BC Forum Tackles Refugee Issues

BY SEAN SMITH
CHRONICLE EDITOR

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University President William P. Leahy, SJ, and Boston Archbishop Cardinal Sean O’Malley, OFM Cap., concelebrated a Mass of Celebration on Oct. 22 at St. Columbkille’s Parish in Brighton. The Mass commemorated the recent partnership between Boston College, St. Columbkille’s School and the Archdiocese of Boston. (Photo by Joan Seidel)

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Assistant Director of Residen-
tial Life George Any and BCPO 1st Frederick Window are credited with the creation of Adopt-A-Cop, which is based on a similar program at the University of North Carolina, where Any once worked.

“The BC Police, by the nature of our work, deal in negatives,” said Morse. “We give out parking tick-
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GSSW Initiative Seeks to Support Teaching, Research

BY SEAN SMITH
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The Graduate School of Social Work, having launched a strategic plan to enhance its research, scholarship and teaching, has appointed two faculty members to spearhead the school’s efforts in those areas.

GSSW Dean Alberto Godenzi said Prof. Thanh Van Tran and Assoc. Prof. Kathleen McInnis-Dittrich, respectively, will support their colleagues’ research and teaching endeavors. Fulfilling these new responsibilities might entail for Tran and McInnis-Dittrich such tasks as organizing workshops, distributing teaching or research-related information and being available for one-on-one discussions, Godenzi said.

“In the past, we have had annual meetings, where we review our accomplishments in teaching and research and encourage faculty to build upon these achievements,” he said. “But we felt it was important to have ‘go-to’ people who can help faculty assess, monitor and improve their teaching and research on a consistent basis.”

“We are very fortunate to have two people in Katie and Thanh who embody excellence in those areas: Katie’s distinguished accomplishments in the classroom allow her to challenge all of us in a constructive way to constantly improve our teaching; in Thanh, we have someone who, due to his outstanding record as a scholar, can truly be a mentor in terms of isolation we are working on similar things. Getting to know one another and our areas of interest takes time, but it’s worthwhile.” Among other planned research-oriented events and activities, the school will hold a workshop next Wednesday at which faculty can present findings from their current projects, Tran said. He also will offer assistance to junior faculty in developing research ideas and grant proposals, and provide regular information and updates from funding organizations such as the National Institutes of Health.

New Employee Shuttle Service Debuts

The University has initiated a shuttle bus service to transport Boston College employees between Newton, Chestnut Hill and Brighton campuses.

Administrators say the recent move of the Information Technol- ogy department to St. Clement’s Hill on the Brighton Campus has created a need for the service, which will enable employees to travel between campuses for meet- ings and other functions without use of personal vehicles.

A Boston Coach van or mini- bus will be in operation for the shuttle service, which runs between 8:40 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. with stops at St. Clement’s and St. Ignatius College Road area. Each shut- tle loop will start from St. Clem- ent’s at approximately 20 minutes before each hour, returning at 30 minutes past the hour. Arrival times may be affected by area traf- fic, especially during morning and evening rush hours.

Due to safety regulations, the shuttle driver can only pick up or drop off passengers at designated bus stops.

The service, which began Oct. 16, will be assessed and adjusted as necessary, administrators said.

For more information, see www.bc.edu/offices/transporta- tion/bus/employee/ or e-mail transportation@bc.edu.

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Stories of the ‘Cartoneros’

For his first film, Romance Languages professor turns the lens on his native country and finds a complex, and troubling, hidden economy

BY STEPHEN GAWLIK STAFF WRITER

Five years ago, a severe financial crisis left Argentina reeling, putting millions out of work and into financial distress — today, in fact, more than 30 percent of the country lines below the poverty line. As Assoc. Prof. Ernesto Livon-Grosman (Romance Languages) followed these developments in his native country, one particular trend borne of the economic downturn fascinated him: the increasing number of cartoneros, the poor residents of Buenos Aires and vicinity who make their living by collecting and selling recyclable paper and other materials.

Between 25,000 and 30,000 people comb through the city’s 4,500 daily tons of garbage every night. Livon-Grosman found, picking out paper, cardboard, metal, and glass in an effort to support themselves and their families.

The scope and variety of cartoneros’ enterprises so intrigued Livon-Grosman that he wound up making a documentary about it, in the process discovering the complexity of recycling and its social, political and cultural implications.

“Cartoneros,” Livon-Grosman’s first film, premiered Oct. 21 as part of the Boston International Latino Film Festival at Harvard University. Some 250 people turned out for the opening, which was shown in two screening rooms simultaneously.

The word cartoneros loosely translated from Spanish means “scavenger,” but to Livon-Grosman and many in Argentina it has come to mean something more.

“Since 2001 there has been an explosion of this form of recycling, by the unemployed, displaced workers, many who are middle class and highly qualified in other professions, yet do it for survival,” said Livon-Grosman, who spent three years working on the documentary, shuttling back and forth between the US and Argentina.

“Paper recycling is a multi-milion dollar industry at one end and scavengers at the other end. My goal was to show the complexity of the business by following the processes that connected both ends of the process.”

As an example of the multi-faced nature of the recycling business, Livon-Grosman noted that some city trains were modified to accommodate the cartoneros and their carts, and carry them to the wealthier parts of Buenos Aires.

“There are many different ways that these groups of cartoneros are organized: some are self-employed, some work as co-ops. While some of those co-ops are more oriented toward production, others emphasized service and there are also downtown areas that are controlled by organized crime.”

While “Cartoneros” focuses on the plight of those who recycle for survival in Buenos Aires, Livon-Grosman said the phenomenon is not confined to Argentina. One goal of the film, therefore, is to get people to think about the economic implications of trash, he said.

“This is happening in many cities in Latin America — and in fact, if you want to take a larger view, it’s happening in many cities around the world,” he said. “You can go back at least a couple of centuries and there were always people in cities doing this. It’s not a new phenomenon. What is new is the social and environmental impact of informal recycling in the world today.”

Livon-Grosman’s research specialties include Latin American poetics and travel literature, and he is currently working on an anthropology of Latin American poetry. Among his projects is the digitalization of a journal on poetics and visual arts published in Paris by Uruguayan poet Carmelo Arden Quin during the early 1960s.

“So why take a leap into documentary filmmaking?”

“I was always interested in studying, watching and learning about documentaries,” he said. “Learning to make one was more difficult. The learning curve was incredible.”

Although “Cartoneros” wasn’t even finished until a few weeks ago, says Livon-Grosman, earlier he was able to submit an uncompleted version to the Boston International Latino Film Festival because the organizers were willing to consider works in progress.

The production of “Cartoneros” has a second tie to BC: editor and co-producer Angelica Allende Brisk, who is the daughter of Prof. Maria Brisk (LSOE).

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Good Teachers: Present and Future

CSOM’s Barry earns honor from national business magazine

BY RED OSLIN STAFF WRITER

His students say he gives tough exams and tells some pretty corny jokes.

But Adj. Assoc. Prof. Michael Barry (CSOM) has been selected by his Boston College finance students to receive one of Business Week magazine’s “Favorite Professors” awards — one of only 22 management faculty members in the nation to earn his students’ “A” endorsement.

Barry, who holds an MBA and doctorate from BC, teaches Basic Finance, a requirement for all CSOM students, most of whom take the course in their sophomore year. “In Basic Finance you give them just enough to be dangerous,” he says. “You know, a little knowledge is a dangerous thing.” What they do is to see that there are a lot of personal aspects to the subject. It just isn’t ‘OK, here’s the problem and there’s just one formula to get an answer.’

“So when they come out of the intro to finance class, they tend to think ‘Oh, there really is a lot of analytical work involved, there are a lot of judgments.’ Then all of a sudden, it gets to be a little more interesting.”

So interesting that, more often than not, his students return for his advanced level offerings, such as corporate finance or investments.

CSOM senior Allison Pistone changed her major to finance after taking Barry’s introductory course and is now enrolled in his advanced investments group. “He has a genuine desire to see his students excel and goes beyond the call of duty to develop a personal relationship with each and every one of us,” she says. “Before the first class even begins, he knows your name; by the end of the semester he has taught you a great deal of information, but he will have provided you with the intellectual and career insights and guidance necessary to succeed.”

“He hands down is the best professor I have been taught and

Michael Barry with seniors Liz Menees, Arnold Hur and Joseph Walsh.

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“Teaching was a natural calling for Barry, whose grandfather and uncle both taught at the college level, while a number of other family members are employed in the education profession. ‘It’s sort of in the bloodlines,’ he quips.

“The best part of teaching,” he says, “is dealing with the students. The classroom work is part of it, but my hope is that my students get only a quarter of their education in the classroom.”

“A lot of it is right here in the office,” he says, “where part of it is about the course, part of it is about the BC hockey team (he is a diehard season ticket holder) and part of it is just getting to know them, maybe talking about a ‘day-in-the-life’ of this or that particular job.

“There are days when I am here for 13 or 14 hours,” he notes. “Basically, if I am in and you knock on the door, it’s an office hour. In some ways, that’s the best part of the job, because you really get to see the impact that you have on the students.”

Barry maintains contact with scores of his former students, and often calls upon them for networking connections when his current students are preparing to launch their own professional careers.

“It’s obvious that Professor Barry loves what he does,” adds Kristen De Leo ’07, who is also taking her third class with him. “Outside of the classroom, he is a fantastic resource for students, especially those engaged in the internship and job search, as his knowledge on these subjects spans from finding a job that is the right fit for you to helping individual students prepare for their interviews.”

“The students are so enthusiastic,” Barry says. “Many times, they will look back and say ‘Those were some of my hardest teacher the things that I learned the most.’ They will tell you that they are here for an education.

“One of the best comments I ever got on an evaluation was ‘Learned a lot — even about finance.’”

“I really felt good about that one,” he laughs. “I had reached that person.”

Elizabeth Rini working with Norwood High School students Charles Stillburger, left, and John Rasta. (Photo by Lee Pelligrini)

This year, Boston College was among seven schools selected to receive the honor, the first time BC had been chosen.

Mathematics Department chair- man Assoc. Prof. Jerry Keough and other department faculty considered student candidates for the award, eventually choosing Rini based on several considerations, including her dedication to the program, GPA and financial need.

Rini said math was always her favorite subject in high school but when she got to BC she felt “impressed with her.” Keough said, “She’s worked extremely hard to be able to finish a demanding, major program in only a few semesters.”

Rini plans to teach math at a public high school near her home on Long Island after she graduates next spring.

“I feel like high school students are at a vulnerable age and I think that I can do a lot with students that age, both inside and outside the classroom,” she said, adding that she hopes to serve as a soccer or cheerleading coach as well.

Senior rediscovers an appreciation for math, sets new career path

BY GREG FROST STAFF WRITER

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Steen is reluctant to make predictions about the overall outcome of this Tuesday’s mid-term elections but thinks 2006 will be a relatively typical year for self-financed candidates, including the five big spenders running for the Senate from Florida, Vermont, Washington, Nebraska and Arizona.

“They’re not going to do well as a group on Election Day,” Steen says of the five. “Maybe one can pull it off but I’ll be surprised if two of those people win.”

Steen Sees Spotty Track Record for Those Who Finance Own Campaigns

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Cola spent millions of dollars on promoting the new soft drink, only to be forced to pull it because of a poor reception by consumers.

“Thats a big problem that a lot of these self-financiers have — their product is not very appealing,” says Steen, a former California political campaign manager now in her seventh year on the faculty at Boston College.

Although the book is an acad- emic work, it has policy impli- cations and has been consulted by policy makers. Steen recently served as an expert witness for the defense in the case of a self-financed congressional candidate from upstate New York who sued the Federal Election Commission over a provision in the 2002 McCain-Feingold Act.

In addition to looking at con- ditions that help spur self-fi- nanced candidacies, Steen’s book shows how millionaire candidates willing to drive down their cash reserves can scare other can- didates out of the field.

“Self-financed candidates have horrible track records in both pri- mary races and in general elections, but their track records in primaries would be even worse if they didn’t have this chilling effect on competition,” she says.

Steen cites the example of New Jersey Democratic Congressional candidate Frank Pallone, who made a brief run for the US Senate in 2000 but decided to pull out in the face of former Goldman Sachs CEO Jon Corzine’s vast wealth.

Corzine went on to win the Senate seat and now serves as governor of New Jersey.

“Pallone thought he could win the Democratic nomination but decided he had better things to do with his time than take on somebody capable of spending upwards of $60 million on his own candi- dacy,” she says.

Steen also argues in the book that when it comes to deciding election outcomes, fundraising is much more productive than self- financing.

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“I really felt good about that one,” he laughs. “I had reached that person.”

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POSTINGS

James Carroll lecture tonight
Author and Boston Globe columnist James Carroll will present a lecture, “A Toward a Democratic Catholic Church,” tonight at 7 p.m. in Gawlin 100.

A former priest who served as Catholic chaplain at Boston University, Carroll has written a weekly op-ed column for the Globe since 1992. The author of such novels as Secret Father and his new book, he also has published non-fiction works including Toward A New Catholic Church: The Promise of Reform and House of War: The Pentagon and the Disastrous Rise of American Power.

Carroll’s appearance is sponsored by the Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry and The Church in the 21st Century Center. For more information call ext.2-0857.

Alumni Memorial Mass is Sunday
The Alumni Association will sponsor the annual University Memorial Mass for Alumni this Sunday, Nov. 5, at 2 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church. University President William F. Leahy, S.J., will celebrate the Mass and Alumni Association Chaplain William Miller, O.S.A., will offer the homily. A reception will follow in the Heights Room of Corcoran Commons.

Those planning to attend should contact the Alumni Association at ext. 2-4700 or alumni comments@bc.edu.

Chambers Series presents former astronaut Collins
Retired Colonel Eileen Collins, the first woman to pilot and command an American spacecraft, will give a talk, “Leadership Lessons from Apollo to Discovery,” on Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Heights Room of Corcoran Commons.

Collins commanded Space Shuttle Discovery’s historic “Return to Flight” mission, NASA’s first manned flight following the February 2003 loss of the Shuttle Columbia. Her appearance is presented as part of the Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics’ Chamber Lecture Series, which brings high-profile speakers to discuss the leadership challenges and opportunities they have experienced in their lives and careers.

This event requires registration. For information, call ext. 2-9296, e-mail winstoncenter@bc.edu or see www.bc.edu/schools/csom/leadership/events/collins/.

Health Fair Nov. 9
The Faculty and Staff Fall Health Fair will take place on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Murray Room of theYawkey Athletic Center. The Health Fair, www.bc.edu/hr, offers a list of services that will be available at the fair.

Philosophy Colloquium on Plato, Heidegger
The Boston Area Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy at Boston College will sponsor a public lecture and seminar Nov. 9 in the Walsh Hall Function Room by Skidmore College Professor Francisco Gonzales. The seminar featuring a discussion of “The San Anselmo in Plato’s Kuticle,” will be held at 3 p.m., the lecture will begin at 4 p.m.

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C21 Series on Women and the Church to Continue
The series debuted in 2004 with “Envisioning the Church Women Want” and also included “Why Women Choose to Stay” and last year’s “Prophetic Witness: Catholic Women’s Strategies for Reform.”

Two more discussions are planned for the 2007 spring semester.

“Catholic Women: Their Place in the Church” will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 27 in the 21st Century Center.

“Women and the Church” will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 10 in the 21st Century Center.

In general, there has been a huge gap in the historiography of the 1960s,” according to Cynthia Young, who will appear at the Nov. 15 “Writers Among Us” event.

The event is sponsored as part of the Joseph Chair Lecture Series. For information, see ext.2-3882 or e-mail rufog@bc.edu.

Former Football Coach Jim Miller Dies; Helped Build Program’s Profile

James H. “Jim” Miller, head football coach at Boston College from 1962-68, died at his home in Palm Harbor, Fla. on Oct. 16. He was 85.

Mr. Miller, who came to Boston College from the University of Detroit, is credited with helping to build a foundation for the University’s now nationally recognized intercollegiate football program.

Mr. Miller’s record at Boston College was 34 wins and 24 losses, and he developed a number of players who went on to professional football careers, including All-America Lineman Bob Hyland, who was the first-round draft selection of the then-world champion Green Bay Packers.

A native of Massillon, Ohio, Mr. Miller played high school football for future Hall of Fame coach Paul Brown, who became a mentor to Mr. Miller throughout his coaching career. Mr. Miller was a graduate of Purdue University and later coached at alma mater, where he began his lifelong friendship with another young member of the Boilermakers’ coaching staff, George Steinbrenner.

After finishing his coaching career at BC, Mr. Miller joined Steinbrenner’s staff at the American Shipbuilding Co. and went to the New York Yankees, both of which were owned by Mr. Miller’s former coaching associate. He later became Steinbrenner’s personal business assistant.

At Mr. Miller’s request, his body was returned to Massillon, where he was buried next to his wife of 52 years, Victoria. He is survived by three sons. -Acid Odum

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Joseph Chair Lecture on Africa
Theology and author Jean-Marie Ela will present “Thinking about God and Living the Christian Faith in Our Global Village: Questions and Challenges from Africa” on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in Gasson 305.

Ela, a Cameroon native who teaches at the University of Mon-
Newsmakers

- Prof. Stephen Pope (Theology) was a guest on the National Public Radio program “On Point” to discuss the evolutionary origins of religion.

- University Provost and Dean of Faculties Carin Covington was quoted by the Los Angeles Times for a story on growth trends in infants. The piece also ran in numerous outlets across the country and in the Pakistan Press.

- Irish Institute Director Mary O’Herlihy was interviewed on BBC Radio Ulster, comparing philanthropy in the UK to the US.

- Center for Work and Family Executive Director Brad Harrington was quoted by the Boston Globe regarding the need for prospective job candidates to be honest about flexibility needs during the employment search process.

- Center for Christian-Jewish Learning Executive Director Philip Cunningham was quoted by the Associated Press regarding international interfaith relations. Also, his essay on Catholic-Jewish relations four decades after the Vatican document Nostra Aetate was published by Commonweal magazine.

- Center for Christian-Jewish Learning Associate Director Assoc. Prof. Rabbi Ruth Langer (Theology) was quoted by the New York Times on the death of Israeli scholar and poet Ezra Fleischer.

- A plan by Prof. Charles Hoffer (Biology) and Research Associate F. Douglas Ivey to spin a method of drug discovery out of the university lab and into the market was reported by Mass High Tech.

- Prof. Paul Lewis (English) was quoted by the Philadelphia Inquirer about the use of humor in the nation following Sept. 11.

- Prof. Ali Banuazizi (Psychology), co-director of BG’s Middle Eastern and Islamic studies program, was interviewed by New England Cable News regarding the controversy surrounding a visit to Harvard by Jean’s president.

- Mosan Professor of Education Philip Altbach’s perspective piece, which noted that corruption in academe becomes commonplace when staff are not paid a living wage, was published by the British Times Higher Education Supplement.

- An op-ed by Prof. Peter Skerry (Political Science) about illegal immigrants and driver’s licenses ran in the Los Angeles Times. He also was interviewed on the National Public Radio program “Morning Edition” regarding efforts to track illegal immigrant labor and was quoted by the Boston Globe regarding the younger generation of American Muslims. He was a guest on Minnesota Public Radio where he discussed the Secure Fence Act aimed at tightening border security.

- Prof. Robert Ross (Political Science) was interviewed by Voice of America regarding China’s reaction to the major figure “$1 million”; he also discussed the subject on Wisconsin Public Radio.

- Prof. Joseph Tece (Psychology) was interviewed by CNN and the Associated Press for stories on school shootings.

- Drucker Professor of Management Sciences Alicia Munnell, director of BG’s Center for Retirement Research, discussed the Center’s report on employers’ perceptions of older workers with Done Jones Business News. She also discussed a new pension bill before the U.S. Senate with the Wall Street Journal and spoke with both the Wall Street Journal and Baltimore Sun about a new report on working longer before retirement. The study also was covered by U.S. News & World Report.

- Prof. George Brown (Law) was quoted by the Minneapolis Star-Tribune regarding public corruption investigation.

- Boston public school students and teachers on campus studying urban forestry and bird bioacoustics at BG’s annual Urban Ecology Summer Institute were featured in the Daily News Tribune and Allston-Brighton TAB.

Honors/Appointments

- Assoc. Prof. Paul Anstine, (CSON) was selected to receive the Mnemosyne Stan Treibo award for outstanding public corruption investigation.

- A new book co-authored by Prof. Jonathan Laurence (Political Science), Integrating Islam: Political and Religious Challenges in Contemporary France, was launched at an event at the Brookings Institution.


Grants

• Vanderkende Millennium Professor of Chemistry Prof. Amir Hoveyda: $296,028, National Institutes of Health, “Catalytic and Stereoselective C-C Bond Forming Reactions.”


- Kearns Professor of Education Mary Walsh: $185,362, Herman & Frieda Miller Foundation, “Boston Connects in Mission Hill.”

- Prof. Michael Clarke (Chemistry): $166,860, National Science Foundation, “Intergovernmental Personnel Act Agreement.”

- Cashier, Dining Services
- Research Nurse, School Of Nursing (2 positions)
- Associate Director, External Relations, Social Welfare Research Institute
- Systems Manager, Information Systems, Student Services
- Senior Associate Director, Classes, Alumni
- Supervisor, Cashier, Dining Services
- Administrative Coordinator, TIMSS 5 & 6 (Trends in Mathematics & Science Study)
- Director, Administrative Services, Information Technology
- Program Coordinator/Counselor, AHA/Student Programs

For more information on employment at Boston College see www.bc.edu/jobs

Veterans’ Day Event Nov. 11

The sixth annual Veterans’ Day Remembrance Mass and Ceremony will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. in Gasson 100.

Rev. William C. McInnes, SJ, Alumni Association chaplain and World War II Army Air Corps veteran, will celebrate the Mass. A remembrance ceremony, honoring all Boston College alumni who died in military service to the nation, will follow, with a keynote address by retired Army Lt. Col. Thomas Coll, the brother of Army Lt. John Coll ’66, who was killed in Vietnam.

All members of the University community are invited to attend the event, which is sponsored by the Alumni Association, BG Army ROTC program, Office of Human Resources and Office of the Dean of Student Development.

Nota Bene

The Connell School of Nursing Nurse Anesthesia Program — under the leadership of director Susan Emery, assistant director Denise Testa and Assoc. Prof. Nancy Fairchild — was recently granted a 10-year accreditation by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs. The council, in addition to granting the maximum period of accreditation, ruled that the program would not need to provide a progress report — both rare achievements, according to the accreditation report.

Michelle Crowther ’10, a student in the College of Arts and Sciences was one of 10 high school seniors to be selected this year as an Apple Scholar by Apple Computer Inc. Apple Scholars are honored for their innovative use of technology in academics, and receive a MacBook Pro, an iPod nano and a cash award. Crowther was active in her high school’s video lab, and worked on post-production projects ranging from school assemblies to statewide competitions.

People

Aust. Prof. Mary-Rose Popandopulo (LAW), at right, speaks during a panel discussion held as part of the conference “The Least Dangerous Branch? Liberty, Justice and the US Supreme Court” which took place Oct. 21 in Robinson Theater. With Popandopulo were (L-R) moderator Lincoln Caplin, former editor and president of Legal Affairs; Marcia Hamilton, Verkuil Chair at the Cardozo School of Law, and Yale Law School Soumsay Professor Akhil Reed Amar. (Photo by Justin Knight)
**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Nov. 2**
- Annual Moran Lecture on Higher Education: "Academic’s Golden Age Reconsidered: Reflections on the Spellings Commission," presented by Richard Freeland, President Emeritus, Northeastern University, 4:30 p.m., Murray Function Room, Yawkey Center, call ext.2-1061, email: koppelasa@bc.edu
- Recent Developments in Roman Catholic Relations with Anglicans and Methodists” with Canon Donald Bolen, The Pontifical Council for Christian Unity, Vatican City, a panel discussion will follow, 6 p.m., Gasson 305, call ext.2-3892, email: rufog@bc.edu

**Nov. 4**
- "A History of Racial Injustices Against Women" with Loreta Ross, 7 p.m., Gasson 305, email: ferro@bc.edu

**Nov. 7**
- "Jesuits and Friends: Looking to the Future" with John Papeko, S.J., 7 p.m., The Heights Room, Cushing Commons, email: blazik@bc.edu
- Apollo Late Series for Undergraduates, 8:30 p.m., Hillside Café, call ext.2-0470, email: church21@bc.edu

**Nov. 8**
- "Telling HERstory: The Rev. Judith StuArt, "My Life as an Epis- copal Priest at Boston College" noon, The Women’s Resource Center (141 McElroy), email: donovantu@bc.edu
- "Reshaping the Canon: The Norton Anthology of English Literature & the Emotion of Multitude" with Stephen Greenblatt, Harvard University, 7:30 p.m., Gasson 100, call ext.2-3705, email: paul.doherty@bc.edu

**Nov. 9**
- Faculty and Staff Health Fair, 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Murray Function Room, Yawkey Center, email: bakerma@bc.edu
- Panel Discussion: Religion and the 2006 Mid-Term Elections, 6 p.m., Gasson 305, call ext.2-1860, email: richards@bc.edu

**Nov. 10**
- "The Chambers Lecture for Undergraduates: with former astronaut Eileen Collins," 7:30 p.m., Heights Room, Cushing Commons, call ext.2-0295, email: winston.center@bc.edu

**MUSIC, ART, PERFORMANCE**

**Nov. 2**
- "The Rocky Horror Show" by Rebecca Courtin, 7 p.m. - runs through Nov. 4, Bonn Studio, Robsham Theater Arts Center, call ext.2-4002, email: marion.doyle.1@bc.edu

**Nov. 3**
- "So You Want to Be a Dragon?" by Rebecca Courtin, 7 p.m., Gasson 100, call ext.2-3705, email: paul.doherty@bc.edu

**Nov. 4**
- "Men’s Hockey vs. Vermont, 7 p.m., Conte Forum.
- "Men’s Basketball vs. New Hamp- shire, 7:30 p.m., Conte Forum.

**MUSIC**

**Nov. 5**
- "University Memorial Mass, 2 p.m. St. Ignatius Church, Lannon Chapel – Lower Campus, 9 p.m., Heights Room, 10:15 p.m., St. Mary’s Chapel (Spanish Mass) 7:30 p.m.

**ATHLETICS**

**Nov. 6**
- "A History of Racial Injustices Against Women" with Loreta Ross, 7 p.m., Gasson 305, email: ferro@bc.edu

**Nov. 7**
- "The Symphonic Band of Boston College," 8 p.m., Gasson 100, call ext.2-3018, email: band@bc.edu

**ONGOING EXHIBITIONS**

- "We Are Still Here" O’Neill Library Lobby, through Feb. 16.
- "Cosmophilia: Islamic Art from the David Collection, Copenhagen," through Dec. 21, McCullum Library Lobby, through Feb. 16.
- "Francis Xavier: Jesuit Missionary in Japan," through Dec. 21, McCullum Library Lobby, through Feb. 16.

**Celtidh the Night Away**

Gasson 100 will be the site tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. for a unique dance party, the Boston Urban Ceilidh, a regularly occurring event that combines the high-energy social dance traditions of Ireland, Scotland and Cape Breton (Canada) with a modern, often rock-n-roll beat. 

"Ceilidh" (pronounced "key-lee") is an old Gaelic word that refers to a user-friendly social dance party, and the “BUC,” which features some of Boston’s premier Celtic musicians, is built on audience participation. Newcomers get plenty of opportunity to find their feet: Everyone is given a chance to learn and walk through the dances beforehand.

This edition of the Boston Urban Ceilidh, “BUC@BC,” is sponsored through the Boston College Center for Irish Programs and the Student Programs’ Gaelic Roots: Music, Song, Dance Workshop and Lecture Series, and will have a definite BC flavor: The Irish segment of the ceilidh will be led by Irish Studies faculty member Meghan Allen, and features a band headed by James Hart- ton, an outstanding fiddle player who earlier this year earned his master’s degree from BC; there are also rumors of an appearance by BC’s own Irish step-dance troupe. The Scottish part of the ceilidh will be led by Laura Cortese, an outstanding fiddler, vocalist and stepdancer.

“BUC@BC” is presented as part of the Boston Celtic Music Festival’s outreach to the Greater Boston community. BCMFest is a non-profit grassroots, locally organized showcase of the area’s finest performers in the Irish, Scottish, Cape Breton and other Celtic traditions. In addition to the festival—which will take place for the fourth time Jan. 12 and 13, 2007—BCMFest holds events throughout the year to spark awareness of, and participation in, Boston’s vibrant Celtic music and dance scene.

To get a flavor of the Boston Urban Ceilidh, visit the BUC Myspace page, www.myspace.com/bostonurbanceilidh, which includes a video clip. For information about the Boston Celtic Music Fest, visit www.bcmfest.com.

—Sean Smith

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**A Not-So-Distant Future**

It’s seven more years until Boston College celebrates in 150th anni-
versary, and 100 years at its Chestnut Hill location. So what will BC look like then? What new programs might the University offer and — how might its old ones change?

On Nov. 9, Prof. James O’Toole (History) will present a potential preview of BC in 2013 as part of the University’s Employee Development Program. O’Toole served as executive director of the recent strategic planning process, which culminated in the development of a blueprint for the University’s academic, faith and student formation missions.

Highlighted by seven strategic directions, the broad-based plan now undergoing final revisions — will serve as the reasons to guide BC’s progress toward its twin milestones seven years hence.

O’Toole says there may be a tendency in the BC community to confuse the strategic plan with the University Master Plan, also in formation, which deals with the University’s possible future use of its land and facilities.

To a certain extent, the strategic planning process has been overtaken by other events, namely BC’s addition of the Brighton Campus,” says O’Toole. “This has led to a lot of speculation about what’s going to be built and where, and how a particular space on campus might be used. Whatever decisions are made about space, though, we still have to have a plan Strauch’s going to present. BC’s an amazing community, in- ducement, in the space. Hopefully, this presentation will help to inspire further conversation about the strategic plan and what it will mean for BC.”

O’Toole’s talk will take place from 9:10-10 a.m. in the Moyers Conference Room. Registration is required for the event; for more information, see www.bc.edu/offices/employee/programs/workenv or call ext. 2-8532.