Walking Down a Long Road

She grew up on three different continents and endured family tragedy. But Angela Donkor has always found the strength to continue her journey.

By Sean Smith

Donkor was enrolled nonetheless. “When I attended the MLK Scholarship banquet as a freshman, I was amazed at the accomplishments of the finalists,” says Donkor, a Bronx, NY, resident majoring in political science and international studies. “I promised myself that I would work just as hard and that I hoped to earn a place among these scholars. This honor means that I am on my way to accomplishing what I came to BC for, which was to be the best student I can be while serving those in need.”

But while she takes pride in her achievements and endurance, there is a sincere sense of both humility and determination about God giving you a test, to stand on your own. Can you rise to that challenge?

“When I think about the similarities between Dr. King’s life and mine, I think about using the challenges life throws at us as empowerment. I wanted to be thought of as a conqueror, not a victim. If my story can perhaps empower others to work for diversity, then it is all for the good.”

Donkor’s story began in the village of Konongo, in southern Ghana, where she and her twin sister Angelina, and her brother Alex, were born. Their parents, trying to make a better life for the family, found work in Italy and left the children with Angelina’s grandmother. Angela, two months old when they left, met them for the first time when she was six years old. Their next meeting would come two years later, when Angelina died.

“My sister’s death was a painful reality,” says Donkor. “I had seen Angelina vanish from my life, so I knew nothing was permanent. Since there was no guarantee of tomorrow, you should always strive to do your best.”

The loss of her sister, and her grandmother shortly thereafter, brought about a permanent reunion with her parents, and Angelina and her brother went to Italy to live. It was not an easy adjustment, she says. She grieved for Angelina and her grandmother and struggled to form relationships in her new surroundings. But Donkor found that “life was beautiful in Italy, and she did well in studies and sports, especially in track. When she was 16, her family...”

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Taking a Global View on Education and Research

Chair coordinates BC’s scholarly efforts on international front

By Sean Smith

There’s one part of Society of Jesus founder Ignatius Loyola’s famous exhortation to “set the world aflame” that is of particular concern to the University Council on International Education and Research — “the world.”

Comprised of Boston College faculty members with considerable international experience and interests, the council was formed two years ago to advise the provost on academic-related initiatives and opportunities abroad. But UCIER’s other, equally important function is to coordinate BC’s activities in the international realm and — with the aid of its BC Global website (http://www.bc.edu/global) — to make sure the University community knows about them, says council chair Vice Provost for Faculties Patricia DeLeeuw.

“Basically, we want to spread the good news,” said DeLeeuw. “BC has made amazing strides in international education and research over just the last decade. There is more activity than ever before, and the council’s mission is to not only keep track of it, but to share the information with the rest of BC.”

The establishment of the council is a key facet of BC’s goal to become a significant intellectual and cultural crossroads through utilizing international resources and partnerships, as outlined in the University’s Strategic Plan, UCIER is modeled after the Council on Teaching and the University Research Council, two other committees that serve in an advisory capacity to the provost.

“What this does,” noted DeLeeuw, “is to elevate BC’s international activity to the level of

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19 Faculty Members Promoted

University President William P. Leahy, SJ, has announced the promotions of 19 Boston College faculty members.

College of Arts and Sciences faculty promoted to full professor were: Kevin Newmark, Romance Languages and Literatures; Eileen Sweeney, Philosophy; Sarah Bobb, Sociology; Elizabeth Rhodes, Romance Languages and Literatures; and Bruce Mord- rill, SJ, Theology. Also promoted to full professor were Ronnie Sadka of the Carroll School of Management-Finance Department, and Rebekah Levine Coley of the Counseling, Developmental and Educational Psychology Department in the Lynch School of Education.

Faculty members promoted to associate professor with tenure were: Stevan Adam Brasel, Marketing, and Jiri Chod, Operations and Strategic Management (CSOM); Johannes Gubbels, Biology; Sarah Ross, History; Scott Slomick, Psychology; C. Shawn McGuire, Sociology; Boyd Taylor Coolman, Theology; Jane Flanagan, Susan Kelly-Weeder and Danny Willis (Connell School of Nursing); Margaret Lombie (Graduate School of Social Work); and Vlad Perja (Law School).

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REMEMBERING A LEADER’S LIFE

The Boston College community gathered on Feb. 15 for the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Banquet, which featured a talk by Rev. Canon C. Hines ’70 (left), pastor of the Eliot Congregational Church of Roxbury, and announcement of the 2011 King Scholarship Award winner, Angela Donkor ’12 (see story on page 13). Below, (L-R) Cornell School of Nursing Professor Jane Horowitz, Learning to Lead Director Dan Bench and Campus Minister Rev. Howard McLendon listen to Rev. Hines’ speech.

Talking politics
Three years ago, Katherine Adam ’07 officially became an author, when she and Sociology Professor Charles Derber published The New Feminized Majority: How Democrats Can Change America with Women’s Voices. Based on her senior thesis — a rare feat for an undergraduate project — Katherine Adam, will return to campus to discuss her book and assess the American political climate. The event, free and open to the public, takes place at 5 p.m. in Fenlon 230. Adam recently checked in with Chronicle to give an update on her work.

Q: Where are you nowadays and what are you doing?
Adam: I work in political messaging and strategic communications. I spent the last election cycle consulting on various political campaigns around New England, helping candidates with speech writing, debate preparation, and new media strategy. Now I serve as communications director for Massachusetts State Senator Sonia Chang-Diaz. She represents much of Boston, from Jamaica Plain and parts of Dorchester to the South End and Beacon Hill.

Q: Obviously, not every person publishes a book so soon after graduating college. What impact has that achievement had on you, personally and professionally?
Adam: Writing the book was a transformative experience in so many ways. It sharpened my critical thinking skills and argumentative processes, and, most important, gave me the confidence to stand up for my ideas. I’ll never be able to thank Professor Derber enough for his devotion to this project — he completely changed the course of my life. Professionally, the book motivated me to pursue a career based on writing. I use the skills I learned writing the book every day in my current job. I don’t know what I’ll be doing in 20 years, but I know I’ll be writing.

Q: In the book, you talked about a “feminized majority” — one that embraces values such as empathy, cooperation, and a preference for non-violent solutions to conflicts — as a potential major force in American politics. But it seems the big story since 2008 is the ramping up of partisan and ideological discord across the US. Is there really a feminized majority, and can it make a difference in the political arena?
Adam: This is a really good question. I think the current discord is largely the product of an incredibly ineffective campaign to harness the anger ordinary people are feeling about what’s been happening in America since the 1970’s — the deepening inequality gap, the erosion of worker rights, the increasingly cosy relationship between corporate interests and government — and swing it back against President Obama.

There’s no doubt that our country is in a tough spot. The good news, I suppose, is that the current environment of vitriol is unsustainable. The question becomes: Where do we go from here? The feminized majority absolutely still exists. Whether it becomes a paradigm for governance sooner rather than later depends on if President Obama exhibits the leadership necessary to redirect the current national angst into a positive force for change.

Q: How often do you get to return to BC?
Adam: Not as often as I’d like! One of my favorite spots on campus is the block of soundproof practice rooms in the Music Department in Lyons. I studied music along with sociology, and I miss having access to a piano. And I’m definitely going to get a Hillside sandwich when I visit this time.

Q: Do you have any new books or other publications in the works?
Adam: At this point, my job with the Senator is keeping me really busy, but I’d like to get back into political commentary at some point. Maybe I’ll write The New and Improved Feminized Majority in a couple years. —SS

Top of the Tweet
Boston College is among the “most influential” universities using the micro-blogging site Twitter, placing in the top 15 nationally and the top three locally, according to social media monitor Klout (http://www.klout.com). BC ranked 13th on the national survey by Klout, which employs complex algorithms and semantic analyses to measure the influence of individuals, topics and organizations online. BostonInnovation then used the Klout data to create a local list, which ranked BC third, behind Harvard University and communications-focused Emerson College.

Last fall, BC’s official Twitter account — which is overseen by the Office of News & Public Affairs and has acquired nearly 12,000 followers — was cited among “Ten University Twitter Accounts Worth Learning From” by a social media blogger.

Jack’s back
One of Boston College’s best known graduates — although in this case the “alum” has never set foot in Chestnut Hill — is back in action as the central character in a best-selling novel.

The character is Jack Ryan, an operations officer who ascended the ranks to become president of the United States over a two decades-long series of Tom Clancy techno-action novels that began with the popular Hunt for Red October in 1984. In Clancy’s latest work, Dead or Alive, the now-retired agent Ryan is mulling a campaign to return to the White House, while at the same time heading up a covert effort to find the world’s most wanted terrorist.

As is the case in almost all of his works, Clancy includes a reference to Ryan’s fictional alma mater, Boston College College, in the text. Midway through the pages of Dead or Alive, Ryan is depicted as favoring BC’s recent football successes against Notre Dame.

Clancy is believed to have modeled his Jack Ryan character after a real-life high school friend who went on to attend Boston College in the mid-1960s and then became a US Navy helicopter pilot in Viet- nam. Clancy is a 1969 graduate of Loyola of Maryland, a Jesuit school in his hometown of Baltimore.

Jack Ryan appears in ‘Dead or Alive.’ Photo Credit: Doubleday

Be sure to check out the Boston College Chronicle YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/bochchronicle) for video features on Boston College programs, people and events. New and upcoming videos include:

• Gospel Showcase: In celebration of Black History Month, the Boston College Multicultural Christian Fellowship organized the first annual Gospel Showcase, “Not Forgotten,” in Rohssham Theater. The event highlighted the black Christian experience through dance, singing and drama, and featured a number of BC student performers.

• Walk for Water: Over a two-week period last month, Boston College freshmen walked the roughly two miles between the Newton and Chestnut Hill campuses to raise awareness of the world water crisis that affects developing countries. Proceeds from the walk will be used to help the children of the Longa Secondary School in Tanzania by purchasing rain catchment systems and hand washing stations.
Christopher Soldt, MTS

The environment within which to launch universities as their first customers.

A product for about $200. They project they can sell a finished thermostat. Clamping the base can be as easy to see the financial and environmental costs of energy consumption.

The founders think it should be as easy to see the financial and environmental costs of energy consumption as it is to check the time on a clock or get a reading from a thermostat. Clamping the base onto a home or apartment’s power supply is about a 10-minute installation process, they say, and they project they can sell a finished product for about $200.

BC could become the first customer on a pilot basis at the company’s target energy and cost-conscious universities as their first customers. A future sale aside, Reim says the University has provided a great environment within which to launch a company.

“It’s a lot of work. But at the same time, college is a great place to start a company. There are a lot of resources. People have your back. You’re not alone. (CSOM Professor John Gallaugher) has helped us. The Boston College Venture Competition has a lot of resources. It is a lot of work, but at the same time you can use it to your advantage.”

While the start-up has made fast progress — finding a partner to shoulder the engineering and development costs and lining up manufacturing sites in India and China — that wasn’t necessarily the goal, Reim said.

“There was never really any specific plan as to how quickly we could do something, but we just set our goals and the jobs we needed to do and went about getting those things done. We’ve just kept moving and end up where we end up.”

Boston College administrators are considering the role the monitor could play in University efforts to conserve energy, said Energy Manager John MacDonald, and may undertake a pilot program in selected locations as early as next month, pending an review of how to implement the test from a technical standpoint.

For energy-conscious students, faculty and staff, conservation efforts could grow exponentially just by having real-time information about the energy required to supply power to lights, equipment, televisions, phones, computers and the hundreds of other electronic devices used in campus facilities each day and night.

“I think this is a fantastic idea,” MacDonald said. “We all want to save energy and having the Power Dashboard right there where you can see it would be a tremendous asset. It’s fast and easy to deploy. I think it has a lot of good features.”

Associate Professor of Information Systems John Gallaugher has watched the trio develop since Reim and Rines entered another business plan in last year’s Boston College Venture Competition.

He credits the group for their bold strategy, but also for making the most out of opportunities offered by summer internships, BC alumni and mentor connections and free advice from seasoned entrepreneurs.

“The combination of low cost technology and the ease at which products can reach wide markets makes this a golden age for student entrepreneurship,” said Gallaugher.

“The dreamers can see their visions turn into real businesses in a matter of months. With C.J. and Rich, they built a business faster than it took them to get through their University and Carroll School course. We’re fortunate to have so many alumni supplementing classroom learning in a way that creates a huge laboratory for the launch of real world businesses.”

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By REID OSLIN

With the coming of spring and the traditional celebration of St. Patrick’s Day, March has always been a “Green Month” for the Boston College community. But this year, that term takes on added meaning for the University.

Thanks to a collaboration between its green and active members, a “Green Month” agenda of more than 35 events, programs, projects and initiatives brought together by the Undergraduate Government of Boston College’s Sustainability Team will promote awareness and best practices of energy conservation and sustainability for the University environment and beyond.

Among the highlights of the month-long calendar is a “Green Economy and Career Night” on March 22, co-sponsored by the Boston College Career Center and featuring Sociology Professor Charles Derber, a campus-wide forum on “The Impact of Globalization on the Environment,” on March 29, and Philosophy Associate Professor Ma rina McCoy’s talk, “Women and the Environment,” on March 29. A complete listing of events, times and locations may be found at www.ugbc.org.

“The theme of this year’s Green Month is ‘Everyone Has a Reason to Be Sustainable,’” said Daley Gruen ’11, co-director of the UGBC effort, now in its second year. “We are trying to collaborate with other campus organizations on events that include many different groups under the umbrella of sustainability — even if the group’s particular cause does not seem to be immediately connected with it. The entire point is to get people coming out to these events who are not just the typical environmentalists.”

Adds Gruen’s co-director Julianne Hall ’13: “We definitely have a lot of people who are interested, but we also feel that there are a lot more people who are unaware of what is going on and what they can do to help. We are trying to get the message out to everyone.

“We don’t want to be preaching to the choir,” Hall adds. “We are trying to get many as groups as possible involved and show them that sustainability really does relate to everyone.”

The UGBC efforts, in conjunction with the work of other campus groups such as EcoPledge, are providing the groundwork for a “Green BC” in the future, notes Project Planner Robert Pinn of the University’s Capital Planning and Engineering Office, who is helping to oversee Boston College’s overall energy-savings and sustainability efforts.

“They are doing it in a smart way in that it is not ending with this particular group,” he says. “They are trying to set the foundation for students who are coming in after them, and trying to put into place some things that will be carried on by students in future years.”

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Kenny is Appointed LSOE Interim Dean

Boston College has announced the appointment of Maureen E. Kenny, associate dean of faculty and academic affairs in the Lynch School of Education, as interim dean, effective March 7. She will fill the void created by the departure of Joseph O’Keefe, SJ, who was named president of St. Joseph’s University.

Kenny has served as associate dean since 2007. She arrived at BC in 1988 as an assistant professor and was named full professor in 2005. In addition to her roles as professor and associate dean, she also served the Lynch School as dissertation liaison, chair of the Department of Counseling, Developmental and Educational Policy, and the program director for master’s and doctoral programs in counseling.

Her research interests include relational factors as contributors to school engagement and career development among urban high school youth, and preventive interventions for promoting healthy academic, social and physical development among urban elementary school children.

A graduate of Brown University, Kenny holds a master’s of education degree from Columbia University and a PhD from the University of Pennsylvania.

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Sophomores (L-R) Rich Rines, Kevin Driscoll and C. J. Reim and their invention, Power Dashboard (inset), which displays real-time power usage in campus facilities. (Photos by Lee Pollerini)
Wealth and the Practice of Care
Sociologist Schervish delves once again into dilemma of wealth and spirituality

BY PATRICIA DELANEY
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Anyone who has ever had a lottery ticket understands the appeal of financial good fortune. Its accompanying freedom and empowerment seem especially attractive in difficult economic times. But for those who seek to live lives of moral and spiritual fulfillment, significant wealth also brings great challenge. How best to use riches and for what purposes?

There is no easy answer, according to Sociologist Professor Paul G. Schervish, director of the Center on Wealth and Philanthropy. “There’s no formula,” he said. “We live in an era that has never existed before — where whole classes and groups of people have, for all intents and purposes, overcome the problems of financial scarcity and quando. Those whose resources far surpass economic necessity are ‘hyperagents’ capable of shaping the world more than just living in it. How can people of faith best connect their financial capacity to their spiritual aspirations?”

“We don’t have a fresh or deep enough answer for that yet, and so tend to emphasize a distributional rather than a productivity morality of wealth.”

One thing, however, is clear, Schervish says: the need for a process of reflection that can help wealth holders discern, for the time and circumstances in which they are living, what to do with their resources. Wealth and the Will of God. Discerning the Use of Riches in the Service of Ultimate Purpose — his latest book, written with center research fellow Keith Whitaker — is designed to help meet that need.

Through the lens of six theologians and six philanthropically driven leaders — Aristotle, St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Ignatius Loyola, Martin Luther, John Calvin and Jonathan Edwards — the book explores central topics including the ultimate goal of human life, the penultimate purposes of love, charity, friendship, and care, and, finally, the process of deliberation by which individuals clarify how best to use the riches of this life.

“We ask these six teachers what they have to offer to shape spiritual vocations for wealth, for our time,” Schervish said. “We’re not suggesting that their answers will be the same as those of contemporary teachers, but key questions and starting points for answers are similar.”

Schervish and Whitaker are well-positioned to advance a process of reflection to wealth holders. The author of numerous publications including Gospel of Wealth: How the Rich Portray Their Lives, Schervish has made a life-long study of the intersection of wealth and spirituality. Whitaker, widely published on philosophical, political and literary topics, is director of family dynamics for Wells Fargo Bank.

Though the views of the six thinkers in Wealth and the Will of God vary greatly, they agree that any particular action is written in stone. “The only absolute obligation we find in any of their views is that we are to practice the beneficial activity that brings about the unifying of love of God, love of neighbor, and love of self,” Schervish said.

“The same is true when it comes to allocating money — there are no absolutes. What to be done is not found by looking over our shoulders at rules. It is discovered by discerning how well our distinctive capacities and aspirations coincide with our experience of God.”

“The highest calling for one person may be to give money away. For another, a better use of money might be to start a business that would employ people,” Schervish said. “Discernment means that decisions are made in an atmosphere of liberty and inspiration, people find their duty not in the hardest thing to do and not what others tell them to do. Duty is found, as Howard Gray, SJ, advised in a talk at Boston College a few years ago, in that which is most interesting.”

In addition to providing guidance for wealth holders, the book offers insights for fundraisers and other members of the philanthropic community. For instance, wealthy donors, said Schervish, “are less and less inclined to see themselves as tools or instruments to enable an organization to do good. Rather, they look on organizations as the means for them to implement their own visions and charitable foundations should not see this as a problem, but “as an opportunity,” he said, “to invite donors to identify with those being served and to be co-creators of that care.”

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OTHER MARTIN LUTHER KING 2011 SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

Mayra Cardoso, a Doshchester resident majoring in finance and marketing, has served as assistant director for programming for the AHANA Leadership Council, treasurer of the Cape Verde Student Association, and a tutor at the Common Family Learning Center. She organized the campus Unity Barbecue and an annual Cape Verdean-Jewish Seder, and assisted in planning Black History Month events on campus. Currently studying in Italy, Cardoso hopes after graduation to help develop microfinance programs that increase financial literacy and entrepreneurial skills among underprivileged groups in the United States.

Christina Martin is a major in psychology and communications from Old Bridge, NJ, who is studying at Royal Holloway College of the University of London this spring through a McGillycuddy-Logue Travel Grant. She has been active in a variety of programs, events and activities, including the Shaw Leadership Program, Dialogues on Race and the Caribbean Culture Club, while assisting with community development projects in Georgia with the Appalachia Volunteers. She also created a fundraising campaign to benefit cancer research programs in New Jersey and Italy, volunteered at hospitals in New Jersey and New York and indeeded with a medical research program at Fordham University. She hopes to pursue study in a joint MPhil/PhD program.

Nicole Shirley is a Bronx, NY, native majoring in English and communications. She is a Career Prep Fellow in the nationally recognized “Management Leadership for Tomorrow” mentoring program, chair of the Boston chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha — the nation’s oldest service-oriented sorority for black college women — and has worked as an intern and peer advisor at the BC Career Center. Active in the AHANA Leadership Council and FACES, Shirley served as tutor and mentor to a high school girl at the Commonwealth Tenants Association through the PULSE program. She plans to work in marketing or advertising before returning to school to study law or pursue a doctorate in English.

Reynaldo Sylla, a Mattapan native, is a Boston College High School alumnus majoring in accounting. Working through the PULSE program, he became so involved at the West End Boys and Girls Club that he volunteered extra hours and took a part-time staff position last summer. Last year, he organized a successful campus drive to collect food, clothes and money to support earthquake relief efforts in Haiti. As chief of staff for the AHANA Leadership Council and assistant director of the ALC Volunteer Corps, Sylla has also helped organize the ALC’s off-campus service activities, including the annual winter break service trips to Mississippi.

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Long Road to BC for Scholarship Winner

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In Northern Ireland, notes John J. Burns Librarian Robert O'Neill, there is a saying: “A secret is a secret until you tell three or affliations, an opportunity to clear up mysteries, fill in missing details, and give first-hand perspectives of the Troubles, say Hachey and O’Neilly and in so doing, perhaps come to terms with what they experienced.

“This is still a sharply divided society,” says Hachey. “Until the story of the Troubles is told, and discussed, only then can there be a better understanding of the emotions and motivations of those involved. And that will enable people to move forward.”

Published last year in Ireland and the United Kingdom and recently issued in the United States, Voices from the Grave draws on interviews with Hughes, a major figure in the Irish Republican Army during the 1970s and 80s, and Ervine, a Lokalist pamphlet from the project, were guaranteed that no interview material would be used without their consent or until after their death. Ervine died in 2007, Hughes in 2008.

Hughes talks about the growing resentment in the 1960s among Northern Irish Catholics, who felt increasingly marginalized politically, socially, and economically, and the protecting of the IRA, which Hughes joined.

The presence of Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams lends a continuity to an organizational split that produced what became known as the “old” IRA. Unlike many of his peers, Adams was not a product of the Long Kesh Prison. It was at Long Kesh that Ervine underwent his transition to a political career, in 1994, a few months after the IRA had called a ceasefire. “We have to identify where in the peace process this happened,” says that Boston College is “a trusted broker in the peace and reconciliation process that is ongoing.”

O’Neill notes that Ervine was part of a delegation of Unionists and Protestants that visited BC in 1994, a few months after the IRA had called a ceasefire. “I think that, to a man, they were impressed that a university with an Irish Catholic background — and in a city they felt was at the center of Irish Republicanism — could be so warm, welcoming and open to them.”

It was during the 1994 BC visit that Ervine expressed his feelings on the need for Protestants and Catholics to forge a new relationship.

David Ervine on his involvement with the Ulster Volunteer Force: It wasn’t a case that you had a day-to-day routine or a day-to-day job...anything that was strange or anything that you stumbled across, you would have been expected to let someone know right away...Once I crossed the Rubicon my job was to do something about it; whether I was effective or not, that is for others to judge, but I certainly wanted to be, and I was committed to it, there was no going back. There was never a moment when I said, ‘Have I done the right thing here?’ That never happened. My sense would have been that I had no regrets other than probably not being as effective as they needed me to be, or felt they needed me to be...It was a hamster wheel to hell, and, you could argue, well out of control. Once you’re on that hamster wheel, not only does there seem even with hindsight no way off, but I didn’t want to get off.

The presence of Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams lends a continuity to Hughes’ accounts. Hughes and Adams were close friends for most of the Troubles, but Hughes became disillusioned by Adams’ refusal to publicly acknowledge his long-assumed as someone who felt increasingly vulnerable, which motivated his long-assumed as someone who felt increasingly marginalized politically, socially, and economically, and the protecting of the IRA, which Hughes joined.

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The full citation is available via USA Today at http://usat.ly/kxcrftf (scroll down to click the money jar photo on the left, then search for “Best Value Colleges” for 2011). The list, prepared in partnership with the University Professor of Human and International Education and Research, she added. “The year before Bates was to start work, leaving Bates in the care of her grandmother every day. She looked forward to that special time she got to spend with Maria.”

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Rev. James Martin, SJ, whose appearances on NPR’s “The O’Reilly Factor,” “The Colbert Report” and other media outlets have made him one of the most recognizable Jesuits in America, will visit Boston College tomorrow to discuss his best-selling book The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything: A Spirituality for Real Life.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held in Robsham Theater starting at 7 p.m. Fr. Martin will translate the insights of St. Ignatius of Loyola for a modern audience, revealing how people can find God and how God can find people in the real world of work, love, suffering, decisions, prayer and politics.

His talk is part of the Dowmel Lecture series, in honor of J. Leo and Catherine Dowd, and is sponsored by Provincial Myles N. Sheehan, SJ, and the New England Province of Jesuits, in partnership with the Church in the 21st Century and the School of Theology and Ministry. “Fr. Martin is a gifted speaker who can reframe the riches of the Catholic tradition in ways that appeal to contemporary believers, whatever their ages,” said the University’s Special Assistant to the President Robert Newton, who is serving as interim director of C21. “His presentation will be an engaging and illuminating evening that students and visitors should not miss.”

Added Fr. Sheehan: “We are grateful for this generous gift from the Dowds that provides us with the opportunity to bring Fr. Martin to the Boston area. His books have inspired and informed many readers to embrace Ignatian spiritualism and become closer to God. This lecture also provides the Province with a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and partner with Boston College.”

Fr. Martin is a culture editor of America magazine and the author of several other books, including My Life with me,” said Bates. When Bates researched the records of her grandmother’s immigration, she found that her grandmother’s sister, Aura, had placed her on the ship. In Sep- tember, Bates used the name Aura for the grandmother’s sister who has remained in Cape Verde.

Bates, whose stories have been published in Highlights and Pock- et magazines, said the journey to published author has been a long one. She credits the conferences and workshops she attended through the Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators with giving her the tools she needed to be noticed by a publisher and retain an agent.

“A lot of the work of being pub- lished is doing the networking,” said Bates, who says she can empathize with students faced with the daunting task of networking in their job search.

“To be able to tell them from expe- rience, it’s hard but it’s worth it.”

She’s currently working on a manu- script for a book geared toward read- ers in the fourth through sixth grades. She will do a reading of Svadiste Dream at next month’s BC Arts Festival.

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The National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST) has selected Assistant Professor Katherine McNell for the 2011 Early Career Research Award, honoring the early career researcher who demonstrates the greatest potential to make outstanding and continuing contributions to educational scholarship.

McNell, who is building in collaboration with K-12 teachers in the Boston Public Schools to examine urban students' abilities to engage in scientific explanation and argumentation. Funded in part by the National Science Foundation grant for exploratory research, the project — now in its third year — will investigate how students with diverse backgrounds make sense of talk media. Funded in part by a National Science Foundation grant for exploratory research, the project — now in its third year — will investigate how students with diverse backgrounds make sense of talk media.
LOOKING AHEAD

Glorious Songs, Catchy Tunes and Dancing Feet
Performances by the BC Irish Dancers (below), Blue Heron and BC bOp! (right) highlight this month

The Boston College campus will be relatively quiet next week with spring break, but there’ll be plenty of activity to follow. Here’s a look at three upcoming events that will appeal to enthusiasts of a wide range of genres.

March 17 is fast approaching, but BC’s Irish Dance Club will present its spirited St. Patrick’s Day Show two days before the big event. “Elevation,” which takes place on March 15 at 7 p.m. in Rohsham Theater, is the club’s fourth annual St. Patrick’s Day performance. Comprised of 16 dances on a spectrum of traditional to modern choreography, the show will combine the roots of traditional Irish Dance with modern technique.

“Last year’s show, ‘Rhythm,’ was so well-received and it was an amazing accomplishment for the club,” says club president Brittany Legagneur, an eighth-grader who sang “Halo” by Beyonce.

Aguilera’s “Beautiful”; Libby Wu, a third-grader who played “The Butterfly” on piano; and Stayce Legagneur, an eighth-grader who sang “Halo” by Beyonce.

The program will feature a mix of traditional and contemporary pieces, according to Lewis, with “reels, a slip jig, hard reel and a lot of combination pieces with both hard and soft shoes.” Included will be a traditional ceili dance.

Five of the pieces, she noted, are choreographed to popular, contemporary music. “It’s a very eclectic mix and will have something for everyone.”

The performance, now in its second year at Rohsham, “means a lot for the club. It is the first year without any of the founders — three of whom graduated last year — and we are greatly looking forward to upholding the standards they instilled in the club.”

“Our St. Patrick’s Day show is always an overwhelmingly emotional experience for us,” she adds. “We can’t wait to share with our families, friends and the community everything we’ve been working on since September.”

Tickets for the March 15 performance are $10, and are on sale at the Rohsham Theater Arts Center Box Office (ext.2-4002).

Also on March 15, the Blue Heron Re-naissance Choir — Boston College artist-in-residence — will present a free concert in St. Mary’s Chapel at 8 p.m., showcasing the music of Spanish Renaissance composer Tomás Luis de Victoria.

The concert, which commemorates the 450th anniversary of the composer’s death and features the six-voice Requiem Mass or Officium defunctorum of 1605, also will include music by other Spanish com-posers. Music Department Chair Professor Michael Noone will give a pre-concert talk.

Noone lauds Blue Heron’s cam-pus activities this semester, which include work with student performers both individually and in groups. He singled out for praise the ensemble’s music director Scott Metcalfe, who has spoken in classes that study Medieval and Re-naissance choral music. During these talks, said Noone, Metcalfe gave valuable background on Victoria’s life and career, and on the requiem, Victoria’s last known work. Metcalfe also of-fered insights on mod-ern presentations of the requiem.

“One of the justifications for an artist-in-residence program is the enormous pedagogical advantage of the same group of professionals re-turning for multiple visi-tos to campus, each time interacting with students in ways that respond im-mediately to students needs,” said Noone.

Blue Heron will hold an open dress rehearsal on March 10 at St. Mary’s Chapel from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more informa-tion on the concert, call ext.2-6049 or email concerts@bc.edu

On March 19, student jazz ensemble BC bOp! — acclaimed for its exuberant stage presence and lively repertoire — will once again take Rohsham Theater by storm under the direction of Sebastian Bonaiuto.

The concert, titled “The Most Interesting Band in the World,” will comprise 17 vocal and instrumental pieces ranging from big band swing selections to contemporary jazz. Among them is “Special Forces,” a piece written by senior trumpet player Steven Bass.

“This is shaping up to be one of the best performances BC bOp! has ever played,” said Bonaiuto, who is BC’s director of bands. “Prepara-tions have progressed beautifully and we are all looking forward to a great concert.”

With a repertoire that spans tra-ditional and contemporary jazz and more than 50 selections, including music from the 1940s to the present, the ensemble has received superior ratings multiple times at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival at the Uni-versity of Idaho.

BC bOp! performs at campus venues throughout the academic year and is showcased at the an-nual Aru Festival, where “Dancing With bOp!” — at which the band accompanies performances by other campus dance groups — is a high-light. The collaboration, now in its third year, will be a featured event on April 30.

Admission to the March 19 perfor-mance at 7 p.m. is $15, $10 with a BC ID. For more information email bands@bc.edu or call ext.2-3018.

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DATE & TIME

Work by Boston College doc-toral students will be in the spotlight at tomorrow’s Multi-disciplinary PhD Research Development Day, which will take place during the day in the Heights Room of Conso- nant Commons. Researchers will be presented in papers and posters throughout the day, with awards given to the most outstanding entries, and there will be a keynote talk by Graduate School of Social Work adjunct faculty member Rosie Calvo. See http://tinyurl. com/4q2dacy.

“Raidin the Wake,” the Bos-ton College Finnish/Weal-treading group, will hold its weekly meeting on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the 10 Stone Ave-nue Conference Room. New-comers are welcome to partici-pate in the meetings, at which portions of James Joyce’s land-mark work are read aloud and then discussed. See http://www. bc.edu/sites/finnogewaluke.

Adj. Assoc. Prof. Aloyzius Lugira (Theology) will present “AHANA and Africisms In Light of the Geo-ontological Initiative at Boston College” on March 15 at noon in Lyons 901. Lugira’s talk is sponsored by the Works In Progress Lea- ture Series, which showcases the research and writing of African and African Diaspora Studies Program faculty. See http://www.bc.edu/schools/caf/ aads.html.

“The Lowell Lectures Humanis-ties Series will host a talk by 2005 Pulitzer Prize finalist Suketu Mehta, above, author of Maximum City: Bombay Lost and Found, on March 15 at 7 p.m. in the Heights Room of Consonant Commons. This event was rescheduled from last semester. See http://www. bc.edu/office/lowellss.

For more on Boston College cam-pus events, see events.bc.edu or www.bc.edu/bcinfo.