo courtesy of David Landon)

American church building and was the center of the active, organized, and mobile free black community throughout the nineteenth century.

"The artifacts can speak to the social importance of the building in the community as a place for religious ceremonies, as well as political and social gatherings," said Landon. The archaeological work is in preparation for a renovation project to celebrate the bicentennial of the meeting house in 2006.

Landon, who is associate director of the Fiske Center and an adjunct faculty member in the Anthropology Department, was joined on the project by archaeological entomologist Alison Bain of Laval Uni-

versity in Quebec; Heather Trigg, the Fiske Center's paleoethnobotanist; and Dennis Piechota, the conservator of the Fiske collections, in addition to a group of undergraduate and graduate students from UMass Boston and other universities.

The team focused excavation on a "privy," which should reveal clues and artifacts about the life of this Beacon Hill community during the 1800s. Specifically, researchers looked for kitchen waste, animal bones, parasites, insect parts, fabric, buttons, bottles, dishware, and household trash that can lend more information about work, diet, recreation, and other cultural activi-

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Governor Pledges \$50 Million for Repairs at UMass Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

On July 18, faculty, students, staff, and a cadre of local journalists crowded into the Alumni Room of the Campus Center, where Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney announced a capital spending plan that includes \$50 million for repairs to the UMass Boston campus, a \$10-million increase in the amount he had initially committed to the garage-repair project.

“This welcome news is the result of tremendous efforts by our



Governor Romney announced a capital spending plan that includes \$50 million for repairs to the UMass Boston campus. (Photo by Harry Brett)

campus community, as well as the office of UMass President Jack Wilson,” said Chancellor Michael Collins. “Part of the great challenge for our campus is not simply getting people to understand the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff, but to make clear our needs. Many of your colleagues have dedicated themselves to making our case on Beacon Hill, and we are now seeing the results.”

According to the \$1.28 billion capital budget plan for the 2006 fiscal year, the University of Massachusetts system would receive \$200 million, with \$50 million earmarked for repairs to the UMass Boston megastructure. Romney said that he plans to file a spending bill to take from the state’s operating surplus and supplement it with an ambitious \$400 million capital investment program for public higher education.

At the press conference, Chancellor Collins joined the governor, along with UMass Board of Trustees chairman James J. Karam, Board of Higher Education chairman Stephen Tocco, and Eric Kriss, the governor’s secretary of administration and finance. Chancellor



Pointing out areas in need of repair in the university’s foundation, Chancellor Collins (center) gives a tour of the garage for Governor Romney, UMass Board of Trustees chairman James J. Karam, members of the media, and others. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Collins applauded the spending plan, noting that the campus needs to resolve physical plant problems in order to advance initiatives that boost faculty hiring, upgrade research facilities, and improve teaching and learning resources on campus.

“This proposal could not come at a better time,” said Collins. “Great universities boast faculty members who earn distinction, students who achieve their goals, and

programs that meet student needs and workforce demands. UMass Boston has come a long way in these three areas, but to advance our campus on these important fronts means our physical plant has to meet 21st-century standards.”

Over the past 10 years, state bond funding for public higher education capital improvements has averaged \$67 million per year. This level of spending has not been

sufficient to permit major renovations and new-building initiatives at public colleges and universities to advance as quickly as they should, according to the governor.

“This is a huge shot in the arm for our public colleges and universities,” said Romney. “By targeting these resources to construct new facilities and upgrade existing ones, we can put our higher education system in a position to deliver the first-class facilities that our students deserve.”

“The governor’s commitment to supporting public higher education is vital if we’re going to meet our goals to better serve our students and our communities,” Chancellor Collins said. “We thank the governor for selecting UMass Boston as the place to highlight his commitment. We look forward to working closely with him and the legislature on these important issues.”

Following the press conference, Chancellor Collins led an unprecedented media tour through the lower level of the university garage, pointing out areas requiring immediate attention and repairs already under way.

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strengthen his executive staff. On June 15, he announced the appointment of Darrell C. Byers, a proven development executive with experience in higher education, research and health care, to the post of vice chancellor for institutional advancement. In July, he upgraded intercollegiate athletics and intramural recreation programs by promoting longtime athletic director Charlie Titus to the new position of vice chancellor for athletics and recreation, special projects and programs.

“Public higher education in Massachusetts is getting a lot of attention, and UMass Boston is worthy of the attention focused on it right now,” said Collins. “But we have to get better for both our students and Massachusetts if we are going to sustain that interest. My focus is on making us better.”



On August 15, Chancellor Collins met kids from Dorchester neighborhoods who were learning to sail in the Courageous Sailing Program at UMass Boston. For the sixth year in a row, children from Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Jamaica Plain participated in the program, expanded from two to six weeks this summer. (Photo by Anne-Marie Kent)

Specifically, the chancellor expects to see a growth in campus research; he wants the campus

academic agenda defined by excellence, without sacrificing accessibility; there are significant physi-

cal plant issues to be addressed; and he wants to see the university improve its relationships with the communities the campus serves.

Off campus, the Chancellor met with some of the members of the local legislative delegation.

“Both President Jack Wilson and I had the opportunity to meet with Governor Romney, Senate President Robert Travaglini, and House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi to discuss the campus as well as the university system’s budget,” said Collins. “I was also invited to the Dorchester Board of Trade luncheon at Phillips Old Colony House, where I met many local business leaders, and to the New England Council, where I had the opportunity to speak with Congressman Stephen Lynch.” In August, the chancellor delivered some of his first impressions about the campus to the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees.

Now the Chancellor is looking forward to welcoming students back for the fall semester and, on September 20, participating in the university’s Convocation day events. These include an address by noted civil rights scholar and Harvard Law School professor Lani Guinier; the Chancellor’s Convocation addresses to faculty and staff in the morning, students in the afternoon, and community members in the evening; the special Fest-of-Us student activities, and the traditional barbecue for students. At the barbecue, students will be served by administrators, including the Chancellor and his wife, Maryellen, who plans to take an active role in the day.

“Maryellen and I look forward to Convocation. It’s a day that will celebrate the mission and people of the university and bring everyone together.”

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A Conversation with New CPCS Dean Adenrele Awotona

By Leigh DuPuy

Adenrele Awotona, a prominent intellectual whose career has led him to the United Kingdom, Africa, Asia, South America, and the Middle East, has set down roots in Boston as the new dean of the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS), beginning his tenure on July 5. How has he found his new city? “Boston is an absolute delight, and I am glad to be here,” said Awotona.

A fervent proponent of local and global community development, Awotona was drawn to UMass Boston because of its urban mission. “The urban mission is very relevant to our society, locally, nationally, and globally,” he says, “and UMass Boston is perhaps one of the very few universities that have an entire college devoted to community development, social justice, and public service.”

A scholar of architecture and urban studies, Awotona has im-



CPCS dean Adenrele Awotona began his tenure on July 5. (Photo by Harry Brett)

mersed himself in the study of community reconstruction in the aftermath of disasters, whether they are natural or man-made. “I am interested in how we can help communities rebuild in sustainable ways by identifying and mobilizing available local resources,” he says.

Not only concerned with areas

ravaged by a tsunami or war, Awotona urges people to think of AIDS and poverty as catastrophes as well. “There are disasters all around us,” he says. “For example, when needy people are denied access to human services, that is a form of disaster.”

While some may dismiss the notion of local troubles having a worldwide impact, Awotona believes we must pay attention and resist “compartmentalizing the local and global.” He says, “What impacts a small, remote island in one corner of the world has direct implications globally. The local and the global are a seamless continuum, not a dichotomy.”

Awotona is passionate about developing a holistic approach in connecting local and global community-development efforts, particularly since, as he points out, the majority of the world’s population will be living in urban areas in 20 years. “For these cities to be successful, we need to integrate our local community-devel-

opment endeavors with worldwide issues,” he says.

Eager to begin his work, Awotona has been meeting one-on-one with colleagues at CPCS and UMass Boston, as well as those in the community. “I want to consolidate the good work that my colleagues have done, and build upon the partnerships that we currently have with community organizations and other UMass colleges and institutes,” he says. “I shall also vigorously expand student recruitment both locally and internationally, and establish collaborative engagements with universities and research organizations in the USA and abroad.

“CPCS has some of the best brains in the world in the fields of human services, urban housing, social justice and equity, workforce development, community planning, and conflict resolution,” he says. “I want to be able to mobilize all of these resources for local and international im-

provement so that communities here and abroad may live a better quality of life.”

Awotona leads his field with research in sustainable community-based planning, urban studies, international development planning, and local and regional economic development. He has a master of philosophy in architecture, urban studies, and housing from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and a Ph.D. in land economy, urban studies, and architecture from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

He most recently served as dean of the School of Architecture at the Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and held positions at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and the University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom. In addition to authoring book chapters, journal articles, and many grants, Awotona was named an outstanding academic by the International Biographical Center in Cambridge, UK, in 2002.

Students Unveil Mural at Aquarium



Professor Robert Chen (center rear) of the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department and area middle school students and teachers stand before the 1,100-tile mural of the Neponset River Watershed at the New England Aquarium. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Ed Hayward

Middle school students, teachers, and scientists unveiled a 1,100-tile mural of the Neponset River Watershed at the New England Aquarium on June 23 to celebrate a three-year project that sends University of Massachusetts Boston graduate students to work with science teachers in the middle schools of Boston, Dedham, and Milton.

The 10-foot by 15-foot mural hanging in the Aquarium’s café depicts the watershed with colorful tiles decorated by students from the three school systems. The mural is one part of the three-year Watershed-Integrated Science Partnership (WISP), supported by a \$1.5-million grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The WISP program is just one

of three major NSF-funded science education initiatives involving UMass Boston faculty, partner institutions such as the New England Aquarium, and local public schools.

“We know the middle school years represent a critical juncture for our children in the areas of science and math education,” said Chancellor Michael Collins. “The watershed mural reflects the commitment of UMass Boston faculty to bringing challenging, real-world science instruction into the Boston Public Schools, as well as suburban districts such as Milton and Dedham.”

WISP connects UMass Boston faculty and graduate students with middle school science teachers to help bring alive the lessons of

earth, life, and physical sciences, said Professor Robert Chen of the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department, and the grant’s principal investigator.

“The mural represents crossing socioeconomic and school district boundaries with a common theme—the local watershed—as a way to learn science,” said Chen. “The mural also integrates science and art, as well as schools and community.”

The mural will be on display for up to six months at the aquarium, an appropriate site since the aquarium is a partner in another NSF-funded science education initiative, the New England region’s Center for Ocean Sciences Education Excellence (COSEE). The \$2.5 million COSEE-New England project is a partnership between the aquarium, UMass Boston faculty, and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute to increase the capacity of ocean scientists to be involved in education and outreach.

Last year, Boston, Dedham, and Milton middle school students decorated 1,100, four-by-four-inch tiles with paintings of organisms found in the watershed. Getting the tiles from the classroom to the New England Aquarium involved the help of a Quincy businessman who volunteered his services. Bradley Backer, proprietor of the Creating Pottery Place, fired the tiles and assembled the massive mural.

UMass Boston Gives Teens Summer Jobs

By Lisa Gentes

UMass Boston welcomed a new group of students to campus this summer. But the 23 teens weren’t attending class. They were working in various offices and departments throughout campus as part of the university’s Summer Jobs Program.

The group of teens, age 15 to 17, came to UMass Boston from Hyde Park, Roxbury, Dorchester, Roslindale, Mattapan, Everett, and South Boston to earn some extra cash during their summer break. The seven-week program ran from July 11 to August 26.

Kim Howard, director of Human Resources Services, said the youngsters worked all kinds of jobs, ranging from administrative tasks to cleaning boats on the docks to delivering mail. Students worked in the recycling program, central reprographics, human resources, financial aid, student housing, and athletics, among other departments.

Denise McNair, HR business manager, said Chancellor Michael Collins discussed the program with Mayor Thomas Menino at an event and the idea sprang up to incorporate at the university the mayor’s summer jobs program for youth.

UMass Boston’s program was funded by the vice chancellor for administration and finance, Ellen O’Connor, and the chancellor’s office.

“We were able to make this program available for the first time at

UMass Boston,” McNair said. And staff members from the Human Resources Department pulled the program together in only four days, she said.

McNair said the department planned “social check-in points” for the teens throughout the program, including a pizza lunch, ice-cream social, and farewell cookout.

“The children were able to come in, talk about their experience here on campus, and give us feedback,” she said, noting how helpful this was in the first year of the program. She hopes to improve the program and offer it again next year.

“The kids we hired were good kids,” she said, noting that they received over 70 applications for the 23 spots. “It’s been one great experience for both of us.”

HR staff interviewed every teen who applied, according to McNair. “We wanted to give them the opportunity to experience the interview process.” For most of the teens, working at UMass Boston was their first job, she said. “They’ve adapted and did great,” she said.

Seventeen-year-old Yzette Fowlkes of Everett worked in the human resources department. “I really enjoyed it,” Fowlkes said. “I had a lot to do, so time went by very fast.”

Fowlkes said she’d recommend the program to other teens. “I want to come here next year. They gave us a tour, and I like the campus.”

Student Wins National Fellowship for Foreign Affairs Research

By Catherine Gardiner

Junior Ciera Burnett, a political science major, was recently selected as one of nineteen students nationwide to receive a fellowship in the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation at Princeton University. More than six hundred students from all over the nation competed for the opportunity.

The fellowship award will pay for all of Burnett's costs and expenses for her junior and senior years at UMass Boston, a semester of field research in Brazil beginning this fall, and her first year in a master's program. After her graduate program, the fellowship will pay for an overseas internship, an internship at the State Department, and a long-term mentoring



Ciera Burnett, a political science major, will conduct field research in Brazil this fall as part of her foreign affairs fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation at Princeton University. (Photo by Harry Brett)

relationship with a foreign service officer.

"She has overcome incredible obstacles to get here," said her advisor, Rajini Srikanth, director of the University Honors Program. "What is remarkable about Ciera's achievement is that she identified the opportunity [for the fellowship] and pursued it entirely on her own. She is one of the most self-motivated and driven individuals I have met, a simply amazing person. Ciera is the kind of student for whom this university exists."

Since transferring to UMass Boston last year as a sophomore, she has had a great experience, especially with her activities in the Political Science Department. "There are so many untapped resources here," she said. "When you get involved, people here re-

ally try to help you."

Burnett hopes to take advantage of her fellowship to "experience a little bit of everything" and get a better grasp of what is going on in the world. She plans to focus her honors thesis research in Brazil on the HIV-AIDS crisis or the issue of undocumented workers.

Burnett has been interested in foreign affairs since she was a little girl, mesmerized by photographs in *National Geographic* and *Time* magazines.

"I am a rebel with a cause," said Burnett. "There are no absolutes to anything, no right or wrongs—it's all about the circumstance. If people thought more about why they do the things they do, the world would be a better place. The art of compromise has gone out of style, and I want to bring it back."

Archaeologists Excavate on Summer Digs

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ties at the meeting house.

Among the new findings are seed and bone fragments, essentially "leftovers" from nineteenth-century meals; pollen and insect parts that reveal past environmental conditions; hundreds of pottery fragments; buttons, a silver straight pin, a leather belt and shoe; and a glass bottle from the 1870s.

The findings will be analyzed by UMass Boston students and faculty over the next eighteen months and each artifact will be cleaned, labeled, and cataloged in a computer database.

The major excavation is typical of the kinds of projects the Fiske Center undertakes to promote research that explores the relation-

ship between human culture and perceptions of the environment. The center seeks to expand educational opportunities for under-



graduate and graduate students, as well as provide a vehicle for faculty and staff research in areas such as environmental archaeology, cultural and urban studies, and environmental history.

The undergraduate students who participated at this site included ten students accepted into the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program (REU), a National Science Foundation-funded program that provides research opportunities and stipends to students. The REU group was made up of three UMass Boston undergraduates and seven students from other universities in the United States. They worked on this site, in addition to Shelter Island, New York (see below).

"We are trying to attract the best and the brightest to the sciences by exposing them to the reality of research in the discipline," said Landon.

Sylvester Manor Site Draws Open House Crowd



Fiske Center's Steve Mrozowski (center) stands in the center of an excavation area at Sylvester Manor, explaining the summer's archaeological findings to the crowd.

By Leigh DuPuy

For the seventh year in a row, UMass Boston's Steve Mrozowski and a team of archaeologists and students gave the public a chance to see the fascinating fieldwork they do every summer at the Sylvester Manor on Shelter Island, New York.

On July 16, more than 500 people from Long Island and Manhattan came to tour the dig, take part in lectures given by Mrozowski, and learn more about the history of this seventeenth-century northern plantation and Shelter Island itself.

"There is always tons of interest

in the site," says Mrozowski, director of the Fiske Center for Archaeological Research and associate professor of anthropology.

Over the years archaeologists from UMass Boston have explored the grounds of the current 270-acre agricultural manor in search of the remains from the earliest phase of the plantation.

"Our findings reveal much about the Europeans that were colonizing the area, the Native Americans who were laborers here, and African Americans who were slaves on the plantation," says Mrozowski.

Students from UMass Boston and the REU program work on the project every year. "It is a great opportunity to see the way big archaeology research is done," says Mrozowski. "This project is a wonderful example of interdisciplinary archaeology."

The 2005 Boston Folk Festival Is Here!

It's the time of year for amazing performances, great food, harbor cruises, and more! Folk Radio WUMB is at it again, aiming to wow music fans from all over at its eighth annual Boston Folk Festival, to be held on September 24 and 25. This year legendary singer/songwriters Suzanne Vega and Patty Griffin headline a slate of gifted musicians.

Many know Vega best for her commercial hits "Tom's Diner" and "Luka," and Griffin for her gifted singing and songwriting. They are only two well-known musicians to grace the stages at UMass Boston for the two-day festival. Other performers include Janis Ian, New York City's phenomenal gospel/blues

band Ollabelle, noted blues man Guy Davis, Ruthie Foster, bands such as Matapat and Modern Man, and New England folk "royalty" such as Chris Smither, Redbird, and Lori McKenna.

In addition to the all-ages, family-friendly activities scheduled, the festival will offer a coveted spot on the field stage on Sunday to the winner of the 2005 Boston Folk Festival Songwriting Competition. Easthampton, New York songwriter Randy Parsons won the competition, held at UMass Boston in June. Parsons will accompany local singer Lauren Coen on his winning song, "Morning Sky."

Festival tickets are on sale: www.bostonfolkfestival.org.



WUMB Wins Best Use of Local Airwaves Award

The Improper Bostonian awarded WUMB-FM a "2005 Boston's Best Award" in their annual issue highlighting their top picks for restaurants, services, programs, and more. WUMB Radio received the "Best Use of Local Airwaves." *Improper* judges wrote of the station: "With a passionate on-air

staff and an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary acoustic music, WUMB has carved out a niche as America's only full-time folk station, while live streaming has extended its reach to an international audience." The listing appeared in the magazine's July 13 - August 2 edition.



CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

In August, **Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn**, assistant professor in the Graduate College of Education, presented the paper “Paraprofessionals Left Behind? How Paraprofessionals Conceptualize their Work with Low-Income, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students” at a conference of the Association of Teacher Educators.

Randy Albelda of the Economics Department and the Public Policy Ph.D. Program presented her paper “Mind the Gap: Earnings, Work Supports, and ‘Self-Sufficiency’ for Single–Mother Families in the United States” at July’s International Association for Feminist Economics Conference in Washington, D.C.

Luis Aponte-Pares, professor in the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS), presented the paper “What Latino Metropolis? In Search of Latino Spaces and Places in the U.S.” at the 11th Annual Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program Academic Conference, held at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

In June, UMass Boston’s **Joan Arches**, **Robert Beattie**, **Wendy Baring-Gould**, **Michael Young**, VISTA student **Molly Flavin**, and Harbor Point colleague **Kevin Johnson** presented on the HUD COPC Grant at the 2005 Northeast Regional Massachusetts Campus Compact Conference.

CPCS professors **Joan Arches** and **Luis Aponte-Pares** presented their paper “From Class Project to Institutional Change: Challenges and Obstacles in Institutionalizing Service Learning and Community-Based Research” at the International Conference on Civic Engagement and Service Learning, held at the National University of Ireland in June. There, Arches also presented “Healthy Initiative Collaborative: Community–University Partnership.”

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, associate professor and director of the Family Therapy Program, copresented “Health Disparities: Family Policy Forum” at the American Family Therapy Academy’s 27th Annual Meeting, held in Washington, D.C., in June.

In August, **Lois Biener**, senior research fellow in the Center for Survey Research, hosted a workshop on the measurement of anti-tobacco advertising exposure and effects. The workshop was held in Cambridge and funded by the National Cancer Institute.

In July, **Françoise Carré**, research director for the Center for Social Policy, presented her research “Misclassification of Workers in Maine and Massachusetts” at a meeting of the National Association of Government Labor Officials.

Yung-Ping Chen, the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, presented “How to Create a Social Insurance Program for Basic Long-Term Care Coverage” at a hearing on retirement policy challenges for the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

On September 11, Chancellor **Michael F. Collins**, **Pamela Jones**, associate professor of art, and UMass colleague Robert Finberg will make presentations for the symposium “Plague, An Abiding Scourge.” The symposium will be followed by a tour of Jones’s exhibition “Hope and Healing: Painting in Italy in a Time of Plague, 1500-1800” at the Worcester Art Museum.

CNHS faculty presented posters at the Sixth Annual Roy Adaptation Association Conference, held at Boston College on June 10: **Susan DeSanto-Madeya**, **Cynthia Aber**, **Amy Rex-Smith**, and **Jacqueline Fawcett** presented “Adaptation to Life Events: Motherhood and Spinal Cord Injury”; **Diana Newman** presented “Functional Status, Personal Health, and Self-Esteem of Caregivers of a Child in a Body Cast”; and **DeSanto-Madeya** presented “A Secondary Analysis of the Meaning of Living with Spinal Cord Injury Using Roy’s Adaptation Model.”

On June 22, **Spencer Di Scala**, professor and chair of the History Department, gave a paper on nineteenth-century Italian patriot Giuseppe Mazzini in Milan, Italy.

On August 19, College of Nursing and Health Sciences (CNHS)’s **Carol Hall Ellenbecker** and Ph.D. students **Linda Samia** and **Peg Cushman** presented an audio telecast, “Retention Study Forum,” for members of the Home and Health Care Association of Massachusetts. Ellenbecker will also present a paper at the international research conference “Approaches and Methods Century,” to be held in China.

Tess Ewing, labor extension coordinator at CPCS, led a workshop on leadership skills for Japanese union women and allies at the International Christian University, held in Tokyo July 22 and 23.

In June, **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP), made presentations at the Annual Conference of the

National Council for Research on Women, the Annual Conference of Jane Doe, Inc., and at a roundtable for Latina leaders in business, sponsored by the Commonwealth Institute. She also spoke about the center’s C.R.E.W. (Coalition to Recruit and Elect Women) at a July 11 event at the State House, sponsored by the Caucus of Massachusetts Women State Legislators.

Sheila Fesko of the Institute for Community Inclusion facilitated a positive messaging workshop for a White House conference on disability and aging. Her group developed policy recommendations for the next ten years.

In June, **Donna Haig Friedman**, director of the Center for Social Policy, was a keynote speaker at the “Preventing Homelessness: Success Stories” forum, co-sponsored by the center and the Boston Foundation.

Oscar Gutierrez, associate dean of the College of Management (CM), presented three papers: “The Impact of Homeless Management Information Systems Initiatives on Local Jurisdictions in the United States: Bridging the Gap between Accountability and Service” at the 3rd International Conference on Politics and Information Systems; “Understanding Information Technology Acceptance in the Social Sector” with **Wei Zhang**, CM assistant professor, at the 2005 Americas Conference on Information Systems; and “HMIS Project Evaluation,” with CM lecturer **Roger Blake**, at the 2nd National HMIS Conference in September.

Susan Haussler, associate professor of nursing, presented the paper “Finnish Women’s Responses to Cesarean Birth: A Roy Adaptation Model-Based Study” at the 7th International Family Nursing Conference in June. Nursing’s **Jacqueline Fawcett** and three other colleagues were coauthors.

In June, the Center on Media and Society sent a delegation to Columbia University where **Ellen Hume** presented the Ethnic Media Project to fellow educators and journalists at the first national exposition of ethnic media.

Arjun Jayadev, assistant professor of economics, presented the co-authored report “A Preassessment of the Human Development Impact Assessment of Cambodia’s World Trade Accession” to the United Nations Development Program.

Marie Kennedy, professor emerita of CPCS, gave a lecture and workshop on “La Participación Popular en el Desarrollo Regional” at the Colegio de Tlaxcala in Tlaxcala, Mexico.

Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, led three presentations—“Exploring Southeast Asia in Honolulu,” “Southeast Asia in Our Schools: Strategies for Using Community Resources,” and “Teaching with Oral Histories: Using Survivor Stories”—for an international K-12 teacher institute on best practices in Southeast Asian Studies, held at the University of Hawaii in August.

Marlene Kim, associate professor of economics, presented her research “Race and Gender Differences in Earnings: The Penalties Paid by Black Workers” for the “Race and Economics” session, which she organized and chaired, at the Western Economics Association’s annual meeting.

“The Dynamics of Livelihood Diversification in Ethiopia: Evidence from Panel Data,” a paper by **Adugna Lemi**, assistant professor of economics, was presented by his coauthor at the Third Ethiopian American Foundation International Research Symposium on Development Studies in Ethiopia.

Arthur MacEwan, professor and chair of economics, will present the paper “Why Equality? How Equality? The Desirability of a Focus on Income Distribution in Poverty Alleviation” at the conference “Reflections on Employment, Inequality and Poverty Reduction,” to be held by the International Labor Organization on September 26.

CNHS faculty presented posters at the Sixth Annual Roy Adaptation Association Conference, held at Boston College on June 10: **Susan DeSanto-Madeya**, **Cynthia Aber**, **Amy Rex-Smith**, and **Jacqueline Fawcett** presented “Adaptation to Life Events: Motherhood and Spinal Cord Injury”; **Diana Newman** presented “Functional Status, Personal Health, and Self-Esteem of Caregivers of a Child in a Body Cast”; and **DeSanto-Madeya** presented “A Secondary Analysis of the Meaning of Living with Spinal Cord Injury Using Roy’s Adaptation Model.”

On July 18, **Enrico Marcelli**, assistant professor of economics, made two presentations at a 2005 conference for the International Union for the Scientific Study of Populations: “The ‘Latino Health Paradox’ in California: Selective Migration or Protective Culture among Mexican Immigrants?” and (with coauthors) “Metropolitan Determinants of Overweight and Obesity in the United States.”

Kathleen Golden McAndrew, assistant vice chancellor of student affairs and executive director of University Health Services, presented “Substance Abuse, Signs and Symptoms of Impairment” at the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Conference and “Substance Abuse in the Workplace: The Latest Trends and Beyond” at an annual conference for SEAK workers.

Ruth Miller, assistant professor of history, gave the talk “Pornography, Political Corruption, and the Colonial Narrative” at the conference “MIT4: The Work of Stories,” held at MIT.

In August, **Siamak Movahedi**, professor and chair of sociology, presented the paper “Fantasies about the Language of Psychoanalysis” at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Division of Psychoanalysis, held in Washington, D.C.

Tammy Barlow Murphy, assistant professor of economics, presented “Modeling Cessation Lag: How Quickly Does Risk Fall Once Regulation Is Implemented?” at the 2005 Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association conference. She copresented a poster, “Reducing Risk of Waterborne Illness in Public Water Systems: The Value of Information in Determining the Optimal Treatment Plan,” at a U.S. EPA science forum.

Melissa Pearrow, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, presented the paper “Moving the Field of School Psychology to a Public Health Practice,” conducted the workshop “Self Mutilation and Response of the School Psychologist,” and chaired paper presentations at the Annual Colloquium of the International School Psychology Association.

Professor **Jennifer Radden** of the Philosophy Department spoke on “Universal Suffering and Disease Concept” at a June conference on diseases sponsored by the Philosophy Department at Leeds University, U.K.

In June, **Laurel Radwin**, associate professor of nursing, presented “Testing the Quality Health Outcomes Model in Cancer Care” at the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Nursing Program in Development lecture series and presented “Psychometric Properties of Scales Measuring the Quality of Cancer Care at an Urban Safety Net Hospital” at the AcademyHealth’s Annual Research Meeting. The work was co-authored by CNHS’s **Susan DeSanto-Madeya**, students **Lisa Tracey**, **Joanne Garvey**, **Linda Curtin**, **Camille Sanabria**, **Kimberly Willis**, **Weibo Lu**, and **John Whitehouse**, and other colleagues.

CAMPUS NOTES

In August, CPCS professor **Lorna Rivera** presented the paper “The Politics of Women’s Literacy” at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems in Philadelphia and was a discussant for the session “Nativist Ideologies and Resistance in Latino Communities” at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

On June 1, **Russell K. Schutt**, professor and director of the Graduate Program in Applied Sociology, directed a final expert panel meeting at Harvard Medical School. Chairs of seven task forces were assisted by UMass Boston research assistants, who presented recommendations to the Department of Public Health’s Women’s Health Network Program. Schutt submitted the final report, “The Women’s Health Network Project: Reviewing the Past, Planning the Future,” to the department.

On July 2, **Lloyd Schwartz**, the Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, gave the commencement speech for the first graduating class of Lesley University’s low-residency MFA creative writing program. He also presented “Movies and Music” for the Yellow Barn Music Festival in Putney, Vermont.

Nina Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, presented “Community Mobility and Dementia: Driving Assessment, Monitoring, and Cessation Counseling” and “Strategies for Improving Dementia Care in the Emergency Department” at the Dementia Care Conference, held in July in Chicago.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy’s **Donna Stewartson** and **Cheri Selby** participated in the Commonwealth Legislative Seminar on June 14 at the State House.

Jun Suzuki, assistant professor of computer science, presented “Biologically-Inspired Adaptive Networking with Super Distributed Objects” at a technical committee meeting of the Object Management Group on June 21. Suzuki also published and presented four papers with graduate students **Chonho Lee**, **Paskorn Champrasert**, **Manikya Madhu Babu Eadara**, **Adam Malinowski**, and **Hiroshi Wada** at the 9th World Multiconference on Systemics, Cybernetics, and Informatics.

In July, **Peter Taylor** of the Graduate College of Education presented the paper “What Can We Do? Moving Debates Over Genetic Determinism and Interactionism in New Directions” to the International Society for History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology.

In June, **David Terkla**, professor in the Department of Economics, presented an analysis of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts economic stimulus bill and the results of a statewide survey of chief executive officers to the Science and Technology Caucus of Massachusetts. He also presented findings on the marine science and technology industry to the Cape Cod Economic Development Commission and a seminar on the topic to the New England Economic Study Group at the Federal Reserve Bank.

Several Institute for Community Inclusion staffers presented at the national “ASPE: The Network on Employment” conference in July. **Cindy Thomas** presented customized employment-job-creation strategies and **Marianne Gilmore** presented ways to negotiate disability accommodations and disclosure with employers.

Lynne Tirrell, associate professor of philosophy, presented the paper “Promises, Apologies, and the Politics of Reconciliation” at the conference “Pathways to Reconciliation and Global Human Rights,” held in Sarajevo in August.

On July 27, **Robert Weiner**, chair of the MA International Relations Track, presented the paper “Moldovan Foreign Policy” at the VIIth World Congress of the International Council for Central and East European Studies.

Jack Wiggin, interim director of the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI), presented the results of UHI’s “Feasibility Study of Renewable Energy in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area” at the Coastal Zone ’05 conference, held in New Orleans on July 18.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, gave the invited talk “Fairness and Effectiveness in Policing and Punishment: An Assessment of the American Experience” at the J.F.K. Library in July as part of the American Studies Summer Institute’s program “Debates over Public Life: An Examination of the American Experience.”

PUBLICATIONS

Jorgelina Abbate-Vaughn, assistant professor in the Graduate College of Education, published the article “They Are Just Like Any of Us: Improving Teaching Students’ Understanding of Marginalized Urban Pupils through the Use of Contextualized Literature” in the British journal *Improving Schools*.

A coedited book by **Randy Albelda** of the Economics Department and the Public Policy Ph.D. program, *The Dilemmas of Lone Motherhood: Essays from Feminist Economics*, was published by Routledge in July.

An essay on “The Grandeur of H. G. Wells” by **Robert Crossley**, professor of English, appears as a chapter in *Blackwell’s Companion to Science Fiction*, edited by David Seed and published at Oxford in July.

Alex Des Forges, assistant professor of modern languages, contributed two chapters: “The Rhetorics of Modernity and the Logics of the Fetish” in *Contested Modernities in Chinese Literature* and “Is Beijing a Product of Shanghai?” in *Beijing: Urban Imagination and Cultural Memory*.

CNHS professor **Karen Dick** published the coauthored book *Clinical Management of Patients in Subacute and Long-Term Care Settings* with Mosby.

History professor **Spencer Di Scala** gave an interview, “I Democratici, Italiani,” that was published in the review *Critica Sociale*.

Susan Eisenberg, CPCS lecturer, published the poem “Breastfeeding at Night” in the women’s and gender studies anthology *Gendered Intersections* and the poem “Imagine: My Grandmother Asks about Lori Berenson” in the fall issue of *Bridges: A Jewish Feminist Journal*.

CNHS’s **Carol Hall Ellenbecker**, **Jacqueline Fawcett**, and **Greer Glazer** published “A Nursing Ph.D. Specialty in Health Policy: University of Massachusetts Boston” in *Policy, Politics, & Nursing Practice*.

In *Nursing Science Quarterly*, **Jacqueline Fawcett**, professor of nursing, published the cowritten article “Influences on Advancement of Nursing Knowledge” and “Adaptation to Cesarean Birth: Implementation of an International Multisite Study,” which was written with CNHS’s **Cynthia Aber**, **Susan Haussler**, alumna **Virginia Silva**, and colleagues.

John Fulton, assistant professor of English, published his novella *The Animal Girl* in the September *Alaska Quarterly Review*.

Patricia Gallagher and **Jack Fowler** of the Center for Survey Research were coauthors of the article “Development and Validation of a New Health-Related Quality of Life Instrument for Patients with Sinusitis,” which was published in *Quality of Life Research*.

Stephanie Hartwell, associate professor of sociology, contributed the chapter “The Organizational Response to Community Re-Entry” for the book *The Organizational Response to Persons with Mental Illness Involved with the Criminal Justice System*, which Hartwell edited and published in June.

Pascale M. Joassart, assistant professor of economics, published the coauthored article “Fiscal Consequences of Concentrated Poverty in a Metropolitan Region” in *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*.

Benyamin Lichtenstein, assistant professor of management and entrepreneurship, published two cowritten articles: “Measuring the Dynamics of New Venture Creation” in the *Journal of Business Venturing* and “The Role of Organizational Learning in the Opportunity Recognition Process” in *Entrepreneurship Theory and Practice*.

Arthur MacEwan, professor and chair of economics, published the article “New Man at the World Bank” in the May-June issue of *Dollars & Sense* magazine.

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, published two co-authored papers—“Immigrant Voting in Home-Country Elections: Potential Consequences of Extending the Franchise to Expatriate Mexicans” in *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos* and “Transnational Twist: Pecuniary Remittances and Socioeconomic Integration among Authorized and Unauthorized Mexican Immigrants in Los Angeles County”—in *International Migration Review*.

Enrico Marcelli and **Phil Granberry** of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy contributed three articles to Oxford University Press’s *Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States* that describe Latinos in New Hampshire, Maine, and Vermont and highlight changes to their population in the 1990s.

Legislating Authority: Sin and Crime in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey, a book by **Ruth Miller**, assistant professor of history, was published in June in Routledge’s series “Middle East Studies: History, Politics, and Law.”

Diane M. L. Newman published the article “A Community Nursing Center for the Health Promotion of Senior Citizens Based on the Neuman Systems Model” in the July/August issue of *Nursing Education Perspectives*.

Cheryl Nixon, assistant professor of English, published the article “Accounting for the Self: Teaching Robinson Crusoe at a Business School” in *Approaches to Teaching Defoe’s Robinson Crusoe*. The book is part of the Modern Language Association’s series on teaching world literature.

Joyce Peseroff, lecturer in the English Department, has edited a collection of essays, *Simply Lasting: Writers on Jane Kenyon*, published this month by Graywolf Press.

Rebecca Romanow of the English Department published the essay “But. . . Can the Subaltern Sing?” in June’s *Journal of Comparative Literature and Culture*.

American Studies faculty **Lois Rudnick**, **Judith Smith**, and **Rachel Rubin** are editors of *American Identities: An Introductory Textbook*, which will be published by Blackwell Publishing in September. The book and accompanying instructor’s manual are based on their course “American Identities.”

Karlene Schwartz, adjunct biology faculty, reviewed *Nature’s Strongholds: The World’s Great Wildlife Reserves* by Laura and William Riley, which was published in July’s *BioScience*.

Stephen Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, published the article “Obsidian Studies and the Archaeology of Nineteenth-Century California” in the *Journal of Field Archaeology*.

Brian Thompson of the Modern Languages Department published his paper “Apparences Trompeuses: une Approche Évangélique de la Réalité” in *Littérature Et christianisme: L’Esthétique de François Mauriac*.

Felicia Wilczenski, associate professor in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, and graduate student **Susan Coomey** coauthored the paper “Implications of Technology for Social and Emotional Communication,” which was published in the *Journal of Applied School Psychology*.

Cultural Politics in Colonial Tehuantepec: Community and State among the Isthmus Zapotec, 1500-1750, a book by **Judith Zeitlin**, associate professor of anthropology, was published in August by Stanford University Press.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

John Fulton, assistant professor of English, gave a fiction reading at the Enormous Room in Cambridge on September 20.

Margaret Hart, chair and associate professor of art, exhibited two multimedia works in the Texas Visual Arts Association National 2005 All-Media Juried Art exhibition in July and August. She will also have three images reproduced in the photography journal *PORTRAIT*.

CAMPUS NOTES

A play by Africana Studies chair **Robert Johnson, Jr.**, *Patience of Nantucket*, was selected for a stage reading at the August 2005 National Black Theatre Festival at Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Liz Marran, assistant professor of art, exhibited her work in the national group exhibition “Mind Mark and Wit” at the Williams Tower Gallery in Houston in June and July. She also participated in a group exhibition in June called “Small Works,” a national juried exhibition at the Attleboro Arts Museum.

GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Patrick Barron, assistant professor of English, received a \$20,000 National Endowment for the Arts fellowship in literature to support his translation of the works of the major Italian poet Andrea Zanzotto, many of whose poems have never appeared in English.

The McCormack Graduate School’s Center for Democracy and Development received two grants from the U.S. Department of State. The first allows the center to continue its mock trial programs in the People’s Republic of China. The second grant supports the center’s ongoing efforts to promote intellectual property rights protection in Russia. McCormack School Dean **Edmund Beard** is principal investigator for both grants, which are conducted in partnership with the Massachusetts Judges Conference.

Ramon Borges-Mendez of the Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs was named one of four fellows in the 2005 competition for a David Stevenson and William Diaz Faculty Fellowship.

Jeffrey Burr, professor of gerontology, was named a fellow of the Gerontological Society of America.

Françoise Carré, research director of the Center for Social Policy, received a \$196,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation for a field documentation study of alternative staffing services.

In June, the Center for Social Policy released “Partners in Prevention: Community-Wide Homelessness Prevention in Massachusetts and the United States.” The report was written by **Donna Haig Friedman**, **John McGah**, and **Julia Tripp** with other center researchers. The center also released “Transitions at DTA: Homeless Pilot Programs at the Department of Transitional Assistance, 2003- 2005” by McGah.

In July, **Allen Gontz** of the Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences Department received a \$428,120 grant from Seismic Micro-Technology for its The Kingdom Suite+ software.

Erika Kates, research director for the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, is the principal investigator on a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Correction to continue the center’s research on women in prison and family connections. The center recently released their report “Women in Prison in Massachusetts: Maintaining Family Connections.”

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, received two \$30,000 Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Grants for 2005-2006. He is principal investigator for “Sleep and Stress as Mediators of the Socioeconomic Status-Body Weight Gradient” and a co-principal investigator for “U.S. Trends in Socioeconomic Disparities in Premature Mortality: 1960-2000.”

“Sophomores Who Cut Class: Antecedents and Outcomes,” a research project of Professor **Susan Opotow** of the CPCS Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution and a colleague, was accepted for the National Center for Education Statistics database training seminar.

Alexia Pollack of the Biology Department received an international research grant of \$39,853 from the Parkinson Disease Foundation for her project “Behavioral Sensitization in 6-Hydroxydopamine Lesioned Rats: Dopamine-Adenosine-Glutamate Interactions.”

Jean E. Rhodes, professor of psychology, received one of six new fellowships from the William T. Arthur Grant Foundation to further her research in mentoring. Rhodes will study mentoring at Big Sister of Greater Boston and Big Brother of Massachusetts Bay this year.

Anthony Roman, senior research fellow in the Center for Survey Research (CSR), received a \$1.076 million grant to study the spread of sexually transmitted infections in Baltimore, Maryland, as part of an overall \$5 million grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

In July, the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development released the report “Enhancing Homeless Management Information System Data Quality” written by the Center for Social Policy’s **Brian Sokol**, **Tatjana Meschede**, and **John McGah**.

Heidi Stanish, assistant professor of exercise and health science, received a research grant of \$80,000 from the Deborah Munroe Noonan Memorial Fund for the project “Promoting Physical Activity Participation, Health-Related Fitness, and Perceived Physical Competence in Children with Mental Retardation: A Pilot Project in an Urban Community.”

David Terkla, professor of economics, received a \$21,000 grant from the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission to analyze “suburban-suburban” public transportation issues in the greater Boston area.

Brian Thompson of the Modern Languages Department received a grant from the Florence Gould Foundation to support his 24/7 Webcast of music from the French-speaking world. “L’Air du Temps” is on wumb.org.

CNHS has been selected as one of 27 schools of nursing nationwide for the Safe Patient Handling Project, funded by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and sponsored by the American Nurses Association. Faculty members **Judith Healey Walsh** and **Diana Newman** are co-investigators and will implement the 18-month research project.

In July, Nantucket contracted with the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) for \$67,500 to update the harbor management plans for Nantucket and Madaket Harbors. In addition to **Jack Wiggin** and **Dan Hellin** from UHI, the team includes **John Duff**, EEOS assistant professor, **Sarah Oktay**, managing director of the Nantucket Field Station, and **Chris Sweeney**, director of the Division of Marine Operations.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, has been awarded a grant for \$281,030 from the Department of Justice’s Office of Community-Oriented Policing Services. Along with a colleague, he will be examining the relationship between two policing reforms: COMPSTAT and community policing.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP) received a grant from the Boston Women’s Fund to examine the impact of changes in Massachusetts welfare policies on low-income mothers. CWPPP’s **Erika Kates** and UMass Boston students will conduct the research.

The Lifelong Learning Program called LETS (Life Enrichment Through Studies) received a \$100,000 grant from The Bernard Osher Foundation. As a condition of the grant, the LETS program will now be called the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI).

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Professor **Joan Arches** of the College of Public and Community Service was selected as a finalist for the Campus Compact’s 2005 Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service-Learning.

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, associate professor and director of the Family Therapy Program, was elected board member of the American Family Therapy Academy and elected chair of its research committee. He was also elected to the executive board and education chair of Healthy Villi, Greater Boston Celiac Support Group.

Arjun Jayadev, assistant professor of economics, received the inaugural John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Excellence in Research from the University of Massachusetts Amherst’s Department of Economics.

In August, **Marie Kennedy**, professor emerita of CPCS, joined the editorial board of *Progressive Planning*.

CNHS’s **Diana Newman** and **Jacqueline Fawcett** were appointed fellows of the Roy Adaptation Association in June.

Laurel Radwin served as a member of the Annual Meeting Program Committee for Interdisciplinary Research Group on Nursing Issues of the AcademyHealth Scientific Sessions 2005.

John A. Saltmarsh was appointed director of NERCHE (New England Research Center for Higher Education) and professor in the doctoral program in higher education administration in the Graduate College of Education. Saltmarsh recently served as the director of the Project on Integrating Service with Academic Study at Campus Compact and held a joint appointment as a professor of history and cooperative education at Northeastern University.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy and its Graduate Certificate Program received an honorable mention from the American Association of University Women. **Donna Stewartson**, center assistant director, accepted the certificate on the center’s behalf.

DISSERTATIONS

Laura Cestari Long successfully defended her dissertation, “Impact of Medicare Payment Policies for Home Healthcare on Nursing Services and Patient Outcomes,” to earn a Ph.D. in nursing.

Jennifer Warren successfully defended her dissertation, “The Aging Baby Boom Cohort: Predictors of Condom Use for Disease Prevention,” to earn a Ph.D. in gerontology.

EVENTS

Over 40 UMass community members and Boston-area labor leaders attended a forum on the Iraqi union movement on June 21 at CPCS. The event was co-sponsored by the Labor Resource Center and the Human Rights Center.

The Institute for Community Inclusion ran a summer job development training series across Massachusetts, which included sessions on customized employment processes, effective technology solutions to improve efficiency, and the impact of Social Security benefits on employment.

On June 21, NERCHE held an event on presidential leadership in higher education for the 21st century. Chancellor **Michael F. Collins** attended and welcomed the panel and the approximately 50 participants.

IN THE NEWS

In July, Professor **James Green** of the Labor Resource Center at CPCS was quoted in a number of articles on labor issues in *USA Today*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and the syndicated column by Marie Cocco of the Washington Post Writers’ Group.

Pamela Jones, associate professor of art, was interviewed by Italian television station RAI about her exhibition “Hope and Healing: Painting in Italy in a Time of Plague, 1500-1800.”

“Homeless Plans Praised,” a July 9 article in the *Cape Cod Times*, discussed the findings of a Center for Social Policy (CSP) report that features homelessness-prevention efforts in Cape Cod. CSP’s **John McGah** was quoted in the article.

Jack Spence, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts and associate professor of political science, appeared on National Public Radio’s “The Connection,” hosted by Dick Gordon, on June 15 to discuss the future of democratization in Latin America.

The Daily Press quoted **Gary Siperstein**, director of the Center for Social Development and Education, on the intellectual functioning of Daryl Atkins, a death-row inmate whose sentence would have been commuted had he been deemed mentally retarded. Siperstein provided expert testimony for the Virginia court case.

Lloyd Schwartz, the Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, was interviewed by Robin Young on WBUR’s “Here and Now” program about his experience with the New England Conservatory’s Youth Philharmonic Orchestra and the youth music program for low-income children in Venezuela.

Julie Winch, professor of history, was quoted in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* on August 14 for the article “For Historians, a New Approach to Revolution.”

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 below each event.

Submit October calendar listings by **Thursday, September 15** to umb.edu/news/calendar/.

Monday 5

Memorial Day
University closed.

Tuesday 6

First Day of Classes: Opening-Week Activities
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide. Information tables for student services, Healey Library, Central Reprographics, Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, and more; free bagels, lemonade, and apple cider; student employment job fair: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Campus Center terrace (Tuesday - Thursday); musical performances by the Coalboilers: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Campus Center, upper level; Kraft Family Blood Donor drive: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd fl.; open houses for Greenhouse and Beacon Fitness Center. Activities scheduled through September 9. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

Yoga
2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Tuesdays. McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center, 1st fl. For all levels. Students: free. Faculty/staff: \$5.00. Also on Wednesdays, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Contact: 7-5680 or linda.jorgensen@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Soccer vs. Fitchburg State College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or www.athletics.umb.edu for fall schedule.

Wednesday 7

Opening-Week Activities
7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide. Information tables for student services, Healey Library, Central Reprographics, Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, and more; free bagels, lemonade, and apple cider; Student Information Festival: 1:30 – 3:30 a.m.; Boston Duck Tours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., John F. Kennedy Library and Museum tours: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; raffles, games; student employment job fair; open houses for Greenhouse and Beacon Fitness Center. Activities scheduled through September 9. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: No Static: Part 1: Creating a Dynamic E-Learning Space in WEBCT
1:30 – 4:30 p.m., ITC Center, Healey Library, lower level. Two-part introduction to e-learning pedagogy. Presenter: Eileen McMahon. Registration number: 00480. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

Thursday 8

Opening-Week Activities
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide. Information tables for student services. Meet the Chancellor: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., Campus Center, upper level. Carnival games: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; free bagels, lemonade, and apple cider; open houses for Greenhouse, WUMB Radio, and Beacon Fitness Center. Activities scheduled through September 9. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Exploring WEBCT Vista
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., ITC Center, Healey Library, lower level. Explore tools and features including: My WEBCT, Mail, and My Files. Registration number: 00471. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Volleyball vs. Simmons College
6:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or www.athletics.umb.edu for fall schedule.

Friday 9

Opening-Week Activities
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Campus-wide. Final day of opening-week activities: information tables for student services; live broadcast of WUMB's Morning Express, 7:00 – 10:00 a.m., Campus Center, upper level; free bagels; open house for Greenhouse. See posters for full schedule and locations or contact: 7-6020.

Gerontology Dissertation Defense: Normative Stressors and Psychological Well-Being in the Context of a Post-War Environment
9:30 a.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. Featuring Ph.D. candidate May Jawad. Contact: 7-7302.

Beacon Fitness Center: On the Ball
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Fridays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics room, 1st fl. Exercises on a physio ball. Contact: 7-6788 or chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu.

Saturday 10

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Tennis vs. Western Connecticut State University
1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or www.athletics.umb.edu for fall schedule.

Sunday 11

UMass Medical School Symposium: Plague, An Abiding Scourge
1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Tuckerman Hall, Salisbury/Tuckerman Street, Worcester. Featuring presentations by UMass Boston Chancellor Michael F. Collins, M.D., and Pamela Jones of the Art Department. A tour of Jones's "Hope and Healing: Painting in Italy in a Time of Plague, 1500-1800" exhibit at the Worcester Art Museum will begin at 3:00 p.m. Contact: Suzanne Bonner, 508-799-4406, x3123.

Monday 12

Beacon Fitness Center: Ab Blast
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Mondays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics room, 1st fl. Exercises focused on abdominal training and flexibility. Contact: 7-6788 or chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu.

Beacon Fitness Center: Interval Training
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Mondays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics room, 1st fl. Contact: 7-6788 or chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu.

Aqua Aerobics
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Mondays, Clark Athletic Center, pool, lower level. Aerobics class in pool for all levels. Contact: 7-6788 or chris.fitzgerald@umb.edu.

Tuesday 13

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Soccer vs. Suffolk University
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or www.athletics.umb.edu for fall schedule.

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Is WEBCT Vista for You?
1:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., ITC Center, Healey Library, lower level. Workshop to identify the strengths and weaknesses of WEBCT and explore other options. Registration number: 00484. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

Wednesday 14

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Soccer vs. Mitchell College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or www.athletics.umb.edu for fall schedule.

Thursday 15

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Saving Your Prometheus Course to Disk
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., ITC Center, Healey Library, lower level. Workshop to provide faculty with a strategy and essential skills for saving Prometheus course. Registration number: 00488. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Soccer vs. Eastern Nazarene College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or www.athletics.umb.edu for fall schedule.

Sunday 18

13th Annual Komen Boston Race for the Cure
9:00 a.m., Clark Athletic Center. A 5K (3.1 mile) run/fitness walk in support of eradicating breast cancer. A health expo will be open from 7:00 – 11:00 a.m. On-line registration: www.komen.mass.org. Registration is \$20 on-line, \$25 by mail, and \$30 on race day. Contact: 617-204-4264.

Tuesday 20

Convocation 2005: Faculty-Staff Breakfast
8:30 – 9:00 a.m., Campus Center, University Terrace, 1st fl. Contact: 7-5322.

Convocation 2005: Chancellor's Address
9:00 a.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. Contact: 7-5322.

2005 Convocation: Address by Lani Guinier
10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Campus Center, University Terrace, 1st fl. Featuring Guinier, prominent civil rights scholar and Harvard Law professor. Sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts. Contact: 7-5322.

2005 Convocation: Student Barbecue and Fest-of-Us Celebrations
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Quinn Plaza. Lunch served by Chancellor and Mrs. Collins, administrators, and staff. Raffle for up to \$857 off spring tuition for a qualified student in good standing, donated by the Division of Enrollment Management. Music, entertainment, and fun of all kinds. (Rain location: Clark Center). Contact: 7-5322.

2005 Convocation: Chancellor's Conversation with Students
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Campus Center, Ballroom, 3rd fl. An informal discussion of students' concerns, interests, and experiences at UMass Boston. Light refreshments served. Contact: 7-5322.

Thursday 22

Instructional Technology Center Workshop: Converting Your Prometheus Course to WEBCT Vista Camp
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., ITC Center, Healey Library, lower level. Workshop to provide strategies, tips, and coaching to convert Prometheus courses to WEBCT. You must sign up for this workshop three days in advance and "Exploring WEBCT Vista" is a suggested prerequisite. Registration number: 00476. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3900.

Friday 23

Gerontology Dissertation Defense: Volunteering and Aging Adults: An Exploration of Behavioral Determinants and Their Effects on Volunteer Commitment
9:00 a.m., Wheatley Hall, 3-125. Featuring Ph.D. candidate Michelle Washko. Contact: 7-7302.

Saturday 24

2005 Boston Folk Festival
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., UMass Boston. Field stage performers to include: Matapat, Guy Davis, Ruthie Foster, Chris Smither, and Suzanne Vega. More on pavilion and coffeehouse stages. For complete schedule and tickets, visit www.bostonfolkfestival.org.

Sunday 25

2005 Boston Folk Festival
11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., UMass Boston. Field stage performers to include: Redbird, Ollabelle, Lori McKenna, Janis Ian, and Patty Griffin. More on pavilion and coffeehouse stages. For complete schedule and tickets, visit www.bostonfolkfestival.org.

Tuesday 27

Institute for Community Inclusion Conference: Mission: Employment 2 Conference
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Royal Plaza Hotel and Trade Center, Marlborough, MA. Join disability, employment, workforce development professionals, and people with disabilities. Registration is \$15. To register or for more information, visit www.mission-employment.org or contact: 7-4314 or berenise.albino@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Tennis vs. Rhode Island College
3:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801 or www.athletics.umb.edu for fall schedule.

Miscellaneous

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Campus Center, 4-4201. Meeting for people involved in recovery from alcohol or drug abuse. All are welcome. Contact: Sean Greene, 7-7981, sgm18@aol.com.

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/.

Clark Athletic Center
Open Monday through Friday: 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. See www.athletics.umb.edu for schedules, scores, rosters, coaches, building hours, community member program, Beacon Fitness Center membership, etc. Contact: 7-7801.

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

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)
Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at www.itc.umb.edu, or contact 7-2990.

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.