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UMass/Boston expert on Northern Ireland turns to South Africa

UMass/Boston's Padraig O'Malley, the author of three widely acclaimed books on the conflict in Northern Ireland, has started work on a new book tracking the ongoing progress toward ending apartheid in South Africa.

O'Malley is a lecturer in the University's Irish Studies Program and a senior associate at the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, where he also is a senior associate and editor of the New England Journal of Public Policy. He has begun the long process of interviewing South Africans, among whom are senior officials of the government, the African National Congress, the Pan Africanist Congress, the Fukatha Freedom Party, and the trade union movement, as well as leaders in the business and religious communities, and political and social activists. He conducted a first round of interviews last summer and will continue to talk with the same people over the next several years. He expects to publish the book in 1994.

O'Malley says his probe of South Africa parallels his efforts in Northern Ireland. "One reason I was drawn to South Africa," explains the Dublin-born author, "is that the psychological profile of the Afrikaner and the Northern Ireland Protestant are the same. Each is intransigent, inflexible and not given to compromise. Also, both conflicts involve quarrels over sovereignty and power between indigenous populations and settler populations."

O'Malley received an economics degree from University College in Dublin and in the 1960s worked in agricultural research for the Irish government. He attended Yale University on a Fulbright Fellowship in 1967 and earned a Ph.D. from Tufts University.

In 1975 he organized a week-long forum at UMass/Amherst in which leaders from all sectors in Northern Ireland sat down at the same table to talk to each other. It was an unprecedented meeting, and nothing on such a scale took place afterwards until 1985, when O'Malley led another conference, in Virginia, which brought together 65 political leaders, ministerial officials, and high level government officers from Northern Ireland, Ireland, and Britain.

Next spring O'Malley will participate in a two-day conference at the Kennedy Library, sponsored by the McCormack Institute, to be called "A Bill of Rights: South Africa and Northern Ireland."

Biting at the Grave: The Irish Hunger Strikes and the Politics of Despair, was an analysis of the 1980-81 protests that claimed the lives of 10 Irish Catholics jailed by the British for terrorism. Published earlier this year and very favorably reviewed, Biting at the Grave was recently honored by being included on the New York Times Book Review list of the outstanding books of 1990. His newest book, Northern Ireland: Questions of Nuance, was published this fall.

Faculty and staff receive Annual Fund grants

The University's Annual Fund has provided a total of $30,000 for awards made by the Office of the Provost recognizing both faculty/staff research projects and the efforts of University departments and offices in the area of student retention. The award recipients and their research projects are listed below.

For research:
- Paul M. Brown, Economics: "Testing the Rational Expectations Model"
- Kenneth L. Campbell, Biology: "Variability on Pre-Clinical Pregnancy Loss"
- Dorothy Eastman, Management Sciences: "Transportation Management in Urban Transit Systems"
- Keitha Fine, Political Science: "Social Movements in Eastern Europe"
- Ellen Greenberg, Management: "Managing the Creative Process in R & D Firms"

O'Malley's first book on Northern Ireland, The Uncivil Wars: Ireland Today, published in 1983, won the Christopher Ewart-Biggs Award, given each year for a book which promotes Anglo-Irish understanding. His next, continued page 3
Graduate Studies reception recognizes UMass/Boston authors for 1990 books

A reception hosted by the Office of Graduate Studies and Research on November 30th recognized faculty and staff authors and researchers who published books and in one case patented an invention during 1990. Twenty-seven members of the UMass/Boston community were honored at the event, which took place in the Chancellor's Conference Room. They are listed below.

Linda Dittmar, English Department, Eugene Michaud, Joiner Center, Editors
From Hanoi to Hollywood: The Vietnam War in American Film

Peter Fejer, Dan Simovici, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science: Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science, Volume I: Sets, Relations, and Induction

Lou Ferleger, CAS Dean's Office and Economics Department, Editor: Agriculture and National Development: Views on the Nineteenth Century

Floyd W. Fowler, Jr., Thomas W. Mangione, Center for Survey Research: Standardized Survey Interviewing: Minimizing Interviewer-Related Error

Arthur A. Goldsmith, Management: Building Agricultural Institutions: Transferring the Land-Grant Model to India and Nigeria

Claire Golomb, Psychology Department: The Child's Creation of the Pictorial World

Susan Gore, Sociology Department and Center for Survey Research, Editor, with John Eckenrode: Stress Between Work and Family

William Hagar, Biology Department, Richard Volpicelli, Physics Department: U.S. Patent for Cordless Phone Data Logger

Anthony H. Hull, History Department: E. F. Wells: His Art, Life, and Times

Marie Kennedy, Community Planning, CPCS, Editor, with others: Fire in the Hearth: The Radical Politics of Place in America

Arthur MacEwan, Economics Department: Debt and Disorder: International Economic Instability and U.S. Imperial Decline

Monica McAlpine, English Department, Compiler: Chaucer's Knight's Tale: An Annotated Bibliography, 1900-1985

Shaun V. O'Connell, English Department: Imagining Boston: A Literary Landscape

Padraig O'Malley, John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs: Biting at the Grave: The Irish Hunger Strikes and the Politics of Despair and Northern Ireland: Questions of Nuance

James M. O'Toole, History Department: Understanding Archives and Manuscripts (Volume I of Archival Fundamentals Series)

Henry J. Raimondo, Economics Department: Economics of State and Local Government

Gladys M. Scipien, College of Nursing, Editor: Pediatric Nursing Care

Robert Seeley, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science: Calculus

Ester R. Shapiro, Psychology Department, Editor: Tradition and Innovation in Psychoanalytic Education

Marshall Shatz, History Department, Translator and Editor: Statism and Anarchy, by Michael Bakunin

Nicholas Tawa, Music Department: The Way to Tin Pan Alley and American Solo Songs Through 1865, American Solo Songs 1866 Through 1910 (Volumes I and II of Three Centuries of American Music)

Glenn Tinder, Department of Political Science: The Political Meaning of Christianity

Robert S. Weiss, Work and Family Research Unit: Staying the Course: The Emotional and Social Lives of Men Who Do Well at Work

News & Views invites the UMass/Boston community to submit news items for possible publication, and particularly requests news of faculty activities appropriate for “Faculty Notes.”

Please address all items to:
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Faculty Notes

Three members of the CAS faculty have begun work on a two-year project that will examine the way the state manages its coastal environment from Rockport to Provincetown. Jack H. Archer and Robert E. Bowen of the Environmental Sciences Program and David G. Terkla of the Economics Department have undertaken a study sponsored by the federal government’s Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Bays Program of the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management.

James F. Collins of the Graduate College of Education has been invited to serve as a site visitor for the United States Department of Education’s 1990-91 Secondary School Recognition Program, which honors schools that are providing outstanding education. As a site visitor, Professor Collins will inspect schools in the New England area and report his observations to the panel making the final awards.

Eric Robinson of the History Department will receive a degree in the humanities from Cambridge University next spring. Cambridge University’s Doctor of Humane Letters degree is given to honor the recipient for the entire body of his or her published work. Professor Robinson’s writings reflect his dedication to literature as well as history. He is a leading authority on nineteenth century English poet John Clare, and his books include the autobiographical One Dark Mile: A Widower’s Story.

Raymond G. Torto of the Economics Department and the McCormack Institute was recently named to Governor-elect William Weld’s Fiscal Management Committee. Professor Torto is one of 20 members of this group, which is charged with analyzing the state’s fiscal problems and developing plans for budget reductions.

Barbara F. Turner of the Graduate College of Education’s Counselor Training Program has been elected a Fellow of the American Psychological Society, for her “distinguished contributions to psychological science.” Professor Turner’s research focuses on personality and aging.

Hans van Willigen of the Chemistry Department has won a three-month Fulbright Research Scholarship to the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore, India, beginning in January, 1991, for research on photo-induced electron transfer processes. While there, Professor van Willigen will also be giving lectures at institutions in Madras and Bombay, and will travel to the Soviet Union for a symposium.

Paul Tucker’s book on Monet wins annual award from Yale University Press

Paul Tucker, UMass/Boston associate professor of art, has won the 1989 Governors’ Award presented by the Yale University Press for his book, Monet In The 90s, a historical and pictorial catalog of Monet’s work.

The award is given annually to honor a book published by the Yale University Press and written by an author under 40. Tucker received the award and its $1,000 honorarium at a December 13th reception in New Haven.

The book contains over 90 color and 60 black-and-white illustrations and serves as a guide to the exhibit “Monet In The 90s: The Series Paintings,” which opened at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston in February and moved on to Chicago and other cities.

Tucker, who spent four years persuading museums, art dealers and private collectors to lend their Monet works, served as curator of the popular exhibit, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the decade in which Monet produced his most famous series paintings of grain stacks, poplars, and cathedrals. Generally acknowledged as the leading U.S. expert on Monet, Tucker is also the author of a 1982 book, Monet at Argenteuil. Recently, he was presented with a key to that city, where Monet lived during the 1870s.

Annual Fund grants

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- Jemadari Kamara (Dean, Principal Investigator), Carolyne Arnold, Barbara Buchanan, Elba Carballo, Melvyn Colon, Carroy Ferguson, Mark Freeman, Margaret Mead, Charles Souris, Clark Taylor, College of Public and Community Service: “Competency-Based Curriculum as an Educational Model for Community Service”
- Carla Meskill, Bilingual/ESL: “Using Media in ESL”
- John D. Spence, Political Science: “Elections, Insurgency, and International Diplomacy in El Salvador and Nicaragua”
- Robert D. Stevenson, Biology: “Measuring Metabolic Rates of Manduca Sexta”
- Satish Thosar, Accounting and Finance: “Models of Stock Price Behavior”
- Leon Zurawicki, Management: “Enhancing Management Skills in Eastern European Countries”

For retention efforts:
- The CAS Academic Support Programs: for the creation of a computer-based, auto-instructional laboratory in analytical language development.
- The CPCS Dean’s Office: for refining competency-based curriculum at the intermediate skills level through a cognitive developmental approach.
- The Department of Psychology: for the establishing and evaluating of short-term support groups for ACCESS students, focusing on barriers to student achievement and intellectual self-esteem.
- The University Advising Center and the Healey Library: for a library literacy project.
Harold Horton named acting director of affirmative action

Harold Horton, for the past six years academic coordinator at UMass/Boston’s Department of Athletics, has been named acting director of affirmative action at the University. Horton succeeds Jocelyn Gant, who has taken a position as director of affirmative action and diversity with the state’s Board of Regents of Higher Education.

The University will advertise for a permanent affirmative action director; the position will probably be filled by the end of the spring semester.

In his new post Horton will report directly to University Chancellor Sherry H. Penney. “We are fortunate to have Dr. Horton take charge at a time when it is vital to ensure the access of all segments of society to the University,” Chancellor Penney said.

According to enrollment figures for the current semester, 19 percent of UMass/Boston’s 12,478 students are minorities and 57 percent are women. Of the University’s full-time faculty, almost 35 percent are women and about 15 percent belong to minority groups.

UMass/Boston student and recent graduate both get good fellowship news

A recent UMass/Boston graduate has been awarded a 1990 Jesse Marvin Unruh California State Assembly fellowship, and a student in the environmental sciences master of science degree program will be going to Washington, D.C. to spend a year studying national policy decisions affecting the use of ocean resources.

Pamela Imperato, who in June received a master of arts degree in critical and creative thinking, will spend this year with the California State Assembly in a capacity similar to that of a legislative aide. One of 18 picked from among several hundred applicants nationwide, Imperato is also the only fellowship recipient from a public university outside the state of California, and one of just three winners — the other two are from Harvard and Princeton — from colleges in the East. She was selected after extensive interviews with legislators about some of the state’s important political issues. “I prepared myself,” she said, “by reading a lot of California newspapers.”

Sam Pett is the first UMass/Boston recipient of the Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, awarded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Pett, who completed his graduate course work last spring, is now employed by the Center for Marine Conservation, a non-profit agency in Washington. The award makes it possible for recipients to work as staff members in the House or Senate, or for any of a number of federal agencies with concerns in this area. A former social service worker and Peace Corps member, Pett says the Environmental Sciences Program seemed like “a perfect marriage of my interests in social and environmental issues.”

Phone system installation reaches final phase

All telephones and Terminal Adapter Units (TAUs) in use at the Harbor Campus and the Downtown Center will be replaced sometime between 6:00 p.m. on Friday, December 28th, and 8:00 a.m. on Monday the 31st.

In addition, there will be two short nighttime periods when all phone service is interrupted while central telecommunications equipment is being worked on. These are from 10:00 p.m. Friday, December 21st, to 4:00 a.m. Saturday the 22nd; and from 11:00 p.m. the 28th to 2:00 a.m. the 29th.

During these short periods, phone service will be available only through special sets called Power Failure Transfer Stations, distributed at strategic locations throughout the campus. After 2:00 a.m. on the 29th, older phones will not function; only the newly-installed phones will work. Anyone anticipating special problems during these shutdown periods should call the Telecommunications Office at 7-5010 as soon as possible.

This campus-wide replacement of equipment is the last phase in implementing the already existing contract for installation of the new phone system; it does not involve additional cost. The new telephone equipment will make data transmission clearer and much faster. It also represents the final step in changing from analog to digital technology, which makes the University’s phone system compatible with the international all-digital network that most local and long-distance phone companies are adopting. In the long run, this means phone service at lower cost.

Room occupants are asked to remove or lock securely away all personal items of value. In addition, those in rooms with security locks, restricted access, laboratory equipment, or special hazards, are asked to call the Computing Services Center at 7-5253, to discuss appropriate procedures.