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Promoting Policies for Aquaculture at PCMBT

The recent decline of groundfish stocks off the coast of New England has forced the closure of the George's Bank fishing grounds. The subsequent displacement of fishing vessels and fishermen from offshore harvesting has created severe pressures on coastal communities and families which have relied for years on those grounds for fish and seafood marketing. The National Marine Fisheries Service estimates that it will take at least 10 years to rebuild those stocks to safe, acceptable levels.

In these circumstances, aquaculture, defined as the cultivation of fish, shellfish or aquatic plants in natural or controlled marine or freshwater environments, has a strong growth potential. In the 1980s it was the fastest growing component of U.S. agriculture. By 1990, both production and value increased four-fold to 860 million pounds, worth \$760 million. Yet aquaculture supplies only 10-15% of U.S. seafood needs, and the value of U.S. aquaculture production ranked only tenth in the world in 1990.

The Policy Center for Marine Biosciences and Technology (PCMBT) last September relocated to the Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences department at UMass Boston. PCMBT is a neutral, independent body of distinguished university and institute researchers, government officials, and policy experts at the local, national, and international levels, that manages research and policy projects and programs in the area of marine biosciences and technology.

As an umbrella organization, PCMBT convenes a wide range of expertise to examine problem areas such as the development of aquaculture and marine biotechnology. PCMBT also undertakes extensive outreach activities. It is a "center without walls," overcoming barriers to communication by calling individuals from different organizations and perspectives together to share knowledge and information.

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Memories are Made of This

—By retiring Prof. Richard Hogarty, CPCS & McCormack Institute

Looking back at my thirty years at UMass Boston, it is nearly impossible to recapture the intensity of effort that went into the early development of our campus. That would take a volume. Two humorous incidents will suffice.

The year was 1971. While working in my office late one Friday afternoon, I received a telephone call from the president of the University. Sounding somewhat perturbed, Bob Wood greeted me by saying, "Thank goodness somebody around here works on Fridays." Young professors like myself, taught on that day, while the older ones were hardly seen on campus. Rank had its privileges in those days.

Wood invited me to work in the president's office. He wanted me to help them launch the Donahue Institute for Government Services. I politely declined, telling him that I had just agreed to teach at the newly-created College of Public and Community Service, which was then being touted as "an experiment in urban public higher education."

In 1973, I chaired the committee that studied the relocation of the downtown campus from Park Square to Columbia Point. Among other things, our report recommended a six-month delay in opening the Harbor campus. Chancellor Carlo Golino, who had just arrived from California, told me that he was going to ignore our recommendation. Concerned about the perception of taxpayers, he understandably wanted to occupy the new buildings immediately, and not allow them to remain vacant. So we made a friendly wager. Golino, of course, was unaware that the new campus had been built on an old garbage dump. And the construction engineers had not yet solved the methane gas problem. Suffice it to say that I won the bet. The prize was a tasty bottle of "Jack Daniels."

In sparse outline, these two episodes illustrate the uncertainties and complexities inherent in creating a new campus. It was an enormously complicated task. The administrators had to invent new ways of allowing faculty and students to participate in the planning and decision-making processes that affected our lives so deeply. To acknowledge sharply divergent views, mutual accommodations, and adjustments were the order of the day.

To be sure, there were many fierce battles, but there was also a sense of shared purpose that made it possible for us to work closely together. These are the legends that good memories are made of. Now it's time to call it a career and to bow out gracefully.

Correction

Because of an editing error in the May issue, we incorrectly identified the person responsible for obtaining the \$29,000 grant from the Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Agency for Domestic Violence Prevention. Officer Richard Lee of the Public Safety Office should have been credited for garnering the grant.

In Depth With The Massachusetts Field Center for Teaching and Learning

Throughout decades of debate, controversy, and mandates on K-12 education in the Commonwealth, the Massachusetts Field Center for Teaching and Learning has maintained a steady course. It focuses on its mission of strengthening education by drawing directly on the experiences, insights, and leadership qualities of teachers.

Karen O'Connor, executive director of the Center, puts it this way: "We see teachers as valuable resources for strengthening teaching, so we draw on these strengths and pay attention to what teachers need," she says.

Since its establishment in 1984, the Center has grown to be a unique, statewide network, connecting thousands of school and university teachers, administrators, and other educators. The Center is committed to supporting professional development for teachers, providing opportunities for them to share their experiences and practices in a profession where solitary experiences in the classroom are often the norm.

O'Connor and June Kuzmeskus, associate director of the Center, agree that their most critical activity is the Massachusetts Academy for Teachers. From 40 to 125 teachers have participated annually in the Academy, which focuses on renewal and enhancement of knowledge in pedagogy, content and curricula, and on the development of leadership skills.

"The Academy embodies most of the things we see as critical to teacher development, and the

work that teachers do within the Academy results in professional growth," says Kuzmeskus.

For example, O'Connor cites the experience of four teachers from Fitchburg who participated in the Academy during 1997-98. They worked on a presentation to the superintendent of schools on the needs of Hmong children in the community. The Hmong, who have emigrated from Laos, are a relatively recent immigrant group who fought on the side of the United States forces during the Vietnam War.

The teachers received coaching and advice from their peers in the Academy as they developed a bilingual program proposal to bridge the gap between Hmong and U.S. cultures. In the Spring, two of these teachers, Kathy Coulson and Paula Melhorn, travelled to Denver to make a presentation on the program they developed at the National Hmong Conference.

"These teachers had a burning desire to improve education for these children, and through their work with the Academy, they were able to receive the support they needed," says O'Connor.

Other activities of the Center include an annual Writer's Retreat, three to five professional development conferences annually, and teacher-study group grant, and teacher as researcher grant funding.

The Center also sponsors the Lucretia Crocker Academy of Teaching Fellows, a professional development network of Massa-

chusetts teachers honored by the Commonwealth for exemplary classroom work, coordinated by Janet Michaud. These teachers offer pre-and in-service workshops and classroom demonstrations and presentations to educators. The Academy supports both the Christa McAuliffe Teacher of the Year and the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Awards. Because of their recognized excellence, the Academy is often asked to recommend teachers for task forces, one way in which their activities affect policy issues. In addition, the Center, through its newsletter and other publications, serves as a clearinghouse for information on professional development activities, grants, awards, and fellowships.

All these activities are more crucial than ever, since the implementation of Massachusetts's Educational Reform Act of 1993. Many of the reforms ask teachers to take on new roles, from working on school improvement councils to mentoring and peer-coaching their colleagues, says O'Connor. "Teachers are being asked to be implementors and initiators of reform," she says.

These kinds of changes, O'Connor and Kuzmeskus agree, don't happen because of a policy mandate, but because teachers make them happen in the classroom. "We try to send the message that we value what you do," says O'Connor. "When teachers feel respected as professionals, that goes a long way towards helping create change."

Campus Welcomes 16 New Tenure-Track Faculty

Welcome to sixteen newly appointed tenure-track faculty members who join the UMass Boston community this month. We look forward to their contributions to teaching, research and community service.

*Tracye Ann Matthews, Assistant Professor, Africana Studies
Pepi Leistyna, Assistant Professor, Bilingual/ESL Studies
Rajini Srikanth, Assistant Professor, English
*Alice Carter, Associate Professor, Psychology

Maura Mast, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science
Alfred Noel, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Computer Science
*Curtis Olsen, Professor, Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences
Laura Milliken, Assistant Professor, Human Performance and Fitness
Paula Sheehan, Assistant Professor, Nursing
Ellen Bruce, Associate Professor, Gerontology

Nina Silverstein, Associate Professor, Gerontology
*Jeffrey Burr, Associate Professor, Gerontology
*Jan Mutchler, Associate Professor, Gerontology
Madhulika Khandelwal, Assistant Professor, Asian American Studies
Peter Taylor, Assistant Professor, School Organization, Curriculum and Instruction
Harriet Walker, Assistant Professor, Critical and Creative Thinking
* Arriving in Spring, 1999

A Tide Change for Environmental Sciences

Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) has felt the tide turn: a name change, elevation to departmental status, and the hiring of a new Chair/Director. What began in 1982 as the Environmental Sciences Program, the first doctoral program at UMB, has now matured into the ECOS Department. The addition of those three little words "Coastal and Ocean" into the original name better reflects the department's expertise in teaching and research.

An international search for a senior-level chair/director identified several top candidates, and ended in the hiring of Dr. Curtis R. Olsen, an environmental biogeochemist. After earning his doctorate from Columbia University (1979), Dr. Olsen has worked as staff scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (1980-1990), program director for the Department of Energy (1990-1997), and special program coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (1998). He is

presently coordinating efforts among the federal agencies on a new, integrated coastal and watershed sciences initiative. Dr. Olsen is internationally recognized for his use of isotopic tracers for atmospheric, watershed, coastal and marine processes. He has published over 60 peer-reviewed papers, and has attracted over \$3.4M in sponsored research funds.

ECOS has not been idly waiting for the new chair/director, who is scheduled to arrive in the spring. With over \$2.5 M in current research and 54 graduate students, the 6 full-time faculty have been extremely busy, ranking ECOS among the top three academic departments on campus with respect to annual grant expenditures. William Robinson, current chair/director, is a member, along with Richard Delaney, director, Urban Harbors Institute, of a special Task Force on Marine Science, headed by the UMass President's Office. They are working to coordinate the

marine-related activities among the Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth and Lowell campuses. This will ensure that UMB continues to play a leading role in marine sciences for the UMass system.
—By Prof. William Robinson

Two Courses to be Offered at President's Office

The Division of Continuing Education, in collaboration with the Distance Learning and Videoconferencing Department, will provide two distance-learning courses for the President's Office Beacon Street Classroom Inaugural Semester. The courses are American Political Behavior, offered by Professor Paul Watanabe, and the New England Political Environment, offered by Professor Garrison Nelson, senior fellow of the McCormack Institute. Both courses begin in mid-September.

Improved Effectiveness & Efficiency is Goal of Administrative Changes

Several administrative changes took place over the summer, with the objective of improving efficiency and providing better services to students.

Provost's Office

Professor Patricia Davidson, CAS Dean of Undergraduate Education, has taken on the additional duties of Vice Provost for Academic Support Services. All academic support services, including advising, orientation, and an expanded university-wide honors program, will now be coordinated by Davidson. Reporting to her will be Joan Becker, Executive Director of Pre-Collegiate and Educational Support programs.

Peter Langer, Director of General Education Development, will serve as Special Assistant to the Provost and direct a three-year project on quality assurance in urban public universities supported by the PEW Charitable Trust. He is also overseeing the Office of Institutional Research while a search is underway for a new director.

Professor Catherine Lynde of the economics department, who served as CAS Associate Dean of the Liberal Arts Faculty last year, will now serve as Associate Provost, with responsibilities in planning, assessment, and personnel reviews. In addition to the services mentioned above, the Provost's Office will now oversee distance learning activities.

College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office

The following individuals will report to Patricia Davidson in her role as Dean of Undergraduate Education for the following year:

Professor Alan Harwood of the Anthropology department has been appointed Associate Dean of Undergraduate Education, with responsibility for general education, general education reform, Core Curriculum, Writing Proficiency Requirement, the CAS Senate, and other governance issues. Professor Louise Smith of the English department will serve as Director of the Core Curriculum Office. Mark Pawlak, currently Director of the Mathematics Skills Program and Co-director of the Reading, Writing, and Study Skills Program, will also serve as Director of Academic Support Programs. Thomas Flynn has been appointed Assistant to the Dean of Undergraduate Education, and will deal with CAS student issues and appeals.

Office of Dean of Students

Stephanie Janey has been appointed Dean of Students, with responsibility for student life, University Health Services, Child Care Center, Student Legal Services, and Campus Ministry. Janey was formerly Associate Director for Academic Advising.

Division of Enrollment Services and University Communications

Several offices have been reorganized in order to strengthen and coordinate communications and enrollment efforts, led by Kathleen Teehan, Associate

Chancellor for Enrollment Services and University Communications. Reporting to Teehan will be Annemarie Lewis Kerwin, Assistant Chancellor for University Communications, who assumes responsibility for publications, web services, and WUMB radio.

Reporting to Lewis Kerwin will be University Editor Jeffrey Mitchell, and Annette Fernie, Assistant Director of Public Information, who will work closely on public and media relations, as well as public information.

Noel Cotterell, who has been named Publications and Advertising Production Manager, will be responsible for managing production, placement, and bid procedures for publications and ads. Reporting to Cotterell will be Nina Pattek, Senior Graphic Designer and Dick Lourie, Senior Editor.

Ellen Evans and Alejandro Eluchans form the Web Services Department. Evans will assume the title of Web Master.

Hisako Matsui, Senior Graphic Designer, will work with Sherry Thomas, Director of Enrollment Marketing and Information Services, on enrollment related publications and ads.

Office of Sponsored Projects

Martin Quitt, Dean of Graduate Studies, has agreed to undertake responsibility for the institutes and sponsored research and will add Vice Provost for Research to his title.

First Forum of the Year Takes a Look at Charter and Pilot Schools

The Forum for the 21st Century's first event of the year, "A Look at Charter and Pilot Schools: What are we Learning?" will be held on Thursday, September 17.

The forum takes place from 3:30 to 5:30 at Jordan Hall, 30 Gainsborough Street, Boston, and is free of charge. The Lincoln Filene Center of Tufts University is co-sponsoring this event, which is free and open to the public.

Panel members include Sarah Kass, president and co-founder, City on a Hill Charter School, Boston; Scott Hartl, director, The Harbor School, Dorchester; Bak Fun Wong, deputy superintendent for clusters and school leaders, Boston Public Schools; Kevin Andrews, headmaster, Neighborhood House Charter School, Dorchester; Stacey Boyd, founding director, Academy of the Pacific Rim Charter School, Hyde Park. Commentators will be Daniel French, executive director, Center for Collaborative Education, and Scott Hamilton, associate commissioner for charter schools, Massachusetts Department of Education. The panel will be moderated by Daniel Cheever, president, Simmons College.

Bus transportation will be available from campus to and from Jordan Hall. Buses will leave the UL busway at 3:00 p.m.

Retirements

Our thanks and best wishes to the following faculty and staff who have retired recently or are about to retire shortly:

Prof. Joseph J. Cooney, founder and former director of the Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) graduate program, was honored for his years of service at a retirement reception in April. His contributions to the department and the University were lauded by colleagues, students, family and friends, with over 100 guests in attendance.

In September, founding member of the UMass Boston faculty, Prof. Richard Hogarty of CPCS and the McCormack Institute, retires after long service to the University (see Prof. Hogarty's article on page 2). He will remain as director of the Doctoral Program in Public Policy for the 1998-99 academic year, until a new director is selected.

Loretta Slover, Assistant Dean for Academic Studies of CAS, retires in September. A 24-year veteran of UMass Boston, Slover was an instructor in the Spanish Studies Department prior to becoming assistant dean in 1985.

Peter Tofuri Sr., retired in June after 28 years with the University. He served the University in a variety of capacities before moving to Computing Services in 1982, where for the last seven years he was Manager of Technical Services.

Betsy Boehne, Director of Personnel Administration,

Human Resources, retired in May. With the University since 1972, Boehne held positions in College II, the College of Management, and in the Provost's Office before joining Human Resources in 1986.

Charles Joyce, Associate Director, Physical Plant, retired in June. Joyce joined the Facilities department in 1973, and has held a variety of positions there. Most recently, he was in charge of the University's construction trade shops.

Grants and Awards Rise Again for Fiscal Year 1998

Grants awarded to the University from outside sources increased to \$17.2 million in fiscal year 1998, rising from a total of \$16.25 million in the previous year. More than 260 active research and training grants were attracted by faculty and staff, rising from 247 in 1997, according to the Office of Sponsored Projects.

"The importance of sponsored research for UMass Boston cannot be overstated," says Martin Quitt, Vice Provost for Research. "It signifies the value that both funding agencies and the University attribute to projects, and represents a nationally accepted benchmark for measuring the centrality of research at an institution."

A sampling of grants received during the final quarter of fiscal year 1998 include \$120,000 to Prof. Hans Van Willigen of the Chemistry department for a study of photoinduced electron transfer reactions; \$168,000 to Prof. Diane Arathuzik of the College of

Nursing for the Family Nurse-Practitioner Program; \$250,000 to Lois Biener of the Center for Survey Research for the Tobacco Control Epidemiological Survey; and \$350,000 to Donna Haig Friedman of the McCormack Institute for the ANCHoR program.

New Logo to be Adopted by All UMass Campuses

A logo has been selected to create a new visual identity for the University of Massachusetts system, and will be adopted by all five campuses. President William Bulger recommended the new logo, which was designed by Steve Robbins, a UMass Amherst alumnus and graphic designer in the Amherst publications office, and the Board of Trustees approved the plan at their August meeting.

"The five campuses of the University are working together more closely than ever in teaching, research, economic development, public service, and fundraising. It is...the right time to present this unified front to the public at every opportunity. With this new logo, we do so," President Bulger stated.

Each campus will choose its own color. Athletic teams will continue to use their current logos and mascots. A style guide is being developed to direct each campus in phasing in the logo. The timeline to implement the logo for the UMass Boston community will be over the course of several months. The

administration plans to use up all the current inventory and gradually phase in the new material.

Writers Workshop Explores Violence and Literary Expression

The William Joiner Center's Writers Workshop attracted 140 participants this summer. From June 22 to July 3, aspiring writers from as far away as California and Alaska studied fiction, poetry, and non-fiction, and attended panels, seminars, and readings given by guest faculty.

Irish poets John F. Deane and Eva Bourke joined Irish-American Sabra Loomis to offer distinct voices exploring violence and literary expression. Claribel Alegria and Daisy Zamora contributed a Central American viewpoint and Vietnam veterans Michael Casey and Doug Anderson brought a combat sensibility. Yusef Komunyakaa and Grace Paley offered African-American and women's perspectives. Workshop coordinator T. Michael Sullivan initiated the workshop with an address on "Writing and Community."

This year's delegation from Vietnam included Nguyen Duc Mao and Bao Nguyen, perhaps the best-known writer in Vietnam. His novel, *Sorrow of War*, has been widely translated.

Readings were held at the Boston Public Library, the Longfellow House, Arlington Street Church, Harvard's Yenching Library, and Spontaneous Celebrations in Jamaica Plain.

Obituaries

Mary Ann Allard

Mary Ann Allard, Director of the Center for Social Policy at the McCormack Institute, died at her home in Needham on July 7.

An expert in the areas of disabilities, social welfare policy, long-term care and public financing of health and human services programs, Allard was a former administrator for the Governor's Commission on Mental Retardation, and a former associate director at the Shriver Center, which served individuals and families with developmental disabilities.

Allard received her Ph.D. in social policy from Brandeis University, her master's degree from the University of Southern California, and her bachelor's degree from the American University in Washington, D.C. She leaves her husband, Samuel Ratick, and her son, Marc Allard-Ratick.

C. Thomas Baxter

C. Thomas Baxter, a former budget director and vice chancellor for administration and finance, died May 31 in Ransom, West Virginia. Baxter worked at UMass Boston from 1971 until 1989. After leaving UMass Boston, he was vice president of administration and finance at Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. He leaves his wife, Mary, and three children, Dawn, Kelly, and Mark.

Check out what's new in Administrative Re-Design on the ARD website at http://www.umb.edu/NEWS_AND_EVENTS/ard

Publications

Prof. **Ramona Hernandez** of the Latino Studies Program has co-authored a new book, *Dominican Americans*, with Silvio Torres Saillant. It was published in May by Greenwood Press.

Sociology Prof. **Stephanie Hartwell's** article, "Treatment-seeking Patterns of Chronic Recidivists" was published in the July issue of the journal, *Qualitative Health Research*.

Harlyn Halvordson, director of the Policy Center for Marine Bioscience and Technology, published an article, "Aquaculture, Marine Sciences and Oceanography: A Confluence," in the Spring 1998 issue of *Connections*, the journal of the New England Board of Higher Education.

Art Prof. **Nancy Stieber's** book, *Housing Design and Society in Amsterdam: Reconfiguring Urban Order and Identity, 1900-1920*, has been published by the University of Chicago Press.

Verna Okali of the Healey Library and **Harold Horton**, Trotter Institute, were recognized for developing questions for a study guide on African American inventors in "'The Real McCoy', Pages from History," published by the Institute for the Development of Positive Relations Inc.

Xu-Chen Wang of the ECOS department is co-author of "Radiocarbon Studies of organic compound classes in plankton and sediment of the Northeast Pacific Ocean," published by *Geochimica et Cosmochimica*.

Appointments and Awards

Nursing Prof. **Marion Winfrey** has been appointed to the Board of Health in her hometown of Salem, Ma.

In August, **Robert Manley**, senior fellow, McCormack Institute, was presented the Frederick Gruenberg Award by the Government Research Association, for contributions "above and beyond" to privately financed government research. Manley is the former president of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation.

James Jennings, Director of the Trotter Institute, was honored for service to the Commonwealth with a President's Public Service Award at the June Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Amaro Laria, a May graduate of the Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology, won the University of Massachusetts Boston Distinguished Dissertation Award for his dissertation, "Dissociative Experiences among Cuban Mental Health Patients and Spiritist Mediums."

ECOS Prof. **Joseph Cooney** received the Waksman Teaching Award for 1998 from the Society for Industrial Microbiology. The award includes a \$1,000 honorarium and an expenses-paid invitation to attend the Society's annual meeting in Denver.

Conferences and Presentations

ECOS Prof. **William Robinson** and Ph.D. candidate **P. Satish Nair** presented a paper, "Investigation of a Cadmium Binding to a Blood Plasma Protein from *Mytilus edulis*" at the annual meeting of the North Atlantic Chapter, Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry in May.

Physics Prof. **Gopal Rao** gave the keynote speech, "Optical Information Processing," at the Philip L. Young Symposium of the College of Science and Technology, at Grambling State University in April.

English graduate student **Stan Kaplan** presented a paper on Ovid's (and Shakespeare's) Pyramus and Thisbe tale as a source for *Ulysses* at the 16th International James Joyce Symposium in Rome, Italy, in June.

Carol DeSouza, ADA compliance officer and president of the Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD), co-sponsored the Third International Conference on Higher Education and Disability in Innsbruck, Austria, in July. DeSouza and several others from UMass Boston were among the 1,000 to attend the 21st International Conference of AHEAD in Las Vegas, also in July.

Lee Nason, deputy director of Facilities Operations, presented a workshop, "Converting a Facility from a Reactive to a Proactive Organization," at the New England Buildings and Facilities Maintenance Show and Conference, at the World Trade Center in June.

Dr. Harlyn Halvordson, director of the Policy Center for Marine Bioscience and Technology, organized a conference, "Diversification of Aquaculture Species in the Extreme Southern Zone of Chile," in Woods Hole, Ma., in May. ECOS Prof. **William Robinson** chaired a session, "Introduction of Exotic Species: Environmental Considerations."

ECOS Prof. **Robert Chen** and Research Associate **Bernie Gardner** organized a special session on Boston Harbor at the Spring Meeting of the American Geophysical Union, held in Boston, May 26-29.

Richard Delaney, director of the Urban Harbors Institute, led a roundtable discussion on conserving the ocean environment at the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal in July. As a member of the Massachusetts Trade and Legislative delegation to the World's Fair, Delaney also developed an exhibit featuring the contributions of UMass Boston to oceanic research, education and service.

New on Campus

The Healey Library has installed a computer-compatible reading system for the visually impaired on the 4th floor. The system simultaneously displays live video and computer graphics, and magnifies to 70 times original size, in color and black and white.

Grants and Fellowships

Helene Davis, poet and lecturer in English, received an Individual Artist Fellowship grant from the Somerville Arts Council.

Arne Boudwyn, who received his Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in May, was awarded a \$100,000 post-doctoral grant from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society for his project, "Development of the Multiple Sclerosis Psychosocial Assessment Scale."

Albert Cardarelli, McCormack Institute senior fellow, received a \$40,000 grant from the Boston Police Department to evaluate curriculum development for the Regional Community Policing Institute of New England.

Sociology Prof. **Stephanie Hartwell** received a \$20,000 grant from the Addiction Technology Transfer Center of New England and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment to hold a training for professionals working with mentally ill offenders. The Division of Continuing Education administered the training, which was held Aug. 3 and 10.

Paul Camacho, director of Special Projects and Programs of the Joiner Center, assisted by Henry Turner, director of the Minority Business Assistance Center, will study ways to increase small business opportunities for disabled veterans. The study is funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Two students in the Public Policy Doctoral Program have received research fellowships. **Karla Armenoff** received an \$18,000 Congressional Fellowship from the Women's Research and Education Institute to work on housing issues in Congress.

Maggie Spake-Aguillar received the \$25,000 Economic Policy Institute Marcia McGill Research Fellowship to work on issues of women and welfare reform.

The **College of Management** received a \$15,000 grant from the Polaroid Fund to equip at-risk students with the skills to successfully complete their programs of study.

Robert Bucci of the Center for Social Policy, McCormack Institute, received a \$20,000 grant from the Office of Child Care Services for a study of child care capacity and utilization. Senior Fellow Elaine Werby will work with Bucci on this study.

The **Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy** has been awarded an \$80,000 grant from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation for a project, "From Dialogue to Action: The Mass Action for Women Audit."

International Activities

Thirty-one students from Chukyo University participated in a summer program to advance their English language skills while expanding their cultural awareness of the U.S., and 55 students participated in courses offered on site in Haiti, Ireland, Mexico, and Vietnam this summer through programs offered by the **Division of Continuing Education (DCE)**.

Two groups of students from Northern Ireland participated in "Boston Options for Northern Ireland", a collaboration among the **Division of Continuing Education**, Springboard, a Belfast, Ireland-based human services agency, and the Concept Group, a Massachusetts-based economic development organization. The program offered students classroom instruction and internships.

The **Division of Continuing Education** hosted a delegation representing 27 institutions of higher education from the People's Republic of China in July. The delegation attended a program on public higher education in Massachusetts on campus.

Edmund Beard, Senior Fellow, McCormack Institute, hosted a delegation of 20 Chinese judges and legal professionals in August. Their visit included workshops, briefings, site visits, and opportunities to meet U.S. counterparts.

A unique delegation composed of young Israelis from the Likud party and their counterparts from the Palestinian Fatah party spent the day at the McCormack Institute in July. The delegation was hosted by McCormack Director **Bob Woodbury**, **Ed Beard**, and **Margery O'Donnell**.

In the News...

Debra Wein, general manager of the Beacon Fitness Center, was quoted on the topic of dietary supplements in the August issue of *Prevention Magazine*.

Project JUMP, a physical activity program at Dorchester's Murphy School Community Center created by Prof. **Avery Faigenbaum** of the Human Performance and Fitness Program, was featured on "Mosaic," a community program of *WLV-TV 56* on July 25.

Latino Studies Prof. **Ramona Hernandez** was interviewed on the show "Hispanic Horizon" on *WWOR-TV* in New York on July 11. She was interviewed on her book, *Dominican Americans*, and its impact on youngsters of Dominican descent. She was also interviewed on "Memorias Compartidas," on the Dominican Republic's *Radio Comercial* July 18, regarding conditions of Dominican workers in the U.S.

ECOS Prof. **Robert Chen** and Ph.D. candidate **Raymond Siegener**, reported high levels of caffeine in Boston Harbor's water in May at the Spring meeting of the American Geophysical Union. News stories appeared in several newspapers and on National Public Radio.

Convocation '88

Traditionally known as the "opening" of the academic year, **Convocation** is scheduled for Monday, September 28. An all-faculty, staff, and student leaders breakfast will be held in Clarke Gymnasium.

Welcome Week

Student Life is sponsoring a week of activities to welcome new and returning students to campus, September 8-15. Schedules of events can be picked up at campus information booths or Student Life offices (4th floor, Wheatley Hall)

ANCHoR Project Wins HUD Blue Ribbon

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has given the McCormack Institute, together with the City of Boston, a Blue Ribbon Practices in Housing and Community Development Award. The award recognizes "exemplary" contributions to developing the new "ANCHoR" software, with which agencies can gather and connect critical information about homeless clients. Eighteen localities across the nation, including Boston, have helped HUD test the software.

As of now, says institute project director Donna Haig Friedman, too many questions about the homeless can go unanswered. "Where did they live before they became homeless?" she asks. "What happens when they enter a shelter and what kind of services do they get? What happens when they leave? And how many people who have been through a

shelter system become homeless again? What kinds of services enable people to get out of homelessness?"

With ANCHoR, the "Automated National Client-specific Homeless-services Recording system," service providers and policy-makers can systematically collect and combine standardized information over time. This permits them to make sounder public policy decisions, improve services, and help clients move permanently beyond homelessness by informing them about assistance for which they may be eligible.

It is already clear that "point-in-time" methods of data-collecting used earlier have tended to overcount the chronically homeless and to undercount people who are temporarily driven into homelessness by life crises—people who can benefit

from changes in public policy and programs. "I think there is a mental set out there that people who are homeless are very different from the rest of the human race," says Friedman. "I think we are going to learn that there is less that makes us different, and more that we have in common."

Privacy is one shared concern, as currently and previously homeless project advisors reported again and again. The project therefore developed programming that strips personal identifiers from information destined for the central database, which is now in general use.

Thirty-six Boston-area programs now use ANCHoR, and the City of Boston and the Commonwealth have recently committed \$1.4 million to fund the project for three more years.

—By Jeffrey Mitchell

Editor's Poem Graces Finale of *Smoke Signals*

Publications Senior Editor Dick Lourie's book of poetry, *Ghost Radio*, received powerful publicity with the summertime release of the movie *Smoke Signals*. The reason: his poem, "Forgiving Our Fathers," serves as the movie's benediction in the final minutes, capping the story of a son coming to terms with his long-absent father's death.

Here's a brief synopsis. When Victor, a Coeur D'Alene Indian, receives the news of his father's death, he grudgingly accepts the offer of the local reservation oddball, Thomas Builds-the-Fire, to pay for the two of them to travel by bus to Phoenix, where they will pick up the truck—and the

remains—of Victor's father. Their journey is one full of stories, memories, and experiences by which Victor comes to terms with the father who still looms large in his life, though he left years ago.

Written and produced by Lourie's friend Sherman Alexie, *Smoke Signals* is drawn from his book, *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. Lourie and Alexie first met in 1990, when Hanging Loose Press, where Lourie is an editor, first published Alexie's poems. Alexie's first book of poetry, *The Business of Fancydancing*, was published by Hanging Loose Press in 1992.

"The movie was a very personal experience for me, as a friend of Sherman's and as his editor, and because there were many universals in it about fathers and sons," says Lourie.

But the impact of the movie for Lourie doesn't end there. Since the movie's debut, several invitations have been extended for him to read in cities such as Seattle and Milwaukee. Perhaps most significantly, *Ghost Radio* has just gone into its second printing due to demand. Lourie is now working on a CD version of *Ghost Radio*, which blends a reading of the poems with a blues band performance. It will be released in October.

Tucker Curates Major Monet Show at the MFA

Professor Paul Hayes Tucker, an internationally recognized authority on Impressionism and artist Claude Monet, will guest-curate the premiere and only U.S. venue for the upcoming exhibition *Monet in the 20th Century*.

More than 80 of Monet's paintings, gathered from all around the world, will be on view from Sept. 20 through Dec. 27 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. The exhibition will then travel to the Royal Academy of Arts, London.

This is the first major exhibition devoted exclusively to the later works of Monet, who lived from

1840-1926. "Monet painted more than 450 pictures in the last 26 years of his life," Tucker said. "For this exhibition, we have selected the best of these canvases to reveal how Monet reinvented the look of landscape arts by expressing his 19th-century sensibilities in a new 20th century language."

For Tucker, serving as curator for the event culminates 25 years of work on Monet. "I was invited to be the guest curator and felt quite privileged to be awarded such an opportunity," Tucker said.

In addition to the famous paintings of Monet's Giverny water garden and its Japanese Bridge,

the exhibition includes views of London and Venice, an unprecedented selection of the 1903-1908 Water Lily compositions, and more experimental garden scenes painted in the late 'teens. It culminates with the Water-Lily murals.

Author of numerous publications, including the most recent *Claude Monet: Life and Arts*, Tucker has curated several major Monet exhibitions, including *Monet in the '90s: The Series Paintings*, an exhibition held in 1990 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, the Art Institute of Chicago and the Royal Academy of Arts, London.

—By Stacey Carter-Lane

Study Helps Tailor Prevention Programs

A study undertaken by the Department of Sociology and the Graduate Program in Nursing and directed by Professor Russell Schutt, has provided valuable information that will guide new substance abuse prevention programs tailored to student needs. Designed for the Prevention Resource, Information, and Drug Education Program (PRIDE) and funded by Health Services, "Substance Use and Abuse Among UMass Boston Students" surveyed the current levels of alcohol and substance use among 482 UMass Boston students. The study was published in April.

According to Schutt, three findings were notable. First, results indicated that rates of alcohol and substance abuse among UMass Boston students

are 10% lower than at other colleges nationwide. Here, Schutt offers a caveat. "Because we are a commuter school, we don't see binge drinking and its results on campus," he notes.

Second, 1/3 of the respondents reported concern about the substance or alcohol abuse of at least one family member. Third, approximately 1/2 of the respondents expressed interest in campus-based prevention programs, although participation in existing programs was low.

Linda Jorgenson, director of the PRIDE program, says the results of the study confirmed information she had gathered anecdotally and from past surveys. So this fall, PRIDE will begin offering a new family alcohol support group. "The point of this group

is neither to save the family member or serve as a gripe session, but to help students cope so that they can focus on their studies," explains Jorgenson.

She hopes to narrow the gap between interest and participation by bringing more prevention programs directly to students. PRIDE offers a "Don't Cancel that Class" program to faculty, substituting a program on alcohol and academic performance as alternative to class cancellation. A one-credit alcohol and drug peer leader program is also under development.

For a copy of the study, contact the PRIDE Program office, at 7-5680.

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Dr. Harlyn Halvordson, Director of PCMBT, considers that sound policy is best determined when all of the stakeholders participate in the public discussion, and when the relevant scientific and technical information, including gaps in our knowledge, are available to all.

The Maryland Roundtable Oyster Mediation is a good case study. A mediator brought together various parties to discuss complex issues and develop an action plan. PCMBT adopted this process to establish a Sea Scallop Working Group to develop a plan for sea scallop aquaculture in Massachusetts. The resulting document is an industry-driven, bottom-up blueprint, and puts forward recommendations from the perspective of potential sea scallop farmers, with advice and guidance of scientists, government managers, regulators, lawyers, environmentalists, and economic development experts.

A demonstration project under consideration by SSWG would establish a site south of Martha's Vineyard, Ma., for an 18-month experimental project involving sea scallop research and aquaculture. This proposal, by a consortium of aquaculturists, the MIT Seagrass Program, and the Conservation Law Foundation, was selected for U.S. government funding. This is the first permit for aquaculture issued in U.S. federal waters, and opens opportunities for aquaculture projects in New England federal waters.

With ECOS and the Urban Harbors Institute, PCMBT plans to stay involved in a number of international collaborative projects supporting sustainable aquaculture —By Dr. Harlyn Halvordson.

Boston Folk Festival Set to Rock, Sept. 12 & 13

Boston is a town where folk music thrives in coffee houses, concert venues, and on the radio. So what better place for WUMB-91.9FM and a host of folk-art organizations to launch the 1st Boston Folk Festival, a four-month series of events celebrating local folk cultures. The highlight of the Festival is two days of free folk music (and much more) on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 12 & 13. Saturday's events take place at Downtown Crossing and the Boston Common. Sunday's events take place at the Boston Public Library and on Newbury Street (near Tower Records).

Contemporary and traditional folk, bluegrass, Celtic, blues, world music, gospel, old-time, and folk-rock performances are scheduled. Performers include folk legends Odetta and Tom Paxton, as well as Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson, Viva Quetzal, and J.D. Crowe.

On Sunday, the U.S. Postal Service will hold the Northeast dedication of its new stamp series honoring four legendary musicians: Woody Guthrie, Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter, Sonny Terry, and Josh White. A free concert featuring Josh White Jr., Happy Traum, and Guy Davis caps the dedication.

The Boston Folk Festival button, entitling holders to discounts at more than 75 folk-related events through December, is available to faculty, staff and students for a discounted price of \$5.00. Purchase your button at the WUMB station, lower level, Healey Library.

The festival is wheelchair accessible and performances will be sign language interpreted. For an up-to-date schedule of events, check WUMB's web page at www.wumb.org/bff, tune into WUMB-91.9 FM, or call the station at 287-6911. For TTY, call 287-6966.

Fun and Festivities Slated for 1st Alumni Family Day

Mark your calendars! Saturday, September 26th, is the first Alumni Family Day/Homecoming, and alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends are invited to participate in day-long events.

Activities begin with a continental breakfast from 7:30 to 8:15 a.m., followed by a choice of 30 mini-courses, with titles running the gamut from "Modern Art Comes to Boston: From Monet to Maya Lin," with Art Professor Paul Tucker, to "Women and Politics" with Elizabeth Sherman, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy. While adults are in class, children ages 5-12 can participate in educational and athletic activities, including basketball, hockey, lacrosse and tennis clinics.

A luncheon and reception, with music by the Blue Suede Boppers, and special guests Chancellor Sherry Penney and President William Bulger, will precede the UMass Boston vs. UMass Dartmouth football game, and a men's soccer match between the Beacons and Endicott College.

For a complete schedule of events or a registration form, call Tash-Marie Spooner or Shannon Jones at 7-5330.