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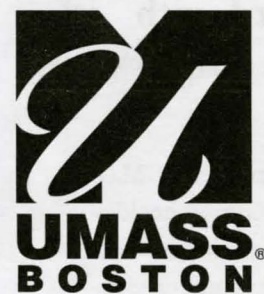
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ECOS Researchers Examine Environmental Damage from the World Trade Center Attacks

By Anne-Marie Kent and
Sarah Oktay

On September 11, when two terrorist-flown planes leveled New York's World Trade Center towers, the result was not only immense loss of life and tremendous financial cost, but also significant environmental damage. Debris literally rained down over a 16-block area and found its way into the nearby Hudson River. Researchers from the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Science (ECOS) Department hope to discover just how much of it washed off the streets or was deposited atmospherically into the Hudson River.

By studying the geochemical "fingerprint" left in the Hudson River, ECOS scientists Curtis Olsen and Sarah Oktay, and

graduate student Joseph Smith, with the help of Environmental Studies Program Director and ECOS scientist Dan Brabander, hope to better understand the movement of sediments and potential contaminants in the lower Hudson River, as well as the environmental impact of the attack.

On October 12, Oktay, Olsen, Smith, and the small crew of a wooden rowboat supplied by the nonprofit group "Sail the Apple" launched out onto the Hudson River. They rowed along the western side of the estuary near "Ground Zero" to collect sediment cores, which are essentially samples of riverbed mud. The scientists will examine these for evidence of building materials from

the Twin Towers, mainly powdered concrete and gypsum board containing high calcium and sulfur concentrations, and also asbestos and trace elements produced by the steel girders.

The ECOS scientists are hoping that their measurements will reveal new geochemical fingerprints useful for investigating short-to-medium-term sediment dynamics and quality in New York Harbor. This data could provide new insight into the way currents deposit hazardous materials in harbors. The information gained also can be used not only to plan the safe removal of any hazardous debris, but also to help environmental planners determine where material will

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ECOS Scientists Sarah Oktay, Joseph Smith, and Curtis Olsen joined personnel from "Sail the Big Apple" and John Kada from the Department of Energy's Environmental Measurement Laboratory to take samples of the Hudson River near the altered New York skyline. Pictured in the foreground: Oktay and Smith. (Photo by Curtis Olsen)

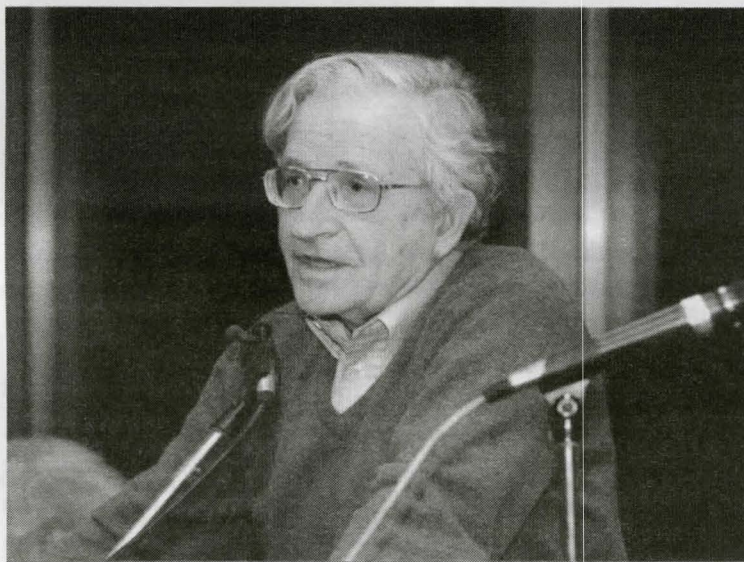
Noam Chomsky Speaks at UMass Boston's Human Rights Forum

By Leigh DuPuy

Noam Chomsky, noted linguist, political philosopher, and professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, addressed issues of terrorism and human rights violations before a standing-room-only crowd of 400 members at UMass Boston's faculty club on December 12. An additional 100 interested people overflowed into the media auditorium of the Healey library, eager to hear Chomsky's provocative look at the role of U.S. government intervention in the plight of Colombia and other countries. The event, second of its kind, was organized by the Human Rights Working Group (HRWG) at UMass Boston.

"The human rights definition is very important in meaning and

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Noam Chomsky, a renowned professor of linguistics, spoke at UMass Boston on December 12. Chomsky is also known for his role as dissident and has written over 30 books on the political economy of human rights, the United States intervention in developing countries, and the influence of media on American ideology. (Photo by Harry Brett).

State Budget Cuts Mean Spending Reductions, First Fee Increase in Five Years

By Anne-Marie Kent

The recently approved Massachusetts state budget included a \$25.5 million reduction in funding for the University of Massachusetts. The general appropriation for the university system declined from \$483.6 to \$464.1 million — a decrease of \$19.5 million or 4 percent — and its libraries sustained a \$6 million reduction.

Responding to this cut, the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees on December 10 approved a fiscal stabilization plan that includes significant spending reductions, as well as increases in mandatory fees for most undergraduate and graduate students which will go into effect for the spring 2002 semester.

The increase affects undergraduate and graduate students on

the Boston and Lowell campuses, and undergraduates in Amherst and Worcester's medical and other graduate students. It is the first time that the total student charge (tuition and fees) has increased since the 1995-1996 academic year.

Board of Trustees Chair Grace Fey said, "Our campuses are making difficult spending reductions but cannot close the gap by cuts alone. Raising fees is a step we simply must take." She added, "The Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining the academic excellence of the University of Massachusetts system and believes that adequate levels of funding must be maintained."

UMass Boston Chancellor Jo Ann Gora said, "At UMass Bos-

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Web Homepage Gets a Makeover

New highlights column gives the latest on "what's happening at UMass Boston" Check it out at www.umb.edu.

Campus Strides Forward with Technology

By Joe Peters

Formed last spring, the UMass Boston Information Technology (BIT) Council was charged with finding ways to maximize the campus technology resources. BIT, which is composed of representatives from technology, academic, and student related departments, took a major step toward that goal at the end of the first semester by forming a committee to draft an information technology plan for the campus. By September 2002, the council hopes to implement the plan, which will describe current and projected academic technology resources and needs, and more importantly, how the campus should go about meeting those needs.

Toward that end, BIT will conduct a survey of current students to determine their computer use. The survey will help gauge the interest and hurdles in creating a wireless campus—i.e., students and faculty would be able to access the campus network and the Internet in the classroom without the need for network cables.

Following through on initiatives announced by Chancellor Jo Ann Gora at convocation this fall, the Instructional Technology Center (ITC) conducted a comprehensive survey of faculty and staff to determine their computer use and needs, especially in regard to the training and services offered by the ITC.

The ITC also is preparing to open ten new technology enhanced classrooms for spring semester. The classrooms (five in Wheatley Hall and five in McCormack Hall) will feature projectors and laptop connections so that faculty can use tools such as PowerPoint presentations, DVDs, and Web sites to enhance teaching.

During the spring semester, the ITC will begin its "Teaching with Technology" program for faculty. For use throughout the 20-hour program, each of the 15 faculty members will receive a laptop. At the completion, faculty keep the laptop so that they can bring what they have learned into the classroom. The ITC plans to run the program next fall for another 15 faculty members. For more information go to www.itc.umb.edu.

UMass Boston Hosts Statewide Economic Development Forum



For the first time, the university hosted the Northeast Regional Forum "Setting Economic Priorities for the Greater Boston Region," which was held in the Faculty Club on November 28. Chancellor Jo Ann Gora welcomed Governor Jane Swift (right), UMass President William M. Bulger, and over 100 participants who attended to discuss economic development and participate in sessions focusing on topics such as preparing the workforce, improving the business climate, and developing strategies for growth. The program included remarks by Elizabeth Ames, director of the Department of Economic Development, and an overview of the planning process by J. Lynn Griesemer, executive director of the UMass Donohue Institute.

Gerontology Examines Transportation for Older Americans

On November 29, a State House forum sponsored by the Massachusetts Legislative Caucus on Older Citizens' Concerns and the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston explored issues concerning transportation needs of older citizens.

Associate Director of the Gerontology Institute Ellen Bruce opened the forum and introduced the impressive panel of experts.

The experts agreed: The United States is a mobile nation. Our culture values individuals' ability to move when, wherever, and however they choose. Transportation is a vital part of healthy and productive aging. Consequently, it must become an equal partner with the traditional issues of health and income security on the aging policy agenda.

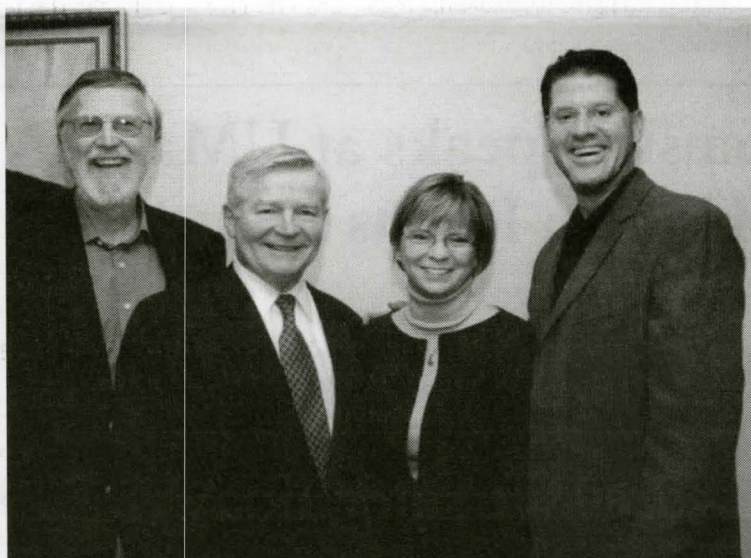
-Robert Geary

Clark Taylor Retires: Son Jeff Taylor's Gift Establishes Technology Center in Father's Name

By Leigh DuPuy

"My father taught us never to settle," explained Jeff Taylor at the podium during the retirement party for founding faculty member Clark Taylor held on November 28. "My father embodies the concept of never settling." The room full of Taylor's family, colleagues, and students agreed. "Clark is somebody who never stopped caring about the college and the university," praised Chancellor Gora, pointing out his dedication and influence during his twenty-nine and a half years as faculty member and leader at the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS).

In honor of his father's achievements, Jeff Taylor presented a gift of \$100,000 to establish a technology center in his father's name at CPCS. The Clark Taylor Information Technology Center will offer computer-assisted learning, skills training, and tutoring support for students and community partners. Taylor also announced an additional contribution to the center of \$50,000



Founding Faculty Member Clark Taylor, UMass President William M. Bulger, Janet Taylor, and her husband Jeff, founder and CEO of Monster.com. (Photo by Harry Brett)

by TMP Worldwide – the parent company of TMP Interactive and Monster.com, of which Jeff is CEO and founder. The additional funds for the initiative will assist CPCS in its goal to become a leader in development programs with other countries.

The center represents only one of Taylor's legacies. "For nearly 30 years, Clark has filled very pos-

sible role in the college," noted Ismael Ramirez-Soto, CPCS dean.

Not only did he help create the college in 1972, he has served as a member of its faculty, acting dean, and department chair of the General Education Center. In addition, he chaired the CPCS Policy Board, and he served as co-associate dean for academic affairs during 1999-2000.

"I can honestly say that I've never lost my enthusiasm for CPCS," Taylor said, in his address to a crowd that included his wife Kay, his daughter Ellen, daughter-in-law Janet, and grandchildren. "It has been my privilege to work among the finest colleagues and students I could ever imagine having."

In his impassioned speech, Taylor reviewed the college's history, challenges, and achievements, noting its educational philosophy, committed faculty, and role in defining outcome-based education. He noted the college's dedication to the urban community, "We who shaped CPCS came here as lovers of the city."

With the help of the new technology center and a revised campus-based curriculum, he noted that CPCS had the "ingredients for a dynamic, growing, exciting future" and charged the college to grow into its exciting future.

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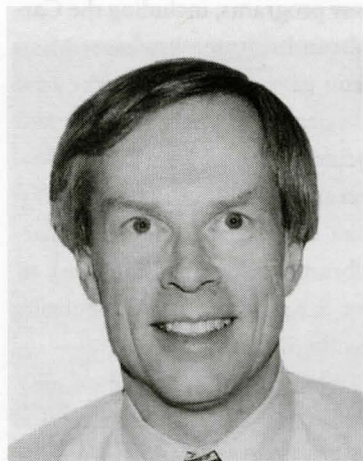
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Benchmarks Analyst Clayton-Matthews Tracks Massachusetts Economy



By Anne-Marie Kent

Policy makers, business people, and other decision-makers depend on accurate economic analysis to predict future trends and make important choices, particularly in difficult times. Professor Alan Clayton-Matthews provides quarterly analysis of trends in the Massachusetts economy, recently published in the UMass system-wide publication *Benchmarks*. Clayton-Matthews is director of quantitative methods in the Public Policy Program at the University of Massachusetts Boston, and president of the New England Economic Project (NEEP), a member-supported, non-profit organization dedicated to providing objective economic analyses and forecasts.

In the fall 2001 issue of *Benchmarks*, Clayton-Matthews issued a sobering report. "The

outlook for the second half of this year is for continued weakness, with very slow growth at best," wrote Clayton-Matthews. "A moderate decline in output and employment is more probable than not." The report cites a loss of 12,900 Massachusetts manufacturing jobs between December and July, nearly 3 percent of manufacturing payroll employment. This is the third major decline in manufacturing employment since the mid-1980s.

"The recession in Massachusetts appears to have begun last December," explains Clayton-Matthews. "The state's economy is still contracting, with sharp increases in layoffs in recent months, falling tax revenues, declining exports, and continuing declines in manufacturing production."

Not all the news is bad, however. Clayton-Matthews says, "So far, however, the recession has been mild, and although there are no clear signs yet that the bottom has been reached, there are several signs that at least the pace of contraction is slowing." Clayton-Matthews points to continued strengths in residential real estate, construction, finance, education, hospitals, and medical sciences, which includes medical device manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology. These

sectors have contributed enough employment gains and income to keep Massachusetts from falling into a full-blown recession.

Clayton-Matthews' current research includes the development of composite indexes of economic activity and considers the relationship between demographic trends and economic growth in New England, the links between traditional and high-tech manufacturing in Massachusetts, and the cost of various paid family leave proposals and related family leave dynamics. Clayton-Matthews regularly offers expert commentary to the media and teaches quantitative methods at UMass Boston.

His reports are read widely by policy makers and local economic leaders. "Clayton-Matthews' analyses of the Massachusetts economy are very insightful. I refer to them often," says Lynn E. Browne, executive vice president and director of research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. "They combine sophisticated econometric techniques with a practical, down-to-earth understanding of how the Massachusetts economy works. His write-ups effectively highlight the important economic issues facing decision-makers in the public and private sectors."

Best Practices: Student Support Services

by Susan Bartzak-Graham

Student Support Services is a federally funded project which helps retain and graduate first-generation, low-income college students and students with disabilities. These students face a number of barriers to successful completion of post-secondary education, including insufficient financial resources.

In September, 1,700 student support services projects across the country were invited to apply for a College Completion Challenge Grant. The grant would provide aid for first and second-year students, those who are often the most vulnerable to withdrawal. To qualify for the grant, institutions were required to provide matching funds. UMass Boston received \$42,437 from the Department of Education and through the leadership of the Provost's Office, deans, and senior administrators, \$20,902 in university funds were identified for the required match. The end result? A total of \$63,339 in new scholarship dollars is now available for student support services participants.

In identifying grant recipients, our priority was to decrease unmet need, reduce or eliminate loan burden, and re-

duce student's work-study obligation. Ninety-five students will receive a grant averaging \$650.

What difference will this make? Realistically, \$650 is only a small part of the total cost of education. Yet, freshman Bich-Hop Doan says that her grant will help her to buy books next semester, enable her to work fewer hours, and still continue to help support her family. She is excited about being able to put more time into her studies. Freshman Olavo "Billy" Gomes, agrees. Employed 24-hours a week, a member of the basketball team, and a new father, Billy says that he can now pay for his books, and will use whatever is left over for transportation and parking.

The awards may seem small, but the grants will alleviate some of the financial pressure that low-income students face. The College Completion Challenge Grant is a unique collaboration across the entire university and an important opportunity to provide much needed support to students.

Susan Bartzak-Graham is the director of Student Support Services, a federally funded TRIO program serving 500 students.

(Budget cuts cont.)

ton, we are going to manage these cuts so that we can maintain our priorities of developing academic centers of excellence, improving our physical plant, and bringing greater attention to the excellent work of our academic departments, centers, and institutes."

Under the vote, tuition and mandatory fees in the UMass system — by weighted average — will rise from \$4,681 to \$5,047, for an increase of \$366 or 7.8 percent. According to the College Board, the average student charge increase at U.S. four-year public institutions in 2001-2002 was 7.7 percent. The campus increases will be: at Amherst, \$495 (undergraduates only); at Boston and Lowell, \$350 (undergraduate and graduate students); at Medical School, \$495 (all students).

The new fees will generate an estimated \$12.1 million during Fiscal Year 2002, which ends June 30. These funds are much needed for campuses to continue serving students. In recommending the fee in-

crease, President William M. Bulger said, "It is critical to maintain all that has been achieved at the University of Massachusetts. Our students must have the academic resources demanded by today's competitive environment."

From 1995-1996 to 2000-2001, tuition and fees at the University of Massachusetts actually declined by 6 percent. With today's increase factored in, tuition and fees — for 1995-1996 through 2001-2002 — have increased by only 2.6 percent. Nationally, the increase in tuition and fees during that same period at four-year public higher education institutions, according to the College Board, rose by a full 34 percent.

Chancellor Gora added that, at under \$5,000 per year, UMass Boston remains an excellent value. According to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, tuition and fees at private four-year institutions in Massachusetts this year average \$20,098.

English Professor Betsy Klimasmith Receives NEH Fellowship

By Melissa Fassel

Betsy Klimasmith, assistant professor of English at UMass Boston, recently received an individual research fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). NEH is an independent grant-making agency whose aim is to support research, education, and public programs in the humanities. This year, NEH gave out 171 grants across the United States. Klimasmith was one of only nineteen Massachusetts academics to receive an individual research fellowship.

The \$40,000 year-long fellowship will allow Klimasmith to work on her book *At Home in the City: Urban Domesticity and the Modern Subject in American Literature and Culture, 1850-1930*. As people moved from spacious farms in the country to

crowded tenements, social and physical outlooks changed and were reflected in literature. Klimasmith will explore how the novel functions as an extension of how people viewed the city as a home, the boundaries between public and private space diminished, and people adapted to living in close proximity with their multi-cultural neighbors.

This book is an extension of Klimasmith's interest in the literature of urban settings. She currently teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in which she focuses on photographs, literature, and architecture from 1850 to 1930. Klimasmith especially enjoys teaching urban literature because it appeals to the university's diverse population. "It's a very fun topic to be teaching at UMass Boston because people can relate



Betsy Klimasmith, assistant professor of English (Photo by Harry Brett)

to it," she says, mentioning that Boston still has much of the 1850 to 1930 era's architecture intact.

Chancellor Honors Fellowship Candidates at Student Reception



Chancellor Jo Ann Gora congratulated honors students under consideration for fellowship awards during a reception held in the Chancellor's Conference Room on December 10. All three students will be graduating summa cum laude this year. Jennifer Norins, who is pursuing a joint major in psychology and sociology and a minor in economics, has applied for British Marshall and Fulbright fellowships for study in the United Kingdom. Michael Plante is an economics major who has applied for Fulbright fellowship study in Japan. Ben Day, a double major in political science and philosophy, was considered for a Rhodes scholarship and has applied for a Marshall scholarship. Norins, Plante, and Day expect to find out their status in January. From left to right: Monica McAlpine, director of UMass Boston's Honors Program, Chancellor Gora, with Jennifer Norins, Michael Plante, and Ben Day. (Photo by Harry Brett).

Africana Studies Department Celebrates First Homecoming

by Leigh DuPuy

Faculty, students, and alumni from the Africana Studies Department came together to celebrate the program's 32-year anniversary and participate in a new mentoring program at the first Africana Homecoming Celebration held at United South End Settlements House on November 30. According to Department chair Robert Johnson Jr., the location, the site of the oldest social service agency in New England, was the perfect setting for the program's theme of academy and community.

During the program's opening reception, more than 40 alumni and students met, shared insights, and asked questions about career and educational opportunities together in the newly initiated Africana Mentoring Program, created to pair alumni with majors for advice and guidance.

The program also gave alumni the chance to reconnect with the department and its faculty members while learning about some of the department's

new programs, including the Caribbean Institute. Professor Marc Prou gave an update on the new physical base where students and faculty members from UMass Boston and other universities can conduct research pertaining to Caribbean development and work to create a planned journal highlighting the findings.

Sarah Ann Shaw, community activist and former reporter for WBZ-TV, gave the keynote address, "Balancing Profession and Community: The Challenges of the Twenty-First Century." Shaw is well-known for her contributions to journalism and community service, having received the City of Boston African American Achievement Award in 1996, as well as awards from the National Association for Black Journalists, the NAACP, and the Museum of Afro American history.

The Africana Studies Department offers a multi- and interdisciplinary program that examines the history, social life, and culture of those of African descent across the world.

World Trade Center Research (cont.)

build up in the harbor. The components present in the World Trade Center sediments will remain in the Hudson River sediment for years to come.

The impacts of certain catastrophic events provide signals in the sediment that allow scientists to assign dates to specific sediment layers. For example, the samples taken on the Hudson will reveal not only the impact of the World Trade Center explosions, but also earlier sources of pollution. In the early 1960s, global fallout from nuclear weapons introduced radioactive pollutants into the Hudson River, and in the early 1970s, controlled releases from the Indian Point Nuclear Facility 50 miles upstream introduced other radioisotopes. These occurrences can be used to "date" the core and document historical records of contaminant inputs to New York Harbor.

In addition, researchers will be measuring atmospherically deposited beryllium-7 in rain samples from the roof of the Department of Energy's Environmental Measurement Laboratory in Manhattan and comparing those values to those in rain collected monthly

at UMass Boston. Beryllium-7 is a short-lived radioisotope that enters with rainfall. High levels can indicate the presence of other contaminants and excess sediment deposition. Oktay explains, "The measurement of isotopes through our ecosystem in plant life, the water cycle, and soils can tell us much about the natural movement of chemicals and elements. Other areas that would benefit from this research include nuclear waste disposal and landfill remediation."

The team is applying lessons learned from other major catastrophes. When Olsen was a research scientist at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, he did a similar study documenting the environmental impact of the 1941 Pearl Harbor bombing. "That one bombing event," Curtis says, "introduced more lead into the harbor water and sediments than the total amount of lead that has been input during the following 50 years by naval operations and sewage disposal." The research team will return to Hawaii to present a comparison between the Pearl Harbor and World Trade Center study results in February at the Ocean Sciences 2002 meeting.

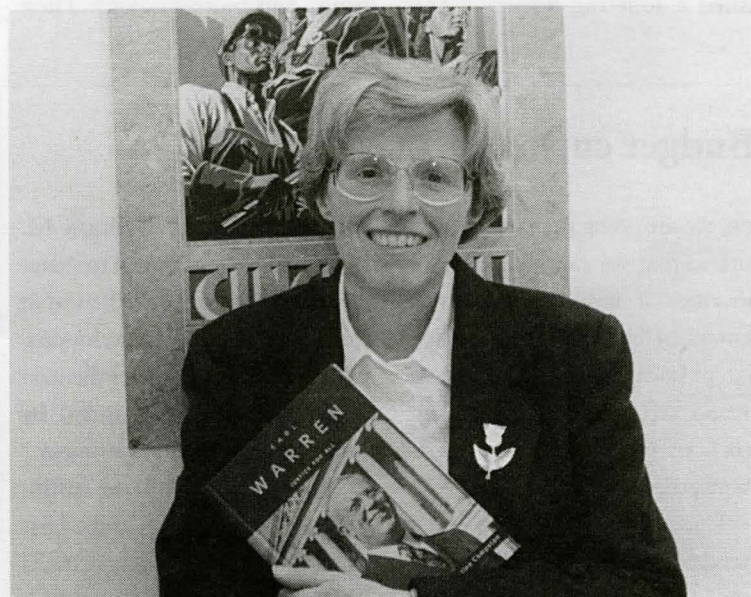
Compston Biography of Earl Warren, "Justice for All"

By Josh Brown

Chief Justice Earl Warren led the Supreme Court in making some of the toughest decisions of the 20th century, including championing school desegregation in the landmark case *Brown v. Board of Education*. In *Earl Warren: Justice for All*, published by Oxford University Press, Christine L. Compston traces the ascent of Warren from working-class childhood to the bench of the highest court in the nation.

With black and white photographs and illustrations throughout, the book follows the struggles behind some of the most pivotal events of the century, including World War II, the civil rights movement, and the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

"I really wrote it for an audience that is interested in learning more about Warren, the Supreme Court, and the judicial process, but does not want to wade through a long, scholarly tome," says Compston, who teaches American history at UMass Boston.



Professor Christine Compston of the History Department
(Photo by Harry Brett)

"One of the things I admire about Warren was his ability to learn from his mistakes," Compston says. As attorney general of California, Warren supported the internment of Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrants during World War II. "As soon as he saw innocent children being sent off to these camps," she says, "he realized that he had been wrong in judging a whole people to be a threat to national security. As chief jus-

tice of the United States, he applied the lesson to the many cases involving civil rights that came before his court."

Compston draws upon memos sent between the justices and Warren's notes as primary sources, showing readers the inner workings of the nation's highest court. "One of my goals was to provide readers with a sense of how the Supreme Court operates — how cases are actually decided," she says.

Chancellor Gora Visits with the Notre Dame Montessori School



Chancellor Gora took time out of her busy schedule on December 4 to reach out to UMass Boston's community partners, the Notre Dame Montessori School. As part of her visit, she sat down with the preschoolers in the program, talking with them and playing their favorite name game. She also gave UMass Boston t-shirts to our little neighbors, which they all donned proudly. While there, she met with Father George Carrigg of St. Christopher's Parish, the 2001 recipient of the Quinn Award for his exemplary community leadership.

New Book on Latino Politics in Massachusetts

By Leigh DuPuy

What are the major challenges to Latino political representation in Massachusetts? Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, examines these factors in her latest book, *Latino Politics in Massachusetts: Struggles, Strategies, and Prospects*. At a Gastón Institute Speaker Series lecture on November 30, Hardy-Fanta presented findings from her research in seven Massachusetts cities with significant Latino populations: Boston, Chelsea, Lawrence, Lowell, Holyoke, Springfield, and Worcester.

Hardy-Fanta analyzed the unique political and community backdrop in each city to examine how Latinos face different contextual factors and devise strategies for success. In her survey, she took a look at cases such as the role of educational grievances and Latino mobilization in Chelsea, the success of multiracial coalitions in the election of the first Latino legislator in Boston, and Latino political succession and incorporation in Lawrence. Hardy-Fanta believes gains in Latino representation and influence spur further participa-



Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (Photo by Harry Brett).

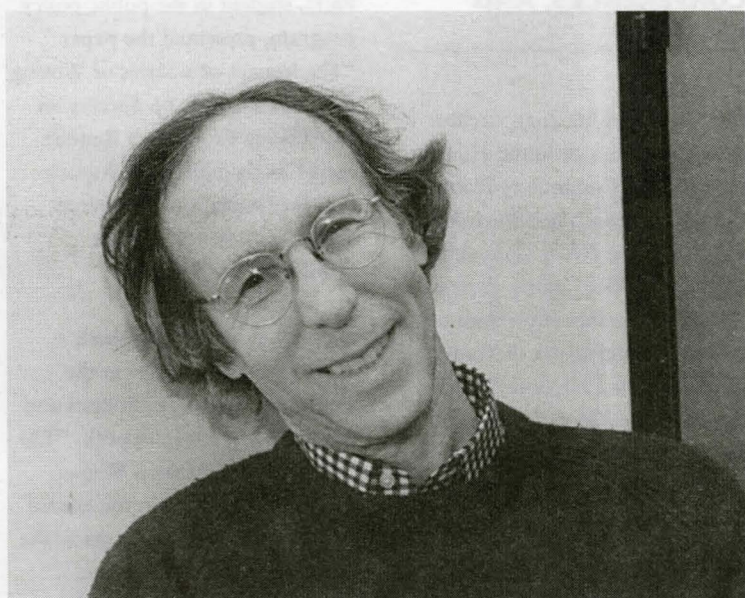
tion in politics. "Lack of information disempowers Latino communities and depresses political participation," Hardy-Fanta commented.

This was one of the reasons why Hardy-Fanta chose to write about Latinos in Massachusetts. Massachusetts also has been often ignored in Latino political histories. Contrary to the prevailing stereotype of low levels of participation and electoral success, there has been an exponential growth in Latino campaigns in the Commonwealth since the mid-1980s. Hardy-

Fanta's book, published in December by Routledge Press, should fill in this critical lack of information about Massachusetts and Latino politics.

Hardy-Fanta is a nationally recognized scholar on Latina/o politics and has published widely on the intersection of gender, race, and ethnicity in politics and public policy. She has also authored *Latina Politics*, *Latino Politics: Gender, Culture, and Political Participation in Boston*, which was published in 1993.

Philosophy Professor Examines Race and Racism



Philosophy Professor Lawrence Blum (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

Issues of race and racism have always been explosive topics in American history, politics, society, and the academy. Philosophy Professor Lawrence Blum examines the barriers that obstruct discussions of racial matters inside the classroom and out in his latest book, *I'm not a Racist, But... The Moral Quandary of Race*. The work, five years in the making for the moral philosopher, draws upon sociological, historical, and scientific perspectives to examine racism and race.

"Race is a morally destructive idea," Blum argues. In the book, he provides a synthesis of research on race and racism, discussing the construction of racial categories and the role of social inequality in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. He also examines the phenomena of racial discrimination, color blindness, white privilege, institutional racism, and selective racism.

"I want to help people to talk about racial issues across racial

and ethnic boundaries in classrooms," Blum explains. "The category of race plays an important role in how people look at the world."

He believes the epithet "racist" has been overused and believes that people can use a more varied and nuanced moral vocabulary, including such as racial insensitivity, racial ignorance, racial injustice, and racial anxiety, to communicate problematic moral responses to race.

Blum, also a distinguished professor of liberal arts and education, has worked at UMass Boston for 29 years as a faculty member in the Philosophy department. In recognition of his work, which includes his two other books, *Moral Perception and Particularity* and *Friendship, Altruism, and Morality*, he was named the Kohlberg Lecturer in 1998 by the Association of Moral Education. His current book has been published by the Cornell University Press.

Copyright Office Gets Internet Savvy

To make it easier for professors to order course packets, the Copyright Office has gone Internet savvy. The office has created a new form on the UMass Boston website to make it easier than ever to order course packets. To access, go to www.umb.edu/administration, click on the Central Reprographics link in the drop down menu, and then click on the Copyright Permissions Office link.

The office will clear permissions and scan course content, as well as bind, paginate, and cre-

ate a cover for the course packet. They also will price the packet and sell it at the Wheatley copy center. Faculty members can either send or deliver their course content to the Copyright Office in Central Reprographics (Quinn Lower Level). Faculty can use the new form on the website or they can pick up a course packet form at Central Reprographics or the Wheatley copy center. The Copyright Office has also sent a memo with a new form to 1,200 faculty members through the campus mail.

- Maureen Smith

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

On November 16, **Joan Arches**, associate professor in the Human Services and Community Planning Center, and **Suzanne Allmendinger**, director of the CPCS Community Outreach Office, jointly presented "Powerful Partnerships: Students United Around Issues of Youth Leadership and Diversity" at the second annual Massachusetts Service Alliance statewide conference, "Strengthening Communities through Service and Volunteerism."

Sandy Blanchette, assistant director of the McCormack Institute, participated in a two-day public government workshop hosted by the Kettering Foundation in Dayton, Ohio.

James Bierstaker, professor of accounting and finance, will discuss the paper "Diagnostic Reasoning During Audit Judgment: An Alternative Cognitive Characterization" at the Auditing Section Midyear Conference in Orlando, Florida on January 18.

Caroline Brown, assistant professor of English, recently presented two papers: she presented research on Michelle Cliff's *New Telephone to Heaven* at the Women's Studies Conference at Southern Connecticut University and research on the films *Daughters of the Dust* and *The Piano* at the International Conference on Caribbean Literature in Martinique.

Donna Haig Friedman and **Julia Tripp** of the Center for Social Policy were invited presenters at the National Training Conference, "We Can Do This! Ending Homelessness for People with Mental Illness and/or Substance Abuse Disorders," held in Washington, D.C., on December 7 and 8.

Ines Maturana, undergraduate program director in the College of Management, **Polly Welsh**, assistant director of the ESL Center in Academic Support Programs, and **Marta Pena - Trujillo**, a student in the College of Management presented "Language, Culture, and the Academy: Addressing the Needs of Immigrant Students in Higher Education" at the Massachusetts Council for International Education Conference in November.

Kevin Murphy, a post-residency Ph.D. student in the public policy program, presented the paper "The Impact of a Series of Writing Intensive Courses on Success on the Writing Proficiency Requirement" at the Northeast Association for Institutional Research annual conference, held in Cambridge in November.

On November 13, **Elizabeth Sherman**, senior fellow in the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, gave a speech, "The Difference She Makes: Women and Political Power in the United States," to 300 participants of the Lifetime Learning Program sponsored by Newton Community Education. **Cindy Schuster** of the Hispanic Studies Department discussed literary translation and read her translation of Mexican writer **María Luisa Puga's** short story "Tight Spot" at Jamaicaway Books on November 14.

Computer science professor **Dan Simovici** and Ph.D. student **Laurentiu Cristofor** will present a paper at the Extraction et Gestion des Connaissances 2002 conference in Montpellier, France held January 21-23.

Co-authors ECOS doctoral candidate **Ruey-Jing Tang** and Professor Emeritus **Joseph Cooney** presented their paper "Interaction of Tributyltin-Sensitive and Resistant, Biofilm-Forming Bacteria Isolated from Boston Harbor, MA" at the 7th Annual Boston Bacterial Meeting and the American Society of Microbiology meeting in Orlando.

Gerontology faculty and graduate students presented numerous posters and papers at the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, held in Chicago from November 15 through 18.

PUBLICATIONS

Arindam Bandopadhyaya and **Kiran Verma**, professors of accounting and finance in the College of Management, published a paper, "Management Incumbency and the Outcome of the Reorganization Process under Chapter 11: An Empirical Analysis," in *Advances in Quantitative Analysis of Finance and Accounting*.

Sara Baron, Instructional Technology Center director and coordinator of Healey Library's Library Instruction Program, and reference librarian, **Janet DiPaolo**, have co-authored book chapters which have been published in *Teaching Information Literacy Concepts: Activities and Frameworks from the Field*.

Lawrence Franko, professor of finance in the College of Management, will publish an article, "Global Corporate Competition in the 1990s: American Renewal, Japanese Resilience, and European Crosscurrents," in *Business Horizons* in mid-2002.

Professor of Management **Arthur A. Goldsmith** and colleagues published their article "Restarting and Sustaining Growth and Development in Africa" in the *Journal of African Finance and Economic Development*.

Jean-Pierre Kuilboer, associate professor and chair of the Management Sciences and Information Systems Department, co-authored *e-Business and e-Commerce Infrastructure: Technologies Supporting the e-Business Initiative* with former CM faculty member **Aby Chaudhury**. This new textbook for upper level undergraduates and MBA students is also intended for practicing professionals in the areas of marketing, accounting, information systems, and operations.

Sarah Oktay of the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department co-wrote the article "129I and 127I Transport in the Mississippi River," which was published in the November 15 issue of *Environmental Science and Technology*.

Thomas O'Grady, professor of English and director of Irish studies, published the essay "The Art of Heaney's Sonnets" in the current issue of *Dalhousie Review*.

A chapter first co-authored by two recent Dorchester High School graduates, **Fredo Sanon** and **Maurice Baxter**, appeared in the new book *In Our Own Words: Students' Perspectives on School*. Their chapter, "Cutting class: Perspectives of Urban High School Students," was co-authored with UMass Boston alumni **Lydia Fortune** and associate professor **Susan Opotow** in the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution.

The most recent issue of the e-journal *Conservation Perspectives* featured work by biology students and faculty: **Jennifer Forman**, Ph.D. candidate, **Robert Stevenson**, professor, and **Marsha Salett**, Ph.D. candidate who helped found the journal.

Elizabeth Sherman, senior fellow at the McCormack Institute, published the article "Women in Political Leadership: Reflections on Larger Social Issues" in the fall 2001 issue of *Leadership*, the magazine of the Center for Public Leadership at the Kennedy School of Government.

Cindy Schuster of the Hispanic Studies Department will publish the article, "Keeping the Poetry in Prose: Sound and Style in Translation," in the February 2002 *ATA Chronicle*.

Bold Words: A Century of Asian American Writing, edited by **Rajini Srikanth**, assistant professor of English, and **Esther Yae Iwanaga**, lecturer in English, has been published by Rutgers University Press.

"A Touch of Greene, Much Nashe, and All Shakespeare," an essay by **John Tobin**, professor of English, appears in a new volume of *Critical Essays on Shakespeare's Henry VI* published by Routledge Press.

Professors **Eben Weitzman** and **Darren Kew**, faculty of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, have published the article "Responding to September 11: A Conflict Resolution Perspective" in the electronic journal *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*, which is sponsored by the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, published a review of **Andrew Skotnicki's** *Religion and the Development of the American Penal System* in the December issue of the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES

Lloyd Schwartz, director of the Creative Writing Program, participated on November 19 in a reading of **Frank O'Hara's** poetry which was sponsored by the Blacksmith House Poetry Series at the Harvard School of Education Library. Schwartz joined other readers including former poet-laureate **Robert Pinsky** and former UMass Boston professor **Frank Bidart**.

Music professor **Jon Mitchell** guest-conducted the Metropolitan Wind Symphony in concert on December 16 for which his department colleague **Linnea Bardarson** was the featured soloist in a performance of **Gershwin's** *A Rhapsody in Blue*.

RESEARCH AND GRANTS

Frank Caro, director of the Gerontology Institute, is working with **Elderly Services Inc. (ESI)** of Middlebury, Vermont, to find out what makes its adult day program, Project Independence, a leader in the field. The agency gained national recognition from the **Robert Wood Foundation** and a statewide independent living award.

Nina Greenwald of the Graduate College of Education is writing a book on teaching science through constructivist and other problem-solving models using critical and creative thinking that she has developed.

The New England Resource Center for Higher Education received a grant from the Ford Foundation to work with the Institute for Higher Education Policy and examine how changing remediation policies have affected the organization and delivery of remedial education, admissions practices, and the allocation of financial aid on campuses, particularly for low-income and minority students in the New England region.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Associate Professor **Steven Ackerman** has been elected director of the Biochemistry Program by his peers.

Jennifer Arnold, a graduate biology student, won the prize for best student poster for her work "Albatross Populations in Peril?... " at the November meeting of the Waterbird Society, held in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The poster can be seen in the hallway near the Biology Department.

Phil Granberry, a first-year student in the Ph.D. in public policy program, was honored with the Hidden Heroes Award by the Codman Square Neighborhood Council for his history of fundraising efforts which have benefited youth activities.

John McGah of the Center for Social Policy has just been named as an International Eisenhower Fellow. This prestigious award will enable McGah to live in Europe for a short period of time next year and study local responses to homelessness.

William Robinson, professor in the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, has been appointed associate provost.

Louise Smith, professor of English, has been appointed dean of the liberal arts faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences. She assumed the post on December 31.

Julia Tripp of the Center for Social Policy has been named as one of only six 2002 Boston Neighborhood Fellows. This award, sponsored by the Philanthropic Initiative, recognizes persons who have made a significant contribution to the Boston community. The award ceremony will take place on February 5.

Gordon Webb, professor in the Exercise Science and Physical Education Department, was inducted into the New England Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Webb played lacrosse as an undergraduate at UMass Boston, has coached lacrosse for twenty-years, and originated and co-directs the New England Premier Lacrosse Recruiting Showcase.

The Center for Social Policy (CSP) is the recent recipient of a "Geeks for America" award from the Cambridge-based TechFoundation. As a result of this award, Jason Wilson, who is a computer technology expert, will contribute his time and skills to CSP projects for the next 12 months.

Sherry Penney reports that the Center for Collaborative Leadership in the College of Management had 48 applicants for its "emerging leaders" program and was able to admit 30 to the program which begins in January 2002.

VISITING LECTURER

On November 14, Rita Arditti, author of *Searching for Life: The Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo and the Disappeared Children of Argentina*, spoke to a standing-room-only audience of UMass Boston students about recent developments in human rights in Argentina.

OBITUARY

Synnöve Kekkonen-Moneta, visiting assistant professor of management sciences and information systems in the College of Management, passed away suddenly on November 30. A memorial in her honor was held on December 13 at the University Chapel and donations in her memory can be made to the College of Management's Dean's Fund for Excellence in support of distance learning activities.

IN THE NEWS

Sandy Blanchette, assistant director of the McCormack Institute, was quoted on managing town government in Mashpee in the *Cape Cod Times* on December 12.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was quoted in an article on Latinas in public office that was published on www.womensnews.com. The site distributes news to media outlets, journalists, policymakers, and others on issues of concern to women.

Chancellor Gora was profiled in the November 8 issue of the *Dorchester Reporter* on her goals and leadership at the university.

Greater Boston Broadband Network Comes Into Focus

The Greater Boston Broadband Network (GBBN) moved one step closer to reality on November 15 with its multimedia presentation "The Politics of Public Access Cable and the Community Technology Movement." The presentation, which included a live performance, a teleconference, a cablecast, a webcast, and an online chat, featured George Stoney, community cable guru and New York University professor of film and video, and Antonia Stone, founder of CTCNet, the largest association of community technology centers in the country.

The event was sponsored by the CTC VISTA Project and the Community Media and Technology Program at CPCS. The Boston-area partners in the CTC-VISTA project united to form the Greater Boston Broadband Network, a regional digital broadband network with multilevel and site educational opportunities for a university-community partnership.

To use all GBBN components, the talk by George Stoney was staged as a presentation to a live audience in a distance learning classroom in the Information Technology Center. The event was then cablecast on Boston Neighborhood Network's channel 23. It has been archived for on-demand web streaming at www.itc.org/gbbn by GBBN partners UMass Lowell Distance Learning Center and the Lowell Telecommunications Corporation.

-Reebee Garofalo

Steelwork Begins on New Campus Center



The construction site for the Campus Center as seen on December 4. The plywood supports have been replaced with steel beams. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Progress continues on schedule for the university's new, 331,000 square foot Campus Center. As the pile cap stage nears completion, first signs of the Center's skeleton have emerged at the corner of the site near Wheatley Hall and Science Center. Deliveries of steel beams have been arriving daily in the early morning hours by 18-wheeler trucks, which travel to and from a steel fabrication plant in Nova Scotia. Suffolk Construction has started to erect the steelwork of the building using an 180 foot crane, to move over seven to eight

thousand pieces of steel, weighing a total of 3,000 tons.

The construction schedule shows the steel structure for all six floors to be fully in place by the spring. One of the latest additions to the site will offer constant updates to construction. A web cam has been placed near the site that will take a stationary photo of the site every few seconds and a web address will be announced as soon as it is operational. Planners anticipate construction watchers can view updates of the Campus Center's progress as early as January.

PeopleSoft Goes Live on Campus

By Linda Perrotto

On December 3, staff members in the Office of Enrollment Marketing, led by director Sherry Rhyno, began entering data in the new PeopleSoft recruiting system, the first PeopleSoft module to be implemented on campus.

The smooth implementation marked an important milestone for Project ISIS (Inter-campus Student Information System), a cooperative effort by the Boston, Dartmouth, and Lowell campuses to develop a shared PeopleSoft student administration system. In addition to developing the recruiting application, the core project team members from three campuses created a technical and user support infrastructure that will serve PeopleSoft modules that will form an integrated student in-

formation system.

The new system brings important benefits to the campus. The recruiting module captures and stores information from prospective students who make inquiries by

phone, mail, e-mail, or the Internet. In addition, it creates prospect records from those who request that their standardized test scores be sent to the campus. The new system enables the campus to assign and track customized communications to prospects. With more information about each prospect available for analysis, recruiting efforts will be targeted even more ef-

fectively. Finally, the new system will streamline the admissions process, as the records of prospects who complete an application will automatically be moved into the PeopleSoft admissions module when it is implemented next summer. The timeline for the remaining modules, student records, financial aid, and student financials, is still under consideration.

In the weeks before the go-live date, Enrollment Marketing staff members participated in an extensive hands-on training program that prepared them to search for records, enter data, develop reports, and schedule and generate mailings to prospective students. Since then, they have entered more than a thousand prospect records.

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Chomsky (cont.)

application," said Winston Langley, associate provost and human rights expert who moderated the event. The program included speakers and performers intimately aware of the conflicts in Colombia, having lived or spent time in the war-torn country. Musician Marina Rodriguez performed music from her homeland and Cindy Schuster of the Hispanic Studies Program read several poems based on her own experiences living in Colombia.

Gérman Plata Díaz, a volunteer for the Program of Development and Peace of Magdalena Medio, spoke in depth about the troubles in Colombia, via translator. In an impassioned address, Díaz spoke of the tremendous poverty and violence of the country, setting the scene with his narration. He said, "Our phones are bugged. We are very accustomed to attending funerals on a regular basis." Díaz spoke of his and his countrymen's determination to address these problems, "I want to share all the things we do and won't stop doing to promote peace in Colombia."

Featured speaker Noam Chomsky then took the podium to discuss his own views of Colombia's human rights needs. In his provocative and controversial approach he is well known for, Chomsky began by discussing definitions of terrorism. He said, "It is an easy question. I simply use definition in the U.S. Army Field manual. 'Terrorism is the calculated use of violence or threat of violence to inculcate fear, intended to coerce or intimidate governments or societies in the pursuit of goals that are generally political, religious, or ideological'... this also happens to be identical to the official U.S. policy for counterterrorism." He went on to say that these definitions should be applied to the United States government, as well as our enemy's activities.

The forum was sponsored by the Student Senate, the office of the Provost, the College of Public and Community Service, Africana Studies, Hispanic Studies, the Women's Center, Latin American Studies, Women's Studies, and the Anthropology Department. Among their next initiatives, the HRWG are trying to bring a human rights center to campus and develop an interdisciplinary human rights program that students could earn a certificate or concentration.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications. All events are open to the public and free, unless otherwise noted. From off campus, dial (617) 287 and the last four digits listed below each calendar event.

Submit February calendar listings by Tuesday, January 15, to Calendar of Events, University Communications, Quinn Administration Building, 3rd floor, fax (617) 287-5305, or e-mail news@umb.edu. See the News and Events page at www.umb.edu for Calendar of Events on-line listings.

TUESDAY 1

New Year's Day. University closed.

FRIDAY 4

Procurement Department Seminar: Contracting for Services
9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Healey Library, Learning Center, Presentation Room 2. The Procurement Department will present the new "contract for service" procedure and form, with new monetary limits set for services. This new form will be required for all future contract for services transactions greater than \$5,000 annually. Contact: Janis Mahoney, 7-5068.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Bowdoin College.
7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

SATURDAY 5

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Colby College.
3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

SUNDAY 6

WUMB Series - Story of Africa: Origins of Mankind/Africa and the Nile Valley
91.9 FM, 6:00 a.m. Weekly BBC series hosted by Ghanaian-born Hugh Quarshie presents a look at the events and characters that shaped the continent. Contact: 7-6900.

MONDAY 7

Winter Session classes start.

TUESDAY 8

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Basketball vs. Plymouth State College.
5:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Basketball vs. Plymouth State College.
7:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

THURSDAY 10

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Basketball vs. Tufts University.
7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

FRIDAY 11

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Norwich University.
7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

SATURDAY 12

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Ice Hockey vs. St. Michael's College.
3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

SUNDAY 13

WUMB Series - Story of Africa: The Berbers/The Bantu Migrations
91.9 FM, 6:00 a.m. Weekly BBC series hosted by Ghanaian-born Hugh Quarshie presents a look at the events and characters that shaped the continent. Contact: 7-6900.

TUESDAY 15

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Basketball vs. UMass Dartmouth.
5:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Basketball vs. UMass Dartmouth.
7:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

FRIDAY 18

WUMB Member Concert: Connie Kaldor
7:30 p.m., Healey Library, Healey Auditorium, UMass Boston. Contact: 7-6900.

SATURDAY 19

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Basketball vs. Keene State College.
1:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Basketball vs. Keene State College.
3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

SUNDAY 20

WUMB Series - Story of Africa: Traditional Religions/The Coming of Christianity
91.9 FM, 6:00 a.m. Weekly BBC series hosted by Ghanaian-born Hugh Quarshie presents a look at the events and characters that shaped the continent. Contact: 7-6900.

MONDAY 21

Ninth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: Strength Through Peace and Unity: Now Is the Time
10:00 a.m., St. Joseph Church, 1360 Highland Avenue, Needham. Featuring Hubie Jones, special assistant to the chancellor, as guest speaker. Proceeds to benefit Metco scholarships. Tickets - Adult: \$10 pre-purchased or \$12 at the door; child: \$5 pre-purchased or 7 at the door; Family: \$23 pre-purchased or \$25 at the door. Volunteers needed. Contact: Val Davis, 781-455-0800, or Audrey Walker, 781-455-0466.

WUMB Special: Martin Luther King, Jr. Sounds of the Spirit
91.9 FM, 7:00 p.m. Honoring the late civil rights leader with mix of music and songs featuring Aretha Franklin, Leadbelly, Woody Guthrie, Bruce Springsteen, and Burning Spear, and jazz pianist McCoy Turner. Contact: 7-6900.

TUESDAY 22

UMass Boston Beacons: Women's Basketball vs. University of Southern Maine.
5:30 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

WEDNESDAY 23

Center for World Languages and Cultures: Race and Racism in ESOL
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Featuring panel discussion and workshop focusing on perspectives of teachers and students. The workshop is free, but pre-registration is encouraged. Contact: Lauren Mayhew, 7-5766 or lauren.mayhew@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 25

CIT Annual Conference on Teaching for Transformation
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Coffee and registration in Wheatley Cafeteria. For more information, please e-mail cit@umb.edu.

Winter session ends.

WUMB Benefit Concert
7:30 p.m., Harvard's Sanders Theater. Featuring Greg Brown, Garnet Rogers and Nerissa and Katryna Nields, along with Karen Savoca and Pete Heitzman. Contact: Sanders Theater Box Office, 617-496-2222.

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Middlebury College.
7:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

SATURDAY 26

UMass Boston Beacons: Men's Ice Hockey vs. Williams College.
3:00 p.m., Clark Athletic Center. Contact: 7-7801.

SUNDAY 27

WUMB Series - Story of Africa: The Coming of Islam/The Empire of Ancient Ghana
91.9 FM, 6:00 a.m. Weekly BBC series hosted by Ghanaian-born Hugh Quarshie presents a look at the events and characters that shaped the continent. Contact: 7-6900.

MONDAY 28

First of Classes - Spring Semester.

Opening Day/First Day of Classes
Information tables in Quinn, McCormack and Wheatley; food stations throughout campus compliments of Sodexo; the "Six of One" band playing live in Quinn and other welcome back activities. For more information, call 7-6020.

MISCELLANEOUS

Meditation
12:30 - 12:50 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1-613. Health Promotion Program. Contact: 7-5385.

Yoga
Tuesday: 1:00 - 1:45 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2-241.
Wednesday: 11:30 - 12:15 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1-428. Contact: 7-5385.

Tai chi
Monday: 12:45 - 1:15 p.m., on plaza outside McCormack Hall. Check M-1-613 in case of inclement weather. Contact: 7-5385.

P.R.I.D.E. Program: Alcohol and Other Drug Peer Leader Training Program
Contact: Donna Durfee, 7-5680.

Study Smarter, Not Harder
Help with performing better, with less stress, in studying for and taking exams, writing papers, etc. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Smoking Cessation
Help with quitting. Call 7-5685 to schedule an appointment.

Aids Awareness Team
Volunteers needed to plan and implement outreach activities on campus. Call 7-5685 and leave contact information and available times; you will be contacted with meeting times.

Healey Library Hours
January 2 - 27: Open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday; open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Closed on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, January 21.

Call for Papers - Conflict Studies: The New Generation of Ideas
October 24 - 26. Multidisciplinary conference for graduate students studying conflict. The fourth biennial conference creating a community of scholars and practitioners in the emerging field of conflict resolution. Featuring keynote speaker: Robert Moonkin, Harvard Law School. Proposals due: March 15. Contact: Kelly Ward Mason, 617-287-7421 or visit www.disres.umb.edu

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)
Support for faculty and staff to learn, create, and connect with technology. ITC supports instructional technology in the classroom, professional development, distance learning technology, and special events. Contact 7-3990 or www.itc.umb.edu.

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.

Beacon Fitness Center
Open to students, faculty, staff, and UMass Boston alumni members. Hours are Monday and Wednesday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Contact: 7-6786.

Clark Athletic Center - General Ice Skating
Hours are Sunday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: 2:00 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. Note time changes: Available 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on January 25 and not available on January 5, 12, and 21. Hockey sticks and pucks are prohibited during the general skating time.

Catholic Mass
Monday: 12:30 & 6 p.m., Tuesday: 6:00 p.m., and Wednesday: 12:30 p.m., McCormack, Ryan Lounge, 3rd floor. Contact: 7-5839.

Catholic Bible Studies
Tuesday: 11:30-12:20 p.m., McCormack, Ryan Lounge, 3rd floor. Also Catholic sacrament of baptism and confirmation classes on Tuesday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m, Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. Contact: 7-5839.