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Taking a Global View on Education and Research

Council coordinates BC's scholarly efforts on international front

BY SEAN SMITH
CHRONICLE EDITOR

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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University Council on International Education and Research Council Chair Patricia DeLeeuw discusses the council's website with members (L-R) Philip Altbach, David Hollenbach, SJ, Ourida Moustefai, Jun Qian, Bernd Widdig and Margaret Lombe. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

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 Babb, Sociology; Elizabeth Rhodes, Romance Languages and Literatures; and Bruce Morrill, 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 Slotnick, Psychology; C. Shawn McGuffey, Sociology; Boyd Taylor Coolman, Theology; Jane Flanagan, Susan Kelly-Weeder and Danny Willis (Connell School of Nursing); Margaret Lombe (Graduate School of Social Work); and Vlad Perju (Law School).

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Caitlin Cunningham

Junior Angela Donkor recently added the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Award to a lengthy list of achievements.

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
CHRONICLE EDITOR

There probably aren't many Boston College undergraduates who aspire to being the United Nations secretary general, or president of Ghana. Angela Donkor '12 would be happy to have either job — or, for that matter, both of them.

And based on what she's done with her life so far, she might just pull it off.

Donkor grew up on three different continents, and didn't live with her parents until she was eight years old. She spent a portion of a summer posing as an immigrant worker in Kuwait as part of a research project funded through BC. She traveled to Uganda and Rwanda, where she and other BC students worked with children suffering from HIV/AIDS.

Her activities at BC have ranged from tutoring at the Connors Family Learning Center to volunteering at the Suffolk House of Correction through the University's PULSE program, to working in the 48 Hours retreat program.

Donkor burnished an already impressive resume — which also includes a Gates Millennium Scholarship and two scholarships from the Magic Johnson Foundation — last month by winning the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship, presented annually to a BC junior who reflects King's philosophy in his or her life and work. Although she wasn't at the Feb. 15 King Scholarship Banquet to formally receive the honor — she's studying at Peking University in Beijing this semester —

Donkor was elated 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

"I have been able to learn and grow in part because when I've arrived at a new place, people have educated or corrected me to help me adjust. Yes, being an immigrant means there is a struggle, but this struggle does not define your life — not if you don't let it."

Donkor, qualities she says stem from being an immigrant.

"I have been able to learn and grow in part because when I've arrived at a new place, people have educated or corrected me to help me adjust," says Donkor. "Yes, being an immigrant means there is a struggle, but this struggle does not define your life — not if you don't let it. There is the moment when

God gives 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 Angela'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 Angela 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 fam-

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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. Evan C. Hines '90 (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 1]. Below, (L-R) Connell School of Nursing Professor June Horowitz, Learning to Learn Director Dan Bunch and Campus Minister Rev. Howard McLendon listen to Rev. Hines' speech.



Photos by Caitlin Cunningham

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 Values*, based on her senior thesis — a rare feat for an undergraduate project.

On March 15, 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 Fulton 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 mo-

tivated 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 effective campaign to harness the anger ordinary people are feeling about what's been happening in America since the 1970s — the deepening inequality gap, the erosion of worker rights, the increasingly cozy 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. So 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 anger 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.

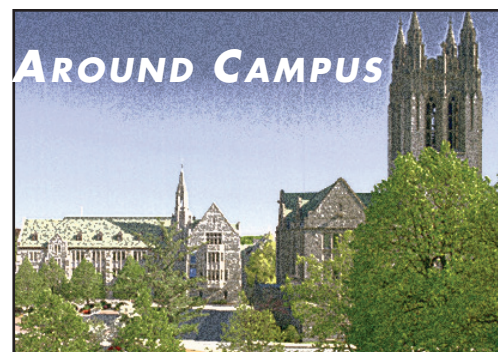
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Top of the Tweet

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, a CIA operative who ascended up 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, in the text. Midway through the pages of *Dead or Alive*, Ryan is depicted as savoring 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 Vietnam. Clancy is a 1969 graduate of Loyola of Maryland, a Jesuit school in his hometown of Baltimore.

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Be sure to check out the *Boston College Chronicle* YouTube channel [www.youtube.com/bcchronicle] for video features on Boston College people, programs 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 Robsham 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.

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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 energy consumption and costs. (Photos by Lee Pellegrini)

Putting Their Energy to Good Use

Three BC undergrads devise fast, easy way to measure energy consumption

BY ED HAYWARD
STAFF WRITER

Three Boston College sophomores who formed a start-up company in their spare time are close to launching an energy consumption-monitoring device that can track and display power usage in real time.

Applied Power Innovations, the brainchild of entrepreneurs C.J. Reim and Rich Rines, students in the Carroll School of Management, and College of Arts and Sciences undergraduate Kevin Driscoll, has created Power Dashboard, a prominent display of the real-time usage, costs and carbon dioxide emissions as a result of home or office 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 unit 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 as the company targets 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 Gallagher] 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 keep moving and end up where we end up."

Boston College administrators are considering the role the monitor could play in the University's 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, phone chargers, 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 Gallagher 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 Gallagher. "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 core courses. We're fortunate to have so many alums supplementing classroom learning in a way that creates a huge laboratory for the launch of real world businesses."

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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



Maureen E. Kenny

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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Boston College Marching Into the 'Green Month'

BY REID OSLIN
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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 of environmentally active student groups and University departments, 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 are 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 "State of the Heights: Sustainability at BC" with administrators from Facilities Services, Residential Life, Dining, Procurement and Information Technology on March 24; and Philosophy Associate Professor Marina 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,'" says Daley Gruen '11, co-director of the UGBC effort, now in its second year. "We are try-

ing 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 try 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 on campus 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 Eco-Pledge, are providing the groundwork for a "Green BC" in the future, notes Project Planner Robert Pion 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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Lee Pellegrini



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH—Provost and Dean of Faculties Cutberto Garza (seated), along with Vice President for Human Resources Leo Sullivan (center) and Executive Vice President Patrick Keating, took part in Monday's biometric screening in the Heights Room of Corcoran Commons with assistance from Connell School of Nursing master's degree students Anne Zlevor, right, and Kate Sortun. The event was held as part of the University's "Healthy You" wellness initiative. Two more screenings will be held this month, on March 8 and 17; for complete details, see the BC "Healthy You" website at <http://tinyurl.com/4mg79j7>.

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 bought 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 as a tool for deeper purposes?

There is no easy answer, according to Sociology Professor Paul G. Schervish, director of the Center on Wealth and Philanthropy.

"There's no formula," he said. "We are living 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; in which those whose resources far surpass economic necessity are 'hyperagents' capable of shaping the world rather 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 productive morality of wealth."

One thing, however, is clear, Schervish says: the need for a pro-

cess of reflection that can help wealth holders discern, for the time and circumstances in which they exist, what to do with their material 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, philosophers and spiritual 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 of wealth for our time," Schervish said. "We're not suggesting that their answers will be the same as those of contemporary wealth holders, but the 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 *Gospels 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 no particular action is written in stone. "The only absolute obligation we find in any of their views is that we are to practice care as a worldly activity that brings about the unity 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 is 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 inspiring."

In addition to providing guidance for wealth holders, the book offers insights for fundraisers and



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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 financial

vocation."

Charities and fundraisers 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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Long Road to BC for Scholarship Winner

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ily moved to the United States, where they felt there would be better higher education opportunities. Once again, it meant adjusting to a new home and school, this time in the Bronx — and she did, finishing second in her class while helping revive her school's track program and starting a peer tutoring initiative.

On the suggestion of a guidance counselor, she looked at BC and was impressed enough to apply. Although she admits feeling "intimidated" at first because she considered her background so different compared to her BC peers', Donkor took comfort in a wider perspective.

"I realized it didn't matter where any of us came from; we are here together, and that's all that matters. For a child from Konongo to come to BC seemed such an unlikely possibility, yet it happened — it's something to celebrate."

Her college career has been full of personal and spiritual revelations, but for her two experiences stand out. There was the trip to Uganda, with a stay in Rwanda, her first visit to Africa since childhood. Working with orphans, interviewing women who were using microfinance loans to help improve their lot, visiting the memorial to the Rwandan genocide — it all gave Donkor much to contemplate.

"I remember looking at the children and thinking, 'What made me special that God would give me so many blessings in my life?'" says Donkor, who seeks to organize a service trip to a Rwandan orphanage next year. "We didn't choose where we were born, or what families we are part of. Why am I not still here in Africa? These are questions I don't know if I'll ever answer."



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Donkor's research on immigrant workers' experiences in Kuwait also broadened her view of herself and the wider world. Concerned about getting her prospective subjects to offer unvarnished and candid views, she convinced a hotel manager to let her work as a waiter so that she could ingratiate herself with the staff. This approach is characteristic of Donkor's belief that solutions to social problems are inextricably linked to empathy and practicality.

"If I can understand what you go through day by day, then it helps me to learn about you. Why is that important? Because if you want to make changes that help people, you should have access to the people you want to make those changes for."

As Donkor was to learn, acts of kindness need not be large-scale. She introduced one immigrant worker she had befriended to the Internet, and set up an e-mail account for him so he could communicate with family and friends. Months later, back at BC, she was astounded to receive a "chat" message from him.

"I thought I would change the whole world in Kuwait," she says, "but this was more meaningful."

Donkor, who is continuing her study of immigrants' experiences in other countries during her semester in China, talks enthusiastically about the UN as a future destination ("There are so many opportunities for it to be successful"), but seems equally avid about someday leading the country where she was born.

"Being an outsider can help, and I have the credibility of an excellent education," she explains. "I just want to reconnect with Ghana, because the biggest tragedy is to deny where you are from."

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OTHER MARTIN LUTHER KING 2011 SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

Mayra Cardoso, a Dorchester resident majoring in finance and marketing, has served as assistant director for initiative programming for the AHANA Leadership Council, treasurer of the Cape Verdean Student Association, and a tutor at the Connors 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 McGillicuddy-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 programs in New Jersey and Italy, volunteered at hospitals in New Jersey and New York and interned with a medical research program at Fordham University. She hopes to pursue study in a joint MD/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, membership 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, clothing 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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Hearing Voices

First book produced through BC’s oral history project in Northern Ireland provides two controversial, behind-the-scenes views of the Troubles

BY SEAN SMITH
CHRONICLE EDITOR

In Northern Ireland, notes John J. Burns Librarian Robert O’Neill, there is a saying: “A secret is something you tell one person at a time.” But a project organized by Boston College — and in which O’Neill is involved — is likely to change the calculus of that adage.

Administered by the University’s Center for Irish Programs and the Burns Library, the Boston College Oral History Archive on the Troubles in Northern Ireland records the reminiscences of those who lived through the region’s three decades of sectarian conflict. The project has produced its first publication, *Voices from the Grave*, based on the recollections of Bernard Hughes and David Ervine, two Belfast men who were on opposite sides of the Troubles.

Hughes’ and Ervine’s verbatim dialogue illuminates some of the signal events of the Troubles, from bombings to riots to political developments, as well as the machinations and inner workings of the conflict’s major players.

The transcribed interviews — conducted by BC researchers and housed in Burns Library — were extrapolated and annotated by Ed Moloney, an author and journalist acclaimed for his coverage of Northern Ireland. Historian Paul Bew, a former Burns Visiting Scholar in Irish Studies at BC, was a consultant for the book.

Center for Irish Programs Executive Director and University Professor Thomas Hachey and O’Neill — both of whom served as editors for *Voices from the Grave* — say the book and project represent a unique undertaking in many respects, especially for an academic institution. While the 1998 Good Friday Agreement paved the way for peace

in Northern Ireland, say O’Neill and Hachey, the traumatic effects from years of social, political as well as physical violence are still palpable.

The oral history project offers survivors, whatever their roles or affiliations, an opportunity to clear up mysteries, fill in missing details, and give first-hand perspectives of the Troubles, say Hachey and O’Neill — 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 Loyalist paramilitary who went on to serve in the new Northern Irish government. They, along with nearly three-dozen other former combatants interviewed for 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 economically and socially, and vulnerable to attacks by Protestants. The failure of the “old” IRA to protect Catholics, he says, led to an organizational split that produced what became known as the Provisional IRA, which Hughes joined.

The presence of Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams lends a contin-

ual tension 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 association with the IRA, and by the willingness of Adams and other IRA members to embrace the peace process.

In a controversial rebuttal to Adams’ denial about his IRA ties, Hughes asserts Adams’ responsibility for some of the IRA’s more infamous acts, notably the death of Jean McConville, a widow and mother of 10 who was accused of being a British informant.

“I never carried out a major operation without the OK or order from Gerry,” Hughes declares. “And for him to sit in his plush office in Westminster or Stormont or wherever and deny it, I mean, it’s like Hitler denying that there was ever a Holocaust...I don’t know where it ends, once you get onto [a] position where you...start denying that you ever were what you were...”

Ervine’s life intersected indirectly, but significantly, with Hughes: The July 1972 bombings in Belfast that were masterminded by Hughes spurred Ervine to join the Ulster Volunteer Force, which Moloney calls “the most deadly Loyalist outfit in Northern Ireland.” Although he does not offer specifics about his UVF duties, Ervine is believed to have worked in explosives, according to Moloney.

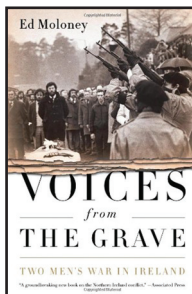
Like Hughes — one of the IRA internees who went on hunger strikes to have their status as political prisoners reinstated — Ervine spent time at the notorious Long Kesh Prison. It was at Long Kesh that Ervine underwent his conversion from combatant to peace-making politician, under the tutelage of UVF leader Gusty Spence, and several years after his release won a local council election as a candidate with the Progressive Unionist Party. In 1998, he was elected to a seat in the Northern Ireland Assembly that had been created through the Good Friday Agreement.

Despite a myriad of setbacks and difficulties in implementing the agreement, Ervine remained upbeat about the prospects for peace, as he says in the BC interview, which took place in 2002: “Rather than get upset about it I think we have to recognize that all of us are in uncharted waters, we’ve never been here before, nobody has got ever this close to putting stability, peace and the sanctity of life as high on the agenda as we have them today. It’s not been easy but then nobody told us it was going to be easy.”

Gerry Adams represented a final thread joining Hughes and Ervine, albeit after their deaths



Center for Irish Programs Executive Director Thomas Hachey, right, and Burns Librarian Robert O’Neill. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)



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 somebody 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.

and with no small amount of irony. Once a sworn enemy of Ervine and his peers, Adams was welcomed at Ervine’s funeral, and consoled his widow. But Hughes, before his death, stipulated that Adams not speak or officiate at his funeral; Adams was permitted, belatedly, to help carry Hughes’ coffin at the ceremony, creating what family and friends said was a false impression of rapprochement between the two men.

Hachey and O’Neill hope the publication of *Voices from the Grave* bodes well for the future of the oral history project, which they note started only a few years after the peace agreement. They say Boston College’s track record of supporting economic, social and political progress for both Ireland and Northern Ireland — through the professional programs of BC’s Irish Institute, the work of Irish Studies Program faculty in Northern Irish as well as Irish institutions, the Center for Irish Programs Dublin facility, and the scholarly resources at Burns Library — is widely known and appreciated throughout Ireland.

Hachey, who met periodically

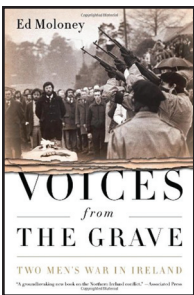
in Belfast with the former IRA/UVF university-trained men who conducted the interviews with paramilitary veterans from opposing sides, says that Boston College “is a trusted broker in the peace and reconciliation process that is ongoing.”

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.

“You have to identify where in your heart you’ve got it wrong,” he told an audience in Robsham Theater, “and where the other guy in his heart has it wrong.”

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Brendan Hughes describes his escape from prison:

I’m sitting in Newry and it’s coming up to four o’clock when they would discover that I had escaped so I went to a taxi rank, jumped into a cab and asked the driver to take me to Dundalk. All the while I’m counting the minutes before the alarm bells go off. At that time

there was a 24-hour-a-day roadblock on the Newry to Dundalk road. And this guy is driving me along and we’re stopped. The British Army halts us at the roadblock...and asked me [for ID]... All I had was a receipt for the leather that was brought into the jail, you know, for handiwork. And I gave him that and says, ‘That’s all I have...I’m going home, I was working in the wood factory’...And I thought, ‘They know damn well, they’ve got me.’ But they waved us on and I was waiting, just waiting for one in the back of the head. I was pretty sure that they were going to take me out. From that roadblock to the other side of the border was the longest couple of minutes of my life.

Princeton Review: BC Is a 'Best Value College'

Boston College has been named one of *The Princeton Review's* 100 "Best Value Colleges" for 2011. The list, prepared in partnership with *USA Today*, includes 50 public and 50 private colleges and universities, culled from about 700 surveyed nationwide.

"No matter where you fall on the Red Sox/Yankee divide, Boston remains one of the finest college towns in the United States, home to some of the most prestigious institutions of higher learning around. Boston College shoulders this pedigree effortlessly," according to the citation.

The citation noted the University's robust and Jesuit-inspired academic program, proximity to Boston, excellent career services, emphasis on real-world opportunities and "renowned network" of more than 150,000 alumni, who provide a valuable resource for students.

"The rate of return on a Boston College education speaks for itself," the citation reads. "Virtually all (about 97 percent) of students graduate within four years. Approximately 60 percent are employed six months after graduation and 25 percent enrolled in graduate or professional school."

The "best value" designation is based on criteria including academics, cost of attendance and financial aid. The methodology examined more than 30 factors using data from the company's surveys of students and administrators.

The full citation is available via *USA Today* at <http://usat.ly/ekrsff> (scroll down to click the money jar photo on the left, then search for Boston College by state) or via the list on the *Princeton Review* site at <http://bit.ly/9E08vq> (free registration required).

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Council Has International Focus on Teaching, Research

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teaching and research as a major administrative and faculty focus."

Another indication of the University's increased emphasis on international education and research, she said, is the placement of the BC Global website among the "Academics" links on the BC home page. "It sends a signal that our global activity is as important as anything going on in our schools and academic departments."

Joining DeLeeuw on the council are Office of International Programs Director Bernd Widdig, Connell School of Nursing Dean Susan Gennaro, Monan Professor of Higher Education Philip Altbach, University Professor of Human Rights and International Justice David Hollenbach, SJ, Prof. Krzysztof Kempa (Physics), Assoc. Prof. Jun Qian (CSOM), Prof. David Wirth (Law), Assoc. Prof. Ourida Mostefai (Romance Languages) and Assoc. Prof. Margaret Lombe (GSSW) —

all appointed, DeLeeuw said, by virtue of outstanding scholarly work with a global perspective.

The council's immediate plans involve participation from the BC community, DeLeeuw said. "We want people to look at BC Global and tell us what we're missing. We did an audit, but it's entirely possible we overlooked some programs and activities, and we want to make sure these are included."

This information will be used to compile an interactive world map that shows the extent, and some details, of BC's international and education research activities, she added.

In time, said DeLeeuw, the council will seek to talk with directors of the University's various academic programs and resources, "as a way to ensure the global perspective stays within all our academic offerings."

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GIVING VOICE—The Boston College Dramatics Society presented "New Voices," an evening of one-act plays written by students, last month in the Bonn Studio Theater. Among the plays staged was "Chase 304" by Meghan Crosby '12, above. A "trailer" for the play is available online at <http://bit.ly/gjuqGS>. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

For Bates, Writing Is Not Just a Dream

Career Center administrator finds fulfillment as a children's author

BY KATHLEEN SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

Career Center Associate Director Janet Costa Bates has nurtured Boston College students through the job search process for a quarter of a century. Now the career counselor has forged a second career for herself: children's book author.

Her first book, *Seaside Dream*, published last fall by Lee & Low Books, tells the story of a young girl named Cora who wants to give her grandmother — an immigrant who left the Cape Verde Islands nearly 40 years earlier — a special present for her 70th birthday. Cora finally thinks of a gift that makes her grandmother feel connected to her homeland.

With colorful illustrations by Lambert Davis, the book is sprinkled with references to foods and customs of Cape Verde, a cluster of islands off the west coast of Africa that was a colony of Portugal until 1975. Readers are introduced to *kachupa* or *munchupa*, a stew made of dried corn, dried beans, vegetables and fish or meat that is the national dish of the islands, and *mantenha*, a special greeting used to maintain connections between families in the US and their relatives in Cape Verde.

Seaside Dream has received the New Voices Award from the book's publisher, as well as positive reviews. *Kirkus Reviews* called the book "a moving portrayal of a grandparent-grandchild relationship as well as a distinctive take on universal aspects of immigration," and *Booklist*, the review journal of the American Library Association, said: "This poignant tale of a special relationship between a young girl and her grandmother showcases the joy of gift giving as well as the importance of family connections."

"I've been told it's one of the only picture books that depicts Cape Verdean culture and teachers



Career Center Associate Director Janet Costa Bates shared her book *Seaside Dream* with a receptive audience recently at the Boston College Children's Center. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

have been receptive to that," said Bates, who last week gave a reading of *Seaside Dream* to the youngsters attending BC's Children's Center.

The book's portrayal of the special bond between grandparent and grandchildren is one that has resonated with many adult readers, according to Bates.

"So many people have told me that the book reminds them of special times with their own grandmother. That's a very exciting thing for me to hear as an author," she said.

Cora's close relationship with her grandmother mirrors the relationship Bates had with her own grandmother, Maria Piedade Nobre Costa, also a Cape Verdean immigrant. Bates' grandmother came to the US in 1926, as part of an immigration wave spurred by an extensive period of drought and famine on the islands.

Bates lived next door to Maria. The year before Bates was to start grade school, her mother went to work, leaving Bates in the care of her grandmother every day. She looks back fondly on that special time she got to spend with Maria.

"My grandmother held Cape Verde close to her heart and shared lots of stories about the old country

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 *Seaside Dream*, Bates uses the name Aura for the grandmother's sister who has remained in Cape Verde.

Bates, whose stories have been published in *Highlights* and *Pockets* 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 published is doing the networking," said Bates, who says she can empathize with students faced with the daunting task of networking in their job search. "But I'm able to tell them from experience, it's hard but it's worth it."

She's currently working on a manuscript for a book geared toward readers in the fourth through sixth grades. She will do a reading of *Seaside Dream* at next month's BC Arts Festival.

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James Martin, SJ, Speaks at Robsham Friday

Rev. James Martin, SJ, whose appearances on NPR, "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 friendship.

His talk is part of the Dowd 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 Center and the School of The-

ology and Ministry.

"Fr. Martin is a gifted speaker who can restate 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 informed and inspired many readers to embrace Ignatian spirituality 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 the Saints* and the forth-

coming *Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life*.

A graduate of the Wharton School of Business, he worked in corporate finance before entering the Jesuit novitiate in Boston in 1988. His Jesuit training included service in a homeless shelter and as a prison chaplain in Boston, as well as with Mother Teresa sisters in Jamaica, gang members in Chicago and refugees in Kenya. He was ordained a priest in 1999 and pronounced his final vows as a Jesuit in 2009.

Fr. Martin is a highly sought-after commentator who has appeared in print and broadcast media such as *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Boston Globe*, Huffington Post, *O Magazine* and Slate, all major American TV networks, the BBC, the History Channel and Vatican Radio.

Space is limited for Fr. Martin's talk, and RSVPs are requested at kostiguy@sjnen.org.

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Office for Health Promotion Director Elise Tofias Phillips, center, discusses upcoming department plans with Women's Resource Center Director Katie Dalton, left, and Assistant Dean of Alcohol Education Robyn Priest. (Photo by Lee Pellegrini)

New Administrator, New Office Set to Energize Student Health Programs

BY MELISSA BEECHER
STAFF WRITER

Being the new director of a new office on a new campus may be daunting, but Office for Health Promotion Director Elise Tofias Phillips couldn't be happier about it.

Phillips recently took the reins of the Office for Health Promotion (OHP), which was established after a yearlong study conducted by the Student Affairs Health and Wellness Committee to administrate, advocate for, and establish more health-related services and programs for students.

Headquartered in the Student Affairs division and working in conjunction with University Health and Counseling Services, OHP will become a comprehensive clearinghouse for all health-related programming for students at Boston College, Phillips explains. OHP will also help students meet their individual health needs through education, referrals and programming.

"In line with the mission of educating the whole person, we're interested in establishing a holistic approach to health promotion on campus," said Phillips. "To serve the total person — physically, emotionally, culturally, mentally, spiritually, personally — we want to look at all the different ways to help individuals and by doing so, create a healthier culture at Boston College."

Phillips comes to BC with vast experience in health education. She served as the director of health education and student support services at Simmons College for more than nine years, working with students on health issues including lifestyle management, prevention and behavior change. She developed curriculum, authored training manuals, established a successful peer education program and counseled and advised students individually and in groups.

Prior to Simmons, Phillips worked at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where she developed health education programs.

Vice President for Student Affairs Patrick Rombalski said Phillips' background provides the right mix of expertise in health education, promotion and collaboration with students to make OHP a true resource for all on campus.

"The significance of Elise beginning her work at Boston College is that this marks a new ap-

proach to health and wellness for the division," said Rombalski. "The creation of an Office for Health Promotion is a direct result of the strategic plan for Student Affairs. It reflects the division's efforts to make preventive health promotion part of a new health strategy. Elise's work will help launch us in this new direction."

Phillips said that after a comprehensive information-gathering period, she would like to create a user-friendly office website, develop a social media presence and find unique ways to disseminate information about health related topics to students. Phillips and her team will implement a number of programs, including initiatives that emphasize stress management, life-work balance and sleep and nutrition services for students. Healthy decision-making will also be a main focus of the office, she said.

"Many students are mindful of being physically fit, but could still benefit from personal development when it comes to stress management or allowing more time for sleep. Helping students practice positive behaviors in these areas will set them up for a lifetime of healthy living," said Phillips.

OHP will bring together programming and staff from within Student Affairs, including the Women's Resource Center, and the Alcohol and Drug Education, Nutrition Education and Nutrition Counseling programs. Phillips said collaboration between all departments — both academic and administrative — will be critical for the success of OHP.

"I am very excited to be working at a top academic institution like Boston College," said Phillips. "I'm thrilled to be part of this community and looking forward to working with different departments to improve student health."

During her first two weeks on the job, Phillips has been busy learning about the current offerings at BC.

"My first job is to learn everything that is already happening. I have been meeting with different people and groups to see all the services and programs that are offered, and so much good work is being done," said Phillips. "My door is open to anyone who has an interest in health issues or an idea that would help better serve students."

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NEWSMAKERS

Carroll School of Management Dean **Andy Boynton** discussed his co-authored book *The Idea Hunter* and the keys to successful innovation in an interview with Inc.com.

Writing in The Huffington Post, Prof. **Kent Greenfield** (Law) compared local ordinances requiring individuals to shovel their sidewalks and the individual mandate to buy health insurance.

The Chronicle of Higher Education highlighted the contributions of the late **Frank Campanella**, who, as Boston College's executive vice president, played a crucial role in the University's trajectory from financial peril in the 1970s to national prominence.

The *Financial Times* reported on a study of US corporate fraud cases undertaken by an international team of scholars, including Prof. **Jeffrey Cohen** (CSOM), which found managers' personality traits could offer an indication of the potential for unethical behavior.

John Gilooly/PEI



Former Lynch School of Education Dean Joseph O'Keefe, SJ, left, who stepped down to become president of St. Joseph's University, was honored by friends and colleagues — including LSOE Associate Dean of Undergraduate Student Services John Cawthorne — at a reception on Feb. 21.

enrolled this semester.

Adj. Assoc. Prof. **Michael C. Keith** (Communication) was interviewed by KPSI News Radio on the subject of talk media.

PUBLICATIONS

Prof. **Maxim D. Shrayar** (Slavic and Eastern Languages) published "The War, the Shoah and the Legacy of

"EEG and ECG Characteristics of Human Sleep Composition Types," was named "Best Paper" at the Fourth International Conference on Health Informatics, held in Rome.

Melanie Graf '11 is one of two students nationwide named Hellenic Legacy Scholars for study abroad by the Greek America Foundation. The fellowship program offers graduating seniors the opportunity to spend a year engaged in modern Greek life, full-time language study and customized internships.

TIME AND A HALF

Asst. Prof. **Georg Strasser** (Economics) presented "The Efficiency of the Global Markets for Final Goods and Productive Capabilities" at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and at the Conference on Microeconomic Sources of Real Exchange Rate Behavior, Vanderbilt University.

Assoc. Prof. **Utku Unver** (Economics) was a discussant at the Matching: Findings, Flaws Conference held at the Kellogg School of Management of Northwestern University.

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BC BRIEFING

Assoc. Prof. **Joseph Tecce** (Psychology) offered his views to the *Boston Globe* on the tendency to "humanize" computers; he also discussed the stress resulting from continuous snowstorms in interviews with NBC's "Nightly News" and the *Patriot Ledger*.

Junior **John Casper**, majoring in political science with a minor in Russian, wrote a piece for the *Boston Sunday Globe* about the study-abroad program at St. Petersburg State Polytechnic University in which he is

Vasily Grossman" in *Jewish Quarterly*.

Founders Professor of Theology **James Keenan, SJ**, published "Theological Ethics out of the United States" in *Asian Horizons* and "What Happened at Trento 2010?" in *Theological Studies*.

HONORS/APPOINTMENTS

A research paper co-authored by Prof. **Sergio Alvarez** (Computer Science),

NOTA BENE

The National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST) has selected Lynch School of Education Assistant Professor **Katherine McNeill** 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.

McNeill is currently working 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 a National Science Foundation grant for exploratory research, the project — now in its third year — will investigate how students with diverse backgrounds navigate between everyday and scientific discourses, and develop instructional strategies to support students in these scientific practices.

The project included the writing of a book, *Supporting Grade 5-8 Students in Constructing Explanations in Science: The Claim, Evidence and Reasoning Framework for Talk and Writing*, which was published recently. Additionally, the grant supports a research study to investigate the impact of the book and accompanying professional development on teachers' beliefs and classroom practices.

"It is an honor that my research was selected among the numerous exceptional science education researchers in the field," said McNeill, who will receive the award next month at the annual NARST conference in Florida. "I hope that this recognition and my participation in the conference will help to foster new collaborations and research in the future."



JOB LISTINGS

The following are among the most recent positions posted by the Department of Human Resources. For more information on employment opportunities at Boston College, see <http://www.bc.edu/offices/hr>:

Assistant Coach, Women's Volleyball

Senior Associate Director, Gift Acceptance, Finance and Analysis, Development

Legal Information Librarian, Law Library

Associate Director, Alumni and Development, Law School

Statistician/Programmer, TIMSS (Trends in Mathematics & Science Study)

Administrative Assistant, Legal Assistance Bureau (Waltham office)

Energy Management Specialist, Facilities Management

Administrative Assistant, University Advancement

Administrative Assistant, Legal Assistance Bureau

Collection Maintenance and Delivery Assistant, O'Neill Library

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

BY ROSANNE PELLEGRINI
STAFF WRITER

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 Robsham 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 Lewis '11. "We can't wait to continue that success on March 15. The show will be the culmination of a lot of people's hard work and effort."

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 ceilidh 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."



Lee Pellegrini

The performance, now in its second year at Robsham, "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 Robsham Theater Arts Center Box Office (ext.2-4002).

Also on March 15, the **Blue Heron Renaissance Choir** — Boston College artists-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 400th 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 composers. Music Department Chair Professor Michael Noone will give a pre-concert talk.

Noone lauds Blue Heron's campus 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 Renaissance 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 offered insights on modern presentations of the requiem.

"One of the justifications for an artists-in-residence program is the enormous pedagogical advantage of the same group of professionals returning for multiple visits to campus, each time interacting with students in ways that respond immediately 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 information on the concert, call ext.2-6004 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 Robsham 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. "Preparation has progressed beautifully and we are all looking forward to a great



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concert."

With a repertoire that spans traditional 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 University of Idaho.

BC bOp! performs at campus venues throughout the academic year and is showcased at the annual Arts Festival, where "Dancing With bOp!" — at which the band accompanies performances by eight campus dance groups — is a highlight. The collaboration, now in its third year, will be a featured event on April 30.

Admission to the March 19 performance 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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BC SCENES



Boston College hosted its seventh annual "BC Idol" event Feb. 17 at Robsham Theater, with ticket proceeds benefitting St. Columbkille Partnership School in Brighton. In addition to BC student performers, this year's event showcased, for the first time, singers and musicians from St. Columbkille who performed in between the BC acts: (L-R) Roisin O'Rourke, a fifth-grader who sang Christina 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.

YOUNG TALENT



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DATE & TIME

Work by Boston College doctoral students will be in the spotlight at tomorrow's **Multidisciplinary PhD Research Development Day**, which will take place during the day in the Heights Room of Corcoran Commons. Research 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 Rocio Calvo. See <http://tinyurl.com/4q2dacy>.



"**Raidin the Wake**," the Boston College *Finnegan's Wake* reading group, will hold its weekly meeting on March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the 10 Stone Avenue Conference Room. Newcomers are welcome to participate in the meetings, at which portions of James Joyce's landmark work are read aloud and then discussed. See <http://www.bc.edu/sites/finneganswake>.

Adj. Assoc. Prof. Aloysius Lugira (Theology) will present "**AHANA and Africism: In Light of the Geo-ontological Initiative at Boston College**" on March 15 at noon in Lyons 301. Lugira's talk is sponsored by the Works In Progress Lecture Series, which showcases the research and writing of the African and African Diaspora Studies Program faculty. See <http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/aads.html>.



The Lowell Lectures Humanities 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 Corcoran Commons. This event was rescheduled from last semester. See <http://www.bc.edu/offices/lowellhs>.

For more on Boston College campus events, see events.bc.edu or www.bc.edu/bcinfo.