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Dr. Blackwell honored with ASA award



Dr. James E. Blackwell of UMass/Boston, one of the nation's top sociologists, has been named winner of the prestigious Dubois-Johnson-Frazier Award by the American Sociological Association.

Dr. Blackwell, a resident of Sharon, Mass., will be presented the award at the Hilton Hotel, New York City, during the A.S.A.'s annual four-day meeting.

The Dubois-Johnson-Frazier Award is

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Renowned economist Dr. Barry Bluestone accepts position at UMB



Dr. Barry Bluestone's new view at UMass/Boston includes the McCormack Institute office in the Healey Library.

Dr. Barry Bluestone, one of the nation's top economists, has been named a tenured professor at UMass/Boston, announced Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

Dr. Bluestone will serve as the Frank L. Boyden Professor of Political Economy, effective September 1.

The appointment was confirmed by the University's Board of Trustees.

Bluestone will teach in the Political Science Department and be a Senior Fellow at the McCormack Institute. He comes to UMass/Boston from Boston College, where he was professor of economics and the former director of the Social Welfare Research Institute.

Bluestone is an internationally-recognized expert on economic issues and the author of seven books. Hailed as one of "the new liberal economists making their presence felt in academia and politics" by *Newsweek* Magazine in 1982, Bluestone is a frequent consultant to government, industry and unions on economic issues. In fact, on Labor Day he will present a paper, the findings of an on-going study, to the Congressional Joint Economic Committee in Washington.

"Dr. Bluestone presents impressive credentials in all three areas of teaching, research, creative or professional activity and service," said Chancellor Corrigan.

"The evidence justifies the conclusion that he is a superb teacher. In the area of research, Dr. Bluestone's record is exceptional. He blends large-scale social theory and careful methodological scholarship.

"Dr. Bluestone will anchor the American public policy component of the Political Science Department and will contribute to the McCormack Institute and the Masters Program in Public Affairs."

UMass President David C. Knapp is "delighted that Dr. Bluestone will join the University's faculty. His appointment is the key in developing the Boston Campus' approach to the growing specialization in public policy and public affairs."

"He's an academic superstar," said UMass/Boston's Provost Robert A. Greene.

Bluestone, 42, earned his undergraduate and doctorate degrees at the University of Michigan. At UMass/Boston, Bluestone will wear several hats. In addition to teaching and research, he will develop plans for a new Ph.D. program in public policy.

"The Administration's strong commitment to develop a Ph.D. program, a world-class program, in Public Policy which will attract the best students from the nation, and eventually the world, is one of my reasons for joining UMass/Boston," says Bluestone, whose goal is to bring good academic research to bear on public policy and to improve the quality of life.

His interest in quality education at urban universities is also a factor.

"To me, the best education setting is one that mirrors the community setting. UMass/Boston does that. It has a feel of being in touch with the people and its city. It takes its role and responsibility for improving the quality of life of the city seriously. That's not just my opinion. *Time* Magazine discovered UMass/Boston and, in a recent issue, predicted the school will be a premier urban university. Being part of that is an exciting prospect," said Bluestone.

His interest in urban issues was shaped growing up in Detroit, where his father, Irving, was an official in the Auto Workers Union.

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Dorchester High thanks UMB for 10 years of educational cooperation



Headmaster Stanley Swartz (right) of Dorchester High School shown with plaque he presented to UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan. Also present was Vice-Chancellor Charles Desmond (left).

UMass/Boston received an award from Dorchester High School in recognition of the University's commitment to secondary education and its partnership with the urban high school.

Stanley Swartz, headmaster of Dorchester High School, presented UMass/Boston Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan with a plaque citing appreciation for the University's and faculty's partnership in the goal of academic excellence.

UMass/Boston and Dorchester High School were paired by court order during the desegregation of Boston Public Schools a decade ago.

"Under the direction of Chancellor Corrigan and with the help of Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Charles Desmond, UMass/Boston has committed all of the resources of the University staff—faculty and facilities—to help develop programs to benefit our urban students. The efforts are paying off," says Swartz.

He points out that the number of dropouts are down and graduates are up.

"Now approximately 60 percent of our students go on to higher education," adds Swartz, a Stoughton resident.

The UMass/Boston program for Dorchester High School students include:

- Urban Scholars: A College Prep Program for gifted students. The University provides additional academic opportunities for bright youngsters with classes after normal school sessions during the week. During summer vacation, students attend the University full-time taking three classes. These include languages, critical thinking and math.

- In-School college fairs
- Field Trips to the University
- Tutoring
- Guest Speakers
- Parent/Community involvement programs
- In-service training for teachers and administrators

A professor from the Institute of Learning and Teaching is released from the University for one-third of the time to

Dr. Barry Bluestone joins faculty *continued from page 1*

"I worked my way through college on the assembly line building carburetors at a Ford plant," adds Bluestone.

After earning a Ph.D., Bluestone joined Boston College, teaching economics and as a member of the Social Welfare Research Institute (SWRI) in 1977.

In 1980, when the federal government needed a sophisticated economic simulation model, SWRI developed a Multi-Regional Policy Impact Simulation (MRPIS) and began a six-year, \$2.5 million study. In January, 1986,

work on improving student achievement, curriculum implementation, improving basic skills and desegregation.

"One of the newest programs is the Student Support Team, an innovative approach to networking social service agencies and matching student needs," said Swartz.

He pointed out students' grades are affected by myriad issues including family, socio-economic, psychological and medical problems. This program established a support team which reviews student problems referred to the team by teachers, then matches students with proper social service agencies which can aid the youngsters.

"Our total aim is to produce educated, responsible young people prepared to take advantage of educational opportunities and in return, to contribute to their community and society. UMass/Boston is committed to assisting us do that," said Swartz.

Bluestone presented the first result of the study to the Congressional Joint Economic Committee. Bluestone will continue his research in the ongoing MRPIS study.

Bluestone, a resident of Newton Highlands, is currently working on a new book, *The Polarization of America*, examining the growth of economic inequality.

As recreation, Bluestone is an avid bicyclist, logging several thousand miles annually.

Portrait of Dr. Morrissey unveiled



Special portrait of Dr. Kermit Morrissey recently was unveiled by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan. Looking on with Prof. Morrissey (right) is the artist, Mel Robbins of Cambridge. Dr. Morrissey was one of seven retiring faculty members. The others: Prof. Luise Bronner, French; Prof. George Goodwin, Politics; Prof. Walter Grossmann, History; Prof. Franklin Patterson, Politics; Prof. Bernard Rosenblatt, Psychology; Prof. Rosamond Rosenmeier, A.L.M.; and Prof. Robert Steamer, Politics.

School of Nursing to offer Masters of Science degree in January '87

A graduate program leading to a Master of Science degree in Nursing has been approved at UMass/Boston by the State Board of Regents. Approval was unanimous.

The program will be offered starting in January, 1987 with approximately 25 students enrolled initially. More than 300 students have indicated an interest in enrolling.

"The program is aimed at preparing people for mid-management roles and in faculty positions," said Dr. Anne Kibrick, Director of UMass/Boston's School of Nursing.

"Our initial focus in the graduate program will be in gerontology nursing.

"A limited number of candidates will be admitted in January, which gives us time to prepare the program," continued Dr. Kibrick.

"Our purpose is to meet the health-care needs of the citizens of this area through providing well-prepared nurse specialists and managers, particularly for the elderly and disadvantaged. Most of our graduate students would not have been able to obtain a master's degree without our program available to them."

The School of Nursing at UMass/Boston evolved from a Department of Nursing, established in 1974 at Boston State College in collaboration with Boston City Hospital. Since its founding, the School has been the only public sector baccalaureate program in Nursing in the Greater Boston area. Each year the enrollment demand has been consistently high.

The graduate program provides the only state-supported advanced education in Nursing accessible to the largest population of registered nurses in New England.

UMB site selected for Dorchester Vietnam Veterans Memorial



Ground-breaking for Dorchester Vietnam Veterans Memorial found Rev. James K. Allen (left), pastor, First Baptist Church, Dorchester, making invocation. Poised with shovels (left to right): Vietnam veteran James Walsh; State Rep. James K. Brett, Dorchester; UMass/Boston Vice-Chancellor C. Thomas Baxter; and Vietnam veteran Ted Coakley. Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, State Senator Joseph Walsh and other dignitaries were also on hand.

Construction of the Dorchester Vietnam Memorial on University of Massachusetts/Boston land has been approved unanimously by the University's Board of Trustees.

The monument will honor 78 Dorchester servicemen killed in action in the Vietnam War.

"It's a long-overdue recognition of the Vietnam veterans," said Robert H. Quinn, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and a Dorchester native.

"To me, it's the perfect example of the University cooperating with the community, working in tandem for a worthwhile goal."

The memorial will be built on UMass/Boston land near the Savin Hill Yacht Club and fronted by Morrissey Boulevard. A temporary sign and flagpole currently designates the area.

The memorial was designed by Dorchester Vietnam veteran Paul Shannon. It has three basic sections. There will be two 12-foot-high pieces behind a nine-foot high piece listing the names of the veterans.

James M. Walsh, president of the Dorchester Chapter of the Vietnam Combat Veterans Combined Armed Forces has been a driving force in the project. Walsh, 36, is a former Marine who served in Vietnam in the late 1960's. There are some 150 members of the Dorchester Vietnam Veterans.

The memorial is expected to cost around \$90,000. Some \$50,000 has been donated from a trust fund from the Browne family of Boston.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on August 11. The memorial is scheduled to be finished Sept. 21.

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This is UMass/Boston's 23rd year. The Fall semester runs through December 23. The Spring semester opens on Thursday, January 22, 1987 and runs through May 22, 1987.

Commencement is scheduled for Saturday, May 23, 1987.

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Recently-retired Professor Robert L. Steamer has written a new book, *Chief Justice, Leadership and the Supreme Court*.

Only 15 men have occupied the highly-coveted office of Chief Justice of

the United States. The book is about those men and the peculiar form of leadership associated with the position—leadership that is only partly political.

Dr. Steamer retired in May as Professor of Political Science. He had served earlier as Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and as Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost.

He was Vice President of the Midwest Political Science Ass'n in 1971 and President of the New England Political Science Ass'n in 1979.

His current book is published by the University of South Carolina Press, Columbia, S.C.

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Corine Dubose, Director of Student Financial Management, has been elected to the College Board's Financial Aid Division Executive Committee and Regional Council.

Ms. Dubose, a Dorchester resident, was graduated from Boston State College in 1971 and did postgraduate work at UMass/Boston. She came here from Salem State College, where she served in a similar position.

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American Sociological Association honors Dr. Blackwell

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a biennial one, created in 1971 to honor the intellectual traditions and contributions of W.E.B. DuBois, Charles S. Johnson and E. Franklin Frazier. It is given either to a sociologist for a lifetime of research, teaching and service to the community or to an academic institution.

Dr. Blackwell is the author of numerous books and papers in the field of race and ethnic relations and community development. The most recent books include *Mainstreaming Outsiders: The Production of Black Professionals*; *The Black Community: Diversity and Unity*; *Cities, Suburbs and Blacks* (co-authored with UMass/Boston's Dr. Philip Hart).

In 1984 he delivered a paper at MIT entitled "The Declining Presence of Black Faculty Members On White Campuses." This followed a two-year study analyzing the quality of higher education for the nation's Black students in graduate and professional schools.

Dr. Blackwell received his A.B. and M.A. from Western Reserve University and his Ph.D. from Washington State University. He has been professor of sociology at UMass/Boston since 1970. Previously he held faculty positions at Case Western Reserve University, San Jose University and Grambling University. He has been a visiting lecturer at universities in Nepal and East Africa.

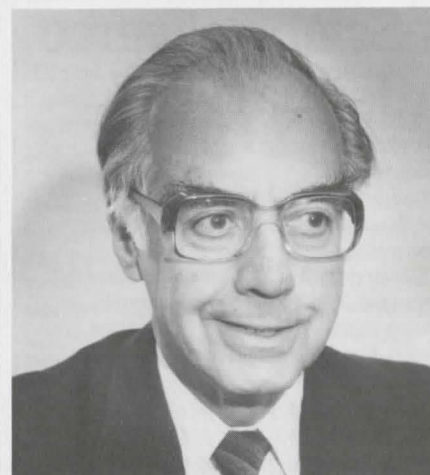
Prof. Lynton awarded Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Service

Professor Ernest A. Lynton of Brookline was presented the Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Service at UMass/Boston by Chancellor Robert A. Corrigan.

Dr. Lynton is a Senior Associate at UMass/Boston's McCormack Institute.

He received his Ph.D. in Physics from Yale University in 1951. He held a postdoctoral fellowship at Leiden University, Holland, and then joined the faculty at Rutgers University. In 1965, he was named Dean of Livingston College, Rutgers University.

Professor Lynton joined UMass/Boston in 1973 as Commonwealth Professor and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Since 1983 he has been associated with the McCormack Institute.



Prof. Ernest Lynton

Anthropology's Michael Gibbons named Ford Professor

Michael F. Gibbons Jr., Associate Professor of Anthropology has been appointed the Ford Professor for 1986-87 at the University.

This program, in its fourth year, is funded by the Ford Foundation and administered by the University's Center for the Improvement of Teaching. Its aim is to provide year-long opportunity for faculty members to observe each other's classes and discuss ways of making changes in those classes.

Gibbons will direct the program, which begins with an intense two-week seminar. Eleven faculty members will participate in the discussions and study sessions.

Throughout the academic year, Ford Seminar members will visit each other's classrooms to audit teaching styles, hold discussions, and, next Spring, prepare reports on their work.

As Ford Professor, Gibbons chose to focus on "Enhancing Teaching Strengths" and the re-energizing of teaching strengths as the theme for the seminar.

"An inventory of the strengths of any teacher is a useful start to re-energizing any teaching effort. We will use diverse sources for this inventory beside student course evaluations, including self, peer and group evaluations of audio and video tapes," said Gibbons.

Earlier this year, Gibbons was given the Outstanding Achievement Award for Teaching by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He came to UMass/Boston in 1972 after three years as a University Fellow at Yale. Gibbons is an expert on the evolution of hominid speech. His research includes field work in Alaska, Australia, Africa, Tasmania and the Virgin Islands. He has published one book and numerous articles.

Dr. Gary Meers delivers lecture at UMass/Boston seminar



Dr. Gary Meers, (third left) who presented a major address recently, shown with (left to right): Sumner Rotman, Dr. Gerard Antonellis and Dr. Maurice Eash, Director of ILT.

Nationally-known educator Dr. Gary Meers of University of Nebraska, appeared on the Harbor Campus in an event sponsored by the Institute for Learning and Teaching and the Center of Occupational Education.

The ILT and Center of Occupational Education plans to have a noteworthy speaker on campus each semester.

More than 150 vocational instructors

attended the event and reception featuring Dr. Meers, who is a recent President of the American Vocational Association. He also served as President of the National Association of Vocational Special Needs Personnel.

Dr. Meers focused his remarks on the most current and emerging vocational special need issues which are prevalent throughout the country.

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