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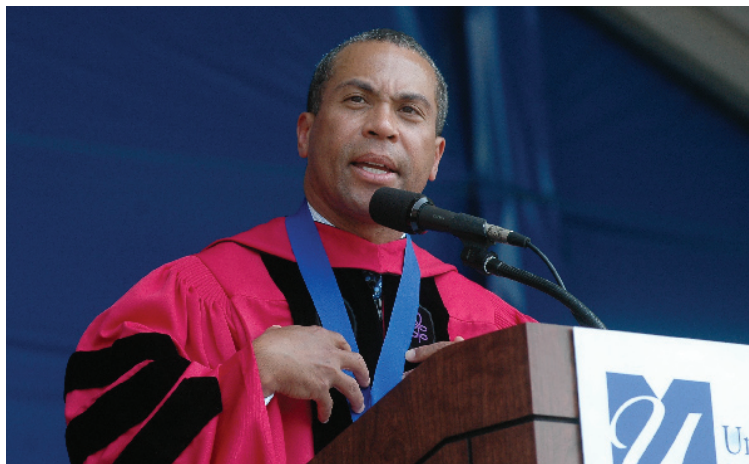


## At Commencement, Governor Patrick Calls on UMass Boston Grads to Continue Mission of Education for All

By Jennifer Rosinski

At UMass Boston's 39th commencement June 1, keynote speaker Governor Deval Patrick advised a sea of more than 2,600 UMass Boston graduates to be grateful for an education that has transformed their futures, and also unveiled a sweeping plan to review and expand the state's public education system from cradle to career.

The state's first African-American governor asked the graduates to support his launch of a 10-year comprehensive evaluation of education in Massachusetts, already ranked among the best in the nation. The plan would offer free community college or professional training to high school graduates, provide for full-day kindergarten in all communities, and extend the



*"This is not simply about the future of our schools. This is about the future of our state and of our civilization," said Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick during his keynote address. "For the families of tomorrow, for our common future, let's pass that on." (Photo by Margaret Brett)*

school day and year.

"This is not simply about the future of our schools. This is about the future of our state and of our civilization. Education

transforms your lives today as it has my own and my family's," said Patrick, who credits education with helping him rise above a poverty-stricken childhood on

the south side of Chicago, an experience he shared with his sister, Rhonda Sigh, Class of '06. "For the families of tomorrow, for our common future, let's pass that on."

Patrick's speech was met by resounding applause from those in attendance, as well as backing from Chancellor Michael F. Collins, who said, "Together we can. Together we must. Together we will."

Presiding over his final UMass Boston commencement, Collins urged graduates to embrace the change that is ahead in their lives and on the horizon for the university as it heads down the "path to perfection." Chancellor Collins has been nominated to serve as the interim Chancellor of UMass Medical School in Worcester and

appointed Senior Vice President for Health Sciences. UMass Vice President for Business, Marketing and Public Affairs J. Keith Motley, who served as interim chancellor during the 2004-2005 academic year, has been nominated to serve as UMass Boston's next chancellor. The appointments will be voted on by the Board of Trustees on June 21.

Despite that change in location and duties, Collins said he'd continue to support the Boston campus, and called on graduates to do the same.

"Your university has benefited from the privilege you have given it as a temporary steward of your education," he said. "I hope that you will continue to be loyal to those who have cared about you

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A summer day camp program for local kids, Camp Shriver will be twice as long and twice as big when it returns to the UMass Boston campus next month. See page 3 for a preview.

## A Leadership Change at UMass Boston: Collins Takes On New Role, Motley Named Chancellor Designate

By Ed Hayward

The transitions that mark the close of the semester and commencement this year also include a campus leadership transition that will see Chancellor Michael F. Collins, MD, leave to assume the newly created post of Senior Vice President for Health Sciences for the University of Massachusetts system, and Dr. J. Keith Motley, PhD, return to campus as the eighth chancellor of UMass Boston.

The proposed changes are slated to formally take effect following a Board of Trustees meeting and vote on the appointments on June 21.

In addition to the Senior Vice President post, Collins will serve as the interim chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. As Senior Vice President, Collins will play a vital role in managing the creation of a statewide stem cell bank and RNAi Therapeutics Center to be located at the Worcester campus. That initiative is part of Governor Deval Patrick's proposed \$1 billion life sciences initiative, which includes other opportunities for UMass campuses.



*Chancellor Michael Collins and Chancellor nominee J. Keith Motley. (Photo by Harry Brett)*

At the June 1 commencement, Chancellor Collins recognized Dr. Motley and they and faculty leaders were joined on the stage by Governor Deval Patrick, UMass President Jack M. Wilson, several members of the university's Board of Trustees, and honorary degree recipients Clementina Chéry, Robert Kraft, and Henri Termeer.

In his commencement address, Collins noted that the past two years had been a professionally and emotionally rewarding time for both him and his wife. He pledged to continue to advocate on behalf of the campus,

its students, and alumni in his new post.

"Be assured that I will continue to count myself among those who care," Chancellor Collins told the Commencement Day crowd of approximately 9,000. "Please know that the two years I have spent in your midst have been a marvelous and rewarding experience. My wife, Maryellen, and I have enjoyed our wonderful times with you and we shall be ever grateful for your kindness, cherishing always the gifts of your friendship."

President Wilson's proposal returns Motley, who has served

as the system's Vice President for Business, Marketing and Public Affairs for the past two years, to the Boston campus, where he served as interim chancellor during the 2004-2005 academic year and as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs prior to that appointment.

"I am very excited and honored to be asked to take on the job of chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Boston and I am thrilled at the prospect of returning to the campus," Motley said in a gathering with faculty and staff on May 17. "I look forward to working closely with Chancellor Collins and other campus leaders on implementing the strategic plan and on health science initiatives at the Boston campus and across the system."

Collins and Motley are slated to transition into the new appointments following the Board of Trustees meeting this summer. Leadership changes also included the announcement that John Lombardi will serve one more year as chancellor of UMass Amherst, the flagship campus, then take a year-long research

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## Governor Patrick Calls on Graduates to Continue Education Mission

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and for you, because UMass Boston cares about its students, cares about their pasts, and cares about their futures as they join the ranks of faithful alumni.”

University of Massachusetts President Jack M. Wilson acknowledged the “outstanding leadership” of Collins, saying, “He really deserves a lot of credit for leading this campus and for leading many important community partnerships and collaborations.”

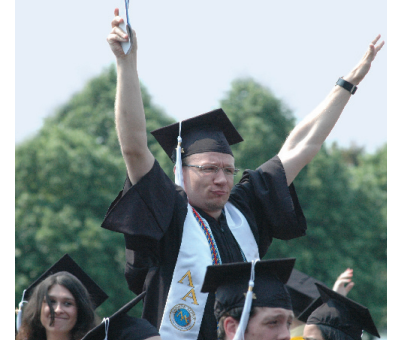
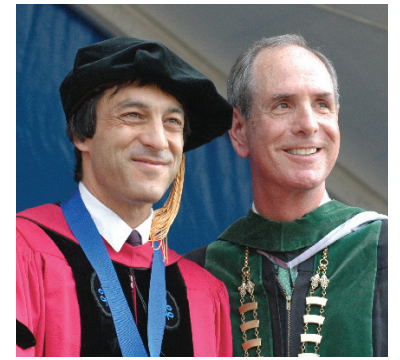
Governor Patrick also spoke of partnerships while outlining his education reform plan, which includes goals such as reducing the dropout rate, better preparing Massachusetts students to compete for jobs, and reducing teen violence and pregnancy.

This, he said, would require “a decade of ‘no excuses’ leadership, starting with me. If we accept that the status quo is the best that we can do and the best that we can have, then God help us. I ask each of you to join with me in working to make that vision real.”

Patrick also received the 2007 Chancellor’s Medal, along with Clementina (Tina) Chéry, the founder and president of the Boston-based Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Henri Termeer, president and CEO of Cambridge-based Genzyme Corp., and Robert Kraft, chairman of the Kraft Group and owner of the New England Patriots, received honorary degrees.

Honors were also bestowed upon three professors. Peter Kiang, professor of education and director of the Asian American Studies Program, received the 2007 Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award; Jennifer Radden, professor of philosophy and chair of the department, received the 2007 Chancellor’s Distinguished Scholarship Award; and Russell K. Schutt, professor of sociology, received the 2007 Chancellor’s Distinguished Service Award.

The theme of service and the expansion of educational opportunities was reinforced by Najia Afshari, who gave remarks on behalf of her class as the recipient of the John F. Kennedy Award,



Clockwise from top left: Celebrating in the sun on the Campus Center lawn; 2007 Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award recipient Peter Kiang with Chancellor Collins; a triumphant graduate’s personal celebration; 2007 Chancellor’s Medal recipient Clementina (Tina) Chéry, honorary degree recipient Robert Kraft, 2007 Chancellor’s Medal recipient and keynote speaker Governor Deval Patrick, and honorary degree recipient Henri Termeer. (Photos by Harry Brett and Margaret Brett)

which goes to the outstanding undergraduate student of 2007. The Afghanistan native, a case manager at Catholic Charities’ Refugee and Immigration Service, also worked with refugees and immigrants in Pakistan before com-

ing to the United States in 2000.

“Through the years of my humanitarian work, I realized that there is nothing more important than a sustainable educational system for our children,” said Afshari, who earned a bachelor’s degree in

human services management from the College of Public and Community Service. “A sustainable end to world poverty, the path to peace, and security is possible only if we make positive choices.”

## 2007 JFK Award Winner Sees Service in Her Future

By Will Kilburn

Najia Afshari, who came to the U.S. in 2000 from Pakistan after fleeing the civil war in her native Afghanistan six years earlier, will receive the John F. Kennedy Award as the Class of 2007’s outstanding undergraduate at the university’s 39th commencement on June 1, 2007.

Afshari, a Chelsea resident who will graduate with a bachelor’s degree in human service management from the College of Public and Community Service (CPCS), came to UMass Boston with an impressive real-world resume, including several years of work in Pakistan for the International Rescue Committee, the Afghan Institute for Learning, and the Cooperation Center for Afghanistan.

That mission of service to others took on a new dimension when she arrived in Boston with her mother and four siblings, where she became, in her words, “essentially, the head of my household,” responsible for working full time so that her

siblings could go to school. But Afshari was also determined to continue with her career and her education, working for Catholic Charities’ Boston office in its Refugee and Immigration Services program, and taking classes at Bunker Hill Community College before transferring to UMass Boston in the fall of 2005.

“We have been fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from Najia,” said CPCS assistant professor Lorna Rivera. “Najia has a brilliant, critical mind, and she consistently produces graduate-level quality work. In our college, Najia has been recognized as an exceptional student leader.”

In their recommendation letters for the award, Rivera and other CPCS faculty said Afshari was not just an outstanding student but also a colleague, working as a Peer Advising Tutor and also frequently meeting with both professors and students outside of classroom time. Most students, said CPCS professor Ann Withorn, need some coaching to present often-complex and abstract



JFK Award winner Najia Afshari. (Photo by Harry Brett)

ideas, but Afshari did not.

“When she and I presented to a group of students, she was able to make it appealing, not daunting,” said Withorn. “She has the ability to speak so that people quiet down and listen to her. She doesn’t preach, she explains, and is able to use examples and humor to bring her audience into the learning circle.”

Afshari’s former supervisor at Catholic Charities also had high praise for her accomplishments there, in which she has helped hundreds of refugees resettle.

“Najia embraced her work with compassion and a respect for the individual that enabled refugees to maintain their dignity and sense of purpose,” said Deborah Hughes, former director of Refugee and Immigration Services. “Although highly principled, Najia is also a realist, and she directed her clients with a forthrightness that was tempered with personal knowledge of the searing refugee experience.”

Currently, Afshari is waiting to hear back about a potential job at the state Office for Refugees and Immigrants, and says she plans to continue her education at the graduate level.

“I’d love to go into a master’s program, either international development or public policy or public administration—something that I can offer my education to, and relate it to most of the people in the world, not just in a specific area,” she said. “Working at the policy level, either state or federal, or go to the United Nations or international development organizations.”

Wherever Afshari’s mission takes her, those who know her at UMass Boston agree that she’ll go far.

“I have never met a student with more innate and expansive intellectual ability, more deep personal and professional skills, and more drive to encounter and change society in world-changing ways,” said Withorn. “I do believe that she is one of those UMass Boston graduates about whom we will someday be proud to say, ‘We knew her when.’”

*First awarded in 1977, the JFK Award is the highest honor that an undergraduate can receive. Nominees are evaluated on the basis of their academic record, their service contributions, and their overall contributions as a citizen of the university and of the world. The chosen recipient receives a bust of John F. Kennedy, an honorarium, and the opportunity to speak at the main university commencement ceremony.*

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## A Leadership Change at UMass Boston; A System-wide Move Toward Collaboration

sabbatical. U.S. Rep. Martin T. Meehan, appointed to serve as chancellor of UMass Lowell, officially assumes his new post on July 1.

“We are building a leadership team of unparalleled distinction,” President Wilson said. “Michael Collins and Keith Motley truly are distinguished, inspirational leaders, and they will help us to reach our goal of world-class educational, research, and service excellence.”

The leadership changes and the ongoing discussion are intended

to foster additional collaboration across the five University of Massachusetts campuses and with community, business, and academic partners.

“Together we will help claim our rightful place as a top-tier public university and affirm the Boston campus as Boston’s great urban, public university campus,” said President Wilson. “Our recent history at UMass as well as at other leading public universities proves that collaboration is the right path to give our students access to greater resources

[and] more opportunities, and to enhance the value of the UMass degree. The leadership team we’re putting in place, with Dr. Collins and Dr. Motley, is an excellent team to help make this a reality for UMass.”

Wilson and Board of Trustees chairman Stephen P. Tocco plan to establish a task force of faculty, administrators, and higher education experts to examine a range of ideas intended to strengthen each individual campus and increase collaborations across the system.

## Staff Recognized at Second Annual Chancellor’s Achievement Awards

By Will Kilburn

For most of the year, students and professors are the ones who take home awards for their achievements. But just before commencement, one member each from the classified and professional staff had their time in the spotlight at the second annual Chancellor’s Achievement Awards, followed by the Ice Cream Social.

Before announcing the winners, Chancellor Michael Collins spoke on the vital contributions made by university staff as UMass Boston builds on its legacy and plans for the future.

“Today’s Chancellor’s Achievement Awards recognize and reward those members of our staff whose demonstrated performance reveals their willingness to engage in renewing and rebuilding our campus,” he said. “These awards celebrate exemplary innovation, initiative, and service in our UMass Boston employees.”

In a change from last year’s ceremony, each nominee was called to the front of the room and given a certificate of their nomination, after which Chancellor Collins spoke about the winner from each category prior to revealing their names.

According to one nomination letter, classified staff award winner Denise Radko from Management and Marketing is not only a skilled problem-solver—“She solves problems no one knows how to handle,” wrote one College of Management faculty member—but also is known to take care of problems before anyone realizes that they’re problems at all. “Everything is done,” wrote another, “whether I know I need it done or not.”

Of professional staff winner James Allen, a horticulturalist in

the Biology Department, Chancellor Collins said his achievements are all around us, from big projects such as putting in hundreds of hours of overtime at the Greenhouse when the Science Building needed repairs, to smaller ones like taking care of the English Department’s fish tank.

After receiving their awards, which include a \$3,000 stipend, both Radko and Allen expressed surprise that they’d been re-

warded just for doing jobs that they love.

“I just do it because that’s what I have to do on a daily basis,” said Radko. “I enjoy being with people, I love people. Any kind of problem, if I can assist, I’m there. That’s what I like to do most.”

“That is what I like to do,” said Allen. “When you have a nice job like I have, it is very stress-free, and it’s a wonderful job that I love to come to every day.”



Chancellor Michael Collins with Chancellor’s Achievement Award winners Denise Radko and Jim Allen. (Photo by Harry Brett)

### Complete list of nominees:

#### Professional Staff

James Allen—Biology  
Linda Curreri—Psychology  
Rosanne Donahue—CLA, Dean’s Office  
Denise Duggan—Facilities  
Paul Foster—Physics  
Barbara Graceffa—McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies  
Zehra Graham—Environmental Health and Safety  
Jain Ruvich Higgins—Vice Chancellor for Athletics and Special Programs  
Tommy Joyce—Facilities  
Annie Lan Lin—Institutional Research and Policy Studies  
Michael MacPhee—McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies  
Steve Martinson—Parking and Transportation  
Robert McCulley—Institute for Community Inclusion  
Deirdre McNamee—University Advancement  
Albis Mejia—Student Support Services

Janet Micevich—English  
Joyce Morrissey—Honors Program  
Linda O’Brien—Customer Service  
Maureen Pelton—Human Resources  
Francesco Peri—Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences  
Stanley Wanucha—Continuing Education  
Florence Wurzel—Environmental, Earth and Ocean Sciences

#### Classified Staff

Kathy Beauchamp—Mailroom  
Vendela Carlson—Philosophy  
John Carty—Facilities  
Clare Crawford—Political Science  
Epiphania Godinho—Dean’s Office, CM  
David Lanchester—Facilities  
Kelly Mason—Dispute Resolution  
Nancy McCarty—Registrar’s Office  
Ethel McClelland—Public Safety  
Denise Radko—Management and Marketing  
Anita Thompson—Procurement  
Yvonne Vaillancourt—Biology

## Camp Shriver to Offer Twice as Much Fun This Summer

By Kari Russ

After a successful two-week, 60-camper pilot program last year, Camp Shriver is doubling in length and nearly doubling in size this summer, welcoming 100 campers for the four weeks from July 9 through August 3, thanks to a \$300,000, five-year sponsorship from Procter & Gamble/Gillette.

Founded in 1962 when Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver invited 35 boys and girls with intellectual disabilities to her Maryland home, Camp Shriver has since expanded to 25 locations across the U.S., in the Virgin Islands, and in Haiti, offering sports instruction, field trips, and other activities to children both with and without intellectual disabilities.

“Camp Shriver at UMass Boston is a very unique summer opportunity, because we serve an equal number of children with and without disabilities in an inclusive setting,” said Gary N. Siperstein, PhD, director of the Center for Social Development and Education (CSDE), which runs the local edition of the camp. “All of these children are considered equal-status campers and given the same opportunities to improve their sports skills and make new friends. And for many of these children, both with and without disabilities, this is the first time they have had a chance to participate in a structured summer program.”

An evaluation of last year’s camp conducted by staff from CSDE found that campers both with and without disabilities significantly improved their sports skills. In addition, observations

and interviews with campers showed that campers with and without disabilities were equally likely to have made new friends at the camp.

While at Camp Shriver, campers will take advantage of the many amenities on campus, including the gym, pool, and playing fields. In addition to regular sports instruction, campers will also participate in weekly visits to the soon to be opened GoKids Boston youth fitness research and training center. Enrichment activities will center on topics including team building and protecting the environment, and there will be field trips to Plymouth Harbor and a local farm.

Camp Shriver is led by a staff of experienced special educators, and includes UMass Boston graduate and undergraduate students, teachers from area school districts, and local high school students.

“I’m really excited to be coming back to Camp Shriver,” said Ashley McNair, a senior psychology major who, looking for more hands-on experience with children to complement her studies, served as a counselor last year. “I hope to meet new campers and reconnect with some of our campers from last year. We left camp with a lot of good relationships and memories. I’m looking forward to giving our new campers the same experiences.”

“We are carrying Mrs. Shriver’s vision into the twenty-first century,” said Siperstein. “Camp Shriver is a model for how we can include children and adults with disabilities into the larger community.”



Camp Shriver campers and counselors can look forward to twice as much fun in the sun this summer. (Photo by Harry Brett)



# Web-Based Learning Growing, Getting Noticed

By Lisa Gentes

It's not just the students at UMass Boston who are tech-savvy—the professors are, too, boosting their lesson plans and incorporating new web-based teaching tools.

In April, UMass Boston history professor Spencer DiScala received the University Continuing Education Association's 2007 Excellence in Teaching Award. The national association honored the veteran professor for his online teaching methods, which include discussion forums and blogs that bring lessons and historical characters to life.

DiScala, who teaches five courses online, is one of five professors who were named 2007 E-Fellows at UMass Boston, a group that also included Barbara Worley, an anthropology adjunct professor; Edward Romar, a professor in the College of Management; and College of Education professors Virginia Smith Harvey and Gonzalo Bacigalupe.

UMass Boston has also been getting noticed for its group efforts in online education: The Superintendent's Academy received a program award at the national conference of the University Continuing Education Association in 2005; the online BA completor degree received an award for best program by the regional branch of the University Continuing Educa-

tion Association in 2006; and the RN-to-BS online degree program is participating in a \$650,000 blended course grant from the Sloan-C organization.

These awards and grants highlight the impressive growth of the campus's online education programs, which are available through the Division of Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education. When they began in the summer of 2001, the total enrollment was just 756 students in 15 courses; now, 5,519 are enrolled in more than 120 courses.

"Online education started up reluctantly, with a lot of skepticism on the part of both the faculty and the administration," said Panayota Gounari, assistant professor of applied linguistics, director of the Applied Linguistics Online Program. "[But] our online program has very high standards, we use the same admissions requirements, curriculum, and faculty as with the face-to-face program. Flexibility does not mean compromising quality or offering easy courses."

Despite initial reluctance by some, faculty from several departments and colleges have embraced online teaching, said Rick Houser, PhD, professor and associate dean of the Graduate College of Education. "For example, nursing and counseling programs have grown dramatically. We offer four coun-

seling programs primarily online: Family Therapy; Mental Health Counseling; Rehabilitation Counseling; and School Counseling."

Houser said there are many benefits to online teaching and learning. "It requires faculty to organize their course in great detail because lectures are posted online, faculty must be creative in developing online learning experiences, and students have easy access to faculty without barriers such as only contacting them on campus."

Degrees offered now include MA in Applied Linguistics, MS in Family Therapy Counseling, MS in Rehabilitation Counseling, MS in Mental Health Counseling, MEd in School Guidance Counseling, MS in Gerontology, MEd in Instructional Design, BS in Nursing for Registered Nurses, BA in Community Studies, and several graduate and undergraduate certificates.

Students, and professors, will continue to benefit from the high-tech experience even after graduation. "Online courses also expose UMass Boston students to educational technology and online pedagogy, knowledge and skills that they should be able to use later in life," said Katharine Galatsis, Director of Online Education for Corporate, Continuing and Distance Education at UMass Boston.



On May 10, the Campus Center ballroom hosted "Dancing with the Stars of Boston," a benefit for the Fields Corner Main Street program in Dorchester. Pictured: Former Red Sox pitcher Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd and dance partner UMass Boston student Lidan Liu.

## APPOINTMENTS

Provost Paul J. Fonteyn announced the following appointments to the university's academic leadership team.

**Carol L. Colbeck** has been appointed dean of the Graduate College of Education, effective August 1. Dr. Colbeck comes to UMass Boston from The Pennsylvania State University, where she is the director and senior research associate of the university's Center for the Study of Higher Education, and an associate professor in the College of Education.

Also joining UMass Boston on August 1 is **Andrew Grosovsky**, who will be the new dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. Dr. Grosovsky is vice provost for undergraduate education at the University of California, Riverside, a professor in the Department of Cell Biology & Neuroscience, and a research associate at the UCR Air Pollution Research Center.

**Anne Scrivener Agee** has been appointed vice provost for information technology and chief information officer, effective June 18. Currently the CIO for Connecticut's state university system, Dr. Agee also served as the executive director of the Division of Instructional and Technology Support Services and deputy CIO at George Mason University.

**Michelle Auerbach** has been appointed assistant vice provost for research and executive director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, effective June 3. Ms. Auerbach is currently the director of research administration at McLean Hospital in Belmont, MA where she has leadership and oversight responsibilities for the administration, coordination, and establishment of procedures and policies for its research program.

# UMass Boston Students Help Preschoolers Get A "Jump" on Their Education

By Will Kilburn

A few weeks before UMass Boston's commencement, a few undergraduates took part in a much smaller graduation ceremony—but one with just as many cheers and tears—across town in Jamaica Plain. The setting was the Nazareth Child Care Center, where nine preschoolers donned construction-paper mortarboards to celebrate their completion of Jumpstart, a nationwide program in which nearly 12,000 children aged three to five are paired with college students who act as their mentors.

UMass Boston has taken part in Jumpstart since 1996, with a total of 350 students providing more than 100,000 hours of service. This year, 44 UMass Boston students were paired with a total of 39 preschoolers at Nazareth, Escuelita Boriken in the South End, and at Dorchester Head Start, helping them develop social and



Jumpstart graduates and Jumpstart Corps members from UMass Boston. From left: Stephen Lavery and Tyler, Gissmer and Yvette Hernandez, Jheneire Loreus and Johnny. (Photo by Lauren Meldonian)

academic skills through playing, singing, and storytelling.

"One of the things Jumpstart tries to do is to take advantage of kids' interest and excitement when they're four," said Lauren Meldonian, Jumpstart's site manager at UMass Boston, who also noted that while relatively few of the students plan on working with kids as a career when they enter the program, many end up

deciding to do so during their time with the program.

Team leader Annie Boursiquot is one of them: A junior with a dual major in criminal justice and sociology who just completed her second year with Jumpstart, she's planning to add an education minor to her studies.

"It's good that they're moving on, but it was very emotional," said Boursiquot after the cer-

emony. It's very rewarding, she said, to watch the preschoolers' progress, especially those who needed to overcome the shyness that can hold them back when they make the big jump to public-school kindergarten. "It's cool to congratulate them on all these fun accomplishments that, for whatever reason, they had no confidence in when they first came into Jumpstart."

The help given by the college students helps teachers as well, said Brenda Powers, assistant director at Nazareth.

"It is a wonderful experience for us," said Powers. "One of the best things is it brings young, enthusiastic people into the program, especially at the end of the day when other people might be dragging, who come in and just kind of rejuvenate what's going on."



# Joiner Center Conference Examines Combat Stress Faced by New Veterans

By Ed Hayward

The veterans of war in Iraq and Afghanistan will have to rely on themselves to secure proper treatment for combat stress, Floyd “Shad” Meshad, the president and founder of the National Veterans Foundation, told new veterans and their fellow veterans from the Vietnam era during a conference presented by the campus’s William Joiner Center for the Study of War and Social Consequences.

Many of the more than 600,000 servicemen who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan have undergone the most extended and intense combat experience since the Korean conflict or World War II, said Meshad, a Vietnam veteran. Many veterans have done four or five tours, added Meshad, and an estimated 80 percent have

been under fire at some point.

“If the war were to end tomorrow, we’re going to see mental stuff we’ve never seen before,” Meshad said. “It will bury the Veterans Administration and everyone else like a tsunami. Then, for the next 10-15 years, it gets very quiet on the veterans front – near silence. As soon as the war is over, it is on to the next issue. It won’t be the veteran.”

Meshad’s message about advocacy to the Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in the audience was clear: “It’s a fight. Nothing is going to be given to you.”

Joiner Center Director Kevin Bowen said the students and staff of the center organized the gathering because the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have raised new issues about combat stress injury, which includes

post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which was first codified following the Vietnam war.

“PTSD does not occur in a vacuum,” said Bowen, a Vietnam veteran. “It occurs in a social context, outside the institutions involved in treatment and within our communities. So while the war is still being debated and still being fought, how do veterans deal with this? How should treatment develop among a new generation and an aging generation?”

Much like the veterans who preceded them in earlier conflicts, a major obstacle to treatment is a soldier’s unwillingness to acknowledge a need for medical care or counseling, according to several speakers.

Mel Tapper, a veteran coordinator from the Department of Veterans Affairs, spoke about having

visited with a unit back from Iraq, where they experienced some of the heaviest fighting in cities including Fallujah and Ramadi. He asked the group how many felt they were having problems readjusting to life stateside.

“Do you know how many admitted to having problems? Zero,” Tapper said. “I got back to my office the next day and I have not stopped getting calls from those men and women since.”

Boston Police Department Sgt. Herbert T. White, Jr., director of the department’s Peer Support & Family Assistance Unit, said public agencies are already assisting employees who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. A Vietnam veteran, White said he tries to lead by example, relating his struggles upon returning from his tour in Vietnam. His story isn’t perfect,

he said, but it is the only story he can tell.

“We owe that to all our young people, to be a positive example to young people,” White told his fellow veterans. “They can look at me and say, ‘He’s not perfect, but he’ll do until perfect comes along.’”

Paul Camacho, the Joiner Center’s director of special projects, was among the Vietnam veterans who said it was important for new veterans to more quickly seek help, rather than seek refuge in drugs or alcohol or simply isolate themselves.

“We don’t want what happened to us to happen to you,” said Camacho, who earned a PhD after he returned from Vietnam. “Only you can do something about that. But there are plenty of people out there to help.”

## WUMB Gives Talent Quest-ers a Shot at the Big Time

By Will Kilburn

Earlier this spring, the call went out to public radio listeners: Do you have what it takes to host a public radio show? More than 1,400 people gave it a shot in the Public Radio Talent Quest, created by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and the Public Radio Exchange to discover potential radio stars.

For the most part, contestants recorded two-minute demos at home and then submitted them to the contest’s Web site, but eight public radio stations, including UMass Boston’s WUMB, opened their studios to those who wanted a more polished sound for their entries. For general manager and station cofounder Pat Monteith, taking part in the contest was a natural fit for WUMB.

“A lot of doors were opened for us over the years, and that’s not anything that I’m ever going to forget,” said Monteith. “This is what we’re doing here—we’re trying to open doors for other people to be able to walk through. It would be really neat if we could help find the next big talent.”

During two sessions in late April, about 30 people, among them several UMass Boston staffers and students, took the opportunity to be professionally recorded at WUMB. While none made any predictions about taking home one of the three top prizes—\$10,000 and a chance to create a brand-new public radio show—everyone interviewed by the *Reporter* said it was a good experience.

“I was a little bit nervous, so I was a little bit worried about rushing and going too fast,” said Dan Margarita, a FedEx employee and part-time reporter. “But the guy was very nice in there, helped me edit it out. I thought it went reasonably well.”

Others, such as friends Jane La Chance and Donna K. Carpenter, also enjoyed the experience, and vowed to continue on with their radio ambitions whether they won or not.

“We have a dream of someday having a talk show where we would have people call in, and it would be about accessing health care information,” said La Chance, a nurse case manager and a graduate student in UMass Boston’s Critical and Creative Thinking Program.



*Talent Quest hopeful Brian Fast (background) gets some radio tips from WUMB’s Dave Palmater. (Photo by Will Kilburn)*

“It’s something I’ll talk about for a long time,” said Carpenter, also a nurse case manager and

UMass Boston graduate student. “Even if it doesn’t go any further, this has been a blast.”

## State Labor Secretary Addresses Women and Work

By Colleen M. Lofgren

Suzanne M. Bump, the newly confirmed Massachusetts Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development, was the featured speaker at the Eastern Massachusetts OWL Mother’s Day Celebration, held at the University of Massachusetts Boston on May 8, 2007.

In her speech, titled “Women, Work and Family Across the Life Course,” Secretary Bump discussed her role in the new Patrick administration, as well as the administration’s policy priorities regarding the career

challenges faced by women.

“We need to have a very broad shift in how we train and find work, especially for women,” Bump said. “We are still in a new, proactive process of integrating women into the workforce, but we are not making the kinds of strides that we should be.”

Bump has seen that progress, and how much still needs to be done, firsthand: Prior to her appointment, Bump represented the town of Braintree from 1985 to 1993 in the House of Representatives, and cochaired the Committee on Commerce and Labor. Dur-

ing that time, Chairman Bump sponsored many bills on wages, hours, working conditions, and job creation. In her time away from Beacon Hill, she worked in the private sector, serving on the boards of a numbers of nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

Of particular concern to Secretary Bump is the aging of the workforce. During her speech, she referred to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Older Workers Report from 2000, which UMass Boston’s Gerontology Institute played a key role in putting together.

“We were pleased that she has reviewed the findings of the report, and is interested in using her office to examine the recommendations of the Commission which have not yet been implemented,” said Ellen Bruce, Graduate Program Director and Chair of the Gerontology Institute at UMass Boston. “The Gerontology Institute has long been interested in policies that accommodate older workers’ needs.”

In addition to the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter of OWL, a national organization that addresses the social, economic, and

political concerns of midlife and older women, co-sponsors of the event included the Gerontology Alumni Association, UMass Boston Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, Department of Women’s Studies, Gerontology Institute, Labor Resource Center, Massachusetts Paid Family Leave Coalition, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Our Bodies Ourselves, and The Women’s Center (Cambridge). Further information about Eastern Mass OWL, which meets regularly at UMass Boston, is available at [www.massowl.org](http://www.massowl.org).

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## PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND LECTURES

**Sherry Penney**, professor of leadership in the College of Management, and her husband, Jim Livingston, spoke at the Boston Public Library on May 14 on “A Family Divided: The Abolitionist Wrights and the Slaveholding Pelhams,” based on research on two 19th-century families who were on opposite sides of the Civil War. Penney is also co-presenting a case study as part of the Emerging Leaders Program at the annual meeting of the European Foundation for Management Development in Brussels on June 11.

Professor **Pamela Jones** of the Art Department delivered the paper “Guercino’s Penitent Magdalene for S. Maria Maddalena delle Convertite: Saints and Sinners on Rome’s Via del Corso” in the symposium *Accademia Dempsiana: Papers in Early Modern Italian Studies in Honor of Charles Dempsey*, held May 4-5 at the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Binghamton University.

Professor **Marc Pomplun** of the Computer Science Department took part in the 13th annual German-American Kavli Frontiers of Science symposium on May 31–June 2 in Irvine, California, where he presented “The Selectivity of Human Eye Movements during Visual Search.”

**Marc Prou**, associate professor of Africana Studies, presented a paper, “Why Caribbean Studies matter: Paradigms and Prospects,” at the International Symposium on Caribbean Studies at Brown University on April 13, and was also invited to a panel discussion on Haitian-Dominican Relations at Brown University on April 14.

Graduate College of Education professor **Rona Flippo**’s paper on family literacy was presented at the Family Literacy Symposium of the International Reading Association (IRA) Convention in Toronto on May 12-17.

Assistant psychology professor **Erik Blaser** presented his work and participated in an invited International Workshop on Visual Attention held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from March 11-15.

Assistant psychology professor **Zsuzsa Kaldy** presented a poster at the annual meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, held March 22-25 in Philadelphia, and a paper at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, held April 12-14 in San Rafael, California.

Associate psychology professor **David Lisak** presented an address, “Confronting Sexual Violence: Moral Obligation; Moral Leadership,” at the Air Force Sexual Assault Prevention & Risk Reduction Symposium in Vienna, Virginia, and also gave a plenary presentation at the Regional Forensic Council conference in Crestview Hills, Kentucky.

Psychology Department chairman **Celia Moore** presented a paper on “The Concept of Experience in Development and Learning: Sources of Reliability in an Extended Concept of Inheritance” in a symposium on March 23-25 at Indiana University.

Psychology professor **Jean Rhodes** gave the keynote addresses at the annual meetings of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada in Banff, Alberta, on April 13 and at Big Brothers Big Sisters International in New York on April 15, and also organized a Research and Policy Council meeting for the MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership on April 10-11.

On March 15, **Tatjana Meschede**, Senior Research Associate at the Center for Social Policy, presented a paper titled “Excluded and Re-discovered: The ‘Chronically’ Homeless in the U.S.” at The International Conference on Social Exclusion and Poverty in Lisbon, Portugal.

On February 10 and 11, **Jennifer Raymond**, **Tatjana Meschede**, and **John McGah**, Senior Research Associates at the Center for Social Policy, each presented at the 2007 East Coast Conference on Hunger and Homelessness at Boston University. Raymond and Meschede also conducted a workshop titled “Making Personal Stories Heard: Using Qualitative Research to Impact Homeless, Policy.” McGah was also part of the opening panel, where he gave an overview of homelessness in the United States.

On April 13, professor **Jeff Keisler** of the MSIS Department presented “Language, Interpolation and Collaborative Decision Making” at the MIT Organization Studies Group Colloquium.

CPCS gerontology professor **Nina M. Silverstein** presented a lecture titled “Bringing the Student to the Curriculum and the Curriculum to the Student: A Competency-Based Approach to Infusing Gerontology in Undergraduate Education” at the Katharine Ratliff Memorial Conference on Ethics, Values, and Human Responsibility, held May 17-18 at the University of Indianapolis.

On April 17, CPCS professor **James Green** delivered the Dunfey Fund lecture on Public History at the University of New Hampshire; on April 20, he addressed the Police Union Leadership Seminar at Harvard Law School; and on May 11, he addressed the Massachusetts Superior Court’s Judicial Education Committee.

College of Nursing and Health Sciences associate professor **Joan Garity** gave a presentation titled “Transitioning Traditional Content in Ethics, Legal and Health Policy Issues to the Web: Lessons Learned” at the 44th Annual Isabel Maitland Stewart Conference on Research in Nursing Technology, held April 27 at Columbia University, and also gave a presentation titled “The Differences in Alzheimer Family Care Giver

Grief” at the Alzheimer Support Group offered by the River Bay Club in Quincy on May 15.

**Ellen Hume**, director of the Center on Media and Society, was on a panel May 17 at the Boston Public Library on “Restoring Media Trust: How Is the News Changing and Why Is It Important for Our Community?”

English professor **Elsa Auerbach** will present the fourth annual Francesca Target Memorial Lecture at London Southbank University in London, England, on June 13, and will also present an invited lecture at the University of London’s Institute of Education on June 20.

**Gary C. Glick**, research assistant for the Center for Social Development and Education, presented a poster titled “Curb Your Sensitivity: How Self-Reinforcement Can Ease the Sting of Rejection” at the Association for Psychological Science in Washington, D.C., in May.

**Mohammad H. Tamdgidi**, assistant professor of sociology, presented the panel paper “Utopistics and the Asiatic Modes of Liberation: Gurdjieffian Contributions to the Sociological Imaginations of Inner and Global World-Systems” at the 31st Annual Conference of the Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association, held in May at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, and also presented a panel paper, “Intersecting Autobiography, History, and Theory: The Subtler Global Violences of Colonialism and Racism in Fanon, Said, and Anzaldúa,” at the Fourth Annual Social Theory Forum held in March at UMass Boston.

English Department assistant professor **Patrick Barron** presented the recently published *The Selected Poetry and Prose of Andrea Zanzotto* at the Italian Cultural Institute in Vancouver, Canada.

**Felicia Wilzenski**, professor of counseling and school psychology, presented a paper titled “Implementing Service Learning to Increase Developmental Assets Among Traumatized Students” at a Massachusetts Department of Education conference at Holy Cross College in Worcester. Assistant philosophy professor **Mickaella Perina** presented a paper titled “Reshaping Politics and Community: Race and the Construction of Diasporic Citizenship and Identities” at the Pacific Division of the American Philosophical Association on April 6.

**Laura Henze Russell**, director of the Elder Economic Security Standard Project at the Gerontology Institute, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, testified at the May 1 hearing of the Joint Revenue Committee of the Massachusetts Legislature on senior property tax relief, and submitted written testimony at an April 4 hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Financial Services Committee on

the impact of high housing costs on elders. Russell also presented “Elders on the Edge: The High Cost of Living for MA Seniors” at Aging: A 2020 Vision for the Greater North Shore on May 18 and at the Neponset Valley Chamber of Commerce May 24, and gave a staff training at Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

CPCS professor **Ann Withorn** will be the keynote speaker at the Justice Studies Association 2007 Conference in Newport, Rhode Island, from June 7-9.

On May 21, **Joanne Riley**, director of the Massachusetts Studies Project, Institute for Learning and Teaching, GCE, delivered an invited presentation at the Collecting and Interpreting the 20th Century conference at Stonehill College, on the topic “Preserving the Past through Public Scanning Projects.”

**Roni Lipton**, associate director of the Graduate Programs in Dispute Resolution, presented a workshop titled “Negotiation Skills for Advocates: Making Your Case & Achieving your Goals” at the Annual Conference of the Educational Surrogate Parent Program in Hopkinton on May 1.

**Luis Alonso-Ovalle**, assistant professor in the Department of Hispanic Studies, presented a paper titled “Alternatives in the Disjunctive Antecedents Problem” at the 26th West Coast Conference on Formal Linguistics at the University of California, Berkeley, on April 27.

**Patricia Gallagher**, a senior research fellow at the Center for Survey Research, is presenting a paper titled “People with Mobility Impairment: A Test of Self-Reported Identifiers in Spanish and English” at the biannual conference of the European Survey Research Association in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in June.

CPCS professor emerita **Marie Kennedy**, currently a Fulbright Scholar in Mexico, gave a lecture and workshop on Planificación Comunitaria Transformadora at the Instituto Politécnico Nacional in San Pablo Apetatitlan, Tlaxcala, on April 24 and at the Colegio de México in Mexico City on April 30.

Professor of critical thinking **Bob Schoenberg** presented a workshop titled “Strategies & Methods for Incorporating Critical Thinking into Your Classroom” at the Critical Thinking Conference at the Community College of Rhode Island’s Warwick campus on May 23.

Professor **Shirley Tang** of Asian American Studies and American Studies gave a talk titled “Lynn’s Khmer American Vision” in the Lynn Museum and Historical Society on April 12.

**Cori DiBiase** of the Institute for Community Inclusion presented on effectively serving all customers within the workforce development system at the National Association

of Workforce Professionals on May 22 in Reno, Nevada.

On July 18, **Heike Boeltzig** of the Institute for Community Inclusion will co-conduct a poster and paper presentation for the U.S. Office for Special Education at the Project Directors’ Conference in Washington, D.C.

**Patrick Clarkin**, assistant professor of anthropology, presented “War and Health of Hmong and Lao Adults” at the Second International Conference of Lao Studies in Tempe, Arizona, on May 5.

History professor **Julie Winch** presented a paper, “A Sacrifice That Virtue Compelled Avarice to Make: African American Orations on the Ending of the Transatlantic Slave Trade,” at the Wilberforce Institute for the Study of Slavery and Emancipation at the University of Hull in England in May.

In May, professor of education (GCOE) and director of the Asian American Studies Program **Peter Kiang** delivered the keynote address at the 1st annual Asian Pacific Americans and Education conference at Harvard University’s graduate School of Education, and in June, Kiang delivered a keynote address for the Massachusetts Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators Committee to Enhance Ethnic Diversity. Kiang also led two professional development workshops for Massachusetts K-12 teachers on “Refugees and Immigrants in the U.S.” and “Immigration and Schooling.”

**Kathleen Golden McAndrew**, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs/Executive Director, University Health Services, and Assistant Clinical Professor, College of Nursing & Health Sciences, presented “Direct Patient Care in Occupational Health, A Core Curriculum Module” and “Skittles, Cheese, Doors and Fours, and Other Things Found in Your Medicine Chest! An Update on Substance Abuse Trends” during the annual AAOHN National Symposium in May in Orlando, Florida.

**Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen**, holder of the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology in the Gerontology Institute, will speak on “A Trade-off Principle in Funding Long-Term Care” at the conference Toward a More Efficient and Effective System of Financing of Long-Term Care, to be held at Georgetown University on June 11, and will serve as a moderator and a speaker at a conference on Longevity and Retirement Security at the Consulate of Switzerland in Cambridge on June 25.

Professor **Susan Opotow** of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution presented a paper, “American Civil War Reconstruction: Moral Inclusion and Exclusion after War,” as a featured address at the Psychology and Social Justice Conference at New York University on April 21, and was also an invited participant in a mul-



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tidisciplinary working conference, “Walking the Talk and Closing the Gap: Transforming Environmental Values into Sustainable Practices,” at the University of Florida in Gainesville on April 26-28.

**Jack Wiggin**, interim director of the Urban Harbors Institute, presented a paper based on the Institute’s work, titled “Preserving and Promoting a Working Harbor: The Experience of Gloucester, Massachusetts,” at the Working Waterways & Waterfronts 2007 Symposium, hosted by the Virginia Institute of Marine Science on May 10.

CPCS professor **Michael Stone** gave an invited presentation on “Housing Affordability Concepts and Consequences” at the National Low Income Housing Coalition’s annual Policy Conference in Washington, D.C., on February 26.

**Paul Watanabe**, director of the Institute for Asian American Studies and associate professor of political science, delivered a presentation titled “Is Yellow White or Is It Black? Race and Asian Americans” at the Department of Neighborhood Development’s Annual Asian Pacific Heritage celebration on May 18.

On May 17, **John McGah**, Director of the McCormack Graduate School’s Give US Your Poor initiative, was a special lecturer at the New Hampton School in New Hampshire. McGah co-presented with Matthew, a homeless man, to a group of graduating seniors as part of the Vespers speaking series.

## PUBLICATIONS

History professor **Vincent Cannato** wrote an essay, titled “Coming to America: Ellis Island and New York City,” for the March issue of *History Now*, a quarterly online journal published by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

**Kevin Dye**, director of research for the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution, coauthored *Designing Strategies for Reaching the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals* as a member of the Buckminster Fuller Institute’s Design Science Lab.

History professor **Julie Winch** wrote a chapter titled “Sarah Forten’s Antislavery Networks” in a new book, *Sisterhood and Slavery: Transatlantic Antislavery and Women’s Rights*, published by Yale University Press.

Hispanic studies professor **Esther Torregro** coauthored the article “The Syntax of Valuation and the Interpretability of Features” in the book *Phrasal and Clausal Architecture*, published by John Benjamins.

Psychology associate professor **Paul Nestor** had four journal articles based on his schizophrenia research published in March. These articles appeared in the journals *Neuroim-*

*age, Schizophrenia Research, Psychiatry Research: Neuroimaging, and Brain.*

In February, the *International Journal of Occupational and Environmental Health* published a chapter titled “Is the Apparent Decrease in Injury and Illness Rates in Construction the Result of Changes in Reporting?” coauthored by **Françoise Carré**, research director at the Center for Social Policy.

CPCS gerontology professor **Nina M. Silverstein** published a chapter titled “Community Mobility and Dementia” in *Handbook for Social Work Practice and Dementia*, published by Springer Publishing Company.

EEOS professor **William Robinson** and two graduate students, A.T. Abebe and S.J. Devoid, coauthored the paper “Identification and Quantification of Histidine-rich Glycoprotein (HRG) in the Blood Plasma of Six Marine Bivalves” in the journal *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology*.

Philosophy professor **Lawrence Blum** published “Three Kinds of Race-Related Solidarity” in the spring edition of the *Journal of Social Philosophy*.

English professor **Taylor Stoehr** published *I Hear My Gate Slam*, a book of translations of Classical Chinese poems from the T’ang Dynasty.

A research study titled “Using Eye Tracking to Study Audiovisual Perceptual Integration” by assistant professor of computer science **Marc Pomplun**, his students Mei Xiao and May Wong, and Michelle Umali of Columbia University was accepted for publication by the journal *Perception*.

Associate professor of applied linguistics **Pepi Leistyna** had a chapter published in the *Media Literacy Handbook*, in *Critical Pedagogy: Where Are We Now?*, and in *Teaching City Kids: Understanding and Appreciating Them*, and was also published in *Teacher Education Quarterly*.

**Laurie L. Charles**, assistant professor of family therapy in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, has published her first book, an autoethnographic text of her experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo, titled *Intimate Colonialism: Head, Heart, and Body in West African Development Work*, published by Left Coast Press.

**Yung-Ping (Bing) Chen**, holder of the Frank J. Manning Eminent Scholar’s Chair in Gerontology in the Gerontology Institute, published an article, “Mental Health: Another Dimension of Health and Aging,” in the June issue of *European Papers on the New Welfare*, and also coauthored a chapter, “Raising the Retirement Age in OECD Countries,” in the book *Work Options for Older Americans*, published by the University of Notre Dame Press.

Gerontology professor **Nina Silverstein** and CPCS instructor Marian Spencer coauthored a paper titled “Part-time and Adjunct Faculty in Gerontology Programs: Challenges and Solutions,” published in *Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*.

Retired professor **Brad Honoroff** and professor **Susan Opotow** of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution published a paper, “Mediation Ethics: A Grounded Approach,” in the April issue of *Negotiation Journal*.

**Carri Hulet**, network manager for Public Policy Programs at the Massachusetts Office of Dispute Resolution & Public Collaboration, coauthored an article with Professor Lawrence Susskind, Ford Professor of Urban and Environmental Planning at MIT, titled “The Practice of Public Dispute Resolution: Measuring the Dollar Value of the Field,” for the July issue of *The Negotiation Journal*.

In February, two articles were published by Curriculum and Instruction associate professor **Peter Taylor**. “Heritability and Heterogeneity: The Irrelevance of Heritability in Explaining Differences Between Means for Different Human Groups or Generations” was published in *Biological Theory*, and “Guidelines for Ensuring That Educational Technologies Are Used Only When There Is Significant Pedagogical Benefit” was published in the *International Journal of Arts and Sciences*.

## EXHIBITS, READINGS, PERFORMANCES, AND RECORDINGS

In celebration of Women’s History Month, Massachusetts Bay Community College sponsored a poetry reading by CPCS lecturer **Susan Eisenberg** on March 27, who also gave a poetry reading and photo exhibition on April 26 at the Salon of the Arts at the Women’s Studies Research Center of Brandeis University.

On May 25, the UMass Boston chapter of Sigma Tau Delta and the Ralph Waldo Emerson Institute showed the first-ever documentary about Ralph Waldo Emerson, “Emerson: The Ideal in America,” followed by a discussion with Emerson scholars.

Theatre Department lecturer **Michael Fennimore** has recently been cast as attorney Jack Boyle on the Showtime series *Brotherhood*, and shot his first episode in April.

## GRANTS, RESEARCH, AND PROJECTS

Psychology assistant professor **Erik Blaser** was awarded a Healey Grant to pursue a project on determining object distance based on structure.

Psychology assistant professor **Lizabeth Roemer** has been awarded

a grant for \$2.4 million from the National Institute of Mental Health for a project which will compare a treatment for generalized anxiety disorder that Dr. Roemer and her collaborators have recently developed to an older treatment program, as well as investigate mediators and moderators of change and applicability of the treatment to individuals from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

In March, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded the Center for Social Policy \$75,000 to provide technical assistance to homeless continuums of care throughout New England in implementing homeless management information systems (HMISs).

In February and March, the Center for Social Policy (CSP) widely disseminated the report “Outside the Box: RAFT Plus, A Homelessness Prevention Pilot” to Massachusetts legislators and statewide partners. CSP authors include **Donna Haig Friedman, Jennifer Raymond, Kim Puhala, Julia Tripp, Elizabeth Brown, and Tatjana Meschede**.

The Center on Media and Society received a \$12,000 technology grant from the University of Massachusetts Technology Grant committee to develop student content for the Center’s New England Ethnic Newswire ([www.go-NEWz.com](http://www.go-NEWz.com)).

During the City Year Servathon, Hic Cup (the service learning class Healthy Initiative Collaborative: Community University Partnership) helped Harbor Point Youth, members of the COPC Youth Action Team, and City Year volunteers renovate the McCormack Middle School.

**Luis Alonso-Ovalle**, assistant professor in the Department of Hispanic Studies, has received a \$3,890 Healey Grant to fund a research program on the semantic typology of indefinite noun phrases, which aims at a formal characterization of Spanish indefinite noun phrases.

On May 9, the Donahue Institute published a report, titled “The Fiscal Impact of Mixed-Income Housing Developments on Massachusetts Municipalities,” which showed that mixed-income developments did not have any measurable negative impact on public services in their municipalities.

**Laurie L. Charles**, assistant professor of family therapy in the Department of Counseling and School Psychology, has received a Healey Grant of \$6,994 to conduct a qualitative study on the topic, “Teaching Counseling & Therapy Students to Produce Client-Based Evidence of Resilience Among Survivors of War and Political Torture.”

A public service announcement for UMass Boston’s Give Us Your Poor homelessness initiative, based at the McCormack Graduate School, is running on Viamedia throughout Massachusetts from the beginning

of April through the end of June, reaching 90,000 homes.

**Robert Weiner**, graduate program director, International Relations, McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, received a grant from the Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan, to participate in a panel on the “Domestic Politics of the Unrecognized Republics: Transnistria and Abkhazia,” at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

The National Science Foundation has awarded UMass Boston’s Fiske Center for Archaeological Research a \$240,000, three-year grant to conduct three seasons of archaeological fieldwork in Skagafjörður, Northern Iceland.

The Center for Coastal Environmental Sensor Networks has received a \$40,000 grant to develop a fluorescence-based sensor to detect total bacteria. The award by the Massachusetts Technology Transfer Center is the first ever to UMass Boston. The inventors of the sensor are UMass Boston faculty **Robert Chen, Michael Shiaris, Steven Rudnick, and Francesco Peri**.

## APPOINTMENTS AND HONORS

On May 30, Associate Vice Chancellor **Gail Hobin** received a Special Appreciation Award from the Boston Main Streets Program in recognition of her work with Dorchester Main Streets organizations and the Dorchester Board of Trade.

Professor of English **Lloyd Schwartz** has been invited, as part of UMass Boston’s “Poetry Partnership” with the new Institute of Contemporary Art, to choose a poem three or four times a year that will be posted on a sign outside the ICA. Professor Schwartz also organized and spoke at a poetry reading at the ICA on May 3, which also featured former poet laureate Robert Pinsky.

English Department lecturer **Laurie J. Marks** was the Guest of Honor at WisCon, the feminist science fiction convention, on Memorial Day weekend, where Small Beer Press hosted a book-launch party for her new novel, *Water Logic*.

The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) has selected UMass Boston’s WUMB-FM as one of 50 Crystal Award Finalists, in recognition of outstanding year-round commitment to community service and efforts to improve the quality of life in the communities where they broadcast.

**Pat Monteith**, WUMB-FM’s general manager, has been appointed to the advisory board for the GRLZ Radio Broadcasting & Music Production Program, a nationally recognized In-

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### Monday 11

#### Monday Harbor Cruises

12 noon – 1:15 p.m., Mondays through September 24. Get an up-close look at the Boston Harbor Islands, courtesy of UMB's Division of Marine Operations. Free with a current UMass ID, \$5 without. Call 7-5404 for more information.

### Wednesday 13

#### Eco-tours of UMass Boston

3:00 – 3:40 p.m., Campus Center, 2nd floor, just off the catwalk. Take the eco-tour and learn how

you are part of an environmentally responsible campus community. RSVP by phone or email for individuals or groups. Also held at the same time on Wednesdays the 13th, 20th, and 27th. For more information, call UMBe Green at 7-5083 or email [umbe.green@umb.edu](mailto:umbe.green@umb.edu).

### Thursday 14

#### Yoga for All

2:30 – 3:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 1st floor, Beacon Fitness Center Aerobics Room. Yoga mats will be provided. Please wear loose, comfortable clothing. Students FREE. Faculty and Staff: \$5.00. For more information, go to <http://www.umbwellness.org/yoga.htm>, or call 7-5680.

#### Gospel Choir Meeting and Rehearsal

3:30 – 4:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 3rd Floor, Interfaith Chapel, room 713. If you love to sing the varied forms of gospel music, join us! Any current student or member of the UMass Boston Community who wants to learn and to

sing gospel music is welcome. The group rehearses on Mondays and Thursdays. For more information, call Rev. Adrienne Berry-Burton at 7-5838 or email [adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu](mailto:adrienne.berryburton@umb.edu).

### Sunday 17

#### WUMB 91.9 FM Commonwealth Journal

7 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. every Sunday. Interviews with scholars, writers, and public officials examining current issues of interest to the people of Massachusetts. For more information, visit [www.wumb.org](http://www.wumb.org) or call 7-6900.

### Monday 18

#### 21st Annual Athletics Department Golf Tournament

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Franklin Park Golf Course, Dorchester. Registration is \$125 per player, and includes greens and cart fees, golf apparel, gift packages, awards and recognition, raffle prizes, and lunch. To register, go to [www.athletics.umb.edu/golf/index.html](http://www.athletics.umb.edu/golf/index.html).

#### The Bridge Faith Organization

1:30 – 2:30 p.m., McCormack Hall, 3rd Floor, Interfaith Chapel, 713. Come together with other students to help build the foundation of this Christian faith organization! It's about faith, fellowship, leadership and service! This is a nondenominational fellowship. All are welcome. For more information, call Sr. Dorothy Castles, SND, at 7-5838 or email [dorothy.castles@umb.edu](mailto:dorothy.castles@umb.edu).

### Tuesday 19

#### NERCHE Annual Colloquium

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hoagland-Pincus Conference Center, Shrewsbury, Mass. This year's Colloquium will feature an evening of dinner and dialogue with Dr. Jon Wergin, professor of educational studies in Antioch University's PhD program in leadership and change, and author of the recent book *Leadership in Place: How Academic Professionals Can Find Their Leadership Voice*. For more information, go to [www.nerche.org/colloquium\\_2007/colloquium\\_2007.html](http://www.nerche.org/colloquium_2007/colloquium_2007.html).

### Thursday 21

#### Water Watch General Meetings

2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Wheatley Hall, 4th floor, room 156. We meet to discuss upcoming events and projects we are working on, such as: Cleanups on the Charles and the Neponset rivers, education in K-12 classrooms, Water Watch website development, and other things related to pollution in our waterways. For more information, call Teresa D'Anna at 7-3866 or email [teresa@waterwatchonline.org](mailto:teresa@waterwatchonline.org).

### Monday 25

#### Introduction to American Sign Language

11 a.m. – 12:20 p.m., Campus Center, 3rd floor, room 3001. This class is a chance for all to learn a new way to communicate, and an opportunity to explore whether you would like to take a full course in the future. For more information, call Kerri-Ann Bailey or Yu Yau Chong at 7-7965 or email [Disabilitystudentctr@umb.edu](mailto:Disabilitystudentctr@umb.edu).

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ternet radio station and after-school program run by St. Mary's Women and Children's Center in Dorchester, which gives 12-19-year-old girls a voice in their community. Monteith, along with WUMB engineer Grady Moates, helped GRLZ Radio launch their Internet webcast channel.

Public Policy Associate Professor Alan Clayton-Matthews has been named to the Study Commission on Corporate Taxation, appointed by the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House to study the modernization and simplification of the current business tax laws of the Commonwealth.

William Kiernan, director of the Institute for Community Inclusion (ICI), received the Joseph M. Collins Human Service Award at the Massachusetts Association for the Blind (MAB) Community Service Gala on April 25.

On May 10, Biology Department horticulturalist Jim Allen served as a judge in the 20th annual Massachusetts Envirothon held at Mount Wachusett Community College. Fifty Massachusetts high school teams of students competed on this year's theme of energy sustainability and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in their homes, schools, and communities.

Professor Susan Opotow of the Graduate Program in Dispute Resolution was elected president-elect of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues, Division 9 of the American Psychological Association.

Joan Gardner, director of the GIS Core Research Facility, was the Chair of URISA's GIS and Public Health Conference in New Orleans, May 20-23, and also made a presentation on May 21 on "GIS and Public Health."

Center for Social Policy research associate Brandynn Holgate was elected to sit on the Executive Committee of PHENOM (Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts), a coalition of faculty, staff, and students from the 29 state public colleges and universities.

Michelle Portman of the Urban Harbors Institute has been awarded the McCloy Fellowship in Environmental Policy, sponsored by the American Council on Germany, to conduct research in Germany on environmental policy.

### EVENTS

On April 17, the Center on Media and Society hosted the NEXT Regional Conference, aimed at strengthening public-private partnerships.

On April 27, the Research Center for Urban Cultural History held its first scholarly conference, titled "Documenting Cities Hypermedia Conference."

On April 28, University of Massachusetts President Jack M. Wilson and UMass Boston Chancellor Michael F. Collins hosted Education Counselor Ai Fanglin and Counsel Wang Ying of the Chinese Consul-

ate General in New York City, as well as 18 high school students from across the country who competed in a Chinese-language contest called the "Chinese Bridge."

Students of the Asian American Studies Program held "Stories from Asian America" from May 1-10 at UMass Boston, an art installation and event series to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May.

On April 10 and 11, the Center for Social Policy convened a 2-day conference exploring policy visions from the New Deal and Great Society and their implications for today's public policy thinking.

The Public Policy Forum held a conference on April 25 titled "Social Inequality and Public Policy," featuring panel discussions on inequality in education, labor, healthcare, and other topics.

### IN THE NEWS

Donna Stewartson, associate director of the Graduate Program for Women in Politics & Public Policy, was cited in a Derrick Z. Jackson column, "Finally, a New Boston," in the May 23 *Boston Globe*.

A McCormack School of Policy Studies report on diversity at the leadership levels of large businesses and other organizations in Massachusetts was extensively cited in a May 11 *Boston Globe* article, "Diversity Still Lagging in Bay State Boardrooms," and in an editorial on the same day.

A letter from professor and CSDE director Gary N. Siperstein to the editor of the *New York Times* was published on May 11, in response to the paper's article "To Raise a Down Syndrome Child."

Professor Darren Kew of the Dispute Resolution Program was interviewed extensively by the global media regarding Nigeria's historic elections in April. On April 20, he was interviewed regarding the Nigerian gubernatorial elections by WGBH's program *The World*. On April 22, Professor Kew was a featured speaker on the BBC program *The Instant Guide* on political godfatherism in Nigeria, and on April 24, he was a guest speaker on Kingston, Jamaica's Newstalk 93FM show *The Breakfast Club* regarding the implications of the Nigerian presidential elections.

CPCS professor James Green offered historical commentary on the origins of May Day as an international workers' holiday for the May 1 *Here and Now* program on WBUR/National Public Radio.

The Center for Social Policy's Phil Granberry had a letter to the editor printed in the April 13 edition of the *Boston Globe* about voting rights for non-citizens.

The Elder Economic Security Standard Project was the subject of an April 7 *Boston Globe* editorial, "Living the Not-So-Golden Years," and of a subsequent letter to the editor by Dean Stephen Crosby. The project also made the front page of the *Fifty Plus Advocate* on April 26, following earlier coverage February 15.

Laura Henze Russell, director of the Elder Economic Security Standard Project at the Gerontology Institute, John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies, was quoted in a May 3 *Lawrence Eagle-Tribune* article, "Seniors Could Defer Paying Proposition 2 1/2 Taxes Under Bill."

Brian Thompson, professor of French, was the subject of a full-page article in the April issue of the French online cultural journal, "Le Doigt dans l'oeil," for his WMBR-FM radio show on music from the French-speaking world, *French Toast*.

Professor emeritus Jim Campen of the Gaston Institute was quoted by *USA Today* in a March 19 story on mortgage lending practices.

Paul Watanabe, codirector of the Institute for Asian American Studies, was interviewed by WBZ-AM on Senate President Robert Travaglini's decision to step down and start a lobbying and government relations firm.

On May 14, the Center for Social Policy hosted the 2007 HUD New England Regional Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Conference at the Campus Center. The conference convened 200 HMIS stakeholders from throughout New England and featured multiple workshops and a session on engaging homeless people in HMIS run by Julia Tripp, Constituent Coordinator for the Center for Social Policy.