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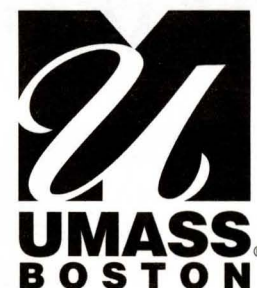
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Biology Professor Evaluates Deforestation and Species Richness Using Satellite Imagery



Professor Kamaljit Bawa of the Biology Department, shown here in UMass Boston's Greenhouse, was honored for his work in deforestation studies by the journal *Science*. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Peter Grennen

In biology professor Kamaljit Bawa's area of research, it is sometimes difficult to see the forest for the trees—literally. Bawa studies the causes and consequences of deforestation and other forms of environmental degradation in the tropics, attempting to assess the extent to which plant species are being lost there. His aim is to gather data that can be used to improve conservation policies and develop alternative uses for land.

This work is part of a multidisciplinary, multi-investigator effort to promote biodiversity through sustainable use of natural resources in the forests of Central America and the Indian sub-

continent. And the stakes couldn't be higher—it is research in the very viability of the planet. "One out of every eight plant species is threatened with extinction," Bawa points out. "Forests are disappearing at an unprecedented pace, soil erosion is assuming massive proportions, and greenhouse gases are altering the climate."

These trends all point to a serious decline in the earth's health over time and an ever-more-urgent need to preserve forests. They also underscore a lack of information in several key areas that has hindered attempts to combat forest degradation. "Rapid assessment of biodiversity is critical for conservation planning, but there are few

methods that can be used in large areas without intensive, time-consuming ground surveys," says Bawa. "To identify areas of high species richness, remotely sensed imagery over large landscapes is needed."

Responding to that need, Bawa has begun doing remote sensing of forests from one of the most remote locations imaginable—many miles above the earth's surface. He uses satellite imagery to delineate areas of high and low species richness in the Biligiri Rangaswamy hills of Western Ghats, India. The images he has collected offer evidence of a positive correlation between known indicators of species richness and the Normalized Dif-

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University Planning Council Holds Open Meeting – Plan to Attend!

On March 10, the University Planning Council, which is working to shape the next five-year strategic plan for the campus, will hold an open meeting to present status reports on its progress. The council encourages members of the university community to attend this meeting and offer input. The meeting will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room on the 8th floor of the Healey Library.

For more information, please visit www.umb.edu/faculty_staff/academic_affairs/sp/index.html

CPCS Professor Seeks Something Concrete for Chinatown Residents

By Anne-Marie Kent

At noon, Chinatown's narrow streets are bustling with Boston workers on lunch break. Evenings, the enclave is alive with diners searching for the perfect meal. However, if UMass Boston professor Andrew Leong has his way, Chinatown will be known for more than its menus.

Leong is chair of the Campaign to Protect Chinatown. Most people, particularly policymakers, says Leong, simply don't see residential Chinatown. In his CPCS and Asian American Studies classes, he often uses a self-guided tour to help students realize that there's "actually a living community here aside from the restaurants."



Andrew Leong shares his advocacy work for Chinatown with his students and community organizers to help reshape awareness of the area's cultural history and residential needs. (Photo by Harry Brett)

This community, says Leong, is threatened by gentrification. About three years ago, developers proposed building "Liberty Place," the largest rental-housing complex in Boston since the early 1980s in Chinatown. Its more than 400 luxury units offered very little to Chinatown residents. The median annual income in Chinatown, says Leong, is currently only \$14,000.

Leong asks, "Why do we need to save space for working-class immigrants?" He explains that historically all Chinatowns have acted as "waystations," facilitating the acculturation of new immigrants. "Contained within this one community you have all the

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Chancellor Gora Hosts Trustees Meeting; Members Reiterate Support for Salary Increases

By Anne-Marie Kent

On February 12, the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees met publicly on the Boston campus. First on the agenda was a presentation by Chancellor Gora, who spotlighted the achievements of UMass Boston over the past eighteen months and outlined key goals to improve service to students and the Commonwealth. At the breakfast meeting she hosted at the University Club, Gora covered topics including infrastructure improvements, enhanced academic and co-curricular programming, economic development activities, public policy research, and the growth and success of the Honors Program. Gora also presented trustees with a new publication outlining UMass Boston's many community outreach efforts.

Later in the day, at the open meeting held in the Chancellor's Conference Room, the trustees began by passing a resolution recognizing the crucial importance of university faculty and staff. Trustee Robert McCarthy read the resolution, which expressed disappointment that negotiated salary increases have not been funded. "The



Chancellor Jo Ann Gora and University of Massachusetts trustee Dr. Timothy Babineau chat during the trustee breakfast held at the University Club. (Photo by Harry Brett)

board reiterates its support for the negotiated salary increases for university employees and pledges to work with President Bulger, the unions, and their members in an effort to fund these increases," read McCarthy. "The members of the University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees and President Bulger, working in conjunction with the system's employees and unions, strongly advocate the maximum level of state appropriation funding feasible in the current fiscal environment. We are mindful of the

Commonwealth's significant fiscal constraints but also recognize that a healthy and well-funded University of Massachusetts is critically important to economic recovery and growth." The statement was loudly applauded by the overflow crowd.

Speaking eloquently on behalf of all UMass employees, UMass Boston's Tom Goodkind stressed the importance of employee morale to the university's future. Goodkind added that if the university is to be successful in preventing a rumored 20 percent cut to its state funding,

administration and labor must work together. He said, "You will need our help to block this devastation. But without a genuine effort on your part to resolve this contract funding crisis, no such alliance will be possible. Any campaign to save UMass—and one is sorely needed—must be a campaign that also addresses the contract funding crisis as an essential component."

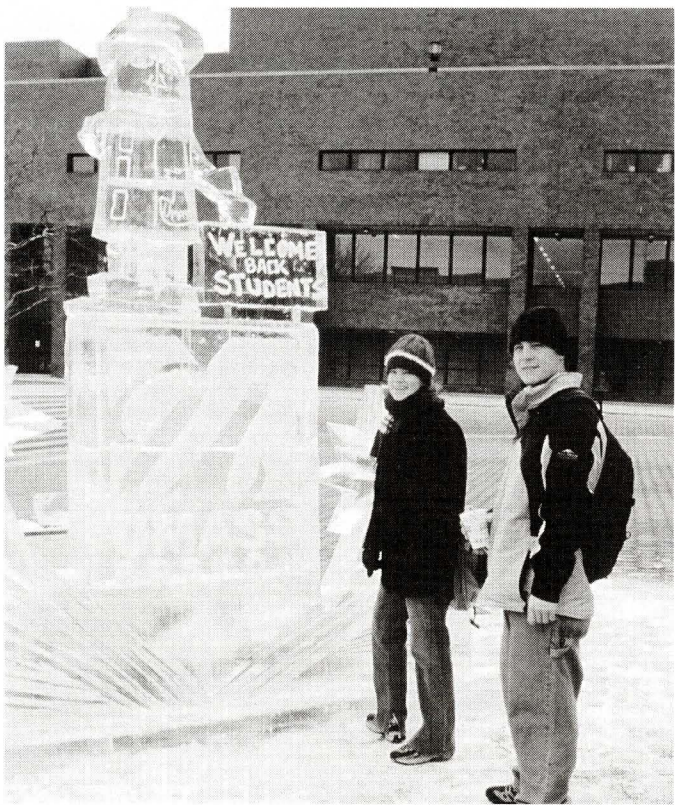
In her remarks to the board, student trustee Heather Dawood echoed the theme of faculty and staff appreciation. She spoke of her own positive experiences as a student, particularly with UMass Boston faculty. She said, "They possess a sense of loyalty and commitment to provide a quality education to students who might not otherwise have access to their wisdom....We must financially support the expertise and dedication of our faculty and staff." She also spoke of her intention to galvanize students to work in cooperation with faculty, staff, and administration to lobby against budget cuts.

Board Chair Grace Fey and President Bulger both shared news of recent fundraising successes, in-

cluding a \$2 million gift to UMass Amherst from Trustee Robert Mahoney, his brother, and their wives—all alumni—and a \$1 million gift designated by FleetBoston Financial Chairman Terrence Murray to support honors programs on the Amherst campus. "One is a gift from alumni saying 'thank you' for all that UMass has done for them and all it can do for future students and the other represents leadership from the Massachusetts corporate community. It's a powerful endorsement of the university," said President Bulger.

On the topic of labor issues, President Bulger said, "I want to thank each member of our faculty and staff for the efforts they have made and have been making over the past two years. In many ways, our faculty and staff have been sailing against the wind of a terrible fiscal crisis that has denied them the full reward for their contribution to the university and to the Commonwealth, and yet they have persevered. They have made headway because they view their work as a calling, much much more than simply a job."

Students Are Welcomed Back for Spring 2003



UMass Boston invited local ice sculptor James Shea from Atlantic Sculptors to create an ice masterpiece on the university plaza as part of opening-week activities welcoming students back to campus January 27 through 31. Students braved the cold, unspring-like weather to admire the ice sculpture, which featured the UMass Boston logo and the UMass Boston Beacon, the university mascot. (Photo by Harry Brett)

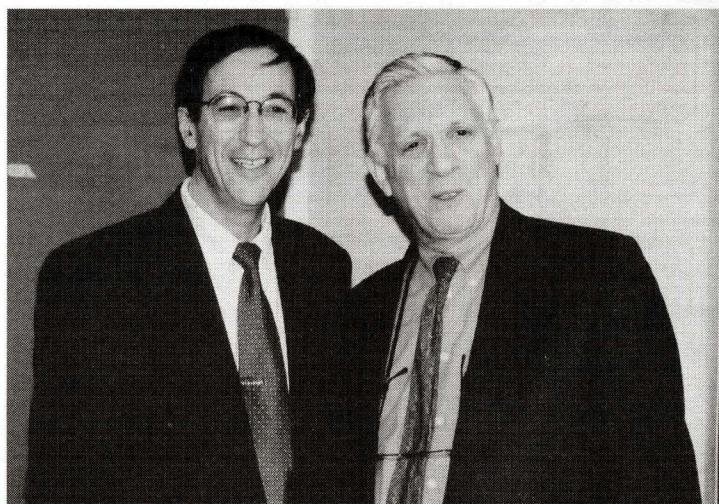
Menachem Klein Discusses Jerusalem's "Geography of Divided Cities"

By Leigh DuPuy

International advisor and scholar Menachem Klein shared his views on Jerusalem's turbulent history and politics with a packed auditorium of students, staff, and faculty members on February 4. In an impassioned address, Klein described the challenges facing Jerusalem. "Both sides do not know how to divide the city fairly and not kill the city," he assessed.

Klein focused on the history of population and demographic changes in Jerusalem from 1967 to 1997, using maps to demonstrate the impact of each proposed "solution." "Annexation is irrelevant," Klein argued while detailing the formidable ethnic, national, and societal differences between East and West Jerusalem that have led to terrorism, discrimination, and failed peace talks.

"Negotiators must deal with three different cities: the municipal city in which people live normal lives, the holy city, and the political city," he declared. "They



Dr. Menachem Klein discusses his insight on conflict with David Matz, director of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution. (Photo by Amy Gay)

must meet the fears and traumas of both sides," he said. "It will take a lot of professional work, and decisions need to be made."

Klein is the senior scholar at the Jerusalem Institute, professor of political science at Bar Ilan University, and served as advisor to the Israeli Delegation during the Camp David Summit in 2000. He is the author of two books on Jerusalem,

most recently publishing *Jerusalem: The Contested City* with translator Haim Watzman.

The lecture was sponsored by the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution and the Office of the Provost. It is one of three events addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, with Ambassador Dennis Ross to lead the next scheduled lecture on April 8.

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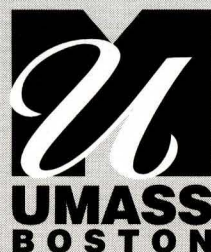
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Joiner Center Sponsors Address by Congressman Frank Speaking on War



Frank has been a member of Congress since 1981 and currently serves on the Select Committee on Homeland Security. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

"A year of inspections...cost less than one day of war," said Barney Frank in his address to concerned members of the university community on February 21. The congressman, representing the Fourth Congressional District of Massachusetts, discussed the politics surrounding a possible war against Iraq in an address sponsored by the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

Displaying a temerity for which he is well known, Frank opened discussion by explaining why he believes the current administration is being dishonest with the Ameri-

can people. He disagrees with both rationales for a war against Iraq; it will neither stimulate the economy nor put an end to a serious threat to the United States.

Instead he discusses what he believes to be the motivating worldview of the Bush administration in which "America owes the world a muscular, assertive presence." Aggressive unilateralism is critically important to Bush and his presidency, Frank explains, noting the philosophical similarities between the president and Ronald Reagan.

While agreeing with assessments of Saddam Hussein's brutal-

ity, Frank believes there are other ways to restrain him than going to war. "The Iraqi military has one-third the strength it had in 1991. Their capacity has been diminished. This is not a 'war or nothing' situation."

To those who say Hussein has provided supplies to terrorists, Frank replies that there is zero evidence that the Iraqi leader has transferred any destructive material to terrorists.

"It is a political climate that has changed drastically as the average American is frightened in a way they haven't been since the darkest days of World War II," Frank said.

Frank believes only sustained intervention, such as continued inspections, will help assuage the situation in Iraq. "Episodic political interventions are doomed to fail," Frank said.

The congressman answered various question and answers from the riveted audience and offered his opinion of the efficacy of recent peace marches throughout the country. "Demonstrations in themselves do not mean much to elected officials, though they do help to empower, energize, and organize public opinion." He advised people to write to their elected official, threatening to take away their vote if he or she does not heed public protest.

McCormack Institute Team Embark on Economic Development in Africa

By Edmund Beard and Margery O'Donnell

On January 21, a team from UMass Boston including Ed Beard, Margery O'Donnell, and Charles Ndungu of the McCormack Institute, and Brian Thompson of the Modern Languages Department, were in Saint Louis, Senegal, to celebrate the opening of a multifunction community resource center designed to serve as an engine of local economic development in northern Senegal.

Built under a grant to the McCormack Institute from the Education for Development and Democracy Initiative (EDDI), and growing out of an earlier USAID-funded Partnership in Higher Education between the institute and Universite Gaston Berger de Saint Louis, the community resource center includes a café, cybercafé, women's center, sewing workshop, classrooms, and associated agricultural and transport initiatives.

The inauguration of the center was attended by US State Department and USAID officials, cabinet-level and regional Senegalese officials, the rector and senior administrative staff of Universite Gaston Berger, and hundreds of local residents.

Following the inauguration,

members of the McCormack team continued on to South Africa, where institute director Edmund Beard signed a memorandum of understanding with Ahmed Kathrada, director of the Mayibuye Center at the University of the Western Cape (and one of four leaders jailed with Nelson Mandela on Robben Island at the start of the black liberation movement in South Africa). The Mayibuye Center's archives are creating a unique oral history of that struggle based on McCormack Senior Fellow Padraig O'Malley's decade-long project to capture the South African transition in the words of the actors themselves. Now totaling over 2,000 hours of taped interviews, the O'Malley audio recordings are being indexed and placed on CD-ROM for distribution to all schools and libraries in South Africa. O'Malley is at work on six separate books based on the collection.

Finally the McCormack team moved on to Kenya, where, with additional EDDI support, they are developing a new partnership with Egerton University in Njoro. And with the Maasai Education Discovery initiative, where they hope to replicate the success in Narok, Senegal.

Major Search Underway for New Deans

As two major searches ramped up to select new deans for both the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Science and Mathematics, four finalists for the position of dean of the Graduate College of Education (GCOE) were interviewed on campus. Open meetings in February were held to give members of the community a chance to meet with the candidates to discuss with them their views of the future directions of both GCOE and UMass Boston. A final decision is expected to be announced shortly.

In the search for CAS deans, faculty members will join chairs and the Provost's office to evaluate candidates based on criteria that include leadership abilities, a record of creativity, success in building academic programs, significant achievement in reaching out to communities, and a strong commitment to excellence in teaching and scholarship. Final selections should be announced sometime between late March and mid-April.

"Beyond Our Backyard" Community Service Event Encourages Students to Match Passions with Purpose

By Alexandra Wilson

"Match your passions with your purpose," said Jain Ruvich-Higgins, director of the Office of Service Learning and Community Outreach, speaking to an audience of students, faculty, and community partners at the "Beyond our Backyard: A Community Orientation at UMass Boston" event. Held on February 19, the initiative was part of the nationwide Raise Your Voice Student Action Campaign.

Sponsored by Campus Compact, a nationwide partnership of college and university presidents dedicated to the community duties of higher education, and the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Raise Your Voice campaign seeks to engage college students in community service and political engagement. Each February, during a "Week of Action" beginning on Presidents' Day, over 200 college campuses across the country participate in events to involve students in politics and the community.

"We really believe in the importance of humanitarian action," said Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, "... and in the importance of the university playing a role in the community."



Students listen intently to program speakers discussing ways to give back to the community through research, advocacy, and volunteer work at the February 19 event. (Photo by Harry Brett)

In order to further engage UMass Boston students in that role, panelists on youth development, the environment, and hunger and homelessness spoke at the town meeting-style event. The panelists included both students and faculty members and illustrated the importance of combining classroom work with community partnerships and outreach.

"Getting yourself out into the community as a researcher can really start to build connections that

you never knew existed before," said Rob Beattie, associate director of the Environmental Studies Program. His case in point is Leah Ross, a senior in the program. Ross received a grant from the National Science Foundation for Project Playsafe, a project that combines her classroom studies with her interest in children. Ross will test the surface soil of 135 Massachusetts playgrounds for heavy metals such as lead and arsenic to determine the safety of the areas. Ross feels that

students emphasize the skills they've learned by participating in the community.

Ruvich-Higgins agrees. "It's finding a way for students to connect what they're doing in the classroom with the community."

John Huth, student in the College of Public and Community Services, feels that he gets more than college credit for his community involvement.

"It's a great experience for them and it's a great experience for me," he says of his work as a tutor at the Home for Little Wanderers.

The Home for Little Wanderers is just one of the many community partnerships that were represented in the panel; also represented were The Food Project, Community Classroom Project with Simmons College School of Social Work, Columbia Point Community Partnership, and the Pine Street Inn. Other community partners present were the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brother Association, JumpStart, and the Neponset River Group.

Chancellor Gora hopes that this event will encourage students to engage in activities in the community.

CPCS Celebrates Russo Painting Installation

By Jeffrey Mitchell

To celebrate the gift of an extraordinary painting by an extraordinary Boston artist, CPCS and the Africana Studies Department hosted a series of events on February 26. "Descent from the Tree #2," a 72" x 90" acrylic on canvas by the late Michael Russo, was donated to Africana Studies by Pearl Russo, the artist's widow. Its installation was followed by a ceremony in the Malcolm X Lounge (Wheatley Hall, 4th floor), followed by a reception and a panel discussion in the nearby CPCS Plaza.

"Descent from the Tree #2" is "one of a series reflecting on the horror of lynching," says CPCS Associate Dean Marie Kennedy, whose 40-year friendship with the Russo family led to their connection to the university. Kennedy and her colleagues "decided to have a panel discussion linked to the theme of the painting, following the installation ceremony and in observance of Black History Month." "Racism, Lynching, and the American Ideal" was the topic. As the *Reporter* went to press, plans called for Africana Studies Chair

Robert Johnson, CPCS Professor Christopher Nteta, and Trotter Institute Director Regina Rodriguez-Mitchell to serve as panelists, and for CPCS Dean

memory, hangs in the chancellor's office. Pearl Russo has also established a scholarship fund for art students in memory of her husband.



Ismael Ramírez-Soto to moderate the discussion.

The university has now acquired three Russo paintings. "Selma," which hangs in the CPCS Plaza, was donated to CPCS by the artist in 1997, shortly before his death. "Sagamore Series," donated by Courtney Cazden in Russo's

Michael Russo was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1908. He studied sculpture at the Yale University School of Fine Arts for one year, then worked on his own. In 1932 he won First Honorable Mention in the Prix de Rome competition in sculpture for his monumental "Pietà."

Russo's career as an artist was

interrupted when he became involved in the political and social struggles of the Great Depression. For the next twenty-five years, he was a full-time organizer in the Communist Party, opposing racism and fascism and advocating civil rights and justice while working particularly for unemployment insurance and the right of workers to organize industrial unions.

Russo resumed his artistic career in 1960, this time as a painter, while underground after being indicted under the Smith Act during the McCarthy era. Between 1968 and his death in 1998, he had sixteen one-man shows and was featured in twenty-four group exhibitions. His work is in the permanent collections of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the DeCordova Museum, the Milwaukee American Black Holocaust Museum, the Davis Museum at Wellesley College, and the Worcester Museum. Russo paintings are also in many private and corporate collections in the United States and abroad, including those of the university and the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

University Health Services Expands Scope

University Health Services (UHS) has expanded its services to now include faculty and staff in addition to students. UHS can evaluate and treat minor episodic injuries or illness, including colds, flu, ear infections, sinus infections, bronchitis, and minor sprains, on an appointment basis. Same-day appointments will be available with a \$20 copay, which is payable by check, cash, or major credit card at the time of the appointment. Referrals are unnecessary, as UHS does not bill third-party insurance.

UHS also offers phlebotomy for lab work ordered by primary care providers (PCP) for a \$10 fee for those who bring a written list of request lab tests. All laboratory work is sent to Quest Diagnostics, who will bill your insurance company and send the results directly to your PCP.

Look for the grand opening of UHS's HIV testing center, and Travelwell, the travel clinic, in the near future. Both will be open to students, faculty, and staff.

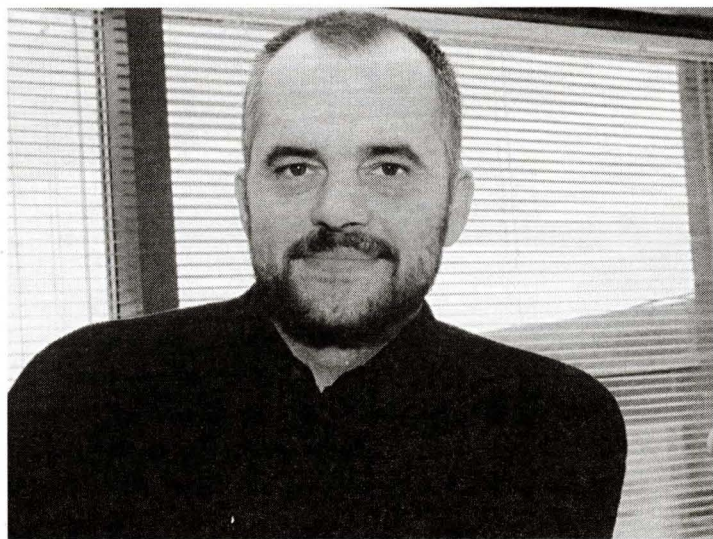
Robert C. Wood Professor Discusses Art, Communism, and Democracy in Albania

By Ed Hayward

Edi Rama, who went from art professor to mayor of Tirana, Albania, during the nation's turbulent transition from communism to democracy, brought to UMass Boston his experiences using art and the environment to foster peace and prosperity to his Baltic homeland. As this year's Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor in Public and Urban Affairs, Rama gave a public lecture at the university on February 25 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

Rama has earned international attention for his development programs as well as for his use of modern cinema to introduce democratic concepts through Tirana's movie theaters, where he replaced the communist documentaries that used to fill their screens with international productions.

In 2002, Rama received the United Nations Development Program's Poverty Eradication Award for his work to address environmental damage in his nation as well as introduce the concepts of free enterprise. Described by the UN as a "media savvy Renaissance man," Rama was recognized for his Clean and Green project, which was designed to restore the polluted Lana River in Tirana.



Mayor Edi Rama is this year's Robert C. Wood Visiting Professor at the McCormack Institute. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The program produced tens of thousands of square miles of parklands in the city and resulted in the planting of nearly 1,800 trees. In addition to raising environmental awareness, the project produced jobs for local workers.

Rama was a founding member of the Movement for Democracy, which played a decisive role in the overthrow of Albania's communist regime in 1990. But in 1997, he was severely beaten by pipe-wielding assailants during a politically motivated attack that forced him to retreat to Paris to recuperate.

When he returned to Albania for his father's funeral in 1998, he was

tapped by Prime Minister Fatos Nano to serve as minister of Culture, Youth and Sports. In October 2000, he ran as an independent for the mayoralty of Tirana and rode the support of the Socialist Party to a victory with 54 percent of the votes.

Though he has called politics "boring compared to being an artist," Rama has chosen to patiently work for change in his country, a task he has likened to rebuilding an old house. It is "much more difficult to renew an old house than to build a new one, especially if the old house is built in the wrong way," he has said.

Evaluating Biodiversity from Space (cont.)

ference Vegetation Index (NDVI), which is a measure of an area's green biomass as seen from space.

That result is not altogether surprising, because there is a well-established relationship between the NDVI and the biological productivity of an ecosystem, itself a measure of an area's free energy. The real genius of Bawa's project is that it uses existing technology in a new way. "Remote-sensing imagery has greatly enhanced our ability to monitor biodiversity losses at the landscape level," he says, "but it has not yet been used to identify species richness."

So this study boldly goes where no other has gone—and consequently it is getting some well-deserved recognition. It has won financial backing from a number of public and private organizations, including the U.S. National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Alcoa Foundation. Bawa himself was recently appointed to the U.S. National Committee of the International Union of Biological Sciences, which coordinates a range of biology-related activities around the

globe.

Bawa's work with satellite images was highlighted in the "Editor's Choice" section of the January 17, 2003, issue of *Science*, the premier science publication in the United States and one of the most prestigious in the world. The journal noted: "This technique shows promise for estimating broad patterns of tree species diversity at the landscape scale in tropical forests, which may be crucial to identifying areas most in need of protection and where rapid destruction is under way."

Professor Bawa shares this optimism, but he is quick to mention the limitations of his approach. "Satellite imagery must be followed by detailed work on the ground to confirm the trends and to precisely document the biodiversity," he says.

It's an object lesson in the methodology of science: Although viewing from a great distance can provide much-needed perspective, there is no substitute for the up-close observations of scientists whose feet are planted on terra firma.

Researchers Identify Economic Flaws in State Transportation Planning

By Leigh DuPuy

The MBTA, Route 128, Storrow Drive, the future "Big Dig." There may be many ways in Massachusetts to "get there from here," but UMass Boston researchers think the pathways to economic development are running into roadblocks. "Massachusetts does not have a centralized transportation planning system," explains David Terkla, professor in the Economics and Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department, "and it has significant impact on economic development in Massachusetts."

Terkla and Ph.D. Public Policy graduate students Phil Granberry and Steve Quimby recently completed the report "Transportation Planning and Development in Massachusetts: Recommended Changes for the New Millennium," which found Massachusetts to have one of the most fragmented transportation decision-making processes of 17 states surveyed.

The report was commissioned by the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, a nonpartisan, statewide public affairs organization of chief executive officers who represent the state's leading industry and business enterprises. They asked researchers at UMass Boston to analyze how Massa-

chusetts uses positive economic impact factors in identifying transportation projects and the criteria used for selecting particular projects.

Beginning research in the summer 2002, Granberry and Quimby conducted primary research and then collaborated with Terkla to analyze data and interviews from other states to compile the report.

Terkla and his colleagues believe that Massachusetts has fallen behind considerably in transportation planning and development in comparison to other states, due in part to the lack of a strong central Department of Transportation and to the existence of separate transportation authorities, such as the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, the MBTA, and Massport.

Terkla is very concerned with its planning processes. "There was no economic justice in prioritizing projects, no clear, publicly available criteria, and no uniform statewide evaluation process," he says.

The report recommends improving transparency by installing a regular set of procedures that is accessible to the public. It also calls for a reorganized central department of transportation, an established criteria for project selection, and a closer look at design/build projects in the Common-

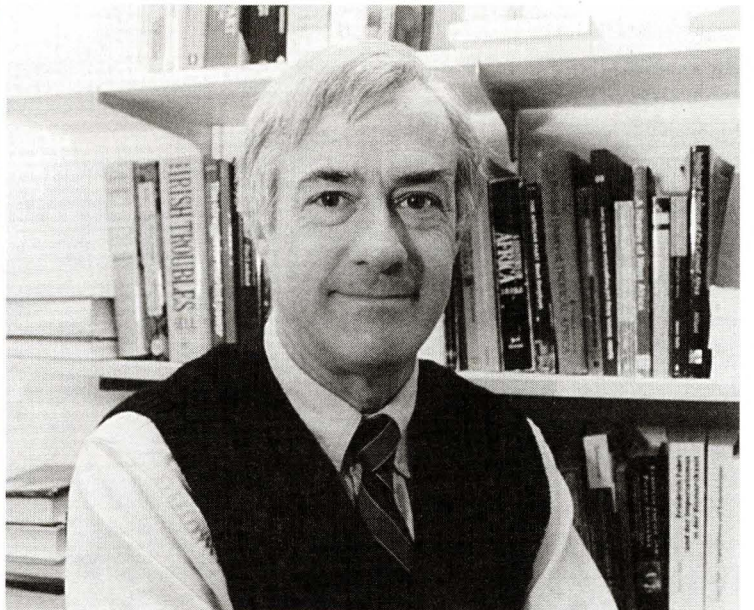
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The results were presented before the MA Roundtable in late January and Terkla had the opportunity to discuss the report with top transportation officials, who expressed enthusiasm for the report's recommended reforms.

The partnership began through the university's strong relationship with the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, and was cultivated by Chancellor Gora and John Ciccarelli, assistant to the Chancellor for Economic Development. "It was a terrific opportunity to be able to connect the university with a prestigious trade association such as the Massachusetts Business Roundtable," says Ciccarelli.

"The research performed by UMass Boston's McCormack Institute for the Massachusetts Business Roundtable was unique, timely, and thorough—no stone was left unturned. The real value, however, was how we have been able to apply the research. Through the careful study of other states' transportation planning models, the report has made a strong case—both for economic development and political reasons—for change in Massachusetts," said John Sutich, director of public affairs.

History Professor Wins Award for Academic Excellence



Smith, professor of history, receives accolades for his research on education in public colleges and universities. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Melissa Fassel

In recognition of his essay, "Democracy, Higher Education, and the Public Sphere," history professor Woodruff Smith was awarded an "Excellence in the Academy" award in the category of "Democracy in Higher Education" by the National Education Association (NEA). Smith's essay argues that public colleges and universities have largely shaped and democratized the United States' public sphere. These institutions offer knowledge and skills required for active participation in what Smith refers to as the "conversations that lie at the public sphere's heart" to increasingly large segments of the population.

In view of a growing concen-

tration of control of the media, public higher education and the public sphere have become increasingly vulnerable. In the award-winning essay, Smith charges public universities with recognizing that their primary responsibility is to strengthen the public sphere by "preparing students to take part in it and by encouraging all members of their communities to engage in public discourse."

The award was made at the NEA's annual convention in Washington, D.C., in February. Smith was happy to win the award because it confirmed that he's on the right track with a book that he is currently writing on the same topic.

National Science Foundation Taps UMass Boston As Possible Regional Technology Site

By Leigh DuPuy

With flying colors, UMass Boston passed the initial hurdle in its grant application to become a regional technology center with area community colleges and K-12 districts. A team from the National Science Foundation (NSF) visited partner schools and attended a forum for education shareholders, including Chancellor Jo Ann Gora and Tom Chmura, vice president for economic development for the University of Massachusetts, at UMass Boston on February 24 and 25. Following their visit, program officers gave the university a favorable review, which will then go to the granting agency for formal approval. An announcement may be made sometime in mid to late April.

"We were very excited about NSF's visit to UMass Boston," said Chancellor Gora. "Creating a regional technology center is a terrific opportunity for us to further our mission of outreach and education through an innovative technology partnership."

"This project represents a unique



Chancellor Gora speaks during the National Science Foundation (NSF) site visit on February 24. Seated next to her is NSF's Gerhard Salinger. (Photo by Harry Brett)

opportunity to expand and connect the information and communication technologies in our Boston-area public institutions," explains Deborah Boisvert, IT curriculum coordinator in the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education, "Faculty across the partner institutions are excited about collaborating together to create the best learning environment for our region's students. Business and industry will also benefit through a better-trained

workforce and a more responsive education system that is better able to adapt to their changing technical needs."

The initiative, known as the Boston Area Advanced Technology Connections (BATEC) Partnership, seeks to establish an Advanced Technology Education (ATE) regional center in Boston to help meet the strong projected demand for skills information technology (IT) workers, both regionally and nationwide.

UMass Boston is partnering with institutions such as Bunker Hill Community College, Middlesex Community College, Roxbury Community College, TechBoston, the Metropolitan School to Career Partnership, and ten secondary schools north of Boston. Since early 2000, their representatives have been working together to map a plan for a coordinated regional IT education system—one that will attract talented students to IT careers, promote lifelong learning of IT skills, and support the workforce needs of the region's IT companies.

BATEC will focus on three goals: to refocus IT education to encourage and facilitate multiple entry and exit points; to expand regional professional development opportunities for IT educators at all levels; and to expand the capacity in the region to attract students from diverse backgrounds to IT training and help them gain employment in IT positions. The process will be documented so that the model can then be replicated in other regions.

Golden Key International Honour Society To Induct Chancellor

By Anita Miller

Golden Key International Honour Society will hold its annual induction ceremony on March 10 to welcome new honorary members: Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, University Chaplain Maggie Cahill, and Professors Adan Colon-Carmona of the Biology Department, Lovalerie King of the English Department, and Ester Shapiro of the Psychology Department. Current student members nominate several persons for honorary membership each year.

The chapter will present a special honorary award to the Pine Street Inn as part of this year's international theme of helping the homeless and in recognition of the chapter's special relationship with the facility. New members and their guests are invited to bring one item of nonperishable food to the induction ceremony for presentation to Pine Street.

All are invited to attend (see calendar for event details).

CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Elsa Auerbach, associate professor of English, was a featured presenter at the “Literacy, Language, and Bilingualism” research seminar, held in Edinburgh, Scotland on January 24. While in Scotland, she was also the keynote speaker at the “Launch of the City of Edinburgh’s CLAN (City Literacy and Numeracy)” initiative, and gave two speeches for literacy educators, community activists, adult education administrators, and policy makers.

In January, Gonzalo Bacigalupe, associate professor in the Graduate College of Education, presented his research “A Conversation About Collaborative Strategies in the Case of Violence in the Family” for the Marriage and Family Therapy Program at Loma Linda University and “Collaborative and Intercultural Therapy in the Case of Trauma and Abuse” at the Family Therapy School at Barcelona’s Sant Pau and Crew Hospital in Spain.

Lawrence Blum, professor of philosophy, gave a talk on “Racism and King’s Legacy” at the Newton Country Day School on Martin Luther King Day. In February, he presented “Virtue and Race” at the University of Michigan and “Will They Talk? A Race Theorist’s Reflections on Teaching a Racially Mixed High School Class on Racism” at New York University.

At the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association, Caroline Brown, assistant professor of English, presented her paper “Of Blues and the Erotic: *Corregidora* as New World Song” at the “Navigating the Black Cultural Legacy” session.

On January 28, Mary Jo Connelly, research associate at the Labor Resource Center, presented to the Massachusetts AFL-CIO’s State of the Union conference on “Economic Development Subsidies and Tax Breaks: Why Massachusetts Needs to Enact Disclosure Legislation.”

In January, Richard Delaney, Steve Bliven, and Dan Hellin of the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) facilitated a series of public focus groups addressing the issue of public access to the waterfront in New Jersey. These meetings are part of UHI’s ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of the New Jersey Coastal Management Program. Professor Jim Green of the Labor

Resource Center was the keynote speaker at a conference celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of *Salt of the Earth*, a film about a Latino miners’ strike. The conference was held on February 28 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and included union activists who had starred in the film, Dolores Huerta, Linda Chavez Thompson, and Peter Coyote.

On February 25, Donna Haig Friedman, director of the Center for Social Policy, moderated the forum “Confronting the Homeless Crisis: Providing Permanent Housing for Families Who Are Homeless,” sponsored by the Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association.

Peter Kiang, professor in the Graduate College of Education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, presented “Building New Faculties for Diverse Communities” at the Association of American Colleges and Universities 89th Annual Meeting, held in Seattle.

Betsy Klimasmith, assistant professor of English, spoke on “Bachelor Rooms, Boarding Houses, and Backyards” at a session on the 150th anniversary of Hawthorne’s *The Blithedale Romance* at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association.

Diana Newman of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences represented the National Association of Catholic Nurses at “The World Day of the Sick,” sponsored by the Catholic Health Association, and held in Washington, D.C., on February 10 and 11.

Professor David Patterson of the Performing Arts Department lectured on his recent vocal and orchestral compositions at the University of the Americas in Cholula, Mexico.

Professor Jennifer Radden of the Philosophy Department participated as an invited respondent at the 2003 Tanner Lectures at Princeton University on “Towards Humanism in Psychiatry” in February.

Laurel E. Radwin, assistant professor of the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, presented “The Development and Psychometric Testing of the Oncology Patients’ Perceptions of the Quality of Nursing Care Scale” at the American Cancer Society/Oncology Nursing Society’s 7th National Conference on Cancer Nursing Research, held in San Diego in February. CNHS’ Kristine Alster and Krista Rubin are coauthors of the paper.

Primo Vanicelli, associate professor of political science, was invited to speak on the diplomacy panel at the “Overcoming Cultural Barriers in International Negotiation” conference sponsored by Harvard Negotiation Law Review, held on February 28.

Jack Wiggan of the Urban Harbors Institute presented the findings from the institute’s study and ongoing work “Green Ports: Environmental Management and Technology at US Ports” at the US EPA-sponsored conference “Emerging Technologies, Tools, and Techniques to Manage Our Coasts in the 21st Century,” held in Cocoa Beach, Florida, on January 29.

As part of the station’s 20th-anniversary celebration, WUMB Radio broadcast live from the North American Folk Alliance, held February 6 and 7 in Nashville.

PUBLICATIONS

Gonzalo Bacigalupe, associate professor in the Graduate College of Education, published “Letter Writing in Relational Therapies” in the *Journal of Systemic Therapies*.

A paper by Praytush Bharati, assistant professor of management science and information systems in the College of Management, “People and Information Matter: Task Support Satisfaction from the Other Side,” was published in the winter volume of *The Journal of Computer Information Systems*.

Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen, holder of the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology, was the guest editor for a special issue of the *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*, which addresses social security reform worldwide. Also, Chen’s article, “Funding Long-Term Care: Applications of the Trade-Off Principle in Both Public and Private Sectors,” was published in the *Journal of Aging and Health*.

Jacqueline Fawcett, professor of nursing, coauthored the articles “Questions Commonly Asked About Research” in *Nursing Science Quarterly*; “The Roy Adaptation Model: A Program of Nursing Research” in *Japanese Journal of Nursing*; and “Effects of Two Types of Social Support and Education on Adaptation to Early Stage Breast Cancer” in *Research in Nursing and Health*.

The College of Nursing and Health Science’s Jacqueline Fawcett and Cynthia Aber coauthored the chapter “Pregnancy and Birth,” which was published in the 2003 *International Encyclopedia of Marriage and the Family*.

Professor Robert Johnson Jr.’s book *Race, Law, and Public Policy: Cases and Materials on Law and the Public Policy of Race* was recently published by Black Classic Press. Johnson is the chair and associate professor of Africana Studies.

Kyle McInnis, associate professor of exercise science and physical education, published his first book *Lifestyle Obesity Management*, written with coauthors for Blackwell Publishing.

Laurie Milliken, assistant professor of exercise science and physical education, coauthored “Effects of Exercise Training on Bone Remodeling, Insulin-Like Growth Factors, and Bone Mineral Density in Postmenopausal Women With and Without Hormone Replacement Theory,” which was published in *Calcified Tissue International*.

Grady Moates, chief engineer at WUMB Radio, published an article, “Tower Light Alarm Circuits,” in the February issue of *Broadcast Electronics Radio Magazine*.

“Expectant at Seneca Falls,” an article by Sherry Penney of the Center for Collaborative Leadership and coauthor Jim Livingston, appears in the March issue of *New York History*. The article discusses the experiences of Martha Coffin Wright, one of the five original organizers of the 1848 Seneca Falls Convention.

John Tobin, professor of English, has published an essay on “Sources and Cruces” in the collection *In Arden: Editing Shakespeare*.

An article by Laurel E. Radwin, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, “Refining the Quality Health Outcomes Model: Differentiating between Client Trait and State Characteristics,” was reviewed in the December 2002 issue of the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality’s *Research Activities*.

Nina Silverstein, associate professor of gerontology, coauthored the article “Dementia and Wandering Behaviour in Long-Term Care Facilities,” which is published in *Geriatrics and Aging*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, SHOWS

Liz Marran of the Art Department will exhibit her prints in a solo exhibition at the OHT Gallery on Thayer Street in Boston in April.

The UMass Boston Theatre production of *The Vagina Monologues*, which was performed at the McCormack Theatre on February 14 and 15, raised \$2,100 for Rosie’s Place, a shelter for battered women in Boston.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Carol L. Cardozo, research associate and information specialist with the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, has been selected to serve on a panel of judges for the John F. Kennedy Library’s Profile in Courage Essay Contest.

Karen Charles, alumna of the Program for Women in Politics and Public Policy class of ’97, received a Wonder Woman award at the January 25th annual conference of the Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus for her contributions as a community activist and board member.

Emily Mann of Financial Aid Services is the recipient of the American College Personnels Association’s Commission for Professional Preparation 2003 Gerald Saddlemire Master Research Award. The award was based on her paper “Latino College Students’ Experiences at a Predominantly White Institution,” which she wrote while she earned her master’s degree at the University of Rhode Island.

Enrico Marcelli, assistant professor of economics, accepted a fellowship at the Harvard School of Public Health as one of the 18 nationally-selected Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Health and Society Scholars. The fellowship begins September 2003.

Kathleen Golden McAndrew, executive director of University Health Services and adjunct associate professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, was elected vice president of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses. Her term runs until April 2004.

Marc Prou, assistant professor of Africana Studies, received a grant award of \$13,500 from the Center for Community Health, Education, and Research (CCHER) to conduct a program evaluation of a Center for Disease Control-funded initiative addressing capacity-building in the Haitian community.

The Distance Learning Video Production Center, a unit within the Instructional Technology Center and the Division of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, received the national “Award of Distinction” in the Communicator 2002 Video Competition for its work on the production “A Report from Gavin Middle School on Teen Violence.”

CAMPUS NOTES

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Janet Kenney of the Theatre Arts Department received a \$3,000 new play commission from the Emory Theater in Atlanta, GA for her one-act play *The Mark of the Lord*.

The Center for Social Policy received a \$91,000 grant from the law firm of Ellis & Rapacki to carry out a programmatic audit and evaluation of assistance and food nutrition projects in Massachusetts.

The Center for Social Policy released its latest report, "Characteristics of Homeless Individuals Accessing Massachusetts Emergency Shelters 1999-2001," in February. The center collected the information through its Connection, Service, and Partnership through Technology (CSPTech) Project, which works with approximately 80 homeless service provider agencies and over 250 homeless assistance programs across the state.

MISCELLANEOUS

The McCormack Institute held a one-day forum on public policy development for a delegation of Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) leaders from the Republic of Georgia on February 6. **Michael MacPhee** of the McCormack Institute moderated the forum and university colleagues **Donna Haig-Friedman**, **Richard Delaney**, **Darren Kew**, **Lou DiNatale**, and **Carol Hardy-Fanta** served as panelists.

OBITUARY

Mary T. O'Brien, professor of nursing, passed away on January 28. Dr. O'Brien joined the university in 1988 as assistant professor of nursing and served as associate dean for four years. She held her baccalaureate and master's degrees in nursing from Boston College and a PhD in Nursing from New York University. She won professional recognition and was respected for her high standards, fine teaching, and fairness.

IN THE NEWS

Sandy Blanchette, assistant director for the McCormack Institute, and panelists for the National Issues Forum "Racial and Ethnic Tensions: What Should We Do?" event were featured in interviews on WBZ-AM, WBUR-FM, and BET TV on February 12 and 13.

Chris Bobel, assistant professor of women's studies, was the featured guest on the Canadian radio program "First Person, Plural," where she discussed her book *The Paradox of Natural Mothering*. It was broadcast on Canada's WCFVU.

Alan Clayton-Matthews, professor of public policy, discussed the economic forecast for Massachusetts on WBUR's "All Things Considered" on January 29 and WBZ-TV's "The John Henning Show" on February 2.

Xiaogang Deng, associate professor of sociology, was interviewed by Radio Free Asia on the death penalty and its impact on crime rates in China on January 9.

Tess Ewing, labor extension coordinator at the Labor Resource Center, recently interviewed College of Public and Community Service alumni **Suzanne Allmendinger**, director of community outreach, and **Charlotte Lumpkins** for the weekly program "Women Speak" on Cambridge Community Access Cable. Ewing hosts the program monthly and focuses on issues of women in the workplace.

In January, **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was featured in a television panel on the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* on New England Cable News and quoted by the *Sun Chronicle* on the impact of budget cuts in local aid to cities and towns.

Avery Faigenbaum, associate professor of exercise science and physical education, was interviewed by the *Boston Globe* for a January 29 article, "Fighting for a Fitter Child," and in a January 1 article about children's obesity levels for *The Mayo News*.

Martin Quitt, professor of history, debated in favor of Black reparations on "The Clarence Morris Show" on WBTS (890 AM) on January 11 and on "The Chuck Morse Show" on WROL (950 AM) on January 22.

Sarah Oktay of the Environmental, Coastal and Ocean Sciences Department (ECOS) was interviewed by WBUR for their programs "Here and Now" and "Life on Earth" in January and February on work done by ECOS researchers identifying the geochemical fingerprint of the World Trade Center catastrophe in New York Harbor. Their research was also cited in the January 28 *New York Times*.

On February 1, **Lorna Rivera**, assistant professor in the College of Public and Community Service, was interviewed for WBZ-TV's program "Centro" on issues related to Hispanics, who now make up the largest minority group in the United States.

Mitchell Silver of the Philosophy Department was a guest on WBCN's "Boston Sunday Review" to discuss the Israeli elections and how a possible war with Iraq might affect the Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

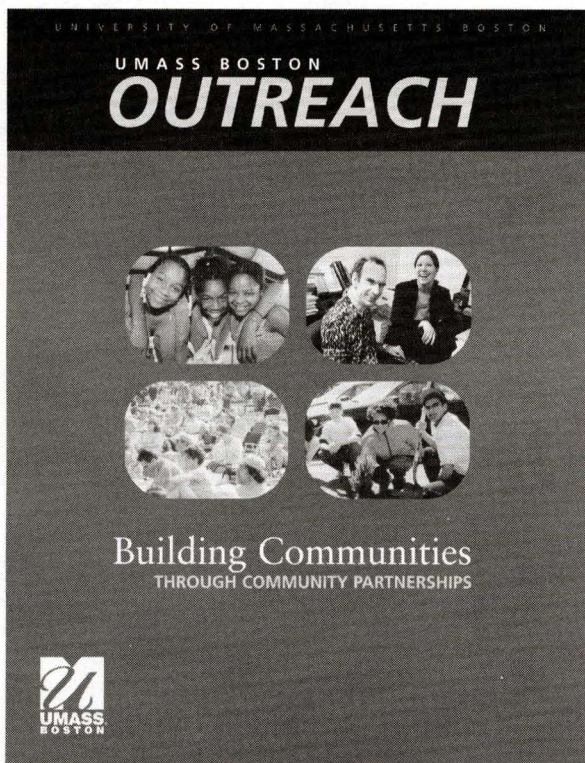
Sorry We Were Late!

Due to the Presidents' Day holiday and snowstorm, production of *The University Reporter* was delayed by a few days. Thank you for your understanding!

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Have news for *The University Reporter*? Send all Campus Notes submissions for the April issue to news@umb.edu by March 14.

UMass Boston's Community Outreach Highlighted in New Publication



The Office of University Communications and Community Relations highlighted UMass Boston's tremendous commitment to serving its neighbors and contributing to the Greater Boston area at large in its latest publication, "Building Communities Through Community Partnerships." The publication focuses on the multitude of university projects which seek to strengthen the economy, cultivate childhood development, clean and green the environment, foster wellness and well-being, and make connections through civic engagement, athletics, and the arts. The brochure cites examples such as the efforts of Professor Zong-Guo Xia and his students in the Geographical Information Technologies to provide geographic information to the Newmarket Business Association and Professor Avery Faigenbaum's helping Dorchester kids get a "Jump" start on physical fitness, to name just a few. The publication covers a wide swath of projects, research, and initiatives flourishing in all areas of the university.

Chinatown Advocacy (cont.)

basic necessary services: job placement, English language classes, citizenship classes, all the things you really need to advance yourself." Destroying these opportunities, says Leong, means forcing new immigrants to "fend for themselves."

Leong points to the effects of gentrification in similar neighborhoods, like Boston's North End, where the working-class immigrant Italian community has largely been displaced by a wealthier community of "yuppies" willing to pay high prices to live close to downtown streets. Gentrification, says Leong, destroys the "working-class fabric" of communities.

Leong is a longtime advocate of Chinatown's working class. As a UMass Boston professor, he helps students understand the issues firsthand. Several years ago, Leong and CPCS Professor Marie Kennedy co-taught a project titled "Building Chinatown for Chinatown." Students analyzed various proposed developments, focusing on benefit to the community. During the 2002 summer session, some of Leong's students par-

ticipated in the protests against Liberty Place while others watched closely from the sidelines.

"They saw the real faces of this community," says Leong.

One of Leong's students, CPCS graduate Har Yee Wong, was instrumental in the formation of the Chinatown Residential Association, the first-ever wholly residential group in Chinatown.

The settlement Leong and other community organizers reached with the city and with the Liberty Place developers includes formal recognition of this group, plus a set-aside number of "affordable housing" units. Developers now must approach both the Chinatown Residential Association as well as the long-standing Chinatown Neighborhood Council, whose membership includes few Chinatown residents.

Leong says that the hope of a dual review process and the power given to the residents is "meaningful enough and substantial enough for us to allow them to build 28 stories."

"The residents will get power and affordable housing will be built," says Leong. "That's something concrete."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

The Calendar of Events is published monthly by the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. 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 **Friday, March 14**. Submit calendar listings online at www.umb.edu/news/calendar/. See the News and Events page on www.umb.edu for calendar listings online.

MONDAY 3

Women's Center Special Lecture: Historical Overview of the Last 100 Years in Israel

2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Featuring Linda Dittmar, professor of English. Contact: 7-7986 or womens.center@umb.edu.

Junior Faculty Colloquium Presentation: "A Right to Be There": Amitav Ghosh's Argument with Nationalism
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Troy Colloquium Room, 2nd fl. Featuring Gautam Premnath of the English Department. Contact: 7-6500.

Labor Resource Center Presents: Globalization: What Are the Impacts of Trade Agreements on U.S. Workers and Their Families?
5:30 – 7:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Featuring Jeff Crosby, president of IUE/CWA Local 201, and Catherine Benedict, member of the Boston Global Action Network FTAA Task Force. Contact: 7-7426.

TUESDAY 4

Anthropology Department and Club Lecture: Las Vegas Africana: Industrial Archaeology of the Experiential Economy
4:30 p.m., location TBA. Featuring Martin Hall, archaeologist from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. Contact: 7-6854.

ITC Workshop: Creating Collaborative Learning Activities for your Web-Based Course
10:00 – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Incorporate collaborative learning activities into your lesson plan. Presenter: Eileen McMahon. Workshop code: OCW-12. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

WEDNESDAY 5

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department: Investigating the World's Smallest Eukaryotes: Diversity and Ecology of Marine Pico-Eukaryotes
2:30 – 3:45 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Alexandra Z. Worden of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in San Diego. Contact: 7-7440.

THURSDAY 6

Women's Movement in Rajasthan and Feminist Traditions in India
11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Healey Library, 8th floor, Provost's Conference Room. Featuring Jasbir Jain of the University of Rajasthan, India. Contact: 7-7986 or womens.center@umb.edu.

ITC Workshop: Bringing the Web to Your Classroom: Designing a Hybrid Course
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Workshop will explore the advantages and challenges of a hybrid course. Presenter: Eileen McMahon. Workshop code: OCW-08A. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

Junior Faculty Colloquium Presentation: The Paradoxes of Organizational Change: A Case Study of Compstat in a Small American Police Department
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Troy Colloquium Room, 2nd fl. Featuring James Willis of the Sociology Department. Contact: 7-6500.

FRIDAY 7

Biology Department Seminar
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Ph.D. candidates Donghui Yan: "Calsyntenin-1: A New Member of the Kinesin Associated Protein" and Britte Beaudette-Zlatanova: "Investigating the Role of Soluble Fas Ligand and Flip in Preventing Autoimmune Destruction of Beta Cells." Contact: 7-6600 or maria.papuga@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra: Outreach Concert at Rosie's Place
4:45 p.m., 889 Harrison Avenue, Boston. Includes various works and a chamber opera featuring voice faculty member Marilyn Bulli and David Giessow. Contact: 7-5640.

MONDAY 10

Student Luncheon with Chancellor Gora
12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Share your background and discuss your experiences at UMass Boston. First come, first served basis. Also on March 26. R.S.V.P. to Patricia MacNeil, 7-5800.

Golden Key International Honour Society Induction Ceremony for New Members
6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. All are welcome. Contact: anita.miller@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 11

ITC Workshop: Getting Started in Digital Photography
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Topics include defining digital photography; essential features and controls; advantages and disadvantages. Presenter: John Murphy. Workshop code: IMG-01A. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

WEDNESDAY 12

CM/CAS Brain Drain Colloquium: The Intellectual Diaspora and Its Impact on Developing and Developed Societies
2:30 – 4:30 p.m., Healey Library, Provost's Conference Room, 8th fl. Featuring Alberto Araoz, Arthur Goldsmith, Arthur MacEwan, Edward Romar, Ajume Wingo, and Weili Ye. Contact: 7-7734 or maryann.machanic@umb.edu.

Arts on the Point Art Talks: A Curator's Perspective
1:00 – 2:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery, 1st fl. Featuring Carole Anne Mehan, curator of Vita Brevas of the Institute of Contemporary Art. Contact: 7-5437 or artsonthepoint@umb.edu.

Purchasing Policies and Procedures and Contracting Overview
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Presentation Room 2, lower level. Designed for those ordering for departmental supplies and services. Presented by Janis Mahoney. Contact: 7-5065.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department: Models of Penguin and Antarctic Krill Interactions with a Predator's Perspective
2:30 – 3:45 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Eileen Hoffman of Old Dominion University's Center for Coastal and Physical Oceanography. Contact: 7-7440.

THURSDAY 13

Arts on the Point Art Talks: An Artist's Perspectives
1:00 – 2:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery, 1st fl. Featuring William Tucker, leading contemporary sculptor. Four of Tucker's sculptures are on campus and an exhibit featuring Tucker drawings, models and photographs are in the Healey Library 5th Floor Gallery, open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., through April 4. Contact: 7-5347 or artsonthepoint@umb.edu.

Graduate Student Assembly Meeting
4:00 – 5:15 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th Fl. Dedicated to enhancing the academic and professional development of graduate students. Also on March 27. Contact: www.gsa.umb.edu.

MONDAY 17

Spring Break (through March 23)

FRIDAY 21

14th New England Workshop on Complex Fluids
8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Healey Library, Media Auditorium, lower level. Sponsored by the Dept. of Physics and the CAS Dean's Office. Contact: www.umb.edu/necf14/ or greg.huber@umb.edu.

MONDAY 24

UMass Boston Beacons Athletics Softball vs. Babson College
3:00 p.m., athletic fields. Contact: 7-7801.

TUESDAY 25

ITC Workshop: PowerPoint Basics
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Hands-on workshop to provide newcomer basics skills. Presenter: John Murphy. Workshop code: MSP-01A. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

WEDNESDAY 26

ITC Workshop: Scanning 101
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Hands-on workshop teaching practical application, the differences between JPEG, TIFF, and GILE file formats, a flatbed and sheet-fed scanner, etc. Presenter: Caroline Cappuccio. Workshop code: WEB-21. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

Solo Acoustic Guitar Performance by Peter Janson
1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery, 1st fl. Included in the program are songs from his newest CD. Contact: 7-6450.

Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences Department: Reducing the Size of the Gulf of Mexico "Dead Zone": An Application of Occam's Razor
2:30 – 3:45 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Don Scarvia of The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Contact: 7-7440.

UMass Boston Beacons Athletics Baseball vs. Daniel Webster College
3:00 p.m., athletic fields. Contact: 7-7801.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum
6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring Larry Weber, chairman and CEO of Advanced Marketing Services, and The Interpublic Group of Companies, Founder, Weber Shandwick Worldwide. Contact: 7-7734 or maryann.machanic@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 27

ITC Workshop: Technology-Enhanced Classroom Teaching
1:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Healey Library, lower level. Use technology to enhance your classroom instruction. Workshop code: OCW-01B. Contact: www.itc.umb.edu or 7-3990.

FRIDAY 28

Biology Department Seminar: Effects of Forest Alteration and Fragmentation: Lessons from Birds, Amphibians, and Mosses
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Michael Reed of Tufts University. Contact: 7-6600 or maria.papuga@umb.edu.

SATURDAY 29

UMass Boston Beacons Athletics Lacrosse vs. Norwich University
1:00 p.m., athletic fields. Contact: 7-7801.

UMass Boston Beacons Athletics Men's Tennis vs. Curry College
1:00 p.m., tennis courts. Contact: 7-7801.

MISCELLANEOUS

Beacon Fitness Center
Open to faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Fitness professionals, strength equipment, racquetball, and squash courts available. Class offerings in boot camp aerobics, circuit training, weight training, etc. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Beacon Fitness Center Massage Therapy
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Fridays, McCormack Hall, Beacon Fitness Center Conference Room, 1st fl. A licensed massage therapist conducts noninvasive massage therapy by appointment. Cost is \$20 for 20 minutes or \$10 for 10 minutes. Contact: Amy Aransky, 781-354-3450.

Christian Worship and Fellowship
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. All are welcome. Contact: 7-5838 or adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu.

Intramural Aqua Aerobics
5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Clark Pool, Clark Athletic Center. Contact: Intramural Office, Rick Sledzik, 7-7830.

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)
Interested in expanding your technology horizons? Visit the ITC website at www.itc.umb.edu or call 7-2990 for updated workshop information.

Nutrition and Fitness Workshop: Making Healthy Food and Fitness Choices
2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Mondays, McCormack Hall, 1-613. Support, nutrition and fitness tips each week. To register: www.umbwellness.org or 7-5648

Office Break Yoga
1:15 – 1:45 p.m., Tuesdays and 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Wednesdays, McCormack Hall, 1-613. Free sessions. You need to preregister. Reiki also offered. Contact: www.umbwellness.org or 7-5648.

Spiritual Growth through Social Justice
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Mondays, Wheatley Hall, 4-118; 11:30 – 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays, McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. Contact: 7-5839 or maggie.cahill@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra
5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Wednesday rehearsals, Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium. Open to all members of the UMass Boston community. Contact: Jon C. Mitchell, conductor, 7-6981.

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