From the Dean

On behalf of all of us at the Dean's office, welcome back! It is great to see all the students and faculty back to a vibrant south campus. This fall we are joined by over 700 new freshmen and transfer students.

We want to extend a special welcome to the students, staff, and faculty colleagues who have joined the college for the first time this fall—including ten new full-time faculty members. The number of
faculty members in our college is close to 180 at this point. In addition, we welcome two colleagues to positions of leadership within the College. Monica Galizzi is the new chair of the Economics department and April Patavina is serving as acting chair of the School of Criminology and Justice Studies. We bid farewell to Julie Nash who has moved on to the new position of Vice-Provost for Student Success. We are thankful to Julie for all her efforts on behalf of our students and college, and wish her well in her new role. Finally, Professor Bridget Marshall has joined our office on a temporary appointment as Special Assistant to the Dean.

Every other week, we will be bringing you News@FAHSS with information on upcoming events and opportunities of interest to faculty, staff and students. We would also like to hear from you. Please email your news, events and announcements to fahss@uml.edu.

As always, if anyone in our office can assist you as we start the new semester, please let us know.

Best wishes,

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**Events & Announcements**

**Sept. 22. 12:30-1:45 pm. O’Leary 478.** The Center for Asian American Studies is pleased to present **Poetry Reading with Cambodian American Poets Monica Sok and Chath Piersath.** The Event is co-sponsored by Asian Studies, the English Department, the Nancy Donahue Endowed Professor in the Arts, the World Language and Cultures Department, and Writers on Campus. Free and open to the public. For more details visit [uml.edu/Research/CAAS](http://uml.edu/Research/CAAS) or contact [CAAS@uml.edu](mailto:CAAS@uml.edu)
Sept. 23. Concert 8 pm Durgin Hall. VIP Reception 6:30 pm Allen House. **Sounding Out!** First Music Concert in the Chancellor’s Celebration of Music Series. The kick off is on Friday, Sept. 23 in Durgin Hall with "Sounding Out!" This eclectic and electric showcase will run wild across the musical landscape, powered by our diverse and talented music faculty. You will hear jazz, pop, classical, folk, blues and a few things that defy any label. 100 percent of proceeds will go toward music scholarships. For tickets and details, please visit [www.uml.edu/celebratemusic](http://www.uml.edu/celebratemusic).

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**POETRY READING**

**by Monica Sok**

**and Chath Piersath**

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 22, 2016 • 12:30-1:45pm**

UMass Lowell
O'Leary Library, room 478
615 Broadway • Lowell MA 01854

Please register. Light refreshments will be served.

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**CHATH PIERSATH** is a Cambodian American poet, painter and humanitarian. He creates both large and small portraits of people from memory, often representing the social and economic disparity among Cambodians. He has an undergraduate degree in international service and development and master's degree in Community Social Psychology from UMass Lowell. Much of his poetry deals with his macabre memories of the Khmer Rouge atrocities and the massacres of the Killing Fields. His poem "A Letter to My Mother" appears in Children of Cambodia’s Killing Fields: Memoirs of Survivors, compiled by Dith Pran and edited by Kim DePaul. His recent works include After, a book of poetry published by Abingdon Square Publishing in 2009 and a children’s book, Sinat and the Instrument of the Heart, published by Soundprints. He returned to Cambodia in 1994 for the first time after ten years of separation from family members and his homeland to do humanitarian work as a volunteer of the Cambodian American National Development Organization (CANDO). He also helped an array of local NGOs working on HIV/AIDS Prevention education and child rights issues. He currently spends six months of the year working and living on a farm in his adopted country, the United States, and six months in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, as a painter and writer.

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This event is cosponsored by Asian Studies; the Center for Asian American Studies; the English Department; the Nancy Davidson-Rosebrock Professor in Arts, the World Languages and Cultures Department, and Writers on Campus.

For more details visit uml.edu/Research/CAAS or contact CAAS@uml.edu
Sept. 1-23. Mahoney Student Gallery. Renée Gonsalves-Lamontagne: Dreaming. Please join the Art and Design Department and Renée Gonsalves-Lamontagne in a solo exhibition in the Mahoney Gallery on the 2nd floor of Mahoney Hall. Her installation uses video projection, photography and other elements to display the elusive nature of dreams. Underexposed, overexposed, and deliberately unfocused photographs hint at childhood memories and halcyon days. The UML community is invited to a reception for the artist on September 19th at 6pm. For more information, contact Deborah Santoro.
Sept. 24. Market Street, Lowell. *The 2016 Lowell Kinetic Sculpture Race.* Race Director and Art and Design Professor, Michael Roundy, lived in the small town of Arcata, California on the north coast, while attending Humboldt State University. It was there he witnessed 7 Grand Kinetic Championships and are what has inspired him to bring a race to Lowell, the perfect location with its vibrant artistic community, passionate residents and unique geographic qualities. This fun, art-centric event is sponsored in part by the Art and Design department. Bring your engineering friends and wear a costume! Free and open to the public. For more information, visit [lowellkinetic.com](http://lowellkinetic.com).

Sept. 26. 7-11 pm. O’Leary 222. *Political Science Department Welcome Event.* Join the Political Science Department to welcome new students, faculty and teaching assistants and watch the first presidential debate. Open to all UML community.
Sept. 27, 2-3:30. 222 O’Leary. The UMass Lowell Working Group on Race & Ethnicity presents: *The Business of Slavery in Colonial and Revolutionary New England* with speaker Christy Clark-Pujara, Department of Afro-American Studies, University of Wisconsin (Madison). The event is sponsored by the History Department and College of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Dean’s Office. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact Professor Chad Montrie, History Department.
Sept. 29. 5-8 pm. UCrossing, Moloney Hall. Rock Against Racism event features the punk band Kominas and is a collaborative effort across over UMass Lowell 23 departments and involving Middlesex Community College and the local community. It is a blended discussion raising issues of Islamophobia, hate and bigotry interspersed with performances by students, Saraswathi Jones, a spoken word artist, and the Kominas. The event is free and open to the public.
Sept. 29. 5 pm. ETIC. Portuguese Fado: Two Hundred Years of a Musical Genre. The UMass Lowell Saab-Pedroso Center for Portuguese Culture and Research, in partnership with the College of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and the departments of Music and World Languages and Cultures, presents a lecture, "Portuguese Fado: Two Hundred Years of a Musical Genre," by Dr. Rui Vieira Nery, director of the Portuguese Language and Culture Program at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation. The lecture will take place Thursday, September 29 at 5 p.m. in the Perry Atrium of the Saab Emerging Technologies and Innovation Center, 39 Plymouth St. (Parking available in North Garage and Riverside Lots, with the entrance on Sparks St.) Immediately following the lecture there will be short performance by the fadista Tania da Silva and a reception. The entire event is free and open to the public. For inquiries, contact, Frank Sousa.
Oct. 13. 4-7 pm. O'Leary 222. Please join the Labor Studies program for a Screening and Discussion of *Food Fight; Inside the Battle for Market Basket Film*. A Panel discussion will follow the screening with Film Director Jay Childs and UMass Lowell History Professor Robert Forrant. The event is co-sponsored by the Center for Asian American Studies, Center for Women & Work, Economics Department, Labor Education Program, Peace & Conflict Studies Program, Philosophy Department, Political Science Department, Psychology Department, Department of Public Health, and the Sociology Department among many others.
Want to Submit an Event?

Send an email to FAHSS@uml.edu. Please include your name, the event information (date, time, location), a description of the event (50 words or less), an image, and a contact person.

College of Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences 2016-2017 Student Assistantship Program

The FAHSS Dean's Office is soliciting proposals for the use of student assistants to support short-term departmental and faculty projects related to research, creative work, innovative pedagogy, and service learning. This opportunity is open to all faculty members within the College.

The Basics
Funds must be utilized prior to June 30th, and are limited to direct student payroll expenses; * Undergraduate students will be compensated at a rate of $10 per hour, and graduate students at a rate of $15 per hour; * In general, requests should be limited to 10 hours per week during the semester and 20 hours per week during intersessions, and to 100 hours per project. Additional limits may apply to students who are receiving other University funding; * Considering that College funds are limited, matching funds are strongly encouraged and will greatly strengthen the application. Sources for matching funds include department budgets (operating, discretionary, research overhead), faculty accounts (e.g. research overhead, startup), and external grants.

**Submission and Review Process**

Faculty wishing to apply for student support should submit the following:

* Names of the faculty member(s) and student(s) involved with the project;
* Indication of student status (undergraduate or graduate);
* Indication of other University funding being received by student during the current academic year (e.g. honors co-op, Emerging Scholars, GTA/GRA);
* Indication of level of committed departmental, Center, or faculty funding to supplement College contribution;
* A brief (2-3 paragraph) description of the overall project for which student support is being requested;
* A bulleted list of specific tasks and duties that the student will fulfill; and
* A general timeline and projected estimate of student hours.

Applications should be submitted via email to Andrew Dewing, FAHSS grants and contracts administrator (Andrew_dewing@uml.edu) in accordance with the following deadlines:

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**Evaluation Process**

Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following:

* Intellectual and/or creative merits of proposed project;
* Viability of proposed project;
* Likely educational benefits to student;
* Potential of project to:
  o Advance the career of faculty member;
  o Lead to a successful grant proposal for external funding;
  o Advance the educational mission of the College or University
* Project efficiency (matching funds, consistency of resource request with project scope).

**Grant Opportunity**

**Chancellor's 2020 Challenge Grants**

Due to the great success of last year's Chancellor's 2020 Challenge Grants, Chancellor Moloney will renew the program in 2016, awarding 20 grants of up to $1,000 to support projects that help achieve the ambitious goals outlined in the UMass Lowell 2020 Strategic Plan.

Faculty, staff, students, alumni, Lowell community members and organizations are encouraged to submit an application. The Chancellor's 2020 Challenge Grants Committee, comprising representatives from each of those groups, will award the grants in two rounds during Fall 2016. The deadlines for the application rounds are Oct. 3 and Nov. 7. Applications that do not earn an award in the first round are automatically re-submitted for the second round. The number of awards per round will be at the committee’s discretion.
Any project with the ability to advance UMass Lowell 2020 is eligible. The committee will review applications and rate them based on the following criteria:

- Potential to advance a goal associated with the 2020 Strategic Plan Pillars
- Project readiness and ability to implement during 2016-2017 academic year
- Potential impact and immediate need for the project
- Correlation of the award to the success of the project
- Additional or ancillary benefit to the university or community

Applications can be submitted beginning Sept. 6 at www.uml.edu/challengegrants, where additional information regarding the grants is also available.

Please contact Robin Toof at Robin.Toof@uml.edu with any questions.

Faculty Accomplishments

Congratulations to History Prof. Robert Forrant who has been named UMass Lowell's 2016 University Professor for his outstanding contributions in research, teaching and public history projects in the community.
The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF), the nation’s leading philanthropy on health and health care, has awarded Assistant Professor Christopher T. Allen a 12-month grant through the New Connections program. Allen is among a select group of Junior Investigators to receive one of the 12-month grants from New Connections. The grant will allow Allen to examine the relations between sexual assault disclosure, help-seeking behavior, and health outcomes in a sample of Black, women undergraduates attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Congratulations to Professor Allen!

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