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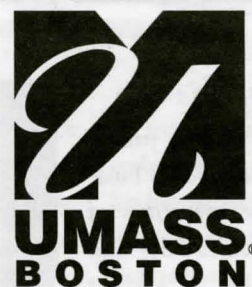
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Center for Survey Research's Expertise Aids National Institute on the Aging-Funded Research

By Anne-Marie Kent

Just about everyone has responded to survey questions at one time or another, but most laypeople don't realize the level of care and scholarship needed to create a truly reliable survey. UMass Boston's Center for Survey Research (CSR) is known nationally and internationally for its rigorous standards in designing survey instruments and collecting survey data that yield credible results.

"The center conducts a mixture of projects," explains Director Mary Ellen Colten. "Its seven senior staff write grant proposals following their own study interests. In other cases, we assist other scholars who contact us to design their surveys and collect

data for them. What we offer is our methodological expertise and experience, and all the data collection resources of our research and interviewing staff."

Recently, the center's expertise has been sought by Karl Pillemer of the Gerontology Institute at Cornell University and Jill Sutor of Louisiana State University. "We did a pilot study with them years ago with seed money from Cornell, looking at family relationships of older adults and their adult children," explains Colten.

Now, with a new large National Institute on the Aging (NIA) grant, Pillemer and Sutor are pursuing a larger study with the help of the CSR, whose portion of the grant is \$483,000. Through in-

terviews of women between the ages of 65 to 75 years old who have more than one living child, they hope to better understand family relationships, particularly the dynamic between older parents and their grown children, and older people's quality of life. The information may help influence the ways governmental and charitable agencies think about and plan services for older people.

CSR staff have already completed over 300 of the 550 interviews of women living in 12 Boston-area targeted communities, including Boston and Cambridge. The center's staff developed the list of potential participants using Massachusetts town

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Mary Ellen Colten, director of the Center for Survey Research, and her staff will assist researchers at Cornell University and Louisiana State University in evaluating family relationships. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Community Breakfast Honors Dudley Square Neighborhood Planner

By Leigh DuPuy

"I am very proud to have this award from UMass Boston because you do such great work in the community," said Joyce Stanley, the 2002 recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership. At the university's sixteenth annual community breakfast, UMass Boston recognized Stanley for her work in city planning and community development for Roxbury and the City of Boston. Elected officials such as Boston City Councilor Maureen Feeney, Representative Marty Walsh, and Representative Gloria Fox, who nominated

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Gloria Fox, state representative; Joyce Stanley, the 2002 recipient of the Robert H. Quinn Award for Outstanding Community Leadership; Chancellor Jo Ann Gora; and Robert H. Quinn, former speaker of the House of Representatives and chair of UMass Board of Trustees, celebrated together at the community breakfast held on March 20. (Photo by Harry Brett)

Sasaki Associates Begins Feasibility Study on Residential Housing

By Leigh DuPuy

"We want to be able to offer a residential college experience to our students which is high quality and affordable," says Chancellor Gora of a proposal to create residential housing at UMass Boston. The university recently took one step closer in the process when the UMass Building Authority selected Sasaki Associates, Inc., to conduct a feasibility study for the construction of residential housing for approximately 2,000 students to live at UMass Boston. The study is slated for completion in June.

Experts in urban housing design, Sasaki Associates has provided campus planning and design to more

than 300 colleges and universities in the United States. Their study will address the many questions surrounding on-campus housing, which include possible locations, designs, amenities, and target populations. A large part of the analysis will examine how the integration of residential housing will affect existing services, such as public safety, parking, food services, and athletics facilities. They will also evaluate the need for additional services, such as an expanded food services and residential life programs. "We need to consider all the factors in a transition from a commuter campus

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Community Leaders Join UMass Boston to Honor Joyce Stanley

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Stanley for the award, joined community leaders, local business-people, and members of the UMass Boston faculty and staff to honor her at UMass Boston's University Club.

Stanley has been involved in city planning and community development since 1970. Most recently, she has worked with residents, building owners, and public agencies to help revitalize Dudley Square in Roxbury. A long-time resident, Stanley serves as the executive director of Dudley Square Main Streets and the Dudley Square Merchants Association. Her vision to renew economic development and foster an arts and cultural district in the area has personal roots. "I grew up in the Fort Hill area and want to stay there," Stanley said, "But I realized there was no place to go within my community to have a cup of coffee and have a nice meal, and enjoy artwork."

Stanley spearheaded an initiative with the Boston Redevelopment Authority and Department of Neighborhood Development to prepare local de-



Above: Robert Quinn, Joyce Stanley, and UMass President William M. Bulger.

Top Right: Stanley thanks the community for their support.

Middle Right: Stanley with family and friends.

Bottom Right: Representative Marty Walsh, Chancellor Gora, Stanley, and Boston City Councillor Maureen Feeney.

Bottom Left: Eileen Calnan of Little House, Anne Nee, director of Little House, Gail Hobin, director of community relations and special events, and Adrienne Taylor, director of the Dorchester YMCA.

(Photos by Harry Brett)



velopers to renovate large anchor parcels, market the commercial district to new tenants, and begin a storefront improvement program. Through her leadership, she leveraged \$10.5 million in grants to help businesses develop three multi-story properties, Palladio Hall, Fairfield Place, and the Palmer Building. She has assisted local developers in planning projects, attracting tenants, and receiving zoning, and she has worked with public agencies on infrastructure improvements, including new streets, brick sidewalks, and upgraded electrical and gas lines. She has also established the Dudley Pride Program, a coalition of community mem-

bers, who examine and address issues of crime and homelessness in the district.

Through her leadership, more than 50 new businesses have located to the Dudley Square Commercial District with an eighty percent retention rate. Eleven storefronts are now completed in the area and nine more are in the planning stages. Stanley is currently working with more than 38 artists in the neighborhood to develop an arts and cultural area. She hopes to attract more galleries, a black box theatre, living exhibits, art stores, and an ethnic food garden.

At the awards ceremony, Stanley noted the contributions UMass Boston has made to her projects in Dudley Square, including a partnership with UMass Boston's Minority Business Assistance Center through which small businesses have received help with technical matters, plan development, and marketing, and a connection to the Boston Empowerment Center, which helped secure funds for the revitalization plans. "You can't do it alone," she said. "Thank you for the partners and thank you to UMass Boston."

The Quinn Award was established in honor of Robert H. Quinn, whose record includes years as speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Massachusetts attorney general, and chair of the UMass Board of Trustees.

Chancellor Names Robert D. and Nancy M. Gordon Founders Room

By Joe Peters

For most of his career, Robert D. Gordon has played an integral role in the life and success of the University of Massachusetts system. With the opening of UMass Boston's campus center, his service and generosity, which includes a recent gift of \$100,000, will be recognized with the naming of the Robert D. and Nancy M. Gordon Founders Room, a prominent meeting space in the new 330,000-square-foot facility.

"This is going to be the receiving place on campus," Gordon says of the new center. "It will be the place where students and visitors congregate. It's a different kind of structure for the campus."

Gordon's affiliation with UMass began in the early 1940s when he enrolled in Massachusetts State College, now UMass Amherst. While there, he met his future wife, Nancy, and both were on hand in 1947, when the col-

lege officially became the University of Massachusetts.

Graduating in 1948 and then earning a law degree from Boston University, Gordon remained very connected to UMass and the state's political scene. These two areas merged in the early 1960s when Gordon, then serving as a UMass Trustee, became one of the major proponents of creating a Boston campus for the state university. In June of 1964, he stood behind

Governor Endicott "Chub" Peabody as the governor signed the bill creating UMass Boston.

"The purpose was to establish an urban campus, something other than what Boston University or Northeastern University had to offer," said Gordon, explaining the vision of creating a diverse state university system much like the University of California system.

While his tenure as a trustee ended in 1979, Gordon still remains

connected to the university, offering both advice and financial support. He says UMass Boston has done well following its original mission of being a quality alternative to the many private colleges in Boston.

"After watching it now for nearly 40 years, UMass Boston has progressed very nicely," he says. "I think for those of us involved in its creation, you could say we've been very pleased."

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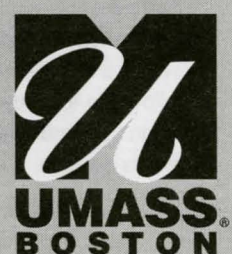
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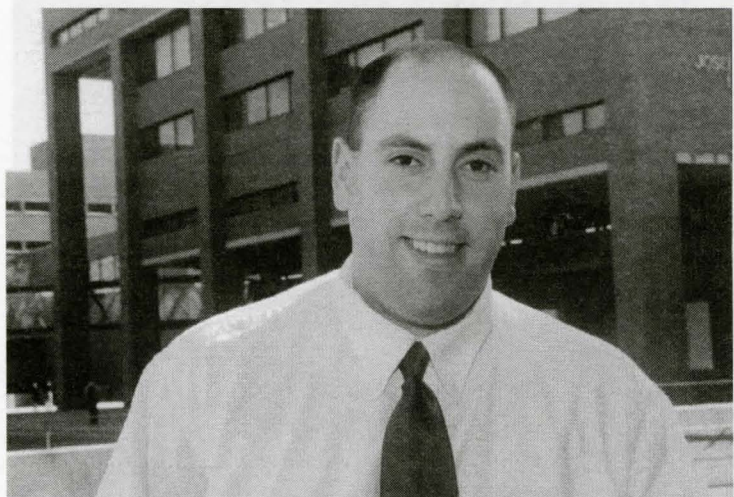
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UMass Boston Students Become Fulbright Recipient and Finalist



Michael Plante, an economics major, will travel to Japan with a Fulbright fellowship to study Japanese economic philosophy. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Melissa Fassel

Ask Monica McAlpine, director of the University Honors Program and professor of English, about Fulbright recipient Michael Plante and finalist Ben Day, and she'll fondly describe both of them as "very modest people who have received well-deserved affirmation of their hard work and commitment to social justice."

"We are so excited about their accomplishments," says Chancellor Gora. "Their achievements speak to the quality and incredible motivation of our students."

Plante is one of ten undergraduate students across the country who

will visit Japan on a Fulbright fellowship. He says he's always wanted to travel abroad and views this as the perfect opportunity. An economics major and member of the University Honors Program, Plante boasts a GPA of 3.97. In each of the past two years, he received the Rick Pitino Presidential Medal Scholarship, and he was awarded the Robert H. Spaethling Prize for Distinction in the Honors Program last year.

Plante says he's "really excited about winning the Fulbright, especially given its extremely competitive nature." Out of 100 applica-

tions for study in Japan, 25 awards were given. However, only 10 of these awards were set aside for graduating undergraduate seniors; the remaining 15 went to graduate students. In order to qualify for such an honor, one must possess an exceptional level of language fluency, especially in conversation. Plante has completed all five courses the campus offers in Japanese language and literature, even going beyond such standard courses by performing an independent study in Japanese. Also serving as president of the Japanese Club, Plante brought the Consul General of Japan in Boston to UMass Boston for a lecture and conversation with students. He has also worked in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions for the past four years and is "much beloved" there.

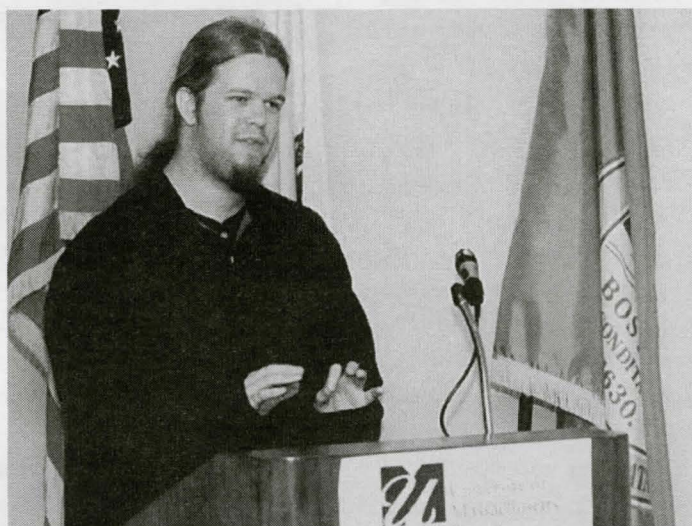
Ben Day, a double major in political science and philosophy, has applied and is a finalist for the Fulbright fellowship in the United Kingdom, and will graduate summa cum laude this May. The UK Fulbright is particularly competitive, as out of approximately 525 applicants, only 20 are selected, with a mix of both graduate and undergraduate students. As

one out of about 40 finalists, Day currently has a one-in-two chance of receiving the fellowship.

No stranger to academic achievement, Day has received the Knapp Scholarship in political science three times, and has been given a leadership award for his extensive involvement with the Radical Student Alliance and the campus Human Rights Group. Day was also a finalist for the Rhodes and Marshall scholarships, and though he did not receive either scholarship, describes his presence in the pool of elite applicants as an honor.

Day's interest in activism is reflected in his academic work. He is seeking honors in political science for his thesis on John Stuart Mill, a leader in nineteenth century British radicalism. He will find out whether he has won the Fulbright in early April.

In two years of competition, almost every UMass Boston student who has applied for a major scholarship, such as the Rhodes, Fulbright, or Marshall, has reached the semi-finals or finals in the scholarship competition. Three out of six students have received Fulbrights, with Day being a possible fourth.



Ben Day, a double major in political science and philosophy, is a finalist for a Fulbright fellowship to the United Kingdom. (Photo by Harry Brett)

PBS Show on Racial Tension Is Taped at UMass Boston

By Anne-Marie Kent

On February 25, the Provost's Conference Room in the Healey Library became a television studio, bright lights and all, as a professional camera crew filmed "Racial and Ethnic Tensions: What Should We Do?," one of three forums nationwide filmed for inclusion in the PBS series, *A Public Voice*. This one-hour public affairs television program will examine how well we as a nation deal with racial tension.

The deliberative dialogue, hosted by the John W. McCormack Institute of Public Affairs, was based on a National Issues Forum discussion guidebook that examines the issue and outlines three different approaches for achieving common ground. UMass Boston assembled a group of 19 panelists representing a range of races, ages, and ethnicities.

The McCormack Institute's Sandy Blanchette and Mike MacPhee organized the program and selected the panelists. "We tried to get a diverse group of people and drew participants from around the university and the community," said Blanchette, as-

sistant director of the institute. "The final panel included professors, students, professional staff, friends of staff, and community activists."

The intensity of the panel discussion revealed the complexity of the issue and the depth of its roots here in Boston. Panelists who had attended Boston public schools during the 1970s gave troubling, firsthand accounts of racism and unrest during the implementation of systemwide busing. Others, non-native speakers of English, argued for the necessity of bilingual education and described experiences of negative stereotyping associated with being an immigrant in the United States.

"The producer and moderators were very impressed with our ability to bring together such a diverse group," said Blanchette. She and MacPhee had been asked to help arrange the event by John Cavanaugh, a former student and graduate of the Master in Science in Public Affairs program. Cavanaugh is currently a program director at the Kettering Foundation, which supports the National Issues Forums.

Chancellor Gora Announces "Pipeline Plan" to Aid Urban Schools



Chancellor Gora meets with Boston Superintendent Thomas Payzant. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Anne-Marie Kent

Forty-four percent of those currently hired to teach in urban public schools leave the profession within three years. Not surprisingly, Massachusetts urban schools are eager to recruit and retain highly qualified teachers. At the March 4th "Connecting Higher Education and Public Schools" meeting, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora announced a new initiative to help answer this need.

Sponsored by the Dean's Advisory Council and the Graduate

College of Education, the meeting was attended by Boston Superintendent Thomas Payzant, Dorchester High School Partnership supporter Pamela Trefler, Dorchester High Headmaster Robert Belle, and other key urban educators. They applauded Gora's plan, which combines monies from a Great Cities Universities grant and the university's own resources to create a "pipeline" designed to channel a stream of highly qualified teachers into the local urban

public schools.

"At the beginning of the pipeline," Gora explained, "UMass Boston will advise and recruit the best-qualified high schoolers from Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville and encourage them to take advantage of the state-wide scholarship program 'Tomorrow's Teachers,' through which the costs of their undergraduate education will be fully paid. Upon graduating, the scholarship students with a 3.3 cumulative average or higher, along with any other bachelor's degree holders with a minimum 3.3 GPA interested in urban teaching, will be eligible to apply for a new UMass Boston scholarship to cover full tuition and fees at the master's degree level. Upon entering the graduate program, scholarship recipients must make a commitment to teach for a minimum of three years in urban schools." Twenty scholarships will be offered.

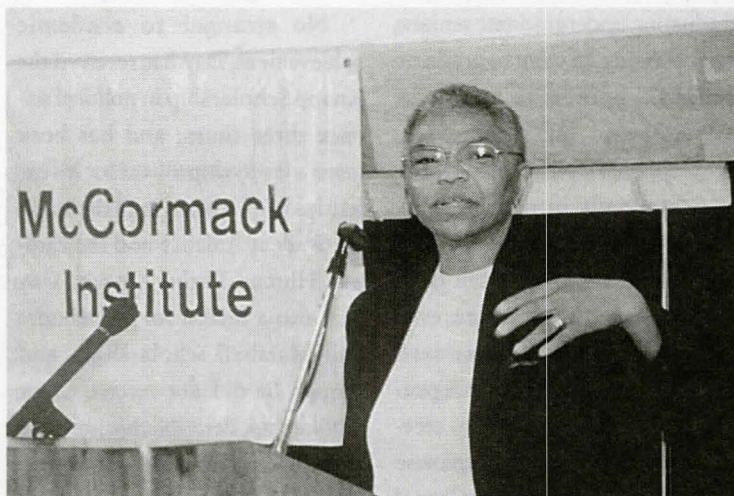
To assist participants after graduation, the program includes support, counseling, seminars, a special website with chat rooms, and networking and mentoring opportunities. It will also help ensure that they receive their National Professional Standards Board Certification.

2002 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor Leads Civil Rights Forum

By Leigh DuPuy

Mary Frances Berry, chair of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, led an invigorating discussion on some of the year's most compelling issues, including homeland defense, economic security, and civil rights, in a crowded University Club on March 13. The McCormack Institute Policy Forum brought Berry to campus as the 2002 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professorship in Public and Urban Affairs at UMass Boston.

"These are really the times that try men's and women's souls," said Berry in her discussion on the state of civil liberties in a political climate characterized by the Enron scandal, anti-terrorist policy agendas, and tax cuts for the wealthy. While praising the efforts of many to defend the civil rights of citizens regardless of race, sexuality, or disability, Berry pointed out these initiatives are thwarted by "unregulated capitalism." In an impassioned address, Berry advocated questioning the policy agenda and reaching clearer understanding of economics by "calling things by their right names," especially in regards to a recession. She questioned me-



Mary Frances Berry lectured at UMass Boston March 13 and 14 as the 2002 Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor. (Photo by Harry Brett)

dia labeling, noting, "Despite the buzz, labor is on its back..."

It is clear from Berry's address and background that she is a perfect recipient for the Wood Visiting Professorship, which was established four years ago to link scholarly pursuits with practical problems and policies of the larger society. She has received thirty honorary doctoral degrees and numerous awards for her public service and scholarly activities, including the NAACP's Image Award, the

Rosa Parks Ward of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Hubert Humphrey Award of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. In addition to her previous and continuing work with Presidents Carter, Reagan, Bush, Clinton, and George W. Bush, she is currently the Geraldine R. Segal Professor of American Social Thought and Professor of History at the University of Pennsylvania.

Hispanic Studies Professor Receives Prize for Her Work on Families in Mexico



Ann Blum is an assistant professor in the Hispanic Studies Department. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Jeanne Wallace-Buckley

While students and faculty were enjoying winter break, Ann Blum was already planning summer break—in Mexico. The Hispanic studies assistant professor received notification in January that she'd been awarded the Endowed Faculty Career Development Fund Prize for 2001-2002. The prize will be used by Blum to support travel to Mexico City to select archival documents and commission microfilm.

The award will allow Blum

to continue to study families and children, and the intersection of state and private matters. She plans to capitalize on a rich trove of materials at the National Archives, consisting of unusually detailed case files for clients of the Oversight Council for Juvenile Delinquents.

What makes the records significant is their ability to illuminate the domestic environment in post-revolutionary Mexico of the 1920s and 30s. The documents provide a unique historical per-

spective—that of children and of economically marginalized families during political and social upheaval and rebuilding.

"There was a remapping of the relationship of the state to individuals at this time," explains Blum. "The responsibility of the state to social welfare was hotly debated at all levels: education, what to deliver, measures of success; access to medical care." This project will be a continuation of Blum's studies of Mexican institutions of public welfare.

Blum began her UMass Boston career as an undergraduate in American studies. She continued on to UC Berkeley for master's degree and doctoral programs before returning to UMass Boston to teach in 1998.

Blum admits a fascination with the intersection and interaction of history and society. "Historians get an intimate look into people's lives—how they parent, pay their bills, care for their families," explained Blum. "Essentially, I walk right into people's houses and look under the bed."

Best Practices: Student Guides Recruit Motivated Candidates

By Patrick Dwyer

From the recruitment perspective of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, there is no hotter prospect than the student who comes to visit UMass Boston. These potential students are usually well-versed on the programs, options, and services available at the university and have done their homework on admission requirements and application procedures. One of the most effective tools for recruiting these well-educated prospects is the student-led campus tour.

Departing from the undergraduate admissions office, campus tours are available daily without an appointment. The tours visit major areas of campus and are led by undergraduate and graduate student guides. They provide an invaluable understanding of UMass Boston that is impossible to show in a viewbook or website. This hour walk around campus illustrates our many strengths, from classroom size and special services to diversity and student involvement.

The quality of the student guide is critical in the success of the tour. The undergraduate admissions office employs 15 energetic, gregarious students who provide campus tours. Mark Schoening is one of these outgoing guides; he is a transfer student from Minnesota and a student enrollment leader. When asked what makes a great student guide, Schoening says, "It is the ability to read the makeup of each group. By giving a unique tour each time, the guide has a

chance to make a lasting impression on prospective students. I'm able to let each student know what's right for them." All tour guides are trained on a suggested tour route and on important information to share with students, but are strongly encouraged to modify tours according to their own experiences as students at UMass Boston and to the needs of each group.

In addition to the groups taking the daily tours, many special-interest groups, ranging from five to over 100 students, visit the campus. Enejda Xheblati, a campus tour guide and UMass Boston student from Malden, has seen her share of special group tours in her nearly two years of experience as a guide. Xheblati says, "Many of the groups are younger junior high school students who are interested in knowing so much more than just the academic programs. They like to see some of the more fun things, like the greenhouse, the computer labs, and the gym." As a tour guide, Xheblati relates well to prospective students and younger visitors alike, and presents herself as an exemplary ambassador of the university.

The Admissions Office is always looking for outgoing, friendly, well-spoken UMass Boston student tour guides. If you know anyone who is interested in becoming a student tour guide, call 7-6194.

Patrick Dwyer is the assistant director of Undergraduate Admissions. This column is part of a continuing monthly series featuring best practices at UMass Boston.

Feasibility Study (cont.)

to a 24/7 operation," explains Stephan Chait, assistant vice chancellor for administration and finance.

UMass Boston conducted an in-house preliminary feasibility study to explore the possibility of residential housing in 1999. On November 7, 2001, the Board of Trustees approved the full-scale residence hall planning study, which will help the university evaluate the financial capital needs of the project, including how much students will be charged to

live there and how much the university can borrow to build it.

UMass Boston remains the only four-year, public institution in Massachusetts that does not provide on-campus housing. University officials expect that the addition of student housing will provide better campus atmosphere and cohesion, attract graduate and undergraduate students who view student housing as a priority, improve retention of students who wish to live in student housing, and strengthen loyalty among alumni.

Mayor Menino Discusses Economic Development with CM Business Club



From left to right: Professor Edward Romar, College of Management faculty advisor, Mayor Thomas Menino, Jackie Larsen, president of the UMass Boston Business Club, and fellow member Nafisatu Mahmoud. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino returned to his alma mater on March 13 to discuss economic development in Boston with students from the UMass Boston Business Club and the College of Management (CM). At the event, held at the Harbor Art Gallery, the city budget, affordable housing, and the importance of workforce development were at the heart of Menino's address.

"There are some tough decisions ahead. How are we going to make our budgets work?" said Menino, referring to an upcoming review of the city budget in April. "Through this crisis, we need to maintain services."

Menino reviewed some of his on-going initiatives to aid

workforce development, including the creation of the Office of Business Services to assist new and existing businesses and support partnerships between the public and private sectors. He said, "The private sector should come forward with more jobs. Workforce development is key because we are training people for jobs for the future."

The mayor also argued for stronger partnerships between cities and municipalities, which would include a commitment to provide affordable "workforce" housing to people in Massachusetts. "There should be a penalty for cities and towns for not funding affordable housing," he proposed.

Education was also a touchstone for Menino. He praised the services

of UMass Boston, speaking from his own experience of earning a degree in community planning from the College of Public and Community Service in 1988. He admonished legislators for recent budget cuts, saying, "Massachusetts underrates public education. We are the fiftieth in the country in public higher education."

What is the solution that will help shape state leadership? "Government needs young people to be involved," Menino said. This sentiment found the right audience in the many student leaders in attendance. The event was organized by the UMass Boston Business Club, a student-run organization under the leadership of CM students Jackie Larsen and Darrell Roberts.

Over \$20 Million in Sponsored Projects Are Awarded to UMass Boston for 2001-2002 Fiscal Year To Date; Amount Still Growing

UMass Boston faculty and staff have received over \$20 million in external awards for sponsored projects so far during the 2001 - 2002 fiscal year. These awards have been made to the campus by federal agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and the National Cancer Institute, as well as by local and state agencies such as the City of Boston, the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, the Boston Public Schools, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The Center for Survey Research (CSR) recently began the third large-scale survey of Massachusetts residents to examine the extent to which they lack health insurance coverage, with an award of \$440,000. Funded by the Massachusetts Department of Health Care Finance and Policy, the 2002 study will survey approximately 5,000 households statewide. Anthony Roman of CSR will direct the study.

Another recent project is the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Sector Economic Analysis and Business Development

Needs Assessment conducted by the Environmental Business and Technology Center (EBTC) located in the College of Management. EBTC received a \$180,000 contract from the Massachusetts Renewable Energy Trust Fund to investigate business development options for renewable energy technologies such as solar, wind, and fuel cells. Like many others, the study team, under the direction of EBTC Director William Brah, includes both faculty and students, with five student research assistants from the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy, the College of Management, and the Department of Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences joining faculty David Levy and David Terkla, and Michael Goodman of the Donahue Institute.

The current dollar amount of sponsored project awards for this fiscal year surpasses the \$19.9 million awarded for the entire 2000 - 2001 fiscal year. This is a significant jump in funding from last year and officials estimate that the final amount for 2001 - 2002 could top \$25 million.

New Book Critically Examines Choices of Natural Mothering

By Sarah Oktay

Today's mothers have a range of options, and along with those options, even more difficult choices about raising their children. A new faculty member in the Women's Studies Program, Chris Bobel has published her first book, *The Paradox of Natural Mothering*, which examines in depth a nurturing path some women are carving out in today's society. Bobel uses the term "natural mothers" to describe mothers who choose to practice "simple" lifestyles with an emphasis on home birth, extended breastfeeding, home schooling, alternative health care, and whole foods. These moms reject consumerism and technology, and instead opt to provide a simple, family-centric life for their children. Natural moth-

ers argue that they put their children and home first, in contrast to the many opportunities available to women in the workplace.

The paradox of this parenting method lies in the combination of progressive and regressive qualities. The obvious benefits of closer bonding, better food choices, and ecological responsibility cannot be denied. But natural mothering is also a privilege of a class of women who can stay home with their children and contribute more intimately to their development because of race, class, and, most often, marital or partnered status.

In her book, Bobel interviews over thirty natural mothers. Many of the women felt they were making a sacrifice to change the world

one child at a time and did not understand that for many women, especially single moms and poor moms, this was not a viable choice. They did not perceive a contradiction between their choices and feminism; they felt that their idea of feminism was compatible with a stay-at-home lifestyle. Bobel asks whether these women are true revolutionaries or whether they are instead conforming to a biologically determined norm.

Glowing reviews in *Publishers Weekly* and by authors of several other books on motherhood in today's society indicate that Bobel has clearly and effectively touched on an important issue that underlies the struggle each woman faces when she becomes a parent.



A new book by Chris Bobel, assistant professor of women's studies, critically examines the choices made by "natural mothers." (Photos by Harry Brett).

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Randy Albelda of the Economics Department and Public Policy Ph.D. Program presented at the “Welfare Reform: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going?” conference held at Bryn Mawr College in March.

Professor **Joan Arches** and **Suzanne Allmendinger**, director of community outreach at the College of Public and Community Service, presented an urban service-learning workshop at the Massachusetts Campus Compact’s conference on civic engagement, held April 14 – 15. **Jain Ruvidich-Higgins** of the Office of Service Learning and Community Outreach facilitated the workshop.

Associate Professor **Lilia I. Bartolome** of the Applied Linguistics Program presented the keynote address “The Anti-Racist Umbrella: Latinos and the Brownification Factor” at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill’s third annual conference, “Let’s Talk RACE (Racial Attitudes and Conversations in Education),” held on March 2.

Associate Vice Provost **Joan Becker**, Project REACH Director **Bill Pollard**, and educational counselors **Linda Velez**, **Elizabeth Dunn**, and **Kevin Johnson** presented “Innovative After-School and Summer Academic Enrichment Programs for Students with Disabilities” at the 18th Annual Pacific Rim Conference on Disabilities, held in Hawaii on March 5.

Nguyen Ba Chung and **Kevin Bowen** of the Joiner Center presented at the “Postwar Communities, Identities, and Belief” conference sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation at the University of Virginia, held February 28 through March 5.

Douglas Curri van, senior research fellow in the Center for Survey Research, presented “Social Capital in Boston: Social Capital Community Benchmark Survey” and “Survey Methods 101” at the “Using Data to Drive Community Chance” conference held in Boston on March 19.

Charles Desmond, associate chancellor, and **Joan Becker**, associate vice provost, participated in the panel discussion “Establishing and Building Strong Relationships with Business Leaders” at the Council for Opportunity in Education’s Leadership Summit, held in Washington, D.C. on March 17.

On March 10, Professor **Carroy U. Ferguson** of the College of Public and Community Service presented “Futuristics and Human Relations” at the Eastern Sociological Society’s annual conference.

Dale H. Freeman of the Archives in Healey Library presented “Of Graceful Design, Lightsome and Elegant: A History of the West Boston Bridge, 1793-1907” on March 19 at the Medway Historical Society.

Kathleen Golden McAndrew, executive director of University Health Services and associate professor in the Department of Nursing, presented the keynote address, “Substance Abuse in the Workplace: Understanding the Occupational Healthcare Provider’s Role,” at the North of Boston Chapter of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses on March 12.

Nina Greenwald and **Steve Schwartz** in the Graduate Program of Critical and Creative Thinking presented the workshop “Junk, Dots, and Paper Clips” for the National Collegiate Innovators and Inventors Alliance Conference (NCIIA) on March 14, in Washington, D.C.

Anne McCauley, professor of art history, presented the paper “Copying Right: Labor, Genius, and Imagination in the Age of Photography” at the annual meeting of the College Art Association, held in Philadelphia on February 22.

Professor **Siamak Movahedi** of the Sociology Department presented the paper “Social Reality and the Narrative Structure of Dreams” at the annual meeting of The Eastern Sociological Society, held in Boston on March 9.

Sherry Penney, professor of leadership in the College of Management, and **Bernard Harleston**, former director of the doctoral program in higher education administration, were part of a panel presentation on presidential leadership at the annual meeting of the American Council on Education, held on February 12 in San Francisco.

Alexia Pollack, assistant professor of biology, presented the seminar “Pharmacology of Sensitization in a Rat Model of Parkinson’s Disease” to the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology at the Boston University School of Medicine on February 15.

Assistant Professor of English **Gautam Premnath** delivered the Mason-Sekora Lecture at North Carolina Central University on “V. S. Naipaul, Lonely Londoner.” On March 1 he spoke on “The Afterlife of National Liberation” at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Michael Rex, professor of biology, organized and chaired a symposium on deep-sea biodiversity for the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Boston. Biology’s **Ron Etter** was one of the featured speakers.

Gerontology’s **Nina Silverstein**, **Marian Spencer**, **Jenia Murtha**, **Katherine Maquire**, **Jennifer Moorhead**, **Dena Schulman-Green**, and **Helen Miltiades** participated at the annual meeting and educational leadership conference of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education held from February 29 through March 3.

Professor **Dan Simovici**, and Ph.D. candidates in computer science **Szymon Jaroszewicz** and **Dana Cristofor** presented papers at the SIAM Data Mining conference held in Washington D.C., April 11-13.

Undergraduate Admissions’ **Lisa Williams**, **Liliana Mickle**, **Patrick Dwyer**, and **Peter Schilling**, with **Michael Mahan** of University Advising, were panel presenters at the College Board’s New England Regional Meeting.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department faculty members and students presented research at the American Geophysical Union/American Society for Limnology and Oceanography Ocean Sciences Meeting, February 11 through 15.

PUBLICATIONS

Peter Ittig, associate professor of management science and information systems in the College of Management, published “Comparison of Efficient Seasonal Indexes” in the *Journal of Applied Mathematics and Decision Sciences* and “The Real Cost of Making Customers Wait” in *The International Journal of Service Industry Management*.

Pamela Jones of the Art Department co-edited *From Rome to Eternity: Catholicism and the Arts in Italy, ca. 1550-1650*. Her essay “Female Saints in Early Modern Italian Chapbooks, ca. 1570-1670: Saint Catherine of Alexandria and Saint Catherine of Siena” appears in the book, as well as the essay “Veronica Franco’s Poetics of Redemption” by **Fiora Bassanese** of the Department of Modern Languages.

Susan M. Mraz of the Department of Hispanic Studies co-authored the second edition of the introductory Spanish language and culture program, *Caminos* published by Houghton Mifflin.

Jean Rhodes, associate professor of psychology, published *Stand by Me: The Risks and Rewards of Mentoring Today’s Youth* with Harvard University Press.

Edith Shillue of Academic Support Services recently published *Peace Comes Dropping Slow: Conversations in Northern Ireland* with UMass Press.

Philosophy’s **Mitchell Silver** recently published the articles “Who is a Jew?” in the February 2002 issue of *Jewish Currents* and “The Ethics of Psychiatric Suspicion” in *The Harvard Review of Psychiatry*.

A research party was held for *Changing Communities, Changing Lives: Oral Histories from Action For Boston Community Development* (ABCD), a work by **Ann Withorn** and **Robert C. Hayden** of the College of Public and Community Service, with members of ABCD on March 27.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES

Professor **John Conlon** of the Division of Communication and Theatre Arts played the role of Atticus Finch in the Theatre Company of Saugus’ production of *To Kill A Mockingbird* in April.

Dick Lourie of University Communications and Community Relations played saxophone in the backup band for the G-Clefs at Symphony Hall on March 15.

On March 8, **Jon Mitchell**, chair of the Music Department, guest-conducted the Sudeten Philharmonic in a concert at Walbrzych, Poland.

Music of Professor **David Patterson** was featured in a spring celebration honoring Ellen Hunt, music director of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Lexington, which included his piece *Isle of Hope*.

English Professor **Lloyd Schwartz** read poetry as a special guest for a musical evening at the Market Theatre in Cambridge on March 28 and 30.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Professor **Kamal Bawa** was elected to the American Association for the Advancement of Science on February 16. He was honored for his pioneer work on population biology of tropical forest trees and conservation biology.

James Bennett, assistant professor of accounting and finance in the College of Management, received the AAI Best Paper Award in Investments for “Spreads and Depths of ETFs” from the American Association of Individual Investors. The award is shared with co-author Francis Kernis Jr.

James E. Blackwell, professor emeritus of sociology and previous winner of the UMass Boston Chancellor’s Medal, received Washington State University’s Distinguished Alumnus Award on January 25.

WUMB’s General Manager **Pat Monteith** was selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) to peer review the 2002 Public Telecommunications Facilities Grants program.

Professor **Michael E. Stone** of the College of Public and Community Service, the McCormack Institute, and the Ph.D in Public Policy Program, was selected as an Atlantic Fellow in Public Policy, the first to receive the award at UMass Boston.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Professor **Phil Hart**, director of the Trotter Institute, working with the American City Coalition, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Foundation, completed a report on “A Strategy for Hollywood’s Comeback.” ULI has asked Hart and the American City Coalition to carry out a similar planning study in Harlem, New York.

Curtis Olsen, **Sarah Oktay**, and **Joe Smith** of the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department received grant funding from the National Science Foundation for their research “Geochemical Fingerprints Associated with the World Trade Center Terrorist Attack May Serve as New Research Tools for Understanding Sediment Dynamics and Quality in New York Harbor.”

Associate Professor **Meng Zhou**, Research Associate **Yiwu Zhu**, and graduate students **Ryan Dorland** and **Joe Smith** of the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department are leaving for a research cruise in Marguerite Bay, Antarctica. This is one of four cruises in a research project funded by the Polar Program at the National Science Foundation.

VISITING LECTURES

On March 7, **Joseph Abboud**, well-known fashion designer and newly appointed distinguished visiting professor of marketing, met with invention class students from the Graduate Program in Critical and Creative thinking. He also led a marketing class in discussions of creativity and an entrepreneurship seminar.

On March 7, the William Joiner Center, in conjunction with the Irish Studies Program directed by English Professor **Thomas O'Grady**, hosted prize-winning Irish poet and author **Macdara Woods**, who read selections from his works including his new book of poetry, *The Nightingale Water*.

DISSERTATION

Public Policy student **Emily Douglas** successfully defended her dissertation, "The Influence of Public Policies on Human Behavior: The Effect of a New Hampshire Law Stating a Presumption for Joint Custody on Father Involvement in Divorced Families," on February 21.

IN THE NEWS

The Graduate Program in Critical and Creative Thinking (CCT) was featured in the March edition of *MTA Today*, the leading publication of the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

Professor **Lorna Rivera** of the College of Public and Community Service and the Gastón Institute was a guest commentator on WHAV 1490 AM Radio's *Sabado Espectacular* on March 2. Professor Rivera discussed her research on educational achievements of Latino students in Massachusetts public schools.

An editorial by **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, on women in the gubernatorial race was published in *The Boston Globe* on February 22.

Robert Crossley, professor of English, was quoted extensively on H.G. Wells and *The Time Machine* in a March 3 *New York Times* article.

John Warner, chair of the Chemistry Department, participated in a WHDH Channel 7 news story on the boiling point of water and microwave ovens. The piece aired on March 15, 16, and 18.

Greg Huber, associate professor of physics, was interviewed by science correspondent Ned Potter on the science of coffee stains for a story on the mysteries of science which aired on *ABC Nightly News* on March 20.

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lists, which are a part of the public record. From the town lists, which supply age and gender information, staff were then able to develop a list of residents for interviewers to visit where they would be likely to encounter women in the age range required for the study.

The process is fairly involved. If women are willing to be interviewed, the interview can take as long as an hour and a half. Spouses (if any) and adult children are then interviewed, if the woman gives permission to contact them. "Most women have given permission once they have participated, since most of them find the interview to be interesting and enjoyable," says Colten, who adds that the interview is completely confidential and coded numerically.

"The survey has an elaborate, complicated design in order to insure that the sample is well dispersed," says Colten. She adds, "Doing a study like this, you want to be confident that you have a sample that is diverse in a variety of ways. We want to represent a wide range of backgrounds and experiences."

Colten points out the uniqueness of the study. "When people think about aging adults, they tend not to ask about relationships between the children in the family or about the ways in which parents relate to each child in the family differently," she explains. "Often these studies look at caretaking and child support for aging parents as if the children were a monolithic entity, rather than each having a distinctive history and relationship with the parent. Anybody who's been in a family with siblings knows that the kinds of relationships kids have with their parents are very diverse and that children have distinctive roles within the family system."

This \$483,000 grant represents only a small percentage of the total grant support received by the center. Last year, CSR received over \$3.8 million in grant support and this year's figure is likely to exceed that. Other CSR projects have addressed problems in the areas of health and health care, community organization, employment, education, mental health, gerontology, law and criminal justice, public policy, and social service needs.

PeopleSoft Human Resources System Goes Live!



Members of the Human Resources Department. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Beth Marshall

After more than two years of planning and hard work, March 4 marked the beginning of a new human resources system for the UMass System. Many of the changes will be invisible to all but the departmental personnel action preparers and timekeepers. However, faculty and staff will observe changes in how often they are paid, now biweekly, and in the way time is accrued, now hour for hour with the balances shown on each bi-weekly paycheck. The university will benefit from the enhanced management information and reporting and analysis capabilities of this new system.

Becky Hsu, who led the Boston campus through system development and implementation, will return to UMass Boston after spending hour upon hour at

project headquarters in Worcester. Her in-depth understanding of human resources and payroll in the old HRMIS system was invaluable in planning the transition from the old system to the

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new. She deserves a huge debt of gratitude for her tireless efforts. Also, Kevin Dolan began as a member of the development team on this campus. After a year at Salem State, in a "live" PeopleSoft environment, Dolan returned to design new on-line forms and procedures and conduct the training of key departmental and dean's office staff. Thus, we have the perfect blend of knowledge of the old and new

systems to ease our transition and maximize the benefits to be gained.

Human Resources was provided its first access to the system on March 4, and staff labored late into the week-day evenings and all weekend to be sure that two weeks' worth of personnel actions and time worked was entered into the system for the first bi-weekly pay period. Their contributions and hard work over the entire course of this project cannot be overestimated. Timekeepers with the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Departments of Public Safety, Facilities, PeopleSoft, and Telecommunications piloted off-site timekeeping and were wildly successful, given the numbers of employees and time variants with which they had to deal.

Exercise Scientist Is "Fit" for New Editor and Columnist Appointment

By Kim Trauceniek

As the newly appointed editor and invited columnist for the *American Journal of Medicine and Sports*, Professor Kyle McInnis of the Department of Exercise and Physical Education plays a major role in educating primary care physicians on the importance of physical activity. "This new post provides a forum to help further educate physicians about important issues related to physical activity and health," he says.

In his first article for the journal, "Physical Activity Counseling in the Primary Care Setting," McInnis provides evidence of the impact of physical activity on reducing such diseases as coronary heart

disease, diabetes, and most cancers. He also counsels physicians on how to talk to their patients about changing their sedentary lifestyles. "My interest is bridging the gap between the field of sports medicine and clinical conditions in the medical community," says McInnis.

The *American Journal of Medicine and Sports* has a readership of over 70,000 primary care physicians. McInnis will address a variety of "hot" topics in exercise science and sports medicine. "Doctors are an incredible resource that patients will listen to, so the potential to effect change is greatly increased," says McInnis. "I hope to reach a lot of them."

Latino Public Policy Conference 2002

"The State of Latino Massachusetts: From Analysis to Strategy"

April 26
Doubletree Riverfront Hotel
Lowell, MA

Updates on the status of Latinos in Massachusetts, the latest research, and analysis of issues of concern to the Latino community.

Contact: 7-5793

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

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 May calendar listings by **Tuesday, April 16** 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.

MONDAY 1

Merit Scholarship Recipients Chancellor's Reception
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery. Contact: 7-6025.

TUESDAY 2

Introduction to Engineering Competition
8:30 a.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Students will demonstrate pendulum bobs. Also on April 4. Contact: tomas.materdey@umb.edu.

Contemporary Veterans Issues Speakers Series
12:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Featuring Leslie Lightfoot, director of Homestead, Inc. Contact: Student Veterans Union, 7-7985.

WEDNESDAY 3

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar: Valuing Visibility in the Northeast Wilderness
2:30 – 2:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Tom Stevens of UMass Amherst. Contact: 7-7440.

East Asian Studies Lecture: What's Happening in Higher Education in China
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Provost's Conference Room, 8th fl. Featuring Raymond Liu, Betty Diener, and Peter McClure, College Management. Contact: 7-5720.

Third Annual Graduate Student Research Conference
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Science Center, 2nd fl. lobby, and University Club, Healey Library, 11th fl. Poster presentations, abstract panel discussions, workshops, and graduate student awards. Contact: 7-7975.

THURSDAY 4

Praise Explosion Gospel Show
6:30 – 9:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring gospel groups, liturgical dancers, and opera singer Millicent Riggins. Presented by Students Organizing Under Pressure and the Black Student Center. Contact: 7-7982.

FRIDAY 5

Biology Department Seminar Series: Acid Precipitation in Freshwater Ponds
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall, 1st fl. Featuring William Hagar of UMass Boston Biology Dept. Contact: 7-6600.

SATURDAY 6

Welcome Day
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., throughout campus. Contact: 7-6100.

WUMB 91.9 FM's Music Marketplace
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Cafeteria, 3rd floor. Annual sale of thousands of used records, videos, and CDs in all music genres. Also on April 7. Contact: 7-6900.

MONDAY 8

Gerontology Institute Seminar Series: The New Medicare Prospective Payment System for Skilled Nursing Facilities
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-147-2. Featuring Korbin Liu of the Urban Institute. Contact: 7-7300.

Women's Research Forum: A Question of Justice: Female Offenders and Their Children
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring Maureen Norton-Hawk of Suffolk University. Sponsored by the McCormack Institute's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy; Office of the Chancellor; Women's Studies Program. Contact: 7-5530.

TUESDAY 9

Contemporary Veterans Issues Speakers Series
12:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Featuring Vernell Baker of Veterans Benefits Clearinghouse, Inc. Contact: Student Veterans Union, 7-7985.

WEDNESDAY 10

Third Annual Interfaith Breakfast for Faculty and Staff
8:30 – 10:00 a.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Featuring Rabbi Ronne Friedman. RSVP by April 3. Contact: 7-5839.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar: The Psychological Significance of the Natural Environment
2:30 – 2:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Susan Clayton of the College of Wooster. Contact: 7-7440.

College of Management Special Event: The Abboud Collection
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., English Department activities. 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., ART 387 Printmaking Workshop. 3:30-4:30 p.m., Art Department Reception, Harbor Art Gallery. 6:00 – 8:45 p.m., Senior Executive Forum, MKT 670 Marketing Management, Chancellor's Conference Room. Contact: 7-7734.

FRIDAY 12

Biology Department Seminar Series: Overexpression of a Tonoplast H+-Pump Increases Biomass and Tolerance to Abiotic Stresses in Transgenic Arabidopsis Plants
2:30 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall. Featuring Robert Gaziola, University of Connecticut. Contact: 7-6600.

MONDAY 15

Patriots' Day Holiday
University closed.

TUESDAY 16

Contemporary Veterans Issues Speakers Series
12:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Featuring Tom Hannon, clinical director of the Boston Vet Center. Contact: Student Veterans Union, 7-7985.

WEDNESDAY 17

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar: Natural Selection in Copepods Induced by Toxic Dinoflagellates
2:30 – 2:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Hans G. Dam of UConn/Groton. Contact: 7-7440.

Music Department CD Debut Celebration
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Contact: 7-5800.

THURSDAY 18

Art Talks: Informal Presentations by Selected Artists
1:00 – 2:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery, 1st fl. Featuring Magdalena Campos-Pons. Her work combines elements of sculpture, painting, photography, performance, and video. Contact: 7-5347 or artsonthepoint@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 19

Biology Department Seminar Series: Other People's Data: Can Mathematical Ecology Help Explain How Plants Compete for Space?
2:30 p.m. Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall. Featuring Ben Bolker, University of Florida. Co-hosted by the Biology and Math Departments. Contact: 7-6600.

MONDAY 22

Gerontology Institute Seminar Series: English Language Ability, Ethnic Community, and Living Arrangements Among Older Mexican Immigrants
1:00 – 2:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4-147-2. Featuring Jan Mutchler of the Gerontology Institute. Contact: 7-7300.

TUESDAY 23

Student Leadership Recognition Reception
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Recognition for students nominated by staff and faculty as outstanding examples of commitment to their academics, the university, and the community. Contact: 7-7950 or joyce.morgan@umb.edu.

WEDNESDAY 24

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department Seminar: Today's Environmental Challenges and the Commonwealth Partnership
2:30 – 2:45 p.m., Science Center, Small Science Auditorium, 1st fl. Featuring Regina McCarthy of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Contact: 7-7440.

Mini-Volunteer Fair at Spring Info Fest
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2nd fl. corridor. Learn about opportunities to volunteer in agencies that serve the community. Runs through April 25. Contact: 7-7955 or j.ruvidich-higgins@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 25

First Annual Distinguished Psychology Alumni Colloquium
4:00 – 7:00 p.m., Healey Library, University Club, 11th fl. Featuring Philip G. Levendusky '69 of McLean Hospital and Harvard Medical School. Co-sponsored by the Psychology Club and Psychology Department. Contact: 7-6349.

Presentation on the Importance of Internal Auditing in the Era of Enron
4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Healey Library, Provost's Conference Room, 8th fl. Featuring Walter Fuller, manager of SunLife Mutual's Internal Audit Department. Sponsored by Delta Sigma Pi Professional Business Fraternity. Contact: douglassalamone@hotmail.com.

FRIDAY 26

Latino Public Policy Conference 2002: The State of Latino Massachusetts – From Analysis to Strategy
8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Doubletree Riverfront Hotel, Lowell Massachusetts. Sponsored by Mauricio Gastón Institute. Contact: 7-5793.

Fourth Annual UMass Boston Good Neighbor Day
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Teams of students, staff, and faculty to serve surrounding communities. Past projects have included organizing activities for seniors, sorting food, painting walls, and cleaning playgrounds. To volunteer, contact 7-7955 or j.ruvidich-higgins@umb.edu.

Biology Department Seminar Series: Reproductive Success, Parenting, and Fidelity in Socially Monogamous Cockatiels (*Nymphicus hollandicus*): The Influence of Pair Relationships
2:30 p.m. Science Center, Small Science Lecture Hall. Featuring Tracey Spoon, UMass Boston. Contact: 7-6600.

SATURDAY 27

Access, Participation, and Progress: Connections between Policy and Practice in Urban Education
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Massachusetts Archives. Featuring Tom Hehir, keynote speaker. Sponsored by the Institute of Community Inclusion, Educational Leadership of Department, and the Ph.D. in Public Policy Program. Contact: 7-7600.

Massachusetts Teachers Retirement Board Conference Meeting
1:30 – 4:30 p.m., Science Center, Lipke Auditorium. Contact: 617-878-2899.

MONDAY 29

Fall registration begins.

SAVE THE DATE

17th Annual Massachusetts Education Computing Conference (MECC2002)
June 5, 6, 7. Cape Cod Community College. Open to faculty and staff in public and private higher education. Register on-line today at www.cite.mass.edu/mecc.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fulbright Scholar Program
Competition opens for lecturing/research Fulbright awards on March 1. Opportunities are available for college and university faculty and administrators for 2003-2004. Contact: 202-686-7877 or www.cies.org.

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 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 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.

UMass Beacons Softball, Lacrosse, Baseball, Tennis
Home games throughout April. Contact: www.athletics.umb.edu/clark/events.htm for schedule.

Meditation
12:30 – 12:50 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays. McCormack Hall, 1-613. Contact Health Promotions, 7-5686.

Alcohol and Drug Discussion Group
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Mondays. McCormack Hall, 2-414. Confidential support group for individuals trying to live free from alcohol and drug abuse. Contact: 7-5648.