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College of Nursing and Health Sciences Researcher Examines Costs of Home-Based Alzheimer's Care

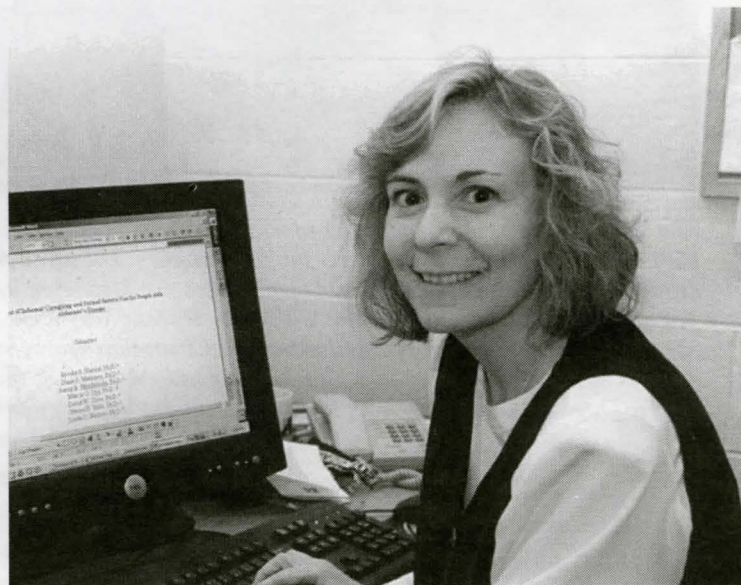
By Anne-Marie Kent

According to the National Institute on Aging, close to four million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease (AD) or a related disorder. While half of nursing home residents have some form of dementia, most with AD live at home and are cared for by family or friends. College of Nursing and Health Sciences professor Brooke Harrow is the lead author of a new study measuring the costs of home health care for AD sufferers: *The Cost of Informal Caregiving and Formal Service Use for People with Alzheimer's Disease*.

"The cost of AD home health care is of great interest," says Harrow, "because of the savings

the use of informal care represents relative to caring for persons with AD in an institutional setting." She adds, however, that unpaid care is not free care and the economic burden to families should not go unnoticed. The study, funded by the National Institute for Nursing Research (NINR) and the National Institute on Aging (NIA), offers insights into the costs of home-based caregiving and the various factors influencing whether relatives or paid professionals provide this care. Harrow's team of researchers determined that the annual cost per care recipient averaged \$23,436 for care by relatives, plus an additional \$8,064 for care provided by formal care providers.

The study extends previous research by estimating costs using a large ethnically and geographically diverse sample of AD care recipients. Harrow and her seven coauthors used baseline data for 1,200 family caregivers participating in the NINR- and NIA-funded REACH (Resources for Enhancing Alzheimer Caregiver's Health) study, a multi-site intervention trial. Seven sites were involved: Birmingham, Boston, Memphis, Miami, Palo Alto, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh, which served as the coordinating center. At all sites, researchers estimated costs of assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, eating, and



College of Nursing and Health Sciences professor Brooke Harrow is the lead author of a new study measuring the costs of home health care for AD sufferers. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Executive Forum Brings Distinguished Business Leaders to UMass Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

Imagine: you're going for your MBA and you have the opportunity to meet and interview top people in business and finance—CEOs Ronald Skates of Data General and Michael Ruetters of EMC; and industry leaders David Weinstein, chief of administration for Fidelity Investments, Inc., and Cathy Minehan, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. For UMass Boston MBA students, these opportunities are real, part of the Senior Executive Forum, which was initiated by College of Management Dean Philip Quaglieri back in 1998.



Designer Joseph Abboud talks with Chancellor Jo Ann Gora before his keynote address on February 13 for the College of Management Spring Convocation. His visit is one of three to the university and is part of the College of Management's Senior Executive Forum. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Provost Finalists Selected for On-Campus Interviews

By Leigh DuPuy

The candidate search for a new provost has narrowed to a field of six finalists, who are scheduled to visit UMass Boston for interviews in late February and early March. The six were selected from a pool of 80 applicants by a search committee of faculty and staff. The candidates are Kent Chabotar of Bowdoin College, Paul Fonteyn of San Francisco State University, Walter Harris of North Carolina Central University, Cynthia Hirtzel of SUNY Plattsburgh, Arthur MacEwan, who currently is serving as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost, and Nancy Uscher of the University of Mexico.

The candidates will have a full

day of interviews with members of the university community, including an open meeting for faculty and staff from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Candidates will also be meeting with deans, vice chancellors, senior provost's office personnel, students, the search committee, and the chancellor.

Candidate visits are scheduled for February 25 (Arthur MacEwan), February 27 (Cynthia Hirtzel), March 4 (Paul Fonteyn), March 6 (Walter Harris), March 11 (Nancy Uscher), and on March 13 (Kent Chabotar). A university memo with locations of the open meetings and biographical information will be distributed.

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Campus Enhancements Foster Sense of Community and Appeal

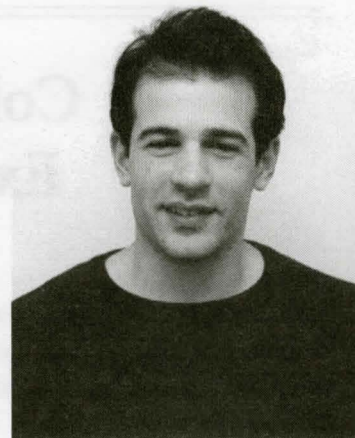


The Wit's End celebrated the grand opening of its new express kiosk in the lobby of Wheatley Hall during the first week of classes on January 28. "The kiosk makes the lobby a more attractive and friendly place," said Dean of Students Stephanie Janey. (From left to right): William Indrisano, manager of the Wit's End; Melissa Moynihan of Facilities Administration; Marco Brancato of Facilities Administration; Chancellor Gora; Stephanie Janey; Joyce Morgan, director of the Office of Student Life; Linda Smith-Mooney of the Office of Student Life; and Denise Duggan of Facilities Administration. (Photo by Harry Brett)

UMass Boston Alumnus Competes at the Olympic Winter Games

By Leigh DuPuy

It was only last February that Alexander Penna learned how to cross-country ski for the first time. A year later, the UMass Boston alumnus competed at the Olympic Winter Games at Salt Lake City in the 50-kilometer cross-country event. "I liked that I have started from the beginning and I am just going to do my best," he explained. This is the kind of determination that has always distinguished Penna, who was one of the first-ever UMass Boston students to receive a Fulbright grant.

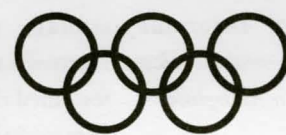


Alexander Penna '00 competed in the 50-kilometer Classical, a cross-country event, at Salt Lake City on February 23.

Penna learned how to cross-country ski while living and working in Norway, where he had traveled in 2000 with the Fulbright grant to study Norwegian party politics. After only a few weeks of skiing, he learned to love the country's national sport and began to compete in races of 50, 60, and 90 kilometers. However, it wasn't until

said, describing the hard work of planning logistics and training at Lillehammer. However, the experience was worth it - Penna

walked during the opening ceremonies of the Olympics and finished 58th place in his event.



a friend urged him to think about competing in the Olympics that Penna began to think about the possibility of participating in the winter games. He spoke with Olympic committees in Sweden, who were helpful and suggested that he contact the committee in Brazil, where his father is from. The Brazilians offered Penna a chance to compete for their country in the event. With their sponsorship, Penna was the first competitor to represent Brazil in Olympic cross-country skiing.

"It was a full-time job," Penna

Penna credits UMass Boston for teaching him how to actively pursue goals that interests him. He says, "I was treated as an adult and was responsible for what I wanted to do. It's real life. It was this and an American sense of self-empowerment that I can do anything that inspired me."

The conclusion of the games does not end Penna's ambitions. He is considering competing in the 2006 Winter Games and is also working on a book on the privatization of the petroleum industry in Europe.

By Leigh DuPuy

"We must have a physical plant that is an attractive setting for work and for learning," said Chancellor Gora, citing one of her action plans in her September convocation address. Five months later, improvements to the campus are palpable to staff, faculty, students, and visitors. Whether it is the new technology classrooms, outdoor and indoor signage, or furniture for the Wit's End, UMass Boston has developed a new sense of welcome and appeal.

As part of a three-year plan to improve facilities, Chancellor Gora seeks to refurbish key areas such as classrooms, function rooms, and university landscap-

ing. Classrooms and hallways in Wheatley Hall, McCormack Hall, and the Science Center are slated for new painting and reflooring, in three successive phases. Bathroom partitions and ceiling tiles will also be repaired in the academic buildings. Plans are underway to renovate the University Club, with new painting, carpets and chairs, and clean windows.

In preparation for spring, administrators are working with an outside landscape group to create a more welcoming entrance to the university by planting of more flowers and replacing of trees.

"Not only does it make the campus more attractive," notes Gora, "but these changes make

the university a place people want to be." Visitors can easily identify buildings by the outdoor building signs as they drive around campus. Students can gather in the lobby of Wheatley Hall for the new Wit's End kiosk or get a breath of fresh air on the Wit's End patio, which features new outdoor furniture and umbrellas. Faculty and students can connect and learn through use of technology in the new classrooms. These enhancements, combined with the construction of the new campus center and projected on-campus residential housing, promise to renew the university's community and connections.

Design Firm Selected for Residential Housing Feasibility Study

As the March issue of the University Reporter went to print, we learned that the design firm Sasaki Associates, Inc. was selected to complete a feasibility study for residential housing at UMass Boston. See the April issue for more details.

Chancellor Gora Discusses the University's Strengths on BNN's Vision's

How do you develop a community? This was the theme of Chancellor Gora's discussions as a guest on Vision's, a cable program produced by the Hispanic American Chamber of Commerce. Gora spoke with host Gerardo Villacres at length about UMass Boston and her own visions for the university in a show that aired on Boston Neighborhood Network on January 23 at 9:00 p.m.

"We have a fantastic culture of commitment to our students," Gora noted in describing the strengths of UMass Boston. She retold her many conversations with students, "the most honest audience," about the university. Every student, she said, told an inspiring story about a faculty member who had made a difference in his or her life.

This connection is especially crucial for a commuter campus, Gora

said, so she has been looking for ways to foster these connections. These initiatives include the recent technology and facility enhancements which have reshaped the university since her arrival.

However, with these changes, the university does not lose sight of its urban mission, Gora explained. "Our mission is to service the community, provide input and resources.... We are trying to play a role in the community."

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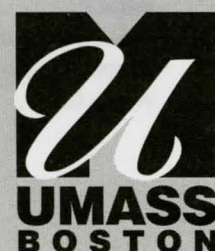
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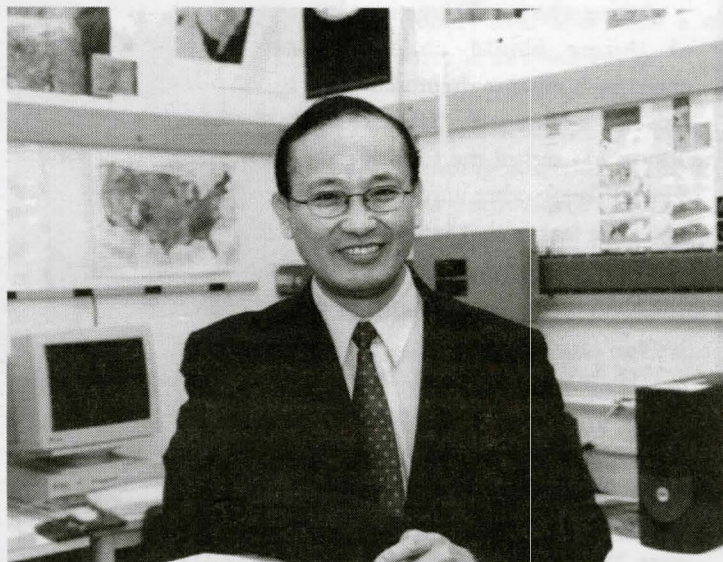
Geographic Information Technologies Professor and Students Provide Consulting to Local Businesses

By Leigh DuPuy

Professor Zong-Guo Xia and his students in the Geographic Information Technologies Program will lend their skills to help local business owners map their territory and better understand the demographic characteristics, economic activities, infrastructure, land use zoning, marketing, and revitalization needs for the area. It is just one of the ways Xia and his students offer professional consulting service to community organizations.

Xia's latest project is to use geographic information systems (GIS) analysis to plot the area of the Newmarket Business Association (NBA), a non-profit group of over 200 members. Their businesses are located in the waterfront area extending from UMass Boston to downtown Boston. It is a unique parcel: the only area within Boston that is zoned for industrial development. Xia notes, "The territory is of core economic importance for the City of Boston."

Under Xia's leadership, he and his students will provide NBA with a series of maps, charts, and overlays that contain detailed information about their territories. By the time the project is complete, the NBA will have a database of maps and will have received basic training to use geo-



Professor Zong-Guo Xia in the Laboratory of Geographic Information Technologies, where he and students will develop and analyze data for organizations like the Newmarket Business Association and the Nature Conservancy (Photo by Harry Brett)

graphic information systems in routine operations.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to map our 'backyard,' Xia says. "The data could help revitalize the city. This fits in wonderfully with UMass Boston's urban mission."

Xia is also working with the Nature Conservancy as a GIS consultant. He will analyze data from five areas in Western Massachusetts to assess the most critical areas for conservation efforts and land acquisition.

Many of Xia's former students continue to provide service for

Massachusetts, working as environmental scientists, consultants, and urban planners for organizations including the Massachusetts Geographic Information System, Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Battelle Coastal Resources and Environmental Management, Parson Brinckerhoff, Inc., and Applied Geographics, Inc. The Program in Geographic Information Technologies is known as the most comprehensive in New England, noted for having one of the best computer facilities in the country.

Flexible and Dynamic: University Debuts New Home Page

By Joe Peters

Facelifts continue for the UMass Boston home page. This month, the Web Services Department put the final pieces on a lengthy transition. Changes, which began a year ago with the reorganization of the main buttons, have progressed to a new "Happenings @ UMB" column and a new color scheme and organization.

Overall, the page has shifted from one dominant image and a set of links to several smaller images and more options for finding information on the university Web site. This format is very common among many other colleges and reflects the evolution of the Web from an attraction to a vital resource.

Some early college home pages were what many Web developers now call a "splash page," which was something designed mostly for visual appeal. Perhaps the greatest misnomer used in regard to the Web use is "surf." Time has borne out that people do not click through Web sites like they surf the channels of a TV, waiting for something to catch their eye. Most people arrive at a Web site seeking specific information. In this context,

the splash page doesn't work for organizations like colleges and universities, which have a lot of information to share.

At UMass Boston, Web Services has responded with a home page that is much more flexible than the old design. With the new look, it is very easy to insert new images and text into the page. One week the page might feature an aerial of the campus, and the next week visitors could be greeted by commencement images promoting upcoming honorary degree recipients.

Changes under the old design were very involved because of the way the links were part of the image. The new look has lost those image links, but has gained a great deal in terms of being dynamic.

In addition, the new design features search functions and additional text links to allow people to find what they are looking for. Overall, the home page can be better tailored to the wide audience it serves. On average, the main site sees about 32,000 hits per day.

Faculty and staff are welcome to forward their comments about the home page and the site in general to webmaster@umb.edu.

"Technology Goes Home" Helps Bridge Digital Divide

By Anne-Marie Kent and
Kim Trauceniek

With society and the workplace relying more on technology, the need to bridge the "digital divide"—the gap in computer literacy between the poor and affluent—has become a major public policy concern. One new way UMass Boston is helping to close that gap is through a new partnership with the City of Boston supporting the second phase of the Technology Goes Home (TGH) program.

TGH began in 1998, when Echo Tsai, CEO of HiQ Computers, donated 1,000 new computers to the city, enabling Boston Mayor Tom Menino and the Boston Digital Bridge Foundation to launch the neighborhood-based family computer training program.

"Currently, TGH has provided training and computers to 300 families in its first year of operation," says John Ciccarelli, Chancellor Gora's special assistant for economic development. "The Boston Digital Bridge Foundation wants to increase the scale of the program by training up to 3,660 families over the next two years at the fourth grade level through a new, school-based program called Technology Goes Home @ School. We at UMass Boston are excited to help them in that effort."

This month, UMass Boston's Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education and the Boston Public Schools Office of Instructional Technology will train six fourth

grade teachers in how to teach the TGH curriculum. Through this pilot program, 60 families from four schools will then be trained and equipped with free computers, printers, and Internet access for a year. A parent and child from each family selected to participate in the program will receive training from March through April, when they receive their equipment. Additional training will be held in May and June and over the summer, and graduation will occur in mid June, before summer vacation.

The McCormack Institute's Center for Social Policy is assessing the first round of TGH and will evaluate both the pilot and full roll-out phases of Technology Goes Home @ School.

Alzheimer's Research (cont.)

grooming, as well as for costs of activities such as providing cooking, laundry, and transportation services. They measured the costs of informal, family-provided care, as well as for formal care by paid professionals, and also looked at geographic variation in the cost of this care, controlling for caregiver and care recipient characteristics.

The Boston site reported the highest use of professional, formal services, with 86.9 percent of caregivers using some service at an average monthly cost of nearly \$1,200. Memphis and Birmingham reported the lowest formal service usage and corresponding costs. In Massachusetts, caregivers are encouraged by their health care providers to use home health aides, and numerous adult day care programs are available. In contrast, caregivers in Memphis and Birmingham did not have as many programs available. However, further study is

needed, says Harrow, to determine whether findings reflect differences in access or availability rather than regional preferences.

Harrow says that geographic variation may suggest regional preferences, ethnic and cultural values and norms, or socioeconomic factors. She cautions that "geographic variation may indicate unmet need or undue caregiver burden in certain areas. Caregivers need to be made aware of the variety of caregiver services that have been and could be developed. It should not be limited to those only available. Unless the consumer is aware, demand cannot be created." She adds, "Clearly, there is a need for policy approaches to ease family burden that are sensitive to geographic or racial and ethnic differences in need for and use of services. Regional variation and access issues continue to exist and challenge us to address them."

Chancellor Discusses University Plans with Dorchester Civic Associations



(From left to right): Representative Jack Hart; Robert Donovan, president of Columbia/Savin Hill Civic Association; Tom Gagnon, president of Fields Corner Civic Association; Chancellor Gora; Charlie Harrington, president of Neponset Precinct 10 Civic Association. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Anne-Marie Kent

The new 331,000-square-foot Campus Center is fast taking shape for a December 2003 opening. With plans for student housing moving ahead and fundraising for a new Environmental Science and Technology Center in the planning stages, UMass Boston is in the process of transforming the Dorchester waterfront. Chancellor Jo Ann Gora vows that this will not take place without community input.

At a breakfast held at The Phillips Old Colony House on February 8, Chancellor Gora offered members of Dorchester

civic associations and local political leaders a seat at the table. "UMass Boston is of the community and for the community," said Gora. "It is crucial that we involve the community at the outset to share information about our plans for the campus and listen to their concerns."

One concern, voiced by Representative Maureen Feeney, had to do with the cost of these projects. Gora said that the Environmental Science and Technology Center would rely on outside funding and that dorms would not be built with state or tuition monies, but rather

with revenue bonds, the debt service on which would be paid by students living in them.

Asking whether the creation of dorms would change university's mission, Representative Jack Hart said, "UMass Boston has served the City of Boston like no other university has. The fear is that building dormitories makes it a place that people can't access anymore."

"There's no way that can happen," responded Gora, stressing that the plans are for only 2,000 units, a small fraction of the 13,000 total enrollment. "We're trying to offer this type of campus experience to any student who wants it at an affordable price," Gora said. Others wondered about student demand for nightlife. Gora said the university would try to meet the challenge in the new Campus Center. It was also noted that downtown Boston is a 15-minute train ride away and that hundreds of UMass Boston students already live in the immediate area.

The meeting ended with an agreement to continue the discussion and to investigate the ways UMass Boston can further serve the community through its research efforts and outreach.

Best Practices: "Stop Outs" Are Invited Back to Complete Their Studies

By Sherry Rhyno and Anna Tarquinio

Nearly 500 undergraduates who left the university in good academic standing prior to completing their degree requirements are readmitted every semester. We call this the return of the "stop out," a student who has taken a leave of absence and then returned to complete university study.

Approximately one third of all of our graduated students have "stopped out" at one time or another, staying away for one or more semesters. Some return after determining a new course of study or career interest. Re-admitted students are attracted by the desire to complete their studies, as well as by our quality academic programs, accessible faculty, flexible options, and the support services.

Each semester, the Office of Enrollment Marketing and Information Services mails an information packet and a personalized letter to "stop outs." The mailing includes an invitation to rejoin the university, information on the "how to's" of returning, a current schedule of courses booklet, a deadline notice, and a waiver of the re-admission application fee.

The university readmits students in good standing, with a minimum 2.0 GPA, until the last day of the add/drop period. The process of updating a student's file, assigning a pin number, and completing a transcript or degree audit typically takes about five minutes. Once re-admitted, the student makes an appointment with an academic adviser, either in his or her major department or in the University Advising Center. When a student begins the process early, the advisor can conduct a thorough evaluation

of the student's academic record and review any curriculum or graduation requirement changes that may have gone into effect since the student left the university. This can be especially important when the student is deciding on a new major. Re-admitted students meet briefly with an advisor on a walk-in basis right before classes begin and during the add/drop period, but they are advised to make an appointment for an in-depth advising session for more thorough review and discussion.

Re-admitted students have expressed their gratitude for being contacted by the university and invited to return with information on how to do so at no additional charge. Receiving the schedule of courses booklet is also a plus; they say it provides concrete information on when a re-admitted student would take new classes.

The idea for this best practice came out of activities generated by the University Retention Committee a few years back under the leadership of Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management Kathy Teehan, Registrar David Cesario, and former Associate Provost Patricia Davidson. Since then, we have taken related measures to revise the schedule of courses book and expand touch-tone and web registration information.

Sherry Rhyno is director of marketing, and Anna Tarquinio is associate registrar for the enrollment management area. The column is a part of a continuing monthly series featuring best practices at UMass Boston.

Olympic Champion to Coach Women's Ice Hockey Team

By Kim Burke

UMass Boston's first-ever coach for the new women's ice hockey team brings with her a piece of Olympic glory. Laura Schuler was a part of Canada's 1998 silver-medal-winning women's ice hockey team and brings with her 11 years of experience with Team Canada. At age 19 she was selected as Team Canada's youngest player to compete in the inaugural World Championships in 1990.

In addition, Schuler spent four standout years playing with Northeastern University, where she made four appearances in the ECAC semi-finals, played in the ECAC championship, and led the team in scoring her sophomore year. She was named captain her senior year.

Athletics Director Charlie Titus has the utmost confidence



Laura Schuler is the first-ever head coach for the women's varsity ice hockey team at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

in his new coach. "We searched for a young, knowledgeable, and enthusiastic coach.... We are convinced we have that person in Laura Schuler" says Titus.

Schuler gained coaching experience

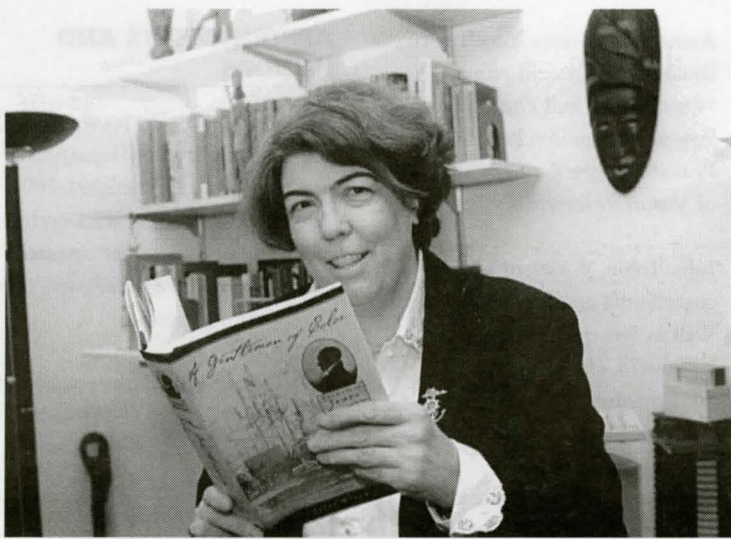
in her native Ontario and says she is looking forward to the "challenge of coaching at the varsity level" and having the opportunity to "give back to my sport full time."

Dean Cherry to Retire from College of Nursing and Health Sciences

After thirteen years of valuable service, Brenda Cherry will retire as dean of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, a post she has held since 1989. During her tenure, she helped develop a doctoral program in nursing, facilitated the reorganization of the college into three departments, and created a new governance structure for the college. She also revised the undergraduate nursing curriculum,

established a baccalaureate completion program for RNs at Cape Cod Community College, and prepared the college for the upcoming accreditation review by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Cherry will be leaving the university by the end of the spring 2002 term. The Office of the Provost will appoint an interim dean and anticipates conducting a search for a permanent dean in 2002 - 2003.

Winch's New Book Celebrates A Gentleman of Color



Julie Winch, professor of history and scholar in African American history, spent twelve years researching James Forten. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Kim Trauceniek

In her fourth book, *A Gentleman of Color: The Life of James Forten*, published by Oxford University Press, UMass Boston history professor Julie Winch rediscovers one of the most influential African Americans of the nineteenth century. "Forten was very outspoken on the subject of slavery, alcoholism, and women's rights," says Winch, "but in conducting my

research for the book I realized that I also needed to know how he made his money." She adds, "I hope to restore Mr. Forten to the position that I think he deserves."

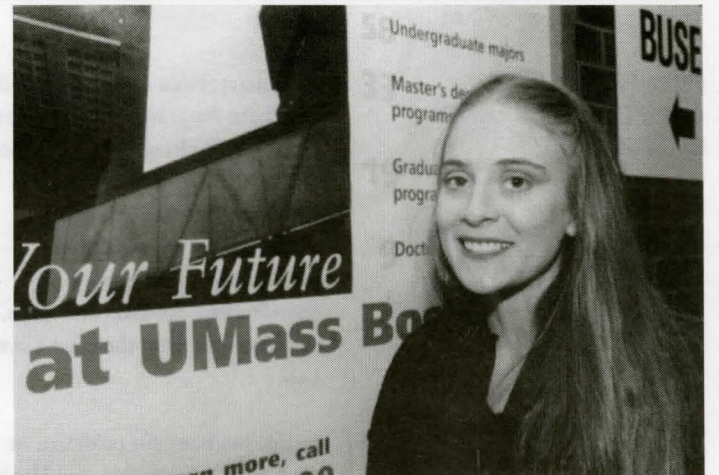
Winch researched Forten's life for twelve years, reflecting tremendous dedication. She says, "I would like people to look more critically and questioningly at the nature of race

in the early republic." Forten's life was expansive. Born a free African American, he proudly served America in the Revolutionary War and made a small fortune as a sailmaker.

Publisher's Weekly calls Winch's scholarship "both outstanding and vital," but Winch was particularly delighted by a comment made by actor Ossie Davis who plays the "voice" of James Forten in *Lights and Liberty*, a sound and light show in Philadelphia's Independence Hall. "This book" said Davis, "put me in the presence of Mr. James Forten, an African American, who in the time of slavery, was indeed a gentleman.... It was a great pleasure to have spent some time in his company."

Winch actively lectures on the subject of African American history. Her "public scholarship" includes participation in WGBH's series on Africans in America, for which she has served both as interviewee and as a member of the production team. Winch has been teaching at UMass Boston since 1985.

Atlantic Monthly Awards Prize to Creative Writing Student



Rachel Melat received second place in the Atlantic Monthly Student Writers Competition for Poetry. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

Though she has been writing poetry for years, UMass Boston senior Rachel Melat had never submitted any of her work for consideration. This all changed when she entered three of her poems in the *Atlantic Monthly* 2001 Student Writer's Competition for Poetry and won second prize for her poem "Philatelist." Not only did she win \$500 in the contest, but she also won possible future publication in the magazine.

Melat describes her winning

entry as a form poem with a New England nature theme. It was one of the pieces she worked on in her advanced poetry workshop with Professor Lloyd Schwartz. "I revised it four times for the class," she remembers.

A theater major with a concentration in creative writing, Melat plans to move to California at the end of the spring semester. She hopes to publish a book of poetry and thinks about writing screenplays and attending graduate school.

What a Scoop at the Annual Ice Cream Social!



Beth Marshall, associate vice chancellor for administration and finance, and human resources, Clare Poirier, director of personnel administration, and Anne Riley, trust fund budget manager, are all smiles in serving ice cream to employees. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Jeanne Wallace-Buckley

Great music and a line stretching out the door of the Quinn Cafeteria enticed employees to the much-anticipated Ice Cream Social on Valentine's Day. Chancellor Jo Ann Gora joined Beth Marshall, Clare Poirier, Anne Riley, Michael Forcier, Ed Gagnon, Forrest Speck, and Dick Lourie to serve over 400 employees—and a few stray students—who gathered for the 4th annual

celebration of community spirit and fabulous ice cream, courtesy of Ben & Jerry's. The event is sponsored by the ARD Experiencing the Community Committee, which seeks to foster community spirit and provide opportunities for employees to meet. Other ARD-hosted events include trips to Foxwoods Casino and NYC. ARD invites and welcomes new ideas for trips or events; e-mail Clare.Poirier@umb.edu.

Honoring Women's History Month at UMass Boston

By Carol Hardy-Fanta

UMass Boston traditionally offers a wide range of activities to help us celebrate Women's History Month. The McCormack Institute has invited Mary Frances Berry, the chair of the Commission on Civil Rights, to speak at a public forum on March 13. On the following day, she will join a group of women leaders from around Greater Boston in a discussion of one of her books, *The Politics of Parenthood: Child Care, Women's Rights, and the Myth of the Good Mother*. Sponsored by the McCormack Institute's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, the event is by invitation.

The student-run Women's Center at UMass Boston is developing an exciting line-up of events during March. First, they hope to bring a women filmmaker on campus to preview one of her films. Second, *Equality*, a professional theater company, will come to campus to do a play on acquaintance date rape. At the event the Women's Center will have tables with literature and information pertaining to date rape and domestic violence. They also expect to bring women poets, including students at UMass Boston, to share their works.

Greater Boston offers many op-

portunities for learning and activism around women's history and women's rights. The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy is pleased to co-sponsor the local celebration of International Women's Day on March 8. This event will be held at Simmons College Conference Center from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. As space is limited, RSVP by contacting the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women at 617.626.6520.

New Words Bookstore at 186 Hampshire Street in Cambridge is hosting a number of events in March, including an appearance by Chitra Divakaruni, who will read from *The Vine of Desire* on March 13 at 7:00 p.m. There also will be an "open mic" for women on March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Find out more about their offerings at 617-371-7124.

This is only a sampling of events around Greater Boston. By March 1, the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy will have a more complete listing on www.mccormack.umb.edu/Centers/cwppp of what to do on campus to join people around the globe who promote the U.N. affirmation that "women's rights are human rights."

Facts About Women's History Month

International Women's Day has been celebrated worldwide in a variety of ways since 1909.

The Charter of the United Nations, signed in San Francisco in 1945, was the first international agreement to proclaim gender equality as a fundamental human right.

In 1979, the U.N. General Assembly adopted the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women.

Congress declared March to be National Women's History Month in 1987.

"Women Sustaining the American Spirit" is the new theme for National Women's History Month 2002.

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

On January 29, Professor **Paul Atwood** of the William Joiner Center and the American Studies Program spoke at the Martin Institute at Stonehill College on “The Role of the Press in Advancing or Suppressing Our Understanding of the Current Crisis.”

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, assistant professor in the Graduate College of Education, presented “Listening to Latino Insured Patients in Massachusetts: Developing a Model of Barriers to Health Care Access and Quality” at the Hispanic Health Services Research Conference, held in Houston in February.

Ellen Bruce, associate director of the Gerontology Institute, was selected as one of 200 delegates to the 2002 National Summit on Retirement Savings, held from February 27 through March 1 in Washington, D.C.

Rich Delaney, director of the Urban Harbors Institute, attended a meeting of the Second Summit Preparatory Committee at the United Nations Headquarters in New York in January to assess ocean and coastal issues and develop recommendations for the upcoming 2002 United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was the featured speaker at the January 25 meeting of Governor’s Advisory Committee on Women’s Issues. She spoke about the policy agenda and recommendations from the Mass Action for Women Audit.

Professor **Philip Hart**, director of the Trotter Institute, gave the keynote address at the Massachusetts Black Legislative Caucus Black History Month Luncheon on Tuesday, February 5. Hart was given proclamations by Governor Swift, Senate President Tom Birmingham, Speaker of the House Tom Finneran, State Auditor Joe DeNucci, and the Mass Black Legislative Caucus.

Professor **Robert Hayden** of the General Center presented a slide talk on William Monroe Trotter, “The National Civil Rights Activist from Sawyer Avenue,” at the Dorchester Historical Society on February 24.

In January, **Nina Greenwald** of the Graduate Program in Critical and Creative Thinking led a workshop on the application of step-wise critical and creative thinking strategies to authentic case material for social service coordinators, forensic biologists, and chemists from the State Crime Lab.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented an invited lecture, “Using Nursing Conceptual Models and Theories to Guide Evidence-Based Nursing Practice,” at Hampton University School of Nursing on January 29.

Esther Kingston-Mann, history and American studies professor, gave the keynote address at the Rhode Island College Conference “Bridging Gaps: Toward a Multi-Voiced Academy” on January 15. Her topic was “Diversity and Academic Standards: Allies Rather than Adversaries.”

Mari Koerner of the Graduate College of Education co-presented “Mentoring Associate Deans for Success in a Diverse Social Context” and “Who Is the College of Education Dean Now and Who Should be in the Future?” at the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education meeting in February, held in New York City.

Kathleen Golden McAndrew, associate professor of nursing, was a guest speaker for the North of Boston Association of Occupational Health Nurses on March 12, discussing “Update on Substance Abuse in the Workplace: GHB, LSD, Special K, and More.”

Edith Shillue, director of the Directions for Student Potential Program, read from her forthcoming book *Peace Comes Dropping Slow: Conversations in Northern Ireland* at the Arlington Center for the Arts on February 28.

Assistant professor **Ying Tan** of the Biology Department was an invited speaker at the January Gordon Research Conference in Molecular Evolution held in Ventura, California. She presented research results entitled “Molecular Evolution of Color Vision in Primates.”

PUBLICATIONS

Community Partnerships, edited by Elsa Auerbach, associate professor of English and specialist in family literacy, has been published by the TESOL Press.

Sara Baron of the Instructional Technology Center and Healey Library has co-authored the article “Communicating with and Empowering International Students with a Library Skills Set,” which is published in the current issue of *Reference Services Review*.

The article “The Effects of Interference and Knowledge on Auditor’s Recall of Internal Control Strengths and Weaknesses” by **James Bierstaker**, College of Management associate professor of accounting and finance, will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Managerial Auditing Journal*.

MaryAnn Byrnes, assistant professor of the Graduate College of Education, was the academic editor of *Taking Sides: Clashing Views of Controversial Issues in Special Education*, which was published in January by Dushkin/McGraw-Hill.

Professor **John Conlon** of the Communication and Theater Arts Department published, “Postmodern Shaw. A Review of Jean Reynold’s *Pygmalion’s Wordplay*,” about a new book on George Bernard Shaw, in *ELT*.

Avery Faigenbaum, assistant professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, published “Effects of Different Resistance Training Protocols on Upper Body Strength and Endurance Development in Children” in the *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*.

In March the Liberty Fund will republish Nathaniel Culverwell’s *An Elegant and Learned Discourse of the Light of Nature*, edited by **Robert Greene** of the English Department and Hugh MacCallum. Originally published by the University of Toronto Press in 1971, this edition will be republished with a new foreword by Greene in one of the first two volumes of a projected sixty-volume series, *Natural Law and Enlightenment Classics*.

Jacqueline Haslett of the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education co-wrote “Measures That Were Taken for the Distribution of Physical Education and Sports Equipment During the Time of American Occupation,” a series of essays which were published in the *Research Journal of Physical Education* of Chukyo University.

Marc Prou, assistant professor in the Africana Studies Department, published “El Significado de la Muerte in el Vod’ Haitiano” (The Significance of Death in Haitian Voodoo Rituals) in the most recent issue of *Del Caribe*.

Assistant professor **Ying Tan** of the Biology Department published “Opsin Gene and Photopigment Polymorphism in a Prosimian Primate” in the January 2002 issue of *Vision Research*.

John Tobin, professor of English, contributed an essay “Texture as Well as Structure” to the new volume *In The Company of Shakespeare*, just published by Fairleigh Dickinson Press. The same volume contains “Shakespeare’s Dramatic Chambers,” by **Vincent Petronella**, professor emeritus of English.

Professor **Lloyd Schwartz** of the English Department wrote the foreword for *Rare and Common-place Flowers*, a biography of Elizabeth Bishop and Lota De Macedo Soares by Carmen Oliviera. He also wrote the article “I Could Write a Book: Popular Song Lyrics of the 20th Century,” which is published in *Parnassus*.

Gerontology’s **Nina Silverstein**, associate professor, and doctoral students **Lona Choi** and **Jay Bulot** published “Older Learners on Campus” in *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES

Paintings by **Włodzimierz Ksiązek**, visiting lecturer in the Art Department, are exhibited at Hartwick College in New York and as a part of two group exhibitions, “The Abstract Mind” at New England College in Henniker, NH, and “Works on Paper” at The Armory in New York City, throughout the months of March and April.

Elizabeth Marran, assistant professor of art, had two exhibits of her work featured: “Process on Paper,” at the OHT Gallery in Boston from January 4 through 26 and “Digital City” at the New England School of Art and Design from February 15 through March 13.

A documentary film for which Music Professor **David Patterson** scored the music, *One Tough Biscotti*, was shown by the Independent Feature Project in New York City.

Mary Oleskiewicz, assistant professor of music, traveled to Japan in January as a guest of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. Her sponsor was Keio University, where she presented research and appeared as a specialist in the music of J.S. Bach during a symposium held by the Musicological Society of Japan.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Ann Blum, assistant professor in the Hispanic Studies Department, has been awarded the 2001-2002 Endowed Faculty Career Development Fund Prize for her research on intersections of family and state in modern Mexico.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, received an adjunct appointment as the Kellogg Distinguished Professor of Nursing at the Hampton University School of Nursing for the spring semester 2002

Emily McDermott has been appointed interim dean of graduate studies, a position previously held by **Ismael Ramírez-Soto**. Ramírez-Soto continues to serve as dean of the College of Public and Community Service. The Provost’s Office will engage in a search for a dean of graduate studies.

Angeline Lopes has been appointed assistant dean for student development. An alumnus of UMass Boston with a master of arts degree, Lopes previously served as assistant dean for student services at Framingham State College.

College of Management Dean **Philip Quaglieri** presented the CM Dean’s Award for Distinguished Research to Accounting and Finance Chair **Arindam Bandopadhyaya** and Management Science and Information Systems Chair **Jean-Pierre Kuilboer**.

Sherry Rhyno, director of marketing for the enrollment marketing area, received a merit award for the UMass Boston Open House television spot for best single spot tv ad for a university or college at the 17th Annual Admissions Advertising Awards.

Edith Shillue, director of the Directions for Student Potential Program, has been nominated for inclusion in *Pushcart Prize XXVII: Best of the Small Presses* for her essays “Easter,” published in *The Massachusetts Review*, and “The Fountain,” published in *The New England Journal of Public Policy*.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Enrico A. Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, received a grant for \$30,000 from the University of California’s California Program on Access to Care for his project “Health Insurance and Health Care Access among Undocumented Mexican and Other Latino Immigrants and their Children in California, 1994-2000.”

Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, received a UMass Boston Public Service Grant in the amount of \$4,000 for the "Women's Information Resources Online" project. This project will provide online access to the Center's searchable database of information on issues of concern to women.

The Environmental Business and Technology Center, located in the College of Management, has received a \$180,000 contract from the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust Fund for a sponsored economic study, *Massachusetts Renewable Energy Sector Economic Analysis and Business Development Needs Assessment*. The team includes **David Levy**, associate professor in the Department of Management, and **David Terkla**, professor of economics.

Marc Prou, director of the Center for African, Caribbean, and Community Development, received a three-year renewable contract within a larger CDC-Center for Community Health, Education, and Research - funded project to evaluate the process and outcomes in the implementation of the Leadership Capacity Building Project in the Haitian-American community of Massachusetts.

Professor **Dan Simovici** and Ph.D. students **Dana Cristofor** and **Laurentiu Cristofor** of the Computer Science Department received an award from the French Association for Artificial Intelligence for the best paper presented at the Extraction et Gestion des Connaissances 2002 Conference, held in Montpellier, France, in January.

MARRIAGE

Candyce McCarthy, administrative assistant at the McCormack Institute, and **Barry Carragher** were married on Saturday, January 5, in Cohasset. They left the next day for a three-week wedding trip to India.

IN THE NEWS

Alan Clayton-Matthews, public policy professor, was one of three local economists interviewed for the Winter 2002 issue of *Commonwealth: Politics, Ideas and Civic Life in Massachusetts*, offering recession forecasts for the state and nation.

The Malaysian newspaper *The Star* covered the work by **Gerald Garrett**, sociology professor, on therapeutic community drug rehabilitation programs of prisons and non-governmental organizations conducted during a recent two-week stay in Malaysia.

Administrators Head Back to the Classroom

By *Leanne Marden*

The semester is well underway, and so are preparations for the new finance system that will be introduced to the campus soon. In the summer of 2002, financial administrators at UMass Boston and across the University of Massachusetts will begin using the new PeopleSoft administrative system for financial operations.

Getting to this point required many hours of hard work, and many trips to Worcester, where three long-time UMass Boston employees—**Bobby Kartsagoulis**, **Dennis Loughlin**, and **Richard Simmons**—joined colleagues

from all of the university campuses and the President's Office to design the

system according to UMass specifications. Once designed and developed, the system was ready for testing. Testing involved trying out all the features of the system and seeing if the results were as expected. And as if testing were not enough to keep the finance team busy, the time for training others on campus has now arrived.

In early February, the first of many transition workshops was held for campus staff, including central financial administrators and departmental staff persons who make purchases and manage budgets for their units. These workshops serve as pre-

training information sessions, introducing new features and terminology, and important changes. During the month of March, the same financial administrators will begin receiving e-mails, directing them to the on-line web registration system to find out what courses are recommended for them and when the courses will be offered. With a few simple keystrokes and mouse clicks, our PeopleSoft finance students can enroll in the necessary training courses at times most convenient for them. Some users may need to attend only one course, while others may be

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slated to attend many. "Financial Fundamentals" will be offered for all staff members who will be working with the new PeopleSoft administrative system. Other courses will teach system users how to access financial information on-line, access reports electronically, and make purchases using the new PeopleSoft finance system.

All finance systems users should "stay tuned" for more specific information about training and general preparations for the new system. Attendance at training and information sessions will make the transition to PeopleSoft a smooth and enjoyable experience.

New Web Cam for Campus Center



Suffolk Construction begins to build the columns that will support the roadway and sidewalk of the new Campus Center, as seen here in a photo taken on January 24. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Campus Center fans will now be able to watch the up-to-the-minute construction progress of the university's new 331,000-square-foot building on a newly created web cam site. The site, linked to university's home page, features still shots of construction, updated every two minutes. The site also includes the architecture's rendering of the finished building and, in the future, will offer viewers a virtual tour of the building's interior rooms, hallways, and

function rooms through a photo collection. These renderings offer a realistic preview of the campus center's interiors, views, and facilities. Check out the latest developments at www.umb.edu/about_umb/campus_center.

Construction continues to proceed ahead of schedule as builders continue to add decking to the building's steel skeleton. The completion of the steel foundation phase is expected in April or May.

Executive Forum (cont.)

"The College of Management's Senior Executive Forum provides a rich opportunity for our students to meet the top leadership from some of the most significant organizations in greater Boston—including those in financial services, banking, technology, and retail; and the public and private sectors, for-profit and not for profit," said **Quaglieri**.

On February 13, another CEO, named by **Quaglieri** as "Distinguished Visiting Professor of Marketing," visited the campus, this time from the world of New York fashion: top designer and 1972 UMass Boston graduate **Joseph Abboud**, CEO of J. A. Apparel Corporation. As part of a creative arrangement allowing him to share his expertise in various areas, **Abboud** spent the day—one of three planned visits to campus—teaching in various settings. In the morning, he lectured in Marketing 403. In the afternoon, he delivered the main address, "Managing the Creative Organization," at the College of Management Convocation. Later in the day, he offered students career advising.

Abboud said, "Coming back to the University of Massachusetts Boston in a teaching role is a fulfillment of my dreams and it proves you can come home again." His career has taken him far from the classrooms of Wheatley Hall and onto the fashion runways of Paris and New York.

After studying comparative literature at UMass Boston, he went on to the Sorbonne in Paris, where he grew to love what he calls "the sophisticated polish" of European style. Over the course of twelve years, he worked for the prestigious retailer **Louis of Boston**, where he served as buyer, merchandiser, and eventually coordinator of promotion and advertising. Three years as director of menswear design for **Polo/Ralph Lauren** further refined **Abboud's** own vision of men's style.

Abboud launched his signature menswear collection in 1987. Two years later, he joined forces with **GFT USA Corporation** to form **J.A. Apparel Corporation**. Since the debut of his collection, **Abboud** has won numerous honors. He was the only designer to have received the coveted **Menswear Designer of the Year Award** two years in a row (1989 and 1990) from the Council of Fashion Designers of America. In 1995, he was honored for "excellence in Ameri-

can design" by the U.S. Department of Commerce, and in May 1997 he was presented with the **Michael Award for Menswear Designer of the Year**.

Abboud will share more of his expertise in future visits to the campus on Thursday, March 7, and Wednesday, April 10. He will speak on topics including advertising, creativity, and marketing management, and conduct sessions with honors students on career preparation and entrepreneurship. During the April 10 visit, he will meet with MBA students enrolled in the Senior Executive Forum.

"This is a great opportunity for us to have an internationally recognized business and fashion leader share his experiences with us," said **Quaglieri**. "We look forward to having him challenge our ideas and offer his expertise on leadership and creativity."

Other speakers planned for the coming semester include Boston Mayor **Thomas Menino '88**; **Christopher Probyn**, chief international economist for **State Street Global Advisors**; UMass Boston alumnus **Barry Bycoff '70**, chairman, president and CEO of **Netegrity Incorporated**; and **Robert Mudge**, president of **Verizon, Massachusetts**.

Managing Conflict in Large Groups: Helping Organizations Confront Difficult Issues

Thursday, March 14
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Featuring **Barbara Bunker**, organizational social psychologist.

Quinn Administration Building, 3-308.

Sponsored by the **Benjamin and Sylvia Slomoff Visiting Lectureship in Dispute Resolution**.

Contact: 7-7421 for more information.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

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 April calendar listings by **Thursday, March 14** 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.

FRIDAY 1

Biology Department Seminar: Places and Spaces — Cortical Contributions to Memory
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Rebecca Burwell of Brown University. Contact: 7-6600.

Latino Community Studies Colloquium Series: 'Los de Afuera' (The Outsiders) Puerto Rican Migration, Culture, and the Politics of Belonging.
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1-206. Featuring Gina Pérez of Hunter College. Contact: 7-5680.

Open Poetry Reading in Memory of Michael Lenz
5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th floor, Student Lounge. Poetry reading in memory of Michael Lenz, an American studies graduate student, published poet, and scholar, who was murdered a year ago. Sponsored by the American Studies Roundtable. Contact: 7-6770.

MONDAY 4

Lecture in Art History: Impressionist Transformations — Landscape, Daily Life, Portraits, Still Life.
10:30 a.m., Remis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts. Featuring Carol Scollans of the Art Department. Also on March 11 and 25: 10:30 a.m. or March 7 and 14: 7:00 p.m. UMass student discount applies. Contact Professor Scollans, 7-5730.

Latino Community Studies Colloquium Series: Gold Gate or Golden Cage? Cultural Citizenship and Immigrant Women's Activism in San Francisco?
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1-206. Featuring Kathleen Coll of Harvard University. Contact: 7-5680.

TUESDAY 5

Latino Community Studies Colloquium Series: Precarious Livelihoods: Ethnographic Representations of Community Development, Labor, and Displacement in Southern Puerto Rico
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2-420. Featuring Ricardo Pérez of Eastern Connecticut State University. Contact: 7-5680.

WEDNESDAY 6

Gastón Institute and Trotter Institute Joint Speakers Series: Using Education to Challenge Racial Inequality— Creating Schools that Promote Hope and Justice
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Wheatley Hall, 4th floor, Student Lounge. Featuring Pedro A. Noguera. Lunch is provided for those who make advance reservations. Contact: 7-5790.

East Asian Studies Lecture: East Asia —The Next Frontier of Aging and Social Security
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Provost's Conference Room. Featuring Professor Yung-ping Chen of Gerontology. Contact: 7-5720.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar: Ocean and Coastal Water Quality: A Policy Analysis of Threats and Opportunities
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Science Center, Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Timothy Eichenberg of The Ocean Conservancy. Contact: 7-7440.

THURSDAY 7

College of Management Seminars: The Abboud Collection
11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2-214: MKT 450 Creativity. 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Healey Library Staff Lounge: Entrepreneurship Seminar. 6:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, 3rd floor, Chancellor's Conference room: CCT 612 Seminar in Creativity. Contact: 7-7700.

FRIDAY 8

Biology Department Seminar Series: Evolution of RNA Viruses
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Paul Turner of Yale University. Special seminar co-hosted with the Robert McNair Program. Contact: 7-6600.

MONDAY 11

Gerontology Speaker Series: The Cost of Caring for Community Residing Elders with Dementia
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-147-2. Featuring Brooke Harrow, professor in the Ph.D. in Nursing Program. Contact: 7-7330.

Alcohol and Drug Discussion Group
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2-414. Weekly support group, safe and confidential, for individuals trying to live free from alcohol and drug abuse. Contact: Donna.durfee@umb.edu or 7-5648.

Latino Professional Networking Session
6:00 – 8:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd Floor. Presented by the Latino Professional Network, College of Management, the Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, and the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences. Contact: 7-5790.

WEDNESDAY 13

Procurement Department Seminar: Contracting for Services
9:00 -11:00 a.m., Healey Library, Presentation Room 2. Learn the new contract-for-service procedure and form, with new monetary limits set for services. To register, contact Janis Mahoney, 7-5068

Art Talks: Informal Presentations by Selected Artists
1:00 - 2:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st floor, Harbor Art Gallery. Laura Baring-Gould, UMass Boston adjunct faculty, will present slides of her community-based installation projects. Contact: 7-5347 or artsonthepoint@umb.edu.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar: Microbial Control of Oceanic Carbon Cycling.
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Science Center, Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Farooq Azam of Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Contact: 7-7440.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum
5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Science Center, Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Mayor Thomas Menino '88. Contact: 7-7734.

McCormack Institute Policy Forum: Homeland Security, Economic Security, and Civil Rights in the U.S. Today
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Healey Library, 11th floor, University Club. Featuring Mary Frances Berry, chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the 2002 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor. Free to public. Contact: 7-5550.

THURSDAY 14

Managing Conflicts in Large Groups: Helping Organizations Confront Difficult Issues
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, 3-308. Featuring Barbara Bunker, organizational social psychologist. Sponsored by the Benjamin and Sylvia Slomoff Visiting Lectureship in Dispute Resolution. Contact: 7-7421.

Summer Employment Fair
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st and 2nd floor lobbies. Local and regional employers will recruit students for summer and part-time employment. Contact: Natasha Onken, 7-6321.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum
6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, 3rd floor, Chancellor's Conference Room. Featuring guest speaker Barry Bycoff '70, CEO of Netegrity, Inc. Contact: 7-7734.

FRIDAY 15

Student Luncheon with Chancellor Gora
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until March 7. Students wishing to attend should call the Office of Student Affairs, 7-5800.

UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra
8:00 p.m., New School of Music, 11 Lowell Street, Cambridge. Featuring Jon Mitchell, conductor, and Timothy McFarland, pianoforte soloist. Contact: 7-6980.

MONDAY 18

Evacuation Day — No classes.

Spring Break Begins
No classes March 18 - 22.

Biology Department Seminar Series: The Impact of Early Cocaine Insult on Rodent Development
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Tiffany Cunningham. Contact: 7-6600.

TUESDAY 19

Institute for Community Inclusion Workshop: Job Accommodation for People with Disabilities
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Hogan Campus Center, Holy Cross. Workshop on job accommodations ranging from "high tech" to simple, no-cost strategies, as well as discussion of legal and practical realities of requesting accommodations. Contact: 617-355-5371

THURSDAY 21

UMass System Guidance Counselor Conference: Access to Excellence
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 1st floor, Snowden Auditorium. Professional development for counselors from throughout New England, opportunities to meet peers, and discuss MCAS and university admission updates. Contact: 7-6020.

FRIDAY 22

ACRL NE Information Technology Interest Group Meeting: PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants) and Libraries
9:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, 4-015. Limited Seating. Register with Frances Schlesinger, 7-5943.

MONDAY 25

Gerontology Speaker Series: Barriers to Care in Alzheimer's Disease
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-147-2. Featuring Charles Drebing of the Bedford VA Medical Center. Contact: 7-7330.

WEDNESDAY 27

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Seminar: Sorcerer's Apprentice — The Role of Non-Objective Judgments in Applied Environmental Science.
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Science Center, Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring Robert Beattie of the Environmental Studies Program at UMass Boston. Contact: 7-7440.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum
6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, 3rd Floor, Chancellor's Conference Room. Featuring Robert Mudge, President of Verizon, Massachusetts. Contact: 7-7734.

THURSDAY 28

Institute for Asian American Studies Research Forum: Tobacco Use Among Asian Immigrant Youth
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th floor, Student Lounge. Featuring Jocelyn Pan, Harvard School of Public Health. Contact: 7-5650 or shauna.lo@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 29

Biology Department Seminar Series: CTL Clonal Diversity and the Response to Viral Epitope Variation
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1-006. Featuring William Charini, Harvard Medical School. Contact: 7-6600.

Good Friday Service
12:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 3rd floor, Ryan Lounge. Contact Campus Ministry, 7-5839.

MISCELLANEOUS

National Collegiate Health and Wellness Week
March 3 – 6. Workshops will address sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, diet, nutrition, disordered eating, and stress management. Contact: donna.durfee@umb.edu or 7-5648.

Instructional Technology
Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the Instructional Technology website at www.itc.umb.edu or call 7-3990 for updated workshop information.

WUMB CD/LP Sale
WUMB is now accepting donations of CDs, LPs, cassettes, videos, etc. for the annual Used Music Sale. Donations can be brought to the station office in the lower level of Healey Library, Monday - Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact 7-6911 to arrange a pick-up.

Intramural Sports
Clark Athletic Center. March 4, 12:30 – 2:30: full court basketball starts. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m: badminton: free play and tournament style. Fridays, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m., free throw, hot shot, and three-point competition. Clinics and tournaments in wallyball, racquetball, and squash, held at Beacon Fitness Center. Contact: 7-7801.

Beacon Fitness Center
Open to students, faculty, staff, and UMass Boston alumni members. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Contact: 7-6786.

Meditation, Yoga, and Tai Chi
Contact Health Promotions for daily schedule, 7-5385.