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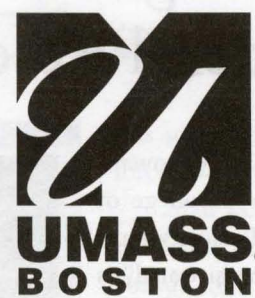
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Professor of Exercise Physiology Examines Weight Control and Physical Activity in Cancer-Risk Reduction

By Leigh DuPuy

Current statistics reveal a grim reality about our ability to achieve and maintain a healthy body weight. About 63 percent of Americans are currently overweight or obese, and Massachusetts' residents are following the latest trend. Nearly six out of ten adults in the Commonwealth are above a healthy body weight. Nearly one in four are 30 pounds above an ideal weight and considered obese. And it's not just about how our waists look in our favorite pants; being overweight predisposes more than 100 million Americans to a host of chronic diseases and conditions. Of particular concern is the growing number of overweight

children and adolescents, which has more than doubled in the past 10 years alone.

Studying the relationship between physical fitness and one's health, weight, and disease control is the crux of Kyle McNnis's groundbreaking work in exercise physiology. "In the United States alone, approximately 300,000 deaths each year are attributed to a combination of dietary factors and physical inactivity – the two primary culprits of obesity – making these lifestyle habits second only to cigarette smoking as the leading cause of death," says McNnis, professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

In one of his latest projects,

McInnis is researching how physical fitness and a healthy diet can impact cancer prevention. "While overweight and insufficient physical activity are clearly associated with cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and a host of other conditions, conclusive scientific evidence is also accumulating that these lifestyle factors greatly increase cancer risk, particularly in the colon, breast and endometrium," he says.

McInnis has received \$150,000 from the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center for a two-year research study to investigate weight-control, physical activity, and cancer-risk reduction among women living in urban areas. Professor



Kyle McNnis, professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, is collaborating with researchers at the Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center on a study evaluating how lifestyle changes affect cancer risk in urban women. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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Gastón, Trotter, and Asian American Institutes Mobilize New Majority Conference



Andrés Torres, director of the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy, Paul Watanabe, codirector of the Institute for Asian American Studies, and Castellano Turner, interim director of the William Monroe Trotter Institute for the Study of Black Culture, spearheaded October 15's New Majority Conference. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Thijs Messelaar

Minorities have become the majority in Massachusetts.

According to the Census 2000, Boston's constituents are mainly people of color. This vast "minority" population, however, remains relegated to the margins of the city's political, economic, and social structures.

But three UMass Boston leaders have accepted the call to help consolidate Boston's minority leaders against this glaring disparity.

At the request of city councilors Chuck Turner, Felix Arroyo, Charles Yancey, and others, Andrés Torres of the Gastón Institute, Paul Watanabe of the Institute for Asian American Studies,

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UMass Boston Tops Corporate Reputation Survey

By Leigh DuPuy

UMass Boston received kudos from Massachusetts business leaders in a new survey ranking the reputations of the Commonwealth's leading private and public organizations. The Massachusetts Corporate Reputation Survey (MCRS) ranked UMass Boston 18th out of 144 companies, with a score indicating the university had a very good reputation in Massachusetts. UMass Boston earned its place in the top 20 with organizations such as Harvard University, Tufts Health Plan, Reebok International Ltd., and Children's Hospital.

"We know the many reasons why UMass Boston is top-notch,"

said UMass Boston Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, "but it is enormously gratifying to see the business world recognizing the quality of education we provide, our dedication to community service, and the contributions of our gifted graduates who go on to work in all sectors of Massachusetts organizations."

The MCRS was conducted by asking Boston-area business leaders to rate Massachusetts businesses, universities, and hospitals on a variety of criteria. Conducted in September, the survey asked 201 Massachusetts executives to rate a select list of 144 Massachusetts companies and

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College of Management Unveils Financial Services Analysis; Federal Reserve's Roger Ferguson Lends National Perspective

By Leigh DuPuy

As the region inches toward economic recovery, College of Management (CM) faculty have unveiled a comprehensive analysis of the future of the financial services industries in the Commonwealth for discussion with industry trailblazers, top business leaders, and the Federal Reserve's Roger Ferguson at the Boston Stock Exchange (BSE).

CM Dean Philip Quaglieri kicked off the conference with a ceremonial bell-ringing on the floor of the stock exchange, surrounded by Kenneth Liebler, chairman and chief executive officer of the Boston Stock Exchange, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, and Arindam Bandopadhyaya, professor of accounting and finance and coauthor of the report "Down but Not Out: The Future of the Financial Services Industry."

Meeting in The Vault, a one-time bank vault converted into meeting space, Bandopadhyaya presented the report's key finding that though the industry's fortune may be temporarily down, its future is bullish and the Boston area and Massachusetts will continue to benefit from the industry's strengths.



Coming together at the Boston Stock Exchange: Arindam Bandopadhyaya, chairman of the Accounting and Finance Department and associate professor of finance; Roger Ferguson, vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Miranda Detzler, assistant professor of finance and management; Kenneth Liebler, chairman and chief executive officer of the Boston Stock Exchange; Philip Quaglieri, dean of the College of Management; and Mohsin Habib, assistant professor of finance and management. (Photo by Harry Brett)

The report, developed by CM's Bandopadhyaya, Miranda Detzler, and Mohsin Habib, with assistance from Lawrence Franko, predicted a continued demand for financial services, firm growth for the mutual fund industry, and a changing role for asset managers. The report also warned of future industry mergers and hedge fund competition.

"This is a provocative report,"

said Paul Connolly, vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, who moderated a high-powered panel with Charles Clough, founder and CEO of Clough Capital Partners; Edward D'Alelio, former manager of Putnam Investments; Michael DiBiase, senior vice president of Fidelity Investments; and Dennis Ferro, CEO and chief investment officer of Evergreen Investments.

Delving into the report's discussion of hedge funds, industry consolidation, and outsourcing of technology, the panel provided a wide range of discussion as to what the future holds for the mutual fund industry and financial services overall in Massachusetts.

To provide a national scope, Roger W. Ferguson, vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, examined

the evolution and performance of the financial services industry in his keynote address, a revisiting of issues outlined in his 1998 address at CM's first conference examining the industry.

"Turning first to the recent recession and our unusually slow recovery, I think that the most remarkable fact regarding the banking industry during this period is its resilience and retention of fundamental strength, even at those institutions whose earnings were negatively affected by the slowdown," said Ferguson, who expressed optimism in the industry's complex landscape.

He continued, "I would argue that the U.S. banking structure has generally remained competitive, and in some cases has become more competitive, over the recent period of intense merger activity and institutional and legislative change. I am optimistic that this dynamic competitiveness, helped along every now and then by anti-trust enforcement, will continue."

The full text of Ferguson's keynote address and the report "Down but Not Out: The Future of the Financial Services Industry" are available at www.mgmt.umb.edu/

Senator Kennedy in Talks with UMass Boston to Establish New Center for Study of the Senate

By Joe Peters

UMass Boston's role as a major policy shaper in the region and country will be getting another boost in the near future if an agreement is reached on a center and program named in honor of Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

The three-party proposal involving the JFK Library and Museum, UMass Boston, and Senator Kennedy's office is still being negotiated, but it likely will involve Kennedy's papers residing at the JFK Library and an academic center, possibly named the "Center for Study of the Senate," housed at UMass Boston.

A formal agreement may be presented to the UMass Board of Trustees as early as its November 5 meeting. While the JFK Library is a federal operation, it resides on

UMass Boston property. Any expansion, such as that for the papers covering Senator Kennedy's four decades in Congress, would require UMass approval.

Many other institutions were rumored to be interested in Kennedy's papers. UMass Boston emerging as the prime candidate signals the campus's rise as a major policy institution.

"We think of this as a major coup," UMass Boston chancellor Jo Ann Gora recently told the Associated Press. "[Kennedy] arguably has had the most significant impact on the development of major policy issues of any senator in the twentieth century."

"There would be no American democracy without the United States Senate, and it is

difficult to imagine the Senate without the powerful voice of Edward M. Kennedy," UMass interim president Jack Wilson added in an interview with *The Boston Globe*. "The University of Massachusetts is pleased to forge this exciting new relationship with the senator and the Senate."

Negotiations between Kennedy and UMass reportedly began about a year ago when the senator met with former UMass president William Bulger. Kennedy's mantra of serving the working class apparently made for a natural fit with urban-mission UMass Boston, where many students work full-time while attending school.

If the proposal goes forward,

it will be the latest in a series of achievements connecting the campus with major political figures and events. In December 1998, Healey Library became the repository for Judge Arthur Garrity's papers in the landmark case that resulted in a new busing plan for Boston students.

In October 2000, the campus hosted the first presidential debate of the election season. In August of this year, the university formally constituted the McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, uniting the McCormack Institute with the gerontology, public policy, and public affairs graduate programs. October saw the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy host the New England Women's Political Summit.

University Ranks Top Twenty (cont.)

organizations based on six attributes – general reputation, products and services, social responsibility, ethics and corporate governance, workplace environment, and financial performance.

Surveyers found that non-profit institutions in higher education and health care enjoy the best reputations among business executives in Massachusetts.

The MCRS was conducted for Morrissey & Company, a communications firm in New England dedicated to providing high-level reputation management, by Opinion Dynamics Corporation, a national leader in market research, polling, and consulting headquartered in Cambridge, MA.

The survey is available on www.reputationsurvey.com.

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Special Olympics Inc. Designates the Center for Social Development as Regional Collaboration Center

By Leigh DuPuy

On September 26, Timothy P. Shriver, chairman and CEO of Special Olympics Incorporated, and Chancellor Jo Ann Gora signed an agreement designating the university's Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE) as a Regional Collaborating Center (RCC) for research and education to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities. This is the second such center, the first being Wenzhou Medical College in Shanghai, China.

Over the past several years, Special Olympics Inc. has turned to the University of Massachusetts Boston and the Center for Social Development and Education to lead its effort in research-based initiatives and to drive its worldwide call to action. This relationship began with the evaluation of the Unified Sports program within the United States.

The establishment of the Regional Collaborating Center (RCC) follows on the heels of the completion of a landmark study evaluating worldwide attitudes



Gary Siperstein, director of the Center for Social Development and Education, Chancellor Jo Ann Gora, Timothy P. Shriver, chairman and CEO of Special Olympics, Inc., and Jennifer Norins, research coordinator for the Regional Collaboration Center, gather for the official signing of the agreement. (Photo by Harry Brett)

toward individuals with intellectual disabilities. This nine-country study shows that the general population lacks an appreciation of the range of capabilities of individuals with intellectual disabilities, and therefore has low expectations of how much they can achieve. The study also reveals that the world still believes individuals with intellectual disabilities should work and learn in

segregated settings, apart from people without disabilities.

"This exciting and groundbreaking research that the center has carried out has broadened our understanding of the many barriers that people with intellectual disabilities face as citizens of the world," said Chancellor Gora. "Over the coming years, I envision the Regional Collaborating Center will embark in critical endeavors

that will brighten the horizon for people worldwide."

"I think the work of Gary Siperstein and the Center for Social Development and Education is unique," said Shriver. "The center is a force for the global reshaping of how people perceive those with intellectual disabilities by promoting acceptance, tolerance, and change. It is incredible to have this kind of academic muscle behind

this scientific and social change force—we're very excited."

CSDE will take on the RCC's mission to provide assistance and consultation to researchers and program providers.

"The research opportunities and policy changes are unlimited with the creation of this Regional Collaborating Center," said Siperstein. Also, notes Siperstein, the work with the RCC will further expand an international recognition of UMass Boston.

In the last month, the RCC has received requests to expand the multinational survey in South Africa and India, to provide technical assistance to coaching programs within the US, and to begin planning for a survey of youth around the world, beginning with Japan this coming winter.

In addition, the RCC is working with the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities to design and implement a major national awareness campaign to improve the social acceptance of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

University Welcomes New Dean for College of Science and Mathematics

By Jim Mortenson

Kenneth P. Sebens has finally come home. With considerable experience at local universities Harvard and Northeastern, Sebens will move here from the University of Maryland (UM) in December to begin his appointment as the first dean of UMass Boston's new College of Science and Mathematics.

"I can't express how much I am looking forward to returning to New England, especially Boston, and helping lead the faculty, students, and staff of the new college to national prominence as a center of research and teaching excellence," Sebens said.

Sebens's research and administrative experience, particularly in the marine environmental sciences, is consonant with UMass Boston's current and future interdisciplinary research and teaching goals.

From 1991 to 1997, Sebens was director of UM's system-wide Marine Estuarine Environmental Sciences Graduate Program, one of the largest such programs in the country. He also served as director of Northeastern's Marine Science Center as well as its East-West Marine Biology Program from 1985 to 1991.

"I have a great deal of experience in developing and assessing science curricula and programs at both the undergraduate and graduate lev-

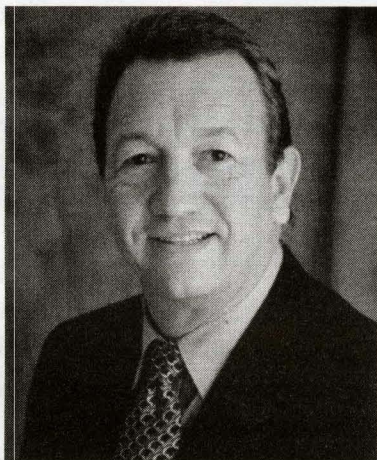
els," Sebens said. "I'm looking forward to working with the college's faculty and staff to provide our students with better and more useful programs of study and research."

Sebens brings an outstanding record of achievement in both research and scholarship to UMass Boston. He is an expert in the marine ecology of coastal regions,

with a focus on benthic populations and community/ecosystem studies in both temperate and tropical locations. Over the past 25 years he has published more than 75 papers and book chapters, and obtained more than 35 grants for research.

In 1982, the journal *Ecology* published his paper "The Limits to Indeterminate Growth: An Optimal Size Model Applied to Passive Suspension Feeders," which earned him the Ecological Society of America's 1983 George Mercer Award for outstanding ecological research published in the United States and Canada. He is also an American Association for the Advancement of

Science Fellow and received a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award in 1998.



Dean Sebens begins his tenure at UMass Boston in December. (Photo by Kingstown Studio)

long-term (1978-2003) changes in rocky subtidal habitats in Massachusetts. "The project is one of the most extensive long-term studies of subtidal marine communities anywhere in the world," Sebens said. The other project examines the effects of water flow, nutrient availability, and zooplankton capture on reef coral nutrition and growth.

"Chancellor Gora and I are very pleased that Dr. Sebens has made a commitment to lead our new College of Science and Mathematics," said Provost Paul Fonteyn. "His success in building and strengthening science programs will mean greater re-

search opportunities for our faculty and, I'm happy to say, our students."

Sebens has taught both undergraduate and graduate courses throughout his career, even during his administrative appointments. He has developed lecture and laboratory courses in oceanography, theoretical ecology, tropical ecology, and marine ecology, and graduate courses and specialized seminars in marine ecology. His courses often include strong hands-on field and laboratory components owing to his conviction that such activities stimulate student interest and enthusiasm for any science.

"Teaching and student learning are always uppermost in my mind whenever I consider academic and administrative issues and matters," Sebens observed. "So I believe that strong research programs make faculty better teachers. Our students deserve the best science faculty and programs that we can provide."

Sebens earned a B.A. in biology from the University of Connecticut in 1972, and a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1977. His first academic appointment was as an assistant professor and later associate professor of organismic and evolutionary biology at Harvard University from 1977 to 1985.

Protect Yourself Against the Flu!

On November 3, the University Health Services (UHS) Department of General Medicine will conduct its annual Flu Vaccine Clinic. The clinic will run for two weeks, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. The cost for the influenza vaccine is \$10 for students and \$20 for faculty and staff. This year UHS is also offering FluMist, a live intranasal influenza vaccine, for \$50.

The influenza vaccine is recommended for everyone who wants to minimize their risk of catching influenza. People who are allergic to eggs or have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome should discuss the risks versus benefits of the influenza vaccine with their primary care providers. If you have a high fever or are ill, you should wait until you are improving to receive your influenza vaccine.

Live, intranasal influenza vaccine also is available. FluMist, an attenuated (weakened) live vaccine that is sprayed into the nostrils, is approved for use in healthy people ages 5 through 49.

Inaugural Hall of Fame Banquet Inducts Five

By Thijs Messelaar

After championship victories slip into memory, the crowning achievement for any athlete is the day he or she is awarded one of the few spots in the Hall of Fame.

And now UMass Boston student-athletes can dream of this honor too, as the Department of Athletics officially hung its first plaques last month.

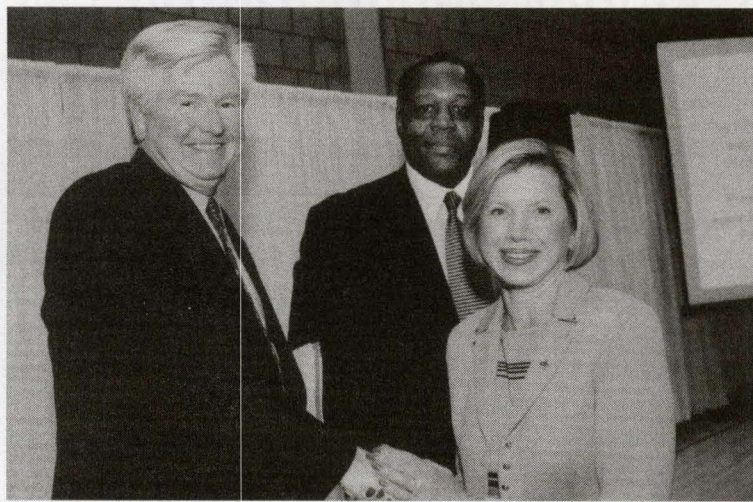
On the evening of October 8, the UMass Boston Athletic Department held its inaugural Hall of Fame banquet. Four individuals and one team were inducted.

"While we're still a young program," says Charlie Titus, athletics director, "after 23 years as an NCAA member, it was clearly time to enhance a growing athletic tradition here."

"It was long overdue," echoed Luke Griffin, special assistant for development. "We've been in the talking stages of this for a long time. It's great to see it come together finally."

UMass Boston—as well as the former Boston State—athletes, coaches, administrators, and friends of the athletic program were all treated to a festive evening. WBZ-TV reporter and former Boston State student-athlete (hockey and baseball) Dan Rea served as master of ceremonies.

"Dan has been very loyal to



WBZ-TV's Dan Rea, a former Boston State student-athlete who served as master of ceremonies, smiles with Charlie Titus, director of athletics, and Chancellor Jo Ann Gora. (Photos by Harry Brett)

the university over the years, and because of his line of work we felt he would be a perfect choice as emcee," said Titus.

Former Celtics Hall of Famer and acclaimed speaker Wayne Embry delivered the keynote address.

A 12-member committee, consisting of mainly tenured athletic staff and former athletes, voted in the inductees in April.

The following inaugural members were enshrined in the Beacons' Hall of Fame last month:

Genesia Eddins, UMass Boston Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track, 1985-1988, was the most impressive track and field athlete during the mid to late 1980s, when the Beacons dominated the sport. She

earned All-American status in 15 events and won eight NCAA individual championships over her four-year career.

Eileen Fenton, UMass Boston Women's Basketball, 1987-1990, the university's only women's bas-

ketball player to have her number retired, also holds three school records, including the single-season point total of 490.

John "Boo" Rice, Boston State College/UMass Boston Men's Basketball, 1979-1982, played the first three years of his career with Boston State (1979-82) and in his senior year (1982-83) led the UMass Boston Beacons to their first NCAA basketball tournament appearance. He is the only men's player to have his jersey retired.

The 1985-86 Women's Indoor/Outdoor Track teams both rolled to NCAA Division III titles, making UMass Boston the first school to win both championships in the same school year.

For more information about the Hall of Fame and nominations, visit www.athletics.umb.edu/



Hall-of-Famers celebrate their new status with former coaches and peers.

Weight, Diet, and Cancer (cont.)

McInnis has teamed up with researchers from the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Harvard School of Public Health to focus on how lifestyle changes can promote increased exercise participation, improved eating habits, and weight loss in overweight women in urban settings.

Why this segment of the population? "Unhealthy weight and sedentary lifestyle, and the chronic diseases associated with these habits, are particularly prevalent in those with lower socioeconomic levels and in some racial ethnic minorities," says McInnis. Like cardiovascular disease, such disparities in cancer risk are highly related to lifestyle, social, or cultural factors, making this disease highly preventable.

The study that is now under way is part of a growing collaboration between the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and UMass Boston.

McInnis is also unveiling a landmark study on the benefits of walking for weight control at the prestigious American Heart Association (AHA) Scientific Sessions in November. Embargoed until the meeting date, the study was one of two chosen from over 4,000 research presentations to be featured for a major national and international news release at the AHA meeting, which is attended by more than 30,000 cardiologists and cardiovascular specialists. It is expected that the video news release, which was taped on the UMass Boston campus in early October, will be aired on a large number of TV news programs across the United States and will be seen by an estimated 25 million people.

"Professor McInnis has hit a grand slam for UMass Boston," praised Chancellor Jo Ann Gora. "His work promotes all three r's for the university — research, recognition, and reputation."

His latest study examines the impact of self-paced walking on the health of people who are overweight. "Only about 15 percent of adults in the United States regularly engage in the modest amount of activity required to obtain health benefits," says McInnis.

More information on this study and clips of the national video news release will be available on the UMass Boston home page after November 8.

Institutes Drive the New Majority Conference



Participants crowded the room for the October 15 New Majority Conference. (Photo by Harry Brett)

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and Castellano Turner of the Trotter Institute hosted a daylong initiative, The New Majority Conference, October 18.

The conference represents a launching pad for a movement against the under representation of Boston's communities of color, as well as a way to begin uniting these communities.

"We accepted this role as the facilitators of this initiative, as it's consistent with our mission — the inclusion of all communities," Watanabe said. "We have been perceived within the city as the first place to go for this sort of thing."

According to Watanabe, UMass Boston is the only campus in the city that has ethnic research institutes specifically interested in Boston.

"The three of us were approached by community politicians to establish a forum where different constituencies could come together regarding Boston's changing demographics," said Torres.

"People sent us notes along with their conference registration money saying they've been waiting years for this," Watanabe added.

While the upcoming Democratic convention next summer was not the sole impetus for in-

creased organization among Boston's communities of color, it has been a catalyst. The Boston officials' claim of the city's racial diversity was used as a major selling point to the Democratic Party when it came time to secure a convention site.

The three expressed disgust for what they see as the "same old" political pandering tactics.

"All the [racial diversity] hubbub surrounding the convention is so ironic, because for a major U.S. city we are still so incredibly segregated," said Torres.

So how will the New Majority Conference work to break-down the so-called color wall?

Morning discussion groups covered issues from civil rights to community development and after lunch attendees broke into strategy sessions to consider their steps to action.

This conference serves as an attempt to stop the usual fractured relations between various ethnic groups, Turner said. In the year leading up to the conference, separately each community group spent months refining their priorities.

"It was gratifying—and hopeful—that when the lists were put

down, they had articulated very similar ideas," said Turner. "All we are helping to do now is provide the context for them to come together."

"It respects them to bring them all together," said Watanabe. "What a resource they all can be, so I hope that we all listen to them, that they will listen to each other. This has the potential to be very powerful."

Torres, Watanabe, and Turner all admit to being uncertain about exactly how the work done at the conference will translate in the long term. But they know what it could mean for the near future.

"Some possible outcomes that people want to see include the realignment of city councils, redistricting, and some kind of change in the accepted democratic institutions," said Turner.

"The institutes will document this initiative, analyze, and interpret the work that comes out of the conference," said Torres. "This could trigger some process towards a transformation."

Support for this initiative has been provided in part by grants from United Way of Massachusetts Bay and the Foley Hoag Foundation.

Historian's New Book Examines Politics, Society, and Culture in 20th-Century Europe

By Peter Grennen

If you've visited history professor Spencer Di Scala's office recently, chances are he offered for your inspection his copy of the Massachusetts Bay Colony charter. Think of that document, which was used for the better part of a century before being adapted for the U.S. Constitution, as an emblem of the historiographical methods Di Scala has favored in more than three decades as a scholar and teacher.

It's not enough, Di Scala believes, to simply dismiss a view of history as erroneous; instead, the thesis in question must be reenvisioned and restated. In his recently published textbook *Twentieth Century Europe: Politics, Society, Culture* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 816 pp.), Di Scala—director of the graduate program in history and a noted expert on modern Italy—does that and more.

The book, Di Scala's sixth, is a comprehensive analysis of twentieth-century Europe that takes a novel approach to both its subject and to pedagogy in general. Di Scala faults some observers for giving too much attention to the century's most conspicuous events, like world war and the ideological struggle between East and West. "Many historians are carried away by generalizations, trying to make everything fit into a scheme," he says. "I view the period from a post-Cold War per-

spective—one that focuses on long-term trends that revolve around cultural developments."

Early-century advances in science have a special prominence in Di Scala's reassessment. "Revolutionary ideas in the world of physics—like quantum mechanics and relativity theory—brought a breakdown in the 'certain view of the world' offered by Newton," says Di Scala. This fundamentally changed many thinkers' worldview, presenting for the first time a seemingly irrational natural order.

It makes sense, therefore, to explore unconventional sources when writing twentieth-century history—what Di Scala calls the "hidden, unseen, and mystical aspects of life." To be sure, Di Scala has his own strategies: "I attempt to bring the real lives of people into the picture—the life of the person as a whole—and I look at the contributions of small countries."

Di Scala takes a keen interest in the European Union's recent efforts to draft a constitution. In October, he organized and moderated a conference called "Constitution-Making in the Eighteenth and the Twenty-first Centuries," which explored parallels between the concerns of the European Union and those of the American founding fathers. Held at the Massachusetts Archives/Commonwealth Museum, the event fea-

tured an address by Giuliano Amato, vice president of the EU's constitutional convention.

The EU and its constitution-in-the-making also figure prominently in *Twentieth Century Europe*. "The book explores the struggle for a united Europe through war and consensus," Di Scala says. Here, especially, he takes pains to give minor players in the European community their proper historical emphasis. "Smaller states like Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg provided a model for the European economic cooperation that knit the continent together," he explains.

Of course, that cooperation has been a long time coming, hampered by the spread of communism and attempts to achieve European unification through force. But as long as Europe's people and leaders felt it was worth seeking, says Di Scala, it was bound to come about as soon as circumstances permitted. "Tendencies that seem minor and that are overwhelmed by more spectacular events can later come to the fore," he points out.

Perhaps that's the most important lesson Di Scala's approach to history teaches: As with the principles of governance set down in the colony charter he displays in his office, sometimes it takes a long while before world affairs allow a concept to find its full expression.

Summit Addresses Political Future of Women

By Anne-Marie Kent

Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Maine have never elected a woman governor; Vermont and New Hampshire have never sent a woman to the U.S. Congress. In the last year, Massachusetts watched as an acting governor withdrew her election bid and the Democratic woman nominee lost in a contest where 18-to 25-year-old women voted for her male GOP opponent at a rate greater than that of male voters of the same ages.

Hundreds of women—including some well-known political figures—gathered October 26 and 27 at the JFK Library to discuss the future of women in politics in Massachusetts, at the inaugural New England Women's Political Summit, presented by UMass Boston's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy.

"This summit is the first time women from the six New England states have come together like this," UMass Boston's Carol Hardy-Fanta, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy (CWPPP), remarked. "It's a 'summit' — not just a conference — women worked together to develop concrete targets for each state and individual action plans for increasing women's political participation, representation, and influence region-wide."

The center collaborated with a national partner, the White House Project, and regional partners, the Coalition of New England Women's Commissions, and the YWCA New England Regional Council, to organize the call-to-action event.

The summit opened with a look at the critical shortage of women elected to local and statewide offices in Massachusetts and states throughout the region. Moderated by ABC News' Martha Raddatz, the forum "Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Women in American Politics" drew on the expertise of U.S. Representative Loretta

Sanchez (D-California) and former Massachusetts acting governor Jane Swift.

Swift returned on October 27 when the summit reconvened to join an impressive roster that included former Vermont governor Madeleine Kunin and Massachusetts Lt. governor Kerry Healey. Other high-profile participants included honorary co-chair Gloria Larsen, chairwoman of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority; Connecticut State Treasurer Denise Nappier; Melba Depena, president of the Rhode Island Latino Civic Fund; and Roni Thaler, executive director of the Massachusetts Women's Political Caucus.

Each attendee received a 250-page publication called "Women in New England Politics: A Profile and Handbook for Action," published by the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy. It included: a regional overview of the current political status of women in New England; a chapter on the status of women in each state (including a history, analysis of the factors that explain their current status, and strategies for change); a full bibliography; a directory of political resources for women, and a Summit workbook.

Hardy-Fanta noted that the center will be following up to track participants' progress on implementation of the action plans. The center will also monitor and report on progress in women's representation at the local, state, and national levels over the next several years.

The Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy serves as a public resource for women in Massachusetts. The center is committed to advancing women's participation in the public life of Massachusetts, the New England region, and the nation.

Professor Is Honored for Contributions to Multicultural Education



Vivian Zamel, professor of English, was honored at the October 30 Freedom to Learn Dinner. (Photo by Harry Brett)

By Melissa Fassel

Beloved UMass Boston professor Vivian Zamel was recognized for her career-long contributions to multicultural education at the Freedom to Learn Dinner, held at the International Institute in Boston on October 30. Presented by MATSOL (the Massachusetts Association of Teachers of Speakers

of Other Languages), the award was given to just four recipients.

Not surprisingly, Zamel was thrilled to receive the award: "It is always a delight to be recognized by fellow teachers and students, especially in a local context—and to feel that the graduate students that I've taught are sharing in that honor," said Zamel.

A self-described "teacher as researcher," Zamel began her work in the late 70s when she started to explore what happened to the ESOL students she taught—focusing on the question "Why do they write the way they do?" This became the basis for her work in other ESOL courses and with graduate students who would eventually become ESOL teachers, allowing Zamel's literacy research to come full circle. Zamel then expanded her focus to include teachers across the curriculum whose linguistically diverse student population required them to modify their teaching methods. "If you

imagine your work as a teacher as a process of learning itself," says Zamel, "it shifts your role completely."

One of the other four award recipients was Professor Zamel's coauthor, Bentley College professor Ruth Spack. A result of their mutual affinity for investigating writing, composing processes, and acquisition of literacy, professors Zamel and Spack have been working together since the early 80s. They've coauthored three books, including *Negotiating Academic Literacies: Teaching and Learning Across Languages and Cultures*, *Enriching ESOL Pedagogies*, and one to be released this coming spring, *Crossing the Curriculum*. This latest book examines the experiences of both ESOL students and the faculty that teach them, most of whom are from UMass Boston. The research focuses on what happens to linguistically diverse students in non-ESOL courses.

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CAMPUS NOTES

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

Praytush Bharati, assistant professor of management science and information systems at the College of Management, presented “Critique of the ‘Digital World’ Myth: An Empirical Investigation” at the Third Critical Management Studies International Conference, held in Lancaster, England. His work was also included in the conference’s proceedings.

Ann Blum, assistant professor of the Hispanic Studies Department/Latin American Studies Program, presented the paper “Cleaning for the Revolutionary Household: Public Welfare and Domestic Servants, Mexico City, 1900-1935” at the XI Meeting of Mexican, United States, and Canadian Historians of Mexico, held in October.

On September 25, **Françoise Carré**, research director of the Center for Social Policy, participated in a workplace-quality advisory panel at the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington, D.C. Carré also introduced her study of alternative job brokering at a panel session featuring workforce development experts, held at the UMass President’s office on October 28.

At the Fourth International Symposium on Chinese Elderly, held in Beijing, Professor **Yung-Ping Chen** delivered the speech “Retirement Income Security.” Chen also was one of the keynote speakers at the plenary session “Different Approaches to Reforming Social Security.”

In October, Professor **Reyes Coll-Tellechea** of the Hispanic Studies Department presented the paper “Todas Las Mujeres de Lázaro de Tormes” at the XIII International Conference of the Asociación Internacional de Literatura Femenina Hispánica.

On October 7, **Donna Haig Friedman**, director of the Center for Social Policy, presented on the prevention of family homelessness at “A Symposium for Community Change” organized by the United Way of Mass Bay.

Ramon Borges Mendez of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy and **Miren Uriarte** of the Gastón Institute presented “Tales of Latinos in Three Small Cities: Latino Settlement and Incorporation in Lawrence and Holyoke, Massachusetts, and Providence, Rhode Island” at the Color Lines Conference: “Segregation and Integration in America’s Present and Future,” held at Harvard University.

Kathleen Golden McAndrew, executive director of University Health Services and associate adjunct professor in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, served as faculty during the Massachusetts State Police’s Two-Week Drug Evaluation Classification Program Training.

Askold Melnyczuk, professor of English and director of the Creative Writing Program, participated in a forum on editing for the *Paris Review*, which will appear in their 50th anniversary issue this fall.

Marc Prou, assistant professor of Africana Studies, organized and presided over the 15th Annual Conference of the Haitian Studies Association, held in October at Florida International University. Over 150 scholars and practitioners attended the three-day conference, where Prou also presented the paper “The Bernard Reform: Repairing the Tapestry of Haitian Education.”

Professor **Jennifer Radden** of the Philosophy Department presented “Treatment Refusals” at the McLean Hospital Department of Postgraduate and Continuing Education Grand Rounds on September 25.

Laurel Radwin, assistant professor in the Department of Nursing, presented “Talking Quality: Patients’ Perspectives on Patient-Centered Care” at the Lahey Clinic on October 9.

Margaret Rhodes, associate professor of philosophy at the College of Public and Community Service, gave the talk “Social Justice: Swimming Against the Current” as the plenary speaker at a conference on ethics, sponsored by the National Association of Social Work in Massachusetts.

Professor **Lorna Rivera** of the College of Public and Community Service presented the workshop “Women’s Literacy Power and Women-Centered Materials” at the 2003 Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Basic Education conference, held on October 22.

Marta Sierra, assistant professor of Hispanic Studies, delivered the paper “De Caníbales, Piratas y Polígrafas: Escritura, Obscenidad y Mutilación en Alejandra Pizarnik” at the XIII Conference of the International Association of Female Hispanic Literature. She also read the paper “Mundo Grúa: Las Paradojas del Cuerpo y la Máquina en la Sociedad Argentina de los Años Noventa,” at the “Democracy in Latin America 30 Years After Chile’s 9/11” conference.

On September 24, **Mitchell Silver** of the Department of Philosophy gave the lecture “The Uses of Ethical Theory in the Context of Dental Practice” to first-year students at Tufts School of Dentistry.

Nina Silverstein, professor of gerontology, presented “Improving Hospital Care for Patients with Dementia” at the 2003 Boston Alzheimer’s Symposium, held at Babson College on October 24.

In September, Professor **Esther Torrego** of the Hispanic Studies Department gave the keynote address “Tense, Gerunds, and the Noun, Verb, Adjective Distinction” at the Western Conference on Linguistics, held at the University of Arizona.

On October 8, **Miren Uriarte** of the Mauricio Gastón Institute presented “The Growing Diversity of the Latino Population and its Implications for Service Delivery” at Mass General Hospital’s Latino Heritage Celebration.

Professor **Eben Weitzman** of Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution and the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy presented the paper “Advancing the Scientific Basis of Qualitative Research” at the Workshop on the Scientific Foundations of Qualitative Research at the National Science Foundation, held in Arlington, VA.

In November, Professor **Garrison Wilkes** of the Biology Department was an invited speaker for the Conference on Biotechnology Crops in Centres of Origin, which was held in Mexico City.

PUBLICATIONS

A coauthored article by **James Bierstaker**, assistant professor of economics and finance, “The Impact of the Adoption of a Business Risk Audit Approach on Internal Control Documentation and Testing Practices: A Longitudinal Investigation,” will be published in *International Auditing Journal*.

The article “Cleaning for the Revolutionary Household: Public Welfare and Domestic Servants, Mexico City, 1900 - 1935” by **Ann Blum**, assistant professor of the Hispanic Studies Department/Latin American Studies Program, will appear in the *Journal of Women’s History*.

Professor **Reyes Coll-Tellechea** of the Hispanic Studies Department published four articles in the *Feminist Encyclopedia of Spanish Literature* and the article “El Español en el Mundo” in *Contextos Multiculturales: Journal of Pedagogic Research and Shared Teaching Experiences in Multicultural Contexts*.

An article by Professor **Alexander DesForges** of the Modern Languages Department, “Building Shanghai, One Page at a Time: The Aesthetics of Installment Fiction at the Turn of the Century,” was published in the *Journal of Asian Studies*.

Avery Faigenbaum, associate professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Physical Education, recently published the review “Youth Resistance Training” for the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Bill Hagar, associate professor of biology, published the article “Supermarket Proteases” in the October issue of *The Science Teacher*.

Professor **Janet Kenney** of the Theatre and Dance Department contributed an essay to the Perishable Theatre’s 11th Annual Women’s Playwriting Festival Anthology.

Donaldo Macedo, professor of Applied Linguistics, with colleagues Panayota Gounari and Bessie Dendrinos from the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, co-authored *The Hegemony of English*, published by Paradigm Publishers. *The Hegemony of English* exposes how the neoliberal ideology of globalization promotes dominating language policies.

A paper by Professor **Seth Minkoff** of the Hispanic Studies Department, “Syntax and Epistemology in Guatemalan Children’s Spanish: The Case of Non-Consciousness and Non-Coreference,” will be published in *Language Acquisition*.

Lizabeth Roemer, associate professor of psychology, coauthored “Masculinity and Emotionality: An Investigation of Men’s Primary and Secondary Emotional Responding” with clinical graduate students **Matthew T. Tull** and **Kristalyn Salters** and recent graduates **Kim Gratz** and **Matthew Jakupcak**, which will be published in the journal *Sex Roles*. Roemer and Tull also co-wrote “Alternative Explanations of Emotional Numbing in PTSD: The Role of Hyperarousal and Experiential Avoidance” for the *Journal of Psychopathology and Behavioral Assessment*.

James Willis, assistant professor of sociology, coauthored the paper “Reforming to Preserve: Compstat and Strategic Problem Solving in American Policing,” which was published recently in *Criminology and Public Policy*.

EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, SHOWS

Professor **Neil Casey** of the Theatre and Dance Department is now appearing in *When Pigs Fly* at the Lyric Stage.

On October 2, **Lloyd Schwartz**, Frederick S. Troy Professor of English, gave a reading of his poems as keynote speaker for the 38th annual Conference on English in the Two-Year College. Schwartz also gave a poetry reading for PEN New England at the Hotel Marlowe on October 22.

APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

Connie S. Chan has been appointed interim dean of the College of Public and Community Service. Chan has served as co-director of the UMass Boston Institute for Asian American Studies since 1993.

J. Shoshanna Ehrlich of the College of Public and Community Service and **Carol Hardy-Fanta** of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy received the “Best Paper Award” for their paper “Grounded in the Reality of Their Lives” from the Women and Politics Section at the 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.

Professor **Phyllis Freeman** of the Ph.D. Program in Public Policy was appointed co-editor of the *Journal of Public Health Policy*.

Professor **Ana Madison** of the Human Service Department has been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the Boston Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Keith Motley, vice chancellor for student affairs, received the American Red Cross Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Volunteer Service on October 21 for his significant contribution to the American Red Cross.

Professor **Diane Paul** of the Political Science Department and Ph.D. Program in Public Policy was appointed to serve as a member of the Ethical, Legal, and Scientific Implications of Human Genetics 1 Study Section for the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health for a three-year term ending June 2006.

GRANTS AND RESEARCH

Paul Atwood of American Studies and the Joiner Center will lead a program of lectures/discussions in spring 2004 on “America in the 1960s” from a grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association.

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Tatjana Meschede, public policy Ph.D. candidate, received a \$25,000 doctoral dissertation research grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Miren Uriarte recently received funding from Oxfam America to collaborate with the Group for the Comprehensive Development of the Capital in La Habana, Cuba, in an evaluation of the 20 community transformation workshops in the City of Havana.

MISCELLANEOUS

Consuela Greene and **Michelle Kahan** of the Center for Social Policy completed their report "Strong Families, Strong Communities: A Report on the Family Circle Report," documenting how residents in Dudley view their community.

In September, **Brian Sokol** and **Michelle Hayes** of the Center for Social Policy completed a paper on data integration and homeless information management systems for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Give Us Your Poor: Homelessness & the U.S., a public awareness and action project of the Center for Social Policy, held a benefit outdoor concert event at the Joshua Tree in Davis Square, Somerville, September 20.

IN THE NEWS

Alan Clayton-Matthews, professor of public policy, was interviewed on Massachusetts unemployment rates for an October 18 article in the *Boston Herald*.

Tess Ewing, labor extension coordinator at the CPCS Labor Resource Center, was interviewed by Barry Nolan of CN8's *Nightbeat* on September 15 for a program on overtime and the Bush administration's attempts to change current overtime regulations.

Avery Faigenbaum, associate professor of exercise science and physical education, was quoted in the October 16 *Boston Globe* on the importance of preparing children for the rigors of sports with youth conditioning.

In September, **Carol Hardy-Fanta**, director of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, was interviewed on WHYN Newstalk 560's "Reporters Roundtable" on the New England Women's Political Summit and provided commentary for New England Cable News's News Night.

Esther Kingston-Mann, professor of history, was quoted in the *Christian Science Monitor* on October 14 on her philosophy of teaching students to think critically.

Kyle McInnis was featured in a major national and international video news release created by the American Heart Association (AHA) touting his study on walking for overweight people.

Sherry Penney, professor of leadership, and fellows from the Emerging Leaders Program (ELP) were interviewed on WHDH-TV's "Urban Update" on October 12.

Stephen Silliman, assistant professor of anthropology, was quoted in New London, Connecticut's *The Day* regarding his collaborative archaeological field project with the Eastern Pequot Tribal Nation.

Mayor Menino praised the Center for Social Policy's evaluation of the Technology Goes Home project in his weekly column on the web. The report was written by **Michelle Kahan**, **Consuela Greene**, and **Jennifer Raymond**.

The activities and forum discussions at UMass Boston's The New Majority Conference were featured in the *Boston Globe* on October 19.

A report prepared by the Urban Harbors Institute plotting the percentage of protected land along the Weir River Estuary was the focus of a *Patriot Ledger* story on October 10.

Third Celebration of Collaborative Leadership



2003 fellows **Lisa DeAngelis** of Liberty Mutual and **Ruth Coffin-Villaroel** of the Boston Globe were two of 39 who completed the leadership training program this year. (Photos by Harry Brett)

By **Sherry Penney**

The third annual leadership lunch sponsored by the College of Management's Center for Collaborative Leadership was held October 15 at the Fairmont Copley. Approximately 250 business leaders and their nominees attended to congratulate the 2003 cohort for completion of the leadership training program. There were 39 participants in 2003, half of which represented Boston's minority communities, hailing from the corporate, non-profit, and governmental sectors.

Sherry H. Penney, professor of leadership, welcomed the guests and introduced the principal guests, which included members of the Center's Board of Advisors, as well as business and community leaders.

Marshall N. Carter, retired CEO of State St. Corporation, congratulated the fellows and presented them with certificates. Former governor and presidential candidate **Michael S. Dukakis** de-

livered the principal address, on the need for enlightened leadership, and Chancellor **Gora** gave closing remarks.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts was the lunch sponsor for 2003, and several individuals from Blue Cross attended.

Also attending, in addition to those from the business-sector and community organizations, were representatives from UMass Boston's Urban Scholars, Taylor Scholars, Beacon Leadership Program, the Honors Program, Golden Key, and the Latino Leadership Opportunity Program.

Support for the program has been provided by State Street Corporation, ATT Foundation, Boston Globe Foundation, The Boston Foundation, Sovereign Bank and Mellon New England-Eugene Fay Trust.

Nominations were accepted in October, and those admitted to the 2004 program begin January 26.

New England Pension Assistance Project: Ten Years of Advocacy

By **Robert Geary**

This October, the New England Pension Assistance Project (NEPAP) of the Gerontology Institute celebrated its tenth year of providing free pension counseling to seniors in our region.

In 1993, the Administration on Aging (AoA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funded seven demonstration projects around the country to provide assistance to those who have questions or problems with their pensions. The Gerontology Institute received one of the demonstration grants and in January 1994 began providing service to individuals in Massachusetts. Directed by **Ellen Bruce** and managed by **Jack Pizer**, with the help of four volunteers, the project quickly proved its usefulness.

"This project has shown two things: how incredibly effective dedicated, intelligent volunteers can be and how much people need assistance in understanding and exercising their pension rights. We should have projects like this throughout the country," explains **Bruce**.

In 1998, based on the success of the project's work, the AoA awarded the NEPAP additional grant funding to expand its services to the six-state New England region. With the expansion came the need for more legal assistance, and **Jeanne Medeiros** joined the project as its legal coordinator.

Over the past 10 years, NEPAP has served over 2,900 people through individual assistance. Benefits valued at over \$13 million have been recovered for clients. Testimonials from clients underscore the difference the project has made in their lives: "It is because of you and your agency that I am able to become more independent, not have to depend on Welfare, or leave the house I have worked so hard to keep," says one.

For many clients, the NEPAP has ended long-standing frustrations: "There is no doubt in my mind that for all my trying to collect a small pension from a multi-billion dollar-corporation, I would never have realized results...But the New England Pension Assistance Project interceded on my behalf, and as a result, I have finally received a check," says one.

The world of pensions and retirement income is a complex maze of government and corporate pension policies, Social Security, federal regulation, and financial investment. Low and middle income elders often do not understand their eligibility for pensions, their benefits, or their rights under state or federal law. It is not uncommon for pensions to be miscalculated, or in some circumstances unfairly reduced or denied completely. Maximizing a senior's pension income can significantly reduce his or her risk of poverty.

NEPAP provides workers, retirees, and their families with personalized pension information and assistance. The project deals with all types of retirement plans, whether sponsored by a private employer, a union, or a governmental entity.

The project uses attorneys, law students, professional staff, and trained volunteer counselors to interview and investigate claims of beneficiaries. Staffers help clients obtain documents explaining their pensions, fill out forms to apply for their pensions, locate bankrupt or defunct plans, and find proof of work histories and any other documents needed to claim a pension.

NEPAP also conducts active and continuous outreach to make more people aware of their pension rights and to make them aware of the fact that the project is the only organization in New England offering free pension assistance.

NEPAP has received support from the University of Massachusetts Boston, and grants from the U.S. Administration on Aging, the Massachusetts Bar Foundation, the Boston Bar Foundation, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, the American Express Foundation, the Theresa and H. John Heinz III Charitable Fund, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and the Boston Commission on the Affairs of the Elderly.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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 December calendar listings by Friday, November 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.

SATURDAY 1

Massachusetts Student Nursing Association Fall Convention

9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, Ryan Lounge, 3rd fl. Information for current nursing and pre-nursing students and those interested in the nursing field. A free event including breakfast and lunch. RSVP 7-7518 or info_masna@yahoo.com.

Ritualizing Remembrance

McCormack Hall, 3rd Floor, Interfaith Chapel. Held throughout November, in honor of All Saint's Day on November 1. Stop by to remember loved ones through ancient and modern rituals. Contact: 7-5839 or maggie.cahill@umb.edu.

MONDAY 3

University Health Services: Flu Clinic

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, University Health Services, 2-40. November 3 through 13, Monday–Thursday. Students: \$10, Faculty and Staff: \$20. Intranasal spray: \$50. Contact: 7-5660.

Beacon Fitness Center Aerobic Class: Muscle Conditioning

11:30 a.m., Beacon Fitness Center, McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Every Monday. All members can take part in classes at no extra cost. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Beacon Fitness Center Aerobic Class: Cardio Kickboxing

12:30 p.m., Beacon Fitness Center, McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Mondays and Wednesdays. All members can take part in classes at no extra cost. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

TUESDAY 4

CPCS Tuesday Evening Brown Bag Supper Session: Ideology and Activism in British Social Housing: Lessons from and for the U.S.

5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th fl. Featuring Michael Stone of CPCS. Light refreshments will be served. Contact: 7-7262 or marie.kennedy@umb.edu.

WEDNESDAY 5

Harbor Art Gallery Exhibit: Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf?

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., weekdays, and 12:00 – 5:00 p.m., Saturdays. McCormack Hall, Harbor Art Gallery, 1st Fl. Art project by alumna Kathleen Bitetti to coincide with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Contact 7-7988.

Beacon Fitness Center Aerobic Classes

Beacon Fitness Center, McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Every Wednesday: Muscle Conditioning 12:30 p.m., Yoga Stretch: 4:00 p.m., and Step and Tone: 6:30 p.m. All members can take part in classes with no extra cost. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

ECOS Fall 2003 Seminar Series: Estuarine Water/Habitat Quality and Biotic Integrity

2:30 – 3:45 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Jeffrey Hughes of the Biology Department, Wellesley College. Contact: 7-7440 or timothy.odonnell@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 6

Anthropology Lecture: Hawaii's Russian Adventure: A New Look at Old History

2:30 p.m., location TBA. Featuring Peter Mills of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo discussing his archaeological and historical research into 19th-century interactions between Native Hawaiians and Russians in the Pacific. Sponsored by the Anthropology Club and Department. Contact: 7-6854 or stephen.silliman@umb.edu.

Graduate Student Assembly Meeting

4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Student Lounge, 4th fl. Also on November 20. Visit www.gsa.umb.edu for details. Contact: 7-7975 or gsassembly@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 7

Beacon Fitness Center Aerobic Class: Power Box

12:30 p.m., Beacon Fitness Center, McCormack Hall, 1st fl. Every Friday. All members can take part in classes at no extra cost. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Biology Seminar: Highthroughput RNAi Screens in Drosophila Cells

2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Norbert Perrimon from Harvard Medical School/Howard Medical Institute. Contact: 7-6600 or diana.ruddy@umb.edu.

SATURDAY 8

UMass Boston Sailing Program

12:00 – 7:00 p.m. Free to UMass Boston students. Also on November 15, 22, and 29. For more information, contact: 7-7833.

MONDAY 10

College of Nursing and Health Sciences Faculty Research Dialogue: Measuring Psychosocial Outcomes of Patient-Centered Nursing Care

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11-001A. Featuring Laurel Radwin of CNHS. Lunch will be served. Contact: 7-7500.

TUESDAY 11

Veterans Day Holiday

No classes. Offices closed.

WEDNESDAY 12

Alcohol Resource Center Open House

12:00 – 3:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Wit's End Cafe, 3rd fl. Receive information on the Alcohol Resource Center. Free food. Contact: 7-7981.

Digital Classroom Seminar Series

12:30 – 1:30 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11th fl. Learn how emerging technologies are affecting the classroom. The series will run on the second Wednesday of each month. Contact: 7-3998 or eileen_mcmahon@umb.edu.

ECOS Fall 2003 Seminar Series

2:30 – 3:45 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring F.R. Goetz of the Marine Biological Lab in Woods Hole, MA. Contact: 7-7440 or timothy.odonnell@umb.edu.

College of Management Senior Executive Forum

6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Quinn Administration Building, Chancellor's Conference Room, 3rd fl. Featuring Thomas N. O'Brien of Tishman Speyer Developers. Contact: 7-7734 or maryann.machanic@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 13

Blue Balloon Brown Bag Lunch Group

12:30–1:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 3rd Floor, Cafeteria. Regular informal forum to share techniques and experiences using Prometheus, UMass Boston's learning management system. Open to all faculty. Bring your lunch and look for the blue balloon! Contact: 7-3998 or eileen.mcmahon@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 14

Biology Seminar: Transcriptional Control of Spermatogenesis, or Making Somatic Proteins Do New Tricks

2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Dan Kilpatrick from UMass Medical School. Contact: 7-6600 or diana.ruddy@umb.edu.

TUESDAY 18

CPCS Tuesday Evening Brown Bag Supper Session: Life Stories

5:00 – 6:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, CPCS Plaza, 4th fl. Featuring Andrés Torres and Paul Ybarra. Light refreshments will be served. Contact: 7-7262 or marie.kennedy@umb.edu.

Got Cold Mountain? Special Pre-Screening and Talk with the Director

7:00 p.m., Fenway 13, Landmark Center, 201 Brookline Avenue, Boston. Special pre-screening of the forthcoming film *Cold Mountain*, followed by a question-and-answer session with director/screenwriter Anthony Minghella. Open to graduate students and others participating in the graduate orientation "Got Cold Mountain?" program. Limited seating; tickets required. Contact: Rita Nethersole, 7-5718.

WEDNESDAY 19

ECOS Fall 2003 Seminar Series: Coastal Ecosystem Modeling

2:30 – 3:45 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Fei Chai of the School of Marine Sciences at the University of Maine/Orono. Contact: 7-7440 or timothy.odonnell@umb.edu.

THURSDAY 20

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

3:00 p.m., Wheatley Hall, Cafeteria, 3rd fl. Contact: 7-5838 or adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu

The Great American Smokeout

McCormack Hall, Information booth, 1st fl. Information about smoking and smoking cessation—support, resources, and assistance. Please see www.umbwellness.org for details. Contact: 7-5680 or linda.jorgensen@umb.edu.

FRIDAY 21

Biology Seminar: Interpreting Change in Boston Harbor's Benthic Community Structure from 1991 – 2002: Hubbel's Neutral Model vs. Pearson and Rosenberg

2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Science Center, 1-006. Featuring Eugene Gallagher of the ECOS Department. Contact: 7-6600 or diana.ruddy@umb.edu.

UMass Boston Chamber Orchestra Concert

8:00 p.m., Cove Fine Arts Center, Eastern Nazarene College, 23 Elm Avenue, Quincy. Soloists include faculty members Suzanne Ehly and Seth Hamlin. Works by Thomas, Beethoven, Chadwick, Mozart, Guilman, and Gounod. A \$5 admission fee is requested. Contact: 7-5640.

MONDAY 24

College of Nursing and Health Sciences Faculty Research Dialogue: Developing a Program of Research in Home Care: Combining Two Research Interests

12:00 – 1:00 p.m., Healey Library, Library Staff Lounge, 11-001A. Featuring Joanne Dalton of CNHS. Lunch will be served. Contact: 7-7500.

THURSDAY 27

Thanksgiving Day.

No classes. Offices closed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Big Brothers/Big Sisters Clothing Donation

A donation bin for a donation of gently used clothes to Big Brothers/Big Sisters is located on the plaza near Wheatley Hall. Contact: 7-7897.

Beacon Fitness Center

Monday – Thursday: 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Open to faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Contact: 7-6786 or www.athletics.umb.edu/beacon/index.htm for schedule.

Interfaith Ministry Chapel Events and Services

McCormack Hall, Interfaith Chapel, 3rd fl. Offerings include community events, interfaith services, Catholic campus ministry, Protestant campus ministry, Islamic campus ministry, and Hillel Jewish campus ministry. For full schedule, see www.umb.edu/students/campus_ministry/events_services.html

Instructional Technology Center (ITC)

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

Intramural Aqua Aerobics

5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays. Clark Athletic Center, Pool. Contact: Rick Sledzik, 7-7830.

Intramural 5-on-5 Co-Ed Basketball

12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday. Sign up individually or enter as own team. Contact: 7-7830.

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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 for the most up-to-date program announcements, or contact: 7-5680.

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