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# THE UNIVERSITY Reporter

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## Children's Defense Fund President and Former Boston Bruin Among Honorees at UMass Boston's 2003 Commencement

By Leigh DuPuy

A nationally renowned advocate for children, a former Boston Bruin whose drive and dedication extend well beyond the rink, the state's first Latino senator, and an Irish man of letters will be honored by the University of Massachusetts Boston at its 35th commencement, to be held on May 31 in the Bayside Exposition Center.

Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Washington D.C.-based Children's Defense Fund, will receive the Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Service and deliver the keynote address at the ceremony for 1,924 undergraduates and 818 graduate students set to receive their degrees this May.

"Marian Wright Edelman's career should highlight the foundation a university education can provide for a 'life of action,'" said Chancellor Jo Ann M. Gora.

As a lawyer, educator, and reformer, Edelman is best known for her devoted advocacy on behalf of disadvantaged Americans. Finding the Children's Defense Fund in 1973, she has worked tirelessly on behalf of children's welfare, education, rights, and healthcare.

Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-60's when, as the first black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP

Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. Her career includes providing counsel to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Poor People's March and writing seven books, for which she received the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award. Her achievements have earned her top accolades such as the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, awarded in 2000. A recipient of an honorary degree from UMass Boston in 1982, she will receive the Chancellor's Medal for her contributions to education, advocacy,



Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, will give the keynote address at UMass Boston's 35th commencement to be held on May 31.

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## Scientists Get into the Flow at the Complex Fluids Workshop



More than 80 scientists attended the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Complex Fluids Workshop held at UMass Boston this year, including (from left to right): Darren Link and Peter Schall from Harvard University and Edw Ginsberg of UMass Boston's Department of Physics. (Photo by Karen Silverstein, FOOV Films)

By Anne-Marie Kent

If you push on a liquid-crystal display, its hidden liquidity becomes apparent: digital numbers, once touched, distort into puddles of fingerprint form. UMass Boston physicist Greg Huber says all fluids reveal this kind of mechanical softness, a sensitive, "almost life-like" response to varying conditions.

From liquid-crystal displays to detergents, soaps, and petroleum products, even fluids we drink such as milk, we're surrounded by complex fluids. "Water is what the average person would point to as the ideal 'fluid,' but in fact a lot of everyday life involves fluids with far different properties, or in much more complex states than a simple glass of water," explains Huber, assistant professor of physics. "The

everyday world presents such a multifarious variety and multiplicity of fluid-like materials and behavior that no simple definition encompasses all the phenomena, but, nonetheless, researchers have settled on 'complex fluids' as a catchall phrase," says Huber.

On March 21, more than 80 scientists fascinated by the properties of complex fluids came to UMass Boston for the 14th New England Complex Fluids (NECF) Workshop. They came from universities throughout the country, including Cornell, Brown, Harvard, Yale, and MIT, to attend the event, which Huber brought to this campus.

"When I arrived at UMass Boston a couple years ago, I discovered that many area physicists had absolutely no idea there even was a

UMass in Boston. Clearly, the invisibility of the Physics Department here had to change, but how to go about doing this was not clear," says Huber. "Enter the NECF workshops. They were initiated by Seth Fraden from Brandeis and Dave Weitz from Harvard some years ago, and have traditionally oscillated between those universities. It seemed like a good opportunity for our Physics Department to engage with the greater Boston research community."

The program included five invited talks, entitled "Mechanics of Bacterial Flagella," "Self-Assembling Biological Springs," "Collective Phenomena in Intracellular Networks," "Probing Polymerization Forces Using Actin-Propelled Lipid Vesicles," and "Force Spec-

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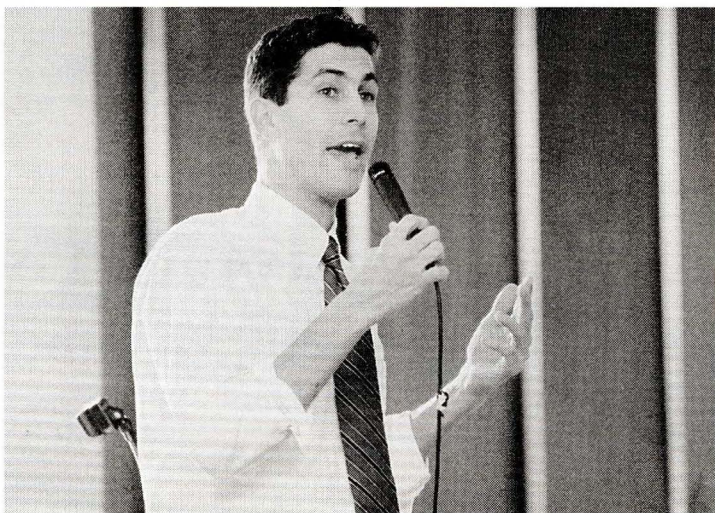
# Senator Jarrett Barrios Leads Forum on Diversity and Civility in Massachusetts and Nation

By Alexandra Wilson

Amid concerns of state budget cuts and the war in Iraq, Massachusetts state senator Jarrett Barrios spoke with faculty, staff, and students on April 16 at a special forum on "Diversity and Civility in Massachusetts and the Nation." Barrios addressed the ways in which diversity and civility can coexist in our society.

The grandson of Cuban immigrants, Barrios received a scholarship to Harvard University, where he earned his undergraduate degree. He earned a law degree from Georgetown University and went on to practice with the Cambridge law firm Hill and Barlow, where he was named "Pro-Bono Lawyer of the Year." In 1998, Barrios was elected to the Massachusetts State House of Representatives and in 2001 became the first Latino from the Commonwealth to be elected state senator.

"He is one of the best and



Senator Jarrett Barrios speaks at UMass Boston on April 16. (Photo by Harry Brett)

brightest new legislators," said Paul Fonteyn, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Barrios was the first speaker in a series sponsored by the Council for Promotion of a Diverse and Civil Community. At the forum, Barrios noted that difference is a fact of life, but that a diverse society is not necessarily a civil one.

"A civil community in which we

are all alike is an easy thing," said Barrios. He said that as citizens, we have to learn from and interact with one another to develop civility, even in very small ways.

"There is a value in getting on the subway and sitting across from someone who isn't like you," Barrios said.

Barrios affirmed that education and schools, where the most sig-

nificant social engagements can occur, should prepare students for more than just work and money.

"Students can be educated in dealing with a world that's diverse," he said, pointing to schools like UMass Boston that offer affordable, accessible, and flexible education to a diverse population.

"A place like UMass Boston is not diverse because it happens to be in Boston," said Barrios, citing that other schools are "in Boston but not of Boston."

Barrios stressed the need for involvement and interaction in light of Governor Romney's new proposed budget, which calls for severe cuts and restructuring of the university system.

"This is where your advocacy really matters," Barrios said.

Barrios will return to UMass for commencement, where he will receive the Chancellor's Medal for his successes in affordable housing, health care, and education.

## UMass Boston Receives \$600,000 GAANN Grant

On April 18, the Biology Department received word from Senator Edward M. Kennedy's office that it has been awarded a \$600,000 Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) grant from the U.S. Department of Education (USDE). The GAANN fellowships will support six students in UMass Boston's Ph.D. program in biology over three years. The funds will supplement stipends, tuition waivers, and provide resources for top students in need.

"This is just amazing for us, winning this kind of award in our first attempt," said Greg Beck, associate professor of biology and lead investigator for the GAANN program. "This will really strengthen the Ph.D. program. We'll be able to extend support for our students, as there are very limited funds available for stipends, and we'll be able to attract top students to the program."

## Commerce and Labor Chief Receives CM Executive Award

The College of Management (CM) will present the Distinguished Executive Award to Robert C. Pozen at a luncheon held on May 7. As chief of commerce and labor for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Pozen is helping Governor Mitt Romney close the state's large budget gap and reorganize its related functions. Pozen is also responsible for supervising the banking, insurance, and utilities commissions. During the luncheon, he will present a talk on "Managing the State's Budget Crisis."

Pozen is a former CM faculty member and developed the graduate course "Managing Mutual Funds," which was based on his book *The Mutual Fund Business*. In addition to his years teaching at UMass Boston and Harvard Law School, Pozen formerly served as vice chairman of Fidelity Investments and president of Fidelity Management and Research Company.

Pozen is the third recipient of the award, joining the ranks of Lawrence Lasser from Putnam Investments and Lawrence Fish from Citizens Bank, who have won the award in past years.

By Ed Hayward and Leigh DuPuy

Against a backdrop of U.S. military action in Iraq, an altercation between a military recruiter, students, and an Africana Studies professor on April 3 resulted in the arrest of the professor by campus police and prompted university officials to hold a forum in the Ryan Lounge to discuss issues raised by the incident.

The arrest of adjunct faculty member Anthony Van Der Meer on charges of assault and battery on a police officer and resisting arrest sparked an intense discussion about the presence of recruiters on campus, the role of university police, and the standards on campus for civil discourse.

Nearly 200 students, faculty and staff – as well as a number of individuals from outside the campus – attended the forum, which was moderated by Interim Dean of Students Angeline Lopes Ellison. A panel comprised of faculty, students and administrators, as well as Professor Van Der Meer, held an open discussion and then took questions and statements from the audience for 90 minutes.

## University Responds in Community Forum of Understanding

"I hope today's discussion results in a greater understanding and respect for the roles we all play in this wonderful institution, whether as faculty, staff, students or chancellor," Chancellor Gora, who was out of town on university business, told the gathering in a statement read by David MacKenzie, vice chancellor for administration and finance.

"I further hope the forum provides a greater opportunity for civil discourse in turbulent times. A university is and should always be the place where the freedoms of speech and assembly guaranteed to all of us under the Constitution are sacred, welcome and respected," she added.

MacKenzie said he was disturbed by comments made by students who said they felt threatened or unsafe on campus. His sentiments were shared by Public Safety Chief Phillip O'Donnell, who also participated on the panel.

"Our primary purpose is to create an atmosphere in which people feel safe. We try very hard to do everything we possibly can

to protect and serve," said O'Donnell, who added that arrest is the last option university police pursue.

He noted that out of 22,005 incidents logged by UMass Boston Police last year, officers made just 12 arrests. Of those, nearly half were based on outstanding warrants ordered by the court system.

Professor Van Der Meer, who pleaded not guilty to the charges in court, spoke briefly to the audience.

"I enjoy what I do, I enjoy teaching and having a safe environment where we have a right to speak," commented Professor Van Der Meer, who was joined on the panel by colleague Jemadari Kamara. "Everyone has different experiences and beliefs.... I appreciate Chancellor Gora calling me to express her concern. This is my community. We can resolve this. Get beyond the 'other' and heal our society, heal our world."

Panelist Kevin Bowen, director of the William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences, addressed the underlying thread of Thursday's in-

cident, the presence of Army National Guard recruiters on campus.

"People are expressing their opposition to war and saying that they don't feel safe," said Bowen. "I don't feel any of us feel safe right now. Polarization creates silences. It is an important step to find a way to coexist, deal with differences, and treat each other with respect."

By law, military recruiters are permitted on campuses that receive federal funding.

Students composed the largest group in the audience. Represented by Tarshar Moore and Fritz Hippolyte on the panel, dozens of students lined up to present their thoughts and reactions, addressing the crowd for two minutes apiece.

In an interview, the chancellor indicated her desire for the public safety office to recommit itself to the principles of community policing, adding: "As an educational community, we need to find alternatives to arrest whenever circumstances make that possible."

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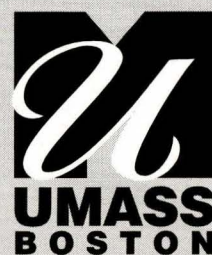
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# Mediating in the Middle East: Ambassador Discusses Role of the U.S.



Dennis Ross, director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, discusses the future of U.S. involvement in the Middle East, in his April 8 address at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Leigh DuPuy

As national news carried stories of celebrations and looting in the streets of Baghdad, Ambassador Dennis Ross led a timely discussion on the role of U.S. involvement in the Middle East at the University Club on April 8. Sponsored by UMass Boston's Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, this was the second lecture in a three-part series focused on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

"The lessons of peacekeeping in the Middle East will become increasingly relevant," said Ross, currently the director of the Washing-

ton Institute for Near East Policy. "In terms of Iraq, the broader questions is what will happen in the region after the war?" he told the audience. "What do we do in the aftermath? Does the U.S. run everything? Will the U.N. come in? Do the Iraqi exiles come in?" Having played a major role in shaping the government's public policy for the region under three administrations, Ross shared what he feels are the considerable challenges and necessary resolutions.

"We will have a window of opportunity following the end of this

war," he said. "We must multinationalize our involvement." He outlined what he believes to be critical next steps in rebuilding Iraq: establishing peacekeepers, creating an international civic administration, and focusing on an Iraqi-oriented transition. He believes that the transition process has to have a "distinct Iraqi footprint."

Perhaps the most dire challenges Ross identified were those that fuel terrorism: alienation, anger, hostility, and lost hope. "We have to deal with the hearts and minds of people. We are accused of enacting a double standard," he said. "We use democracy against those we don't like, not for those we do... If we are not consistent in our values, we appear to further embrace our 'double standard.'" He advocates the U.S. embracing a process for reform with a "degree of humility."

Naseer Aruri, an award-winning author who has written extensively on the Middle East and the conflict, was the third lecturer in the series and addressed the subject of Palestinian refugees for an audience on April 29 in the Chancellor's Conference Room.

# New Dean for Graduate College of Education

By Leigh DuPuy

The Graduate College of Education (GCOE) will begin fall semester 2003 with a new dean – higher education specialist Lester F. Goodchild. Dr. Goodchild, who has been serving as both acting and interim dean of the College of Education for the University of Denver (DU), will begin his tenure at UMass Boston on August 18.

"I am really looking forward to working with the university, the college, and faculty in supporting UMass Boston's excellent programs and creating innovative new ones," Goodchild said in a recent phone interview. Goodchild is known for his commitment to developing and improving academic programs that focus on educational needs of urban communities. He was directly responsible for DU's three university-based schools and one K-5 charter school in partnership with Denver Public Schools and their 900 children. He successfully led the effort to develop those institutions as professional development schools.

He has worked for DU for 13 years, and as interim dean, was responsible for the College of Education's six graduate programs in curriculum and instruction, educational leadership and policy studies, higher education and adult studies, counseling psychology, educational psychology, and library and information science. At the university level, he established the Committee on the Advancement of Doctoral Programs and chaired the Distance Learning Task Force for five years.

Goodchild has also successfully led accreditation efforts at both the department and college levels. Most recently, in his capacity as interim dean, he coordinated all DU College of Education activities as part of the Higher Learning Commission's 2001 university-wide accreditation of DU.

In his administrative roles, Goodchild has had extensive experience in the recruitment of faculty, program assessment and development, doctoral student advisement, budgets, academic organizations, and cultivation and support for scholarship through grants and fundraising.

No stranger to urban universities, Goodchild taught at Iowa State University, where he became very familiar with land-grant mis-



Lester F. Goodchild, who has been serving as both acting and interim dean of the College of Education at the University of Denver, will start his appointment at UMass Boston in August. (Photo by Robert C. Sorgatz)

sion and outreach to the state's citizens. "I'd liked to collaborate with the faculty in providing greater higher education opportunities and involving GCOE even further in public service to the city and state," he said.

He has developed a national view of higher education programs through serving as chair of the Council for Advancement of Higher Education Program, a standing committee of the Association for the Study of Higher Education, for three years. His impressive scholarship includes the presentation of 75 international, national, and local conference papers and publication of 47 past and forthcoming works. He also has written four books, including, most recently, *Public Policy and Higher Education*. His editorial activities have been extensive, with assistant and associate editorships, three board memberships, and stints as a reviewer for six journals.

"Chancellor Gora and I are confident that Dr. Goodchild possesses the necessary vision, leadership skills, academic record, and commitment to education required to lead the Graduate College of Education and its fine faculty to meet successfully the many challenges we face," said Provost Paul Fonteyn. "We look forward with great enthusiasm to working with him."

Goodchild received a B.A. in sociology from the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minnesota), an M.A. in historical theology and comparative religions from Indiana University, and a Ph.D. in higher education and adult education from the University of Chicago.

# Healey Library Renews More Than Just Books at Open House

By Kim Trauceniek

On April 3, the Healey Library dazzled students, faculty, staff, and friends with an open house event. Instead of pleas to "shhh, quiet please," the library and the newly formed Friends of the Library wowed guests with performances by the Unity African Dance and Theatre Company, the Joseph Omicil Jazz Trio, and poetry readings by Johnine Simpson and Saul Torres. Also on display was the artwork of William Tucker and photography by Mari Carmen Cintrón.

The event was just one of the many efforts that the library is making to boost its visibility and renew its commitment to UMass Boston and the community. The library also shared what it calls its "hidden treasures." Among them are the Early Childhood Literacy Center, sponsored by the Dorchester Cluster and Read Boston, and the JSTOR database, a "treasure trove" of over two million scholarly journal articles dating back to the early days of the republic, thanks to David Outerbridge's gift to the Library.

"Friends of the Library help us strengthen scholarly life at UMass Boston by providing financial support so that we can improve our collection and implement new



Friends and staff of the Healey Library (from left to right): Robert Bodeen, Emilie Delquie, and Maggie Stanley. (Photo by Harry Brett)

initiatives," said Daniel Ortiz, director of libraries. "I am so grateful for their support and zeal."

Outerbridge, an alumnus of UMass Boston, has been instrumental in jump-starting the Friends of the Library. "I hope that by raising awareness of how important a library is to a university, something wonderful comes out of this event."

With its eye on the future during this critical time for UMass Boston, the library's most urgent goal is to continue to improve service and accessibility. "Our renewal of the university library will have a lasting influence on our campus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century," said Chancellor Gora.

Provost Paul Fonteyn unveiled

the library's new vision. Picture a cybercafé, web-enhanced study rooms, and a media center, to name a few proposed amenities. "The library is truly the crossroads of the harbor campus."

UMass Boston student Hortense Dossous said, "It's great to see so many faces here tonight. The culture, poetry, and dance help celebrate what UMass is about."

"The intelligence and sensitivity of the library staff make this library so special," said Rusty Simonds, professor and chair of political science. "The library is the soul of the campus."

To find out more about the Friends of the Library, visit <http://friends.lib.umb.edu>.

## Got News?

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## Longtime Marathoner Connie Chan is Featured in Nike Ad Campaign

By Leigh DuPuy

Walking through Back Bay MBTA Station recently, you may have seen a familiar face on one of the large banners featuring marathon runners hanging from the T station ceiling or on a poster plastered throughout Boston. Connie Chan, College of Community and Public Service professor and co-director of the Institute for Asian American Studies, was one of four "regular" runners spotlighted in the highly visible Nike advertising campaign for the Boston Marathon 2003. This is the first year that Nike is featuring non-elite runners in their Marathon Monday promotions.

Chan is anything but an average runner, having completed 28 marathons and counting. After witnessing her first Boston Marathon while a graduate student in psychology at Boston University, Chan was inspired to take up running the next day. It has become a passion for her. However, even after many marathons, Chan never thought she would be able to qualify for the Boston Marathon, which requires athletes to run a previous marathon under a competitive time standard.

When the Boston Athletic Association offered new qualifying times, Chan was determined to meet those for her age group.

It wasn't until 1991, thirteen

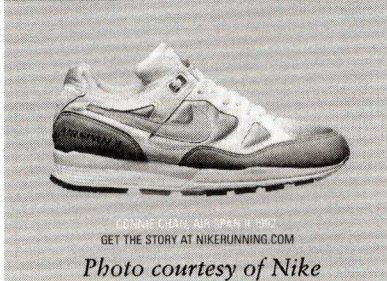


Photo courtesy of Nike

years after completing her first marathon that she was able to qualify. She trains hard every year to renew this qualification and has completed twelve consecutive Boston marathons since 1992, finishing this year in just over four hours.

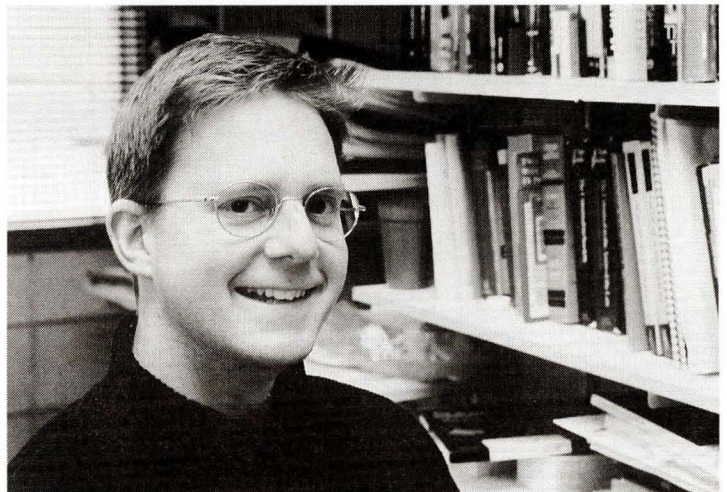
Chan wrote of what the Boston Marathon meant to her and the incredible exhilaration she felt at the start of her first Boston

marathon to the list-serve community of the Dead Runners Society, saying, "I could hardly believe I was really wearing a number and standing at the start of the Boston Marathon. As we prepared to run, tears welled up in my eyes, and my chest felt tight. I closed my eyes. I have waited 15 years for this moment, a moment I thought would never come."

A friend from the group read the inspirational story and encouraged Chan to submit it to Nike, which was soliciting entries from runners about the meaning of the Boston Marathon. It clearly inspired those in charge of the campaign, who selected Chan as one of two women to represent the regular runners.

Chan participated in a photo shoot with the other runners, including Joan Benoit Samuelson and Marla Runyan, and recorded her impressions of Boston and her experiences running its marathon. Her photo, ad, and voice were featured on [www.nikerunning.com](http://www.nikerunning.com) under the Marathon Monday link. Hearing her story of continued determination and her love of the sport, it is clear that Chan is anything but an ordinary runner.

## Sociology Professor Wins Yale's Sussman Award



James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, received top honors from Yale University for his research on how society views punishment. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Joe Peters

With a phrase like "Going to hell in a cradle" in its title, James Willis's Ph.D. dissertation perhaps was bound to be noticed. However, it has accomplished more than mere head turning, earning the sociology professor the Marvin B. Sussman Award for the best dissertation the Yale Sociology Department received in the past two years.

"It makes you feel like all those hours in the library were worth something," says Willis. The subject matter of his work is Britain's policy of transporting prisoners to the United States and Australia during the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. "In short, it's looking at how punishments change over time," he says.

After submitting his dissertation in 2000, Willis came to UMass Boston and found he had to make his own adjustment to a student body that in some regards is much more challenging than those of Yale or Wellesley, where he had lectured.

"The students here are much more worldly," he says, explaining that UMass Boston students bring their own life experiences into class discussions whereas students at other schools rely on more abstract or coached answers.

Currently, Willis's work outside the classroom involves evaluating COMPSTAT, a method of measuring crime and the effectiveness of police. He spent a great deal of time interviewing police in Lowell as part of a report he has coauthored.

Willis can trace his disserta-

tion interest to a sentence he read in graduate school. It simply referred to the fact that British prisoners were transported to other countries in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. A British immigrant himself, Willis decided to delve into this phenomenon. He admits never finding that one moment of epiphany that researchers dream of. "It much more became an exercise of blood, sweat, and tears," he says.

"I think one of the things about this is that it was a very different kind of project," he says of why his dissertation may have risen above others submitted. "When people talk about theories of punishment, they usually don't address transportation," he adds, explaining that transportation of prisoners was a sort of "social oddity" that often is overlooked. Apparently it was not a very pleasant oddity either; "Going to hell in a cradle" is how one 18<sup>th</sup> century prisoner described the trip to America.

Willis plans to return to his dissertation subject matter for a journal article he hopes to submit this summer, and recently he did return to Yale for talk on his dissertation and to accept the Sussman Award.

While his dissertation research and his current work may be centuries apart, he does see broad connections between the two in terms of how society views the meaning of punishment.

"I feel as though I am in these two different worlds," he says. "One is very current and applied, and the other is very historical."

Take a break. Enjoy the weather. Enjoy the music. It's spring!

## Music for Spring

Throughout the spring months, the University Plaza will become the stage for a diverse musical showcase.

This outdoor concert series for the UMass Boston community is sponsored by the Chancellor's Office, with the cooperation of the Office of University Communications and Community Relations. **Concerts take place in the afternoon.**

**May 8: Night Rhythm**  
12:00 - 2:00 pm; Jazz Singer and Four Players: Bass, Piano, Sax, Percussion

**May 15: Soulive**  
3:30-5PM; Reggae, hip hop and fusion

**May 21: New England Winds**  
12:00 - 1:30 pm; Air Force Quintet

**May 28: Inca Son**  
12:00 - 2:00 pm; Music & Dance of the Andes

**June 5: Blue Suede Boppers**  
12:00 - 2:00 pm; Rock & Roll of the 50's and 60's



## Complex Fluids (cont.)

troscopy of Single Molecule DNA-Protein Interactions." In addition, there were 29 brief contributed talks, including three presented by UMass Boston graduate students.

One presentation even addressed qualities of slime molds. "Why would anyone care about slime molds?" Huber was asked. "Because they are eukaryotes, slime molds are our close relatives on the tree of life, and they have been much studied as a model organism. Nonetheless, it is not even understood exactly how they are able to move about in response to chemical clues in their environment."

Huber explains, "Many people go into this just for the sake of curiosity. They just want to know how single molecules, especially huge ones like DNA or proteins, behave. Curiosity drives this field, and applications are the by-product."

He adds, "Production, manipulation, and control of complex fluids are major issues for industry. A significant proportion of chemical engineers, for instance, rely on the robust connections between industrial practices and research work on complex fluids."

And there's room for more dis-

covery. "Many of the technological advances of recent years have resulted from making circuits smaller or exploiting new phenomena at the micron scale or below," says Huber. "Most of these are built on advances in *hard* condensed matter physics. We are just beginning to see what structures can be based on soft matter physics. Life has already figured this out: cells work at this scale, and evolution has devised for them incredible structures, devices, and machines that we can only marvel at. We don't know how they work or how to build them from scratch," says Huber.

## UMass Boston Pool Has Expanded Its Hours!

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# University Health Services Expands Care to Faculty and Staff

By Ed Hayward

Faculty and staff can now see a nurse practitioner at University Health Services (UHS) for a fee of just \$20 per visit. Under a new program launched to promote a healthier campus, employees can get care faster and eliminate the time and cost of driving to a provider off-campus.

UMass Boston's 2,642 employees can make appointments for the treatment of symptoms ranging from colds, flu, ear and sinus infections, bronchitis, urinary tract infections, and gastroenteritis, said Kathleen Golden McAndrew, executive director of UHS, located on the second floor of the Quinn Administration Building.

"The whole focus is that we want to do what we can to make the campus healthy," said Golden McAndrew. "Given what is going on in the community and in health care in general, we know some people who call their provider's office for episodic care can wait two days to a week for an appointment."

The goal is to provide same-day services, but health services asks that faculty and staff call to make an appointment. The \$20 fee is payable by check, cash, or major credit card. There is no third-party billing, Golden McAndrew said.

Health services officials hope providing episodic care on campus can offer a consumer-friendly health care alternative by cutting down on time spent waiting to get an appointment, eliminating the need to leave work, and cutting down on drive time and extra parking expenses.

"The experience was great," said



Cynthia Williams of Institutional Advancement and Mayra Torres, receptionist, demonstrate the ease of visiting University Health Services. (Photo by Harry Brett)

UMass Boston employee Kathleen Malloy. "I needed a cholesterol test. The services were quick and easy, friendly and convenient. It was so much easier than taking time off work to travel to my doctor's office."

Medical Director Pat Halon said faculty and staff should know there is no referral required. "Most people have the impression that if they have an HMO they have to go to their doctor first," said Halon. "But we don't do third-party billing, so this has no effect on the relationship or costs connected to your primary care provider."

UHS will also do blood work ordered by your primary care provider. A list of required labs from the patient's doctor is all that's required. For a \$10 phlebotomy fee, all blood work is sent to Quest Diagnostics, which will bill the patient's insurance company.

The new episodic care program started this semester in response to requests in the past from faculty and staff for health services on campus. UHS is a trust-funded department

paid for predominantly through student health fees. Therefore, UHS must charge the modest \$20 fee to cover costs of faculty and staff care.

Golden McAndrew said episodic care can ensure that all parts of the campus population are able to receive some kind of treatment.

"You can't just treat one part of the campus and expect the other parts not to need help. You have to try to treat all groups, because we're all working together in the same buildings," said Golden McAndrew.

If employees can be seen faster and learn just what their symptoms mean, then that can ultimately reduce exposure to co-workers and students.

As of May 1, UHS will operate Travelwell, which will provide pre- and post-travel counseling. University students and staff planning foreign travel this summer can receive help with destination information, health and safety concerns, immunizations, and travel medical kits. For more information, contact 7-5661.

# Public Service Awards For Commonwealth Journal

By Melissa Fassel

*Commonwealth Journal*, the weekly public affairs program produced by WUMB Radio and the Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities, boasts three prestigious awards this spring for its public service programming.

The public affairs show won the first-place American Cancer Society "Sword of Hope Award" for the second time in three years for a series of four programs about cancer research and support. The show featured two staff members from the Center for Survey Research, Floyd Fowler and Lois Beiner, as well as members of the Wellness Center of Greater Boston and an author of a book about cancer survival. The award recognizes news media that have raised awareness and deepened the public's understanding of cancer.

"This award is particularly competitive given that the pool of stations is comprised of the whole of New England," says Pat Monteith, general manager of WUMB Radio. "Only one station in six states wins the award."

For a show on "Menopause in Society" featuring Lynette Leidy-Sievert, UMass Amherst associate professor of anthropology, *Commonwealth Journal* placed first among competition in Massachusetts and Rhode Island in the Associated Press Public Service Award. The program is receiving this award for the fourth year in a row.

The show also won a Silver

Award in the ACE 1003 Critique and Awards Program. ACE (Agricultural Communicators in Education) is an international association of communicators and information technologists. WUMB staffers received their awards during ceremonies held in late April.

*Commonwealth Journal* features segments with scholars, writers, cultural workers, and public officials examining current issues of particular interest to Massachusetts listeners. Programs range from topics such as "Three Centuries of Christmas in New England" to "Massachusetts Diners" and "MCAS Testing."

*Commonwealth Journal's* knowledgeable and expert host, Barbara Neely, is an award-winning author, perhaps best known for her Blanche White mystery series. She has worked in several capacities in the media and public sector and is a much-sought-after public speaker who has addressed audiences on college campuses and elsewhere.

*Commonwealth Journal* is produced with support from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Listeners can tune in every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on 91.9 FM in Boston. The program is syndicated on 23 public radio stations across Massachusetts.

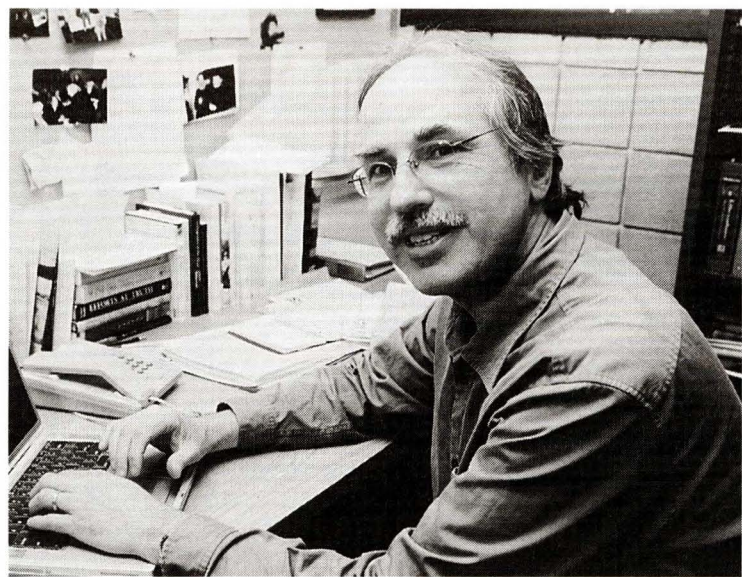
# Creative Writing Professor Examines America and the Ukraine Through Literature

By Leigh DuPuy

Don't call Askold Melnyczuk a Ukrainian-American writer. Professor Melnyczuk, director of the Creative Writing Program, explains: "I consider myself an American writer, dealing with Ukrainian-American identity, history, and the present."

What it means to have a Ukrainian heritage in America is the focus of his books *What Is Told* and *Ambassadors of the Dead*, which was recognized as one of the *LA Time's* best books of 2002. Melnyczuk continues the exploration through recent trips to his parents' homeland and lectures on the Ukraine and American literature at UMass Boston, Harvard University, and Ohio State University.

Melnyczuk's examination of the Ukraine has natural roots in his childhood and heritage. A child of parents exiled from the



Askold Melnyczuk is director of the Creative Writing Program at UMass Boston. (Photo by Harry Brett)

nation in the 1950s, he learned their language while growing up in New Jersey. He observes, "The language has given me an intimacy into the Ukraine culture and literature that would have been impossible without it."

His early literary endeavors included translating poetry from Ukrainian into English, as well as exploring themes of heritage and immigration in his own creative work. Melnyczuk first visited the Ukraine in 1990, meeting several

young writers who would later become some of the nation's most prominent artists. When he returned to Kyiv in September of 2002 as the keynote speaker at a conference on American literature, he recalled, "It really moved me to hear young scholars speaking in eloquent and charmingly accented English about Jamaica Kincaid, Alice Walker, and post-colonialism."

Melnyczuk is especially interested in the intersection of American and Ukrainian culture, particularly since the Ukraine's culture had been fractured by war and strife and is now enjoying a renaissance.

"The word 'Diaspora' applies to culture as a conversation that gets fragmented by war or violence," he explains. "When the conversation gets picked up thirty years later, people find

themselves struggling to finish sentences whose opening words they've long forgotten."

He believes American literature can contribute to that conversation. He says, "The picture most Ukrainians have of the United States is generally limited to what our popular media represents. That is a world I could never live in myself, and luckily most of us here don't. Literature, music, painting, and other arts help provide a far fuller portrait of what America is really like."

Melnyczuk has just completed his third novel and has begun work on several new projects, in addition to his work at UMass Boston teaching creative writing to undergraduate and graduate students in the English Department.



# CAMPUS NOTES

## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

In March, **Randy Albelda** of the Economics Department and Ph.D. in Public Policy Program delivered the talk “Welfare-to-Work, Farewell to Families?” for Women’s History Month at University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. She also gave the keynote speech at the “Access to Justice” conference organized by the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation.

**Elsa Auerbach**, professor of English, presented the workshop “The Treasures of Bilingual Families” at the Multiculturalism and Literacy Development Workshop, and was a plenary speaker and workshop presenter at the conference “Popular Education and the Immigrant Workforce: Organizing for Language, Literacy, and Workers’ Rights,” held at the University of California at Berkeley.

**James Bierstaker**, assistant professor of accounting and finance, published the article “Auditor Recall and Evaluation of Internal Control Information: Does Task-Specific Knowledge Mitigate Part-List Interference?” in *Managerial Auditing Journal*.

On March 25 and 26, **Steve Bliven** and **Dan Hellin** of the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) facilitated two public focus groups addressing the issue of “Increasing Involvement in and Awareness of Coastal Zone Management in New Jersey.” These meetings are part of UHI’s ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of the New Jersey Program.

**Ann Blum** of the Hispanic Studies Department presented the paper “Delegating Motherhood: Maternal Strategies and Public Welfare, Mexico City, 1920–1930,” at the XXIV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, where she also served as discussant on a panel entitled “Women, Ethnicity, and Mexican Authority: Reproductive and Children’s Health in Latin America.”

**Linda Eisenmann**, associate professor in the Department of Leadership in Education, delivered the address at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual meeting, held in Chicago in April. The Vice President of AERA, she spoke on “Reclaiming the ‘Incidental Students’: Higher Education and Women in the 1950s.”

**Jeffrey Keisler**, assistant professor in the Department of Management Science and Information Systems, gave an invited presentation for the Systems Engineering Seminar, held at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on February 6. His talk was entitled “Value of Information in Portfolio Decision Analysis.”

**Darren Kew**, assistant professor in the Dispute Resolution Program, was an election observer in Nigeria with the National Democratic Institute from April 7 to 21. He recently gave a presentation on the elections for the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) roundtable on Nigeria.

**Peter Kiang**, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, delivered an invited keynote address titled “Stories for Children and Families in Asian American Studies” to commemorate Asian Awareness Month at Wesleyan University in April.

On March 28, **Esther Kingston-Mann**, professor of history and American studies, gave the keynote speech at the Southern Conference for Slavic Studies in Savannah, Georgia. The title of her talk was “The Romance of Privatization.”

**Mary Jo Marion**, associate director of the Gastón Institute, testified before the Boston City Council Education Committee on March 25 on Question 2 implementation in Boston Public Schools.

Art professor **Elizabeth Marran** presented prints currently on display in her solo exhibition entitled “Blue Rapunzel” at the OHT Gallery in Boston to the Southern Graphics Conference on April 6. The exhibition was highlighted in the April 4 *Boston Globe’s* “Critics’ Picks.”

On April 5, the Department of Sociology cosponsored an all-day conference on violence with the Center for the Study of Violence at Boston Graduate School of Psychoanalysis. The conference, held at Lipke Auditorium, was attended by over three hundred participants. **Siamak Movahedi**, professor and chair of the Sociology Department, was one of the many program speakers.

The Computer Sciences Department’s **Marc Pomplun** and **Sindhura Sunkara** presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Undergraduate Research in Salt Lake City. The presentation was a part of Sunkara’s honors thesis: “Evaluating Human-Computer Interface Usability Based on Pupillary Response.”

**William Robinson**, associate provost and professor of environmental, coastal, and ocean sciences, presented the paper “Marine Biotechnology — The Challenge of Converting Basic Research into Applied Science,” which was co-authored with **Manickam Sugumaran**, associate dean of Graduate Studies and professor of biology, at the Italy-USA Joint Symposium on Marine Biology and Biotechnology.

On April 10, **Gary Siperstein**, CPCS professor and director of the Center for Social Development and Education, and **Jennifer Norins**, research assistant and recent graduate of CAS, presented preliminary findings of the Special Olympics Multinational Attitude Study on Mental Retardation at the annual Council for Exceptional Children Conference in Seattle.

Several Asian American Studies Program faculty—**Rajini Srikanth**, **Karen Suyemoto**, **Zong-Guo Xia**, and **Peter Kiang**—co-presented as panelists at a forum on Asian Pacific American Faculty in Higher Education held at Harvard’s Graduate School of Education in April.

Art professor **Nancy Stieber** spoke on “Interdisciplinarity within a Discipline-Specific Journal” at the international colloquium “Art History and Its Journals,” held at the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown, Massachusetts, in March.

On April 5, **Peter Taylor** and **Steve Rudnick** led a group of 14 UMass Boston faculty and graduate students in presenting the curriculum units developed to address sustainability concerns. These units ranged from developing a funding proposal for promoting community gardens in Dorchester to quantitative reasoning exercises using trends in municipal waste and recycling data.

On April 4, **David Terkla**, professor of economics, gave a presentation to the Massachusetts Association of Chamber Executives on the Massachusetts Business Roundtable report “Transportation Planning and Development in Massachusetts: Recommended Changes for the New Millennium,” which he completed with Public Policy Ph.D. students **Phil Granberry** and **Steve Quimby**.

**Joan Tonn**, associate professor of the College of Management, is the author of the new book *Mary P. Follett: Creating Democracy, Transforming Management*, which will be published by the Yale University Press on April 25.

**Andrés Torres**, director of the Gastón Institute, was the discussant for the panel “Are Latinos Redrawing the Color Line?” held at Harvard University’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies on March 12.

**Polly Welsh**, assistant director of the ESL Center and director of the Directions for Student Potential Program, and **Carlos Maynard**, graduate student in Applied Sociology and Applied Linguistics, conducted an ESL Tutor Training Workshop for students at Boston College on April 7.

**Paul M. Wright**, Boston office editor of the University of Massachusetts Press, recently published “‘Perspectives’ as American Book History: Developing a Late Twentieth-Century Artifact,” in *The Book*, a newsletter of the American Antiquarian Society.

## PUBLICATIONS

The Irish journal *Cyphers* published a special issue of Vietnamese poetry in May that was edited by the Joiner Center’s **Nguyen Ba Chung** and **Kevin Bowen**.

**Kevin Bowen**, director of the Joiner Center, published a collection of new poems and poems selected from previous books, *Eight True Maps of the West*, with Dedalus Press. He will travel to Dublin in May to celebrate the launch of the book.

A memoir by **Alan Helms**, professor of English, *Young Man from the Provinces*, is being republished with a new afterward by University of Minnesota Press.

The joint plenary address that **Richard Horsley**, distinguished professor of liberal arts and study of religion, delivered to the New England Regional Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature, “Religion and Other Products of Empire,” was published in the March 2003 issue of *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*.

**Darren Kew**, assistant professor in the Dispute Resolution Program, contributed a chapter on Nigeria that will be published in the Houghton-Mifflin textbook *Issues in Comparative Politics*.

College of Community and Public Services adjunct faculty members **Sylvia Mignon** and **William Holmes**, with **Calvin Larson**, professor emeritus of sociology, recently published their book *Family Abuse: Consequences, Theories, and Responses*.

*Shooting the Rat: Outstanding Poems and Stories by High School Writers*, co-edited by **Mark Pawlak** of Academic Support Services and **Dick Lourie**, formerly of University Communications and Community Relations, has just been published by Hanging Loose Press.

**Lloyd Schwartz**, Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, just published a chapbook of his poems *Lloyd Schwartz: Greatest Hits 1973–2000*, with Pudding House Publications.

The first issue of the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, under the editorship of **Nancy Stieber**, professor of art, will appear in June 2003.

The essay “Paul Goodman as Advance-Guard Writer” by **Taylor Stoehr**, professor of English, appears in the current issue of *The Kenyon Review*.

**David Terkla**, professor of economics, co-wrote the article “The Adoption and Diffusion of High-Performance Management: Lessons from Japanese Multinationals in the West,” which was published in the March issue of *Cambridge Journal of Economics*.

Professor **John Tobin** of the English Department has four textual studies on several Renaissance dramas in the March 2003 issue of *Notes and Queries*.

## EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, SHOWS

Under the auspices of the Department of Corporate, Continuing, and Distance Education, Professor **David Patterson** of the Music Department presented “Music of the 40’s” in story and song at Kit Clark Services in Dorchester, with assistance from vocalist **Brigid Battell**, a Theatre Arts major.

UMass Boston’s Theatre Program, participating in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival XXXVI (KCACTF), has two actors, **Wendy Nystrom** and **Marta Johnson**, and one alternate, **Randolph Sainthelmy**, nominated to compete in the Irene Ryan Scholarship Competition at the Region I Festival in January 2004. They were selected for their work in *Romeo and Juliet* under the direction of Professor **Laura Schrader**.

## APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

**Peter Kiang**, Asian American Studies program director and professor of education, was recently appointed by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for a two-year term as chair of the commission’s Massachusetts State Advisory Committee.

**Enrico Marcelli**, assistant professor of economics, has been appointed the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholar at Harvard University. He will be working on a study of how neighborhood environment and social networks influence health outcomes among lower-income immigrants and other minorities in the United States.

The Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE) has selected **Sonia Michelson** and **Marian Spenser**, instructors in gerontology, to receive its 2003 Part-Time Faculty Recognition Honor. This honor recognizes part-time and adjunct instructors who make significant contributions to gerontological education.



# CAMPUS NOTES

**Sherry H. Penney**, former chancellor and now professor of leadership in the College of Management, will receive the 2003 Abigail Adams award from the Mass Women's Political Caucus at the awards ceremony on June 16 at the Fairmont Copley. The award is given annually to "women who have made a significant contribution to the realization of equal political, economic, and social rights for women."

The College of Management's recipients of the Dean's Awards for Distinguished Research for 2003 are: **Mary Lou Roberts**, professor of marketing, who has been honored for her work and publication of her book *Internet Marketing: Integrating Online and Offline Strategies*; and **Moshin Habib**, assistant professor of management, and **Leon Zurawicki**, professor of marketing, who have been honored jointly for their work on a paper on corruption in international business.

**Candice Rowe**, part-timer in the English Department, has been awarded an Honorable Mention in the Sheila Smith Short Story Prize by the National League of American Pen Women. She has also been named a finalist in the Writers @ Work Competition.

**Castellano B. Turner** has been appointed interim director of the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture.

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH

**Loverlie King**, assistant professor of English, has been awarded a summer stipend from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and a place in the NEH-sponsored institute on the history of the African American civil rights movement, 1866-1965, in July and August at the W. E. B. Dubois Institute at Harvard University.

**Mary Oleskiewicz**, assistant professor of music, has been awarded a \$5,000 Healey Endowment Grant to produce the first edition and CD recording of the six long-lost quartets for flute, violin, viola, and basso continuo by Johann Joachim Quantz.

**James Willis**, assistant professor of sociology, submitted a co-authored final research report, "Compstat and Organizational Change in a Small Police Department," to the Police Foundation as part of an NIJ-funded project on the place of Compstat in American policing.

The Asian American Studies Program was awarded \$2,000 by the Asian American Unity Fund to support production of a resource booklet to commemorate and connect the 100th anniversaries of Korean immigration to the U.S., the historic 1903 immigration raid against Boston Chinatown, and the contemporary deportation of Cambodian Americans.

The Center for Social Policy's Connection, Service and Partnership through Technology (CSPTech) Project has been awarded a \$25,000 challenge grant from the Boston Foundation's New Economy Initiative. The grant will help CSPTech to continue to develop a web-based querying tool that will allow use access to CSPTech data on homelessness among other related projects.

The Mauricio Gastón Institute received a \$21,000 grant from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation for an exchange between Cuban and Boston community development practitioners. The institute also received \$5,000 from the National Council of La Raza to conduct focus groups with Massachusetts voters on bilingual education.

The Annie E. Casey Foundation has awarded New England Resource Center for Higher Education (NERCHE) a \$42,000 grant to identify best practices among colleges and universities for addressing the needs of campus staff who come from the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

## DISSERTATIONS

**Amy Rebecca Gay**, assistant director of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution at CPCS, received her Ph.D. in social sciences from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

at Syracuse University, having successfully defended her dissertation, "Neither Judge Nor Jury: Norms and the Role of the Volunteer Community Mediator," in March.

**James McIntyre**, candidate for a Ph.D. in Public Policy, presented his dissertation research, "An Analysis of the State Public Education Aid Funding Mechanism Established by the Massachusetts Education Reform Act," on April 26.

**Chivimbiso Tawayena Kapungu**, candidate for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, presented his dissertation research, "Making Connections: Political Efficacy and Psychosocial Adaptation of African International Students in the United States. An Ecological Approach," on April 28.

## CORRECTION

The title of a new CD by **Mary Oleskiewicz** is the "Johann Joachim Quantz Flute Sonatas." *The Reporter* erroneously referred to it as "Joseph Joachim" in the Campus Notes section of the April issue.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Ann Torke**, assistant professor in the Art Department, is currently the Teen Media Artist in Residence at the Daniel Marr Boys and Girls Club for Arts on the Point's Community Outreach Program.

On April 9, the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy presented the 17th Women's Research Forum, featuring Professor Aminah Fernandes Pilgrim of Africana Studies and Co-Director of the Cape Verdean Language and Culture Institute.

WUMB's **Barbara Neely**, host of *Commonwealth Journal*, and staffers completed a two-part special on grandmothers, which is the first program that WUMB is distributing for national syndication. So far, nearly 30 stations across the country are airing the special.

## IN THE NEWS

Research by scientists at the Environmental, Coastal, and Ocean Sciences (ECOS) Department on the geochemical fingerprint of terrorism in New York Harbor was the focus of an article in the *LA Times* on April 6. **Sarah Oktay**, ECOS researcher, was quoted in the article.

**Richard Horsley**, distinguished professor of liberal arts and the study of religion, served as the lead historian for a PBS documentary, "Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution. The Rock and River/The Empire and the Kingdom," which aired on WGBH-TV 2 on April 9.

## Commencement (cont.)

and civil rights.

"Commencement is a capstone event in the lives of our graduates," Gora said. "It becomes even more, an integrating experience as well as a celebration, when the speaker is someone who shows by her example that the academic experience can be the basis for a life of action and a life which is whole."

The program will include three others who have dedicated their lives to public service and are models for achievement.

Former Boston Bruins forward Cam Neely will receive a Doctor of Laws degree in recognition not just of his excellence on the ice, but for his service to the Boston community through the Cam Neely Foundation for Cancer Care and the Neely House, which provide support to cancer patients and their families at Tufts-New England Medical Center. The foundation provides shelter as well as support services for families of

both adult and pediatric cancer patients undergoing treatment.

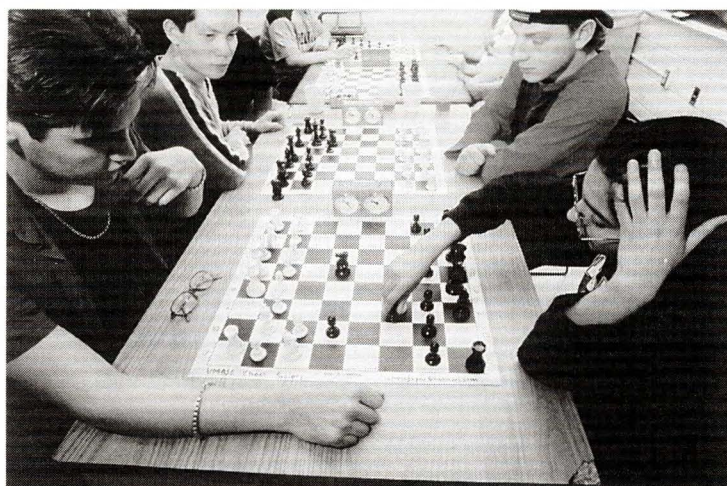
Recognized as one of the most popular Boston Bruins, Neely played ten of his 14 NHL seasons for the team. He scored 344 goals for the Bruins and still holds the team's all-time record for playoff goals. He played in five All-Star games and was awarded the Bill Masterton Trophy in 1994 as the player who best exemplified the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship, and dedication to hockey. He retired from playing hockey in 1996 because of a chronic hip injury and focused his energies on the foundation.

A Doctor of Laws degree will also be conferred on Iona G. O. Muircheartaigh, president of National University of Ireland, Galway, for his distinguished career in research, teaching and administration. Muircheartaigh leads a university that enrolls 11,000 students from over 40 countries and offers degrees in arts, science, com-

merce, engineering, law, medicine, health sciences, and Celtic Studies. Honored as the *Sunday Irish Times* University of the Year, NUI, Galway boasts of the lowest dropout rate and strong research.

State Senator Jarrett Barrios will receive the Chancellor's Medal for Distinguished Service for his contributions to the Latino community and to mark the occasion last November when the Cambridge Democrat became the first Latino elected to the state senate. Barrios works as state senator for Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Charlestown, Allston, and parts of Revere, Saugus, and Somerville, focusing on housing, childcare, schools, and healthcare access. He previously served two terms in the State House of Representatives since 1998, where he led successful efforts to create a low-income housing tax credit and Massachusetts's first new affordable housing production program in over a decade.

## Student Chess Club Flourishes in First Year



Members of the UMass Boston Chess Club study their boards while playing during a recent tournament held in the Asian Center on the fourth floor of Wheatley Hall. In its inaugural year, the chess club meets regularly in the Asian Center or the Physics Club in the Science Center for tournaments, practice, and lessons. Club president and founder Dan Korsunsky organized the group when he arrived at UMass Boston as a freshman who had been a very active chess player in high school. With the support of the Student Senate, Korsunsky was able to create the club and help fund a trip for five club members to represent UMass Boston at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Foxwoods Open, a chess tournament for over 650 competitors at Foxwood Casinos. Competitors Korsunsky, Joe Perl, Will Roach, Eugene Roemischer, and Erik Garcia recorded a winning tally of 20.5 wins out of 35 total games played. "Many players were surprised to see so many representatives of UMass Boston," said Korsunsky. "Some high school players asked for information about UMass Boston's chess program. The trip was a huge success." (Photo by Harry Brett)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

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 June calendar listings by **Thursday, May 15**. Submit calendar listings online at [www.umb.edu/news/calendar/](http://www.umb.edu/news/calendar/) or e-mail to [news@umb.edu](mailto:news@umb.edu). See the News and Events page on [www.umb.edu](http://www.umb.edu) for calendar listings online.

## THURSDAY 1

**Teaching with Media Expo 03**  
9:30–11:30 a.m., Wheatley Hall, Wheatley Cafeteria, 3rd fl. Learn more about technology-enhanced learning and speak with library, film services, faculty media lab, and computing services representatives. Contact: 7-3998 or [eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu](mailto:eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu).

**Institute for Asian American Studies Research Symposium: South Asian Muslim Immigrant Youth in Cambridge After 9/11**  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4<sup>th</sup> fl. Featuring Sunaina Maira, research fellow and professor for the Institute for Asian American Studies. Lunch will be provided for all who RSVP by April 29. Contact: 7-5650 or [asianaminst@umb.edu](mailto:asianaminst@umb.edu).

**Web Based Learning Speaker Series: Developing Your Course with Web Usability and Accessibility in Mind**  
12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11<sup>th</sup> fl. Featuring instruction for on-line and hybrid courses by Mary Brady and Charlotte Corbett. Refreshments will be served. Contact: 7-3998 or [eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu](mailto:eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu).

## FRIDAY 2

**New England Behavioral Accounting Series (NEBARS) Symposium**  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl. Monthly meeting of NEBARS hosted by the College of Management. Featuring William R. Kinney Jr., of Price Waterhouse Coopers and the University of Texas at Austin. Contact: 7-7734 or [cmevents@umb.edu](mailto:cmevents@umb.edu).

**Biology Department Seminar: Twins and Mushrooms: Unraveling the Secrets of the Goeldi's Monkey**  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Leila Porter of the University of Washington. Contact: 7-6600 or [maria.papuga@umb.edu](mailto:maria.papuga@umb.edu).

## SATURDAY 3

**University Jazz Band Performance**  
7:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium. Featuring Peter Janson, director. Contact: 7-5640 or [TJFH628@aol.com](mailto:TJFH628@aol.com).

**War on Terrorism or Assault on Human Rights?: Civil Liberties, Homeland Security, and Democracy in the Post 9/11 World**  
9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl. Presented by the Human Rights Working Group and the College of Public and Community Service. Open to public. Contact: [site.www.umb.edu/human\\_rights/](http://site.www.umb.edu/human_rights/)

## MONDAY 5

**Joiner Center Presents Author Reading: Christopher Hedges**  
2:30 – 4:00 p.m., Healey Library, Provost's Conference Room, 8<sup>th</sup> Fl. Featuring author of *War Is the Force That Gives Us Meaning*. Contact: 7-5850 or [paul.atwood@umb.edu](mailto:paul.atwood@umb.edu).

**Gerontology Speaker Series: Making It Through the Maze: Obtaining Research and Training Support from the National Institutes of Health**  
1:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4–147. Featuring Terrie Wetle of Brown University. Co-sponsored by the Provost's Office. Contact: 7-7300.

**College of Management Book Celebration**  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 5-619. Celebration of the publication of the book *Mary P. Follett: Creating Democracy, Transforming Management* by CM Professor Joan Tonn. RSVP to 7-7734 or [cmevents@umb.edu](mailto:cmevents@umb.edu).

## TUESDAY 6

**Signature Drive: Human Rights Initiative**  
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, 2nd fl. hallway. Also on May 7. Contact: 7-7950.

## WEDNESDAY 7

**College of Management Distinguished Executive Award Luncheon: "Managing the State's Financial Crisis"**  
12:00 – 2:00 p.m., Maison Robert, 45 School Street, Boston. Featuring Robert Pozen, chief of commerce and labor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Reservations and tickets required. Contact: 7-7734 or [cmevents@umb.edu](mailto:cmevents@umb.edu).

**ECOS Seminar: New England Regional Center for Ocean Science Education Excellence (NER-COSEE) Project**  
2:30 – 3:45 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring William S. Spitzer of the New England Aquarium. Contact: 7-7440.

**College of Public and Community Service: Book Party and Lecture**  
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th Fl. Celebrating the book *Policing Pop*, co-edited by Reebee Garofalo. Contact: 7-7100.

**University Chorus and Chamber Singers Performance**  
7:00 p.m., United First Parish Unitarian (Church of the Presidents), 1306 Hancock Street, Quincy Center. Featuring Jeffrey Rink, conductor. Contact: 7-5640 or [TJFH628@aol.com](mailto:TJFH628@aol.com).

**Theatre Arts and Dance Division Presents: Twelfth Night**  
8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre. Directed by John Conlon. Running through May 10. General admission: \$10.00. Students/seniors: \$5.00. Contact: 7-5642.

## THURSDAY 8

**Music for Spring Outdoor Concert Series: Night Rhythm**  
12:00–2:00 p.m., University Plaza. Featuring Jazz Singer and Four Players: Bass, Piano, Sax, Percussion. Sponsored by the Chancellor's Office. Contact: 7-6800.

## FRIDAY 9

**Biology Department Seminar: Niche Conservatism and Evolution: Implications for the Conservation of Biodiversity**  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Robert Holt of University of Florida. Contact: 7-6600 or [maria.papuga@umb.edu](mailto:maria.papuga@umb.edu).

**Student Luncheon with Chancellor Gora**  
1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Share your background and experiences at UMass Boston. RSVP to Patricia MacNeil at 7-5800.

## SATURDAY 10

**University Chamber Orchestra's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert**  
8:00 p.m., The Center for the Arts, 31 Main Street, Natick. Featuring Jon Ceander Mitchell, conductor. Admission is \$10.00 in advance through Center for the Arts and \$12.00 at the door. Contact: 7-5640.

## MONDAY 12

**College of Public and Community Service: Forum on Family Violence**  
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4<sup>th</sup> fl. The event also will celebrate the publication of *Family Abuse: Consequences, Theories and Responses* by Sylvia I. Mignon, Calvin J. Larson, and William M. Holmes. Refreshments will be served. Contact: 7-7100.

**UMass Boston Voice Division Recital**  
7:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Snowden Auditorium. Featuring students of Marilyn Bulli, Suzanne Ehly, and David Giessow. Free. Contact: 7-5640 or [TJFH628@aol.com](mailto:TJFH628@aol.com).

## TUESDAY 13

**Gastón Institute Speaker Series: Workforce Development in Boston: Recent Transitions**  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4<sup>th</sup> fl. Featuring Edwin Meléndez. Contact: 7-5791.

## THURSDAY 15

**Music for Spring Outdoor Concert Series: Soulive**  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Featuring reggae, hip hop, and fusion music. Sponsored by Student Life. Contact: Joyce Morgan, 7-7950.

## FRIDAY 16

**College of Public and Community Service Award Ceremony and Reception**  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl. December 2002 and May/August 2003 graduates invited with family and friends. Featuring light refreshments and UMass Boston Jazz Combo. RSVP to Suzanne Allmendinger: 7-7124

**Theatre Department Dance Kaleidoscope**  
8:00 p.m., McCormack Hall, McCormack Theatre. Also on May 17. General admission: \$10.00. Students/seniors: \$5.00. Contact: 7-5640.

## SUNDAY 18

**Performing Arts Faculty Recital**  
2:00 p.m., The Shirley-Eustis House, 33 Shirley Street, Roxbury. Featuring Mary Oleskiewicz with David Schulenberg. Contact: 7-5640.

## WEDNESDAY 21

**Music for Spring Outdoor Concert Series: New England Winds**  
12:00–1:30 p.m., University Plaza. Featuring Air Force Quintet. Sponsored by the Chancellor's Office. Contact: 7-6800.

## WEDNESDAY 28

**Music for Spring Outdoor Concert Series: Inca Son**  
12:00–2:00 p.m., University Plaza. Featuring music and dance of the Andes. Sponsored by the Chancellor's Office. Contact: 7-6800.

## SATURDAY 31

**UMass Boston Commencement 2003**  
10:30 a.m. Bayside Exposition Center. Contact: 7-5313.

## UPCOMING

**17th Annual Golf Classic**  
Tuesday, June 17. 8:00 a.m. Franklin Park Golf Course, Boston. Contact UMass Boston Department of Athletics for more information [www.athletics.umb.edu/Golf%20Classic/17th\\_annual\\_golf\\_classic.htm](http://www.athletics.umb.edu/Golf%20Classic/17th_annual_golf_classic.htm)

## 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, step class, circuit training, weight training, etc. Contact: 7-6786 or [www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm](http://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, 1<sup>st</sup> fl. A licensed massage therapist conducts non-invasive massage therapy by appointment. Cost is \$20 for 20 minutes or \$10 for 10 minutes. Other lengths of time can be arranged. To make an appointment, contact Amy Aransky: 781-354-3450.

**Beacon Athletic Center Pool Hours**  
10:30 a.m.–8:15 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. and 6:30–8:15 p.m., Wednesday. 1:00–6:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Contact: 7-7805 or 7-7821.

**Christian Worship and Fellowship**  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Thursdays, McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3<sup>rd</sup> fl. Come to the circle to share a prayer, songs, the Word, a reflection on the Word in our lives, and fellowship. All are welcome. Contact: 7-5838 or [adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu](mailto:adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu).

**Intramural Aqua Aerobics**  
5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Clark Pool, Clark Athletic Center. For more information, drop by the Intramural Office or contact: Rick Sledzik, 7-7830.

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

**Knapp Scholarship in Political Science**  
The Political Science Department awards scholarships to outstanding students annually. For the 2003 – 2004 academic year, the department has approximately 5,000 to provide financial assistance towards the payment of tuition and fees. Deadline for applications is Tuesday, May 6. Contact: 7-6920.

**Gospel Choir**  
11:30 – 12:20 p.m., Wednesdays. Location to be determined. Contact: 7-5838 or [maggie.cahill@umb.edu](mailto:maggie.cahill@umb.edu).

**Visit The Wellness Center**  
McCormack Hall, 1st floor. The Wellness Center offers a wide range of programs - from yoga to time management. Please check our web site at [umbwellness.org](http://umbwellness.org) for the most up to date program announcements, or contact: 7-5680.

**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.

**WUMB 91.9 FM: Announces Line-up for the 2003 Boston Folk Festival**  
9:00 a.m. Tune in to 91.9 FM for the announcement of the main stage line-up. Contact: 7-6900.

**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.