March 22, 1pm. McGauvran 309. The Peace and Conflict Studies Program is pleased to announce a semester long speaker series with Professor Gregory Aftandilian, a specialist in Middle East affairs and U.S.
March 22. 7pm. O'Leary 222. The Department of World Languages & Cultures in partnership with the Quebec Delegation in Boston is excited to invite you to the screening of The Diary of an Old Man (Le Journal d'un vieil homme, 2015) directed by Quebec filmmaker Bernard Emond. This event is part of the many celebrations of Francophonie in New England throughout the month of March and dedicated to Francophone (French-speaking) countries and their cultures. To learn more about Francophonie in New England, please visit www.franco-newengland.org. For inquiries, contact Carole Salmon. This event is free and open to the public and the community!

March 23. 3:30 pm. O’Leary 222. The Department of Art & Design is pleased to announce A World of Questions: Posters on the Human Condition, by award-winning and internationally renowned designer Chaz Maviyane-Davies. The exhibition will be on view in the University Gallery from Mar. 21 - Apr. 21, 2016. There will be a Designer’s talk with Chaz Maviyane-Davies on Wednesday, March 23rd in the O'Leary Library rm. 222 at 3:30 p.m. followed by a reception in the University Gallery from 4:30-6p.m. The artist’s latest exhibition urges us to question things we might take for granted. Through the use of original imagery, each poster forces us to confront aspects of our entity by engaging us in the conversations of our time. Chaz Maviyane-Davies is currently a Professor of Design at the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston and in 2009 he was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters degree from the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

March 30. 6:30 pm. HSSB 140. The Department of Art & Design is pleased to announce Russ Pope Designer Talk. Russ Pope’s art draws from the social and political environment surrounding him in his daily life. Pope’s inspirations have been skateboarding, music and the creative interesting people he encounters daily. His bold strokes, finite doodles and striking paintings are characterized by faces, still lifes and humorous events. From the early days in Central California skateboarding, drawing and attending punk shows, to his current life in New England, Russ has processed life and his interactions with his surroundings through the prism of a pen and paint brush. For more information, contact Kathleen_Roth@uml.edu

March 31. 7:30 pm. Durbin Concert Hall. Small Jazz Ensemble Concert directed by Professor Walter Platt. Please join the small jazz ensemble as it performs a tribute to Stevie Wonder. The band will be performing vocal and instrumental arrangements of songs he composed such as Tuesday Heartbreak, Higher Ground, All I Do, I Can’t Help It and more along with arrangements of Stevie Ray Vaughn and Jaco Pastorius compositions.

March 31, 12:30-2:00 pm, O'Leary 222. The Department of Political Science is pleased to announce Transitional
Justice in Africa: Promises and Limitation, by Timothy P. Longman, Director of the African Studies Center and Associate Professor at Boston University. Transitional justice mechanisms are said to help societies achieve justice, confront the past, and bring reconciliation. In practice however, their actual impact has been disappointing. Focusing on the case of post-genocide Rwanda, the speaker will look at the promises and the serious limitations of transitional justice in African societies seeking to overcome the legacies of war and violence. Part of the Brad Morse Speaker Series for Spring 2016.

April 8, 7 pm. Durgin Concert Hall. 2016 Asian American Cultures Festival: Looking Back to the Future with Angkor Dance Troupe & Flying Orb Productions. Featuring the premiere of "Memory Box," a new multi-media play by Flying Orb Productions. With performances by Angkor Dance Troupe and the UMass Lowell World Music Ensemble. Tickets: $10 (cash only please); free with UML ID. Parking: After 4 p.m., visitors can park in any open lot on campus. Sponsored by: the Nancy Donahue Endowed Professor in the Arts, UMass Lowell Department of Music, and UML Center for Asian American Studies. For further information, please visit CAAS events page or contact Sue Kim.

April 13. 6 pm. Harvard Universitity, CGIS South S050. The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program is pleased to present Social Justice and Governance in Islam. A lecture by Deina Abdelkader Associate Professor in the Political Science Department, UMass Lowell. Professor Abdelkader's scholarly interests and research focus on the Middle East and North Africa and include comparative democratization in the Muslim world, Islamic activism, and the role of Muslim women in religious interpretation. Dr. Abdelkader is also one of two women on the Islamic Jurisprudential Council of North America (Fiqh Council of North America), serves on the editorial board of the Digest of Middle East Studies and is a founding member and co-director of the International Relations-Islamic Studies research cohort (COIRIS). For more information: aisp@fas.harvard.edu

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At Harvard University

April 20-24, Comley Lane Theater. UMass Lowell Theater Arts Program is proud to present REFUGE, a devised theatre piece exploring the idea of refuge, the people who seek it and the places they find it. Using Documentary Theatre techniques, actors will portray real people using text from interviews alongside physical storytelling to reflect the human condition in a powerful and relatable way. Performances will take place Wednesday, April 20 through Saturday, April 23 at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 24 at 2:00pm. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime. All performances will be held at the Comley Lane Theatre. Tickets can be reserved by emailing Your Name, Number of Tickets and Showtime to umilplaytix@gmail.com. For more information, contact Shelley Barish.

April 22, 10-noon, O’Leary 222. The Faculty of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences Mini Grant for Collaborative
Mentoring Initiative will host *Gender and Violence: Exploring Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, a public lecture with speakers M. Brinton Lykes and David Richards. M. Brinton Lykes is a Professor of Community-Cultural Psychology and Chair of the Department of Counseling and Applied Developmental and Educational Psychology at Boston College. She is also Associate Director of the Center for Human Rights and International Justice. She has worked extensively with women and youth in contexts of armed conflict, post-conflict transitions, migration, and post-deportation human rights violations. Dr. David Richards is an Associate Professor at the University of Connecticut, with appointments in the Department of Political Science and the Human Rights Institute. His work focuses on human rights. His book, *Violence Against Women and the Law* (Routledge, 2015), co-authored with Jillienne Haglund, uses original data from about 196 countries to examine what gender-violence laws exist in these countries. The talk is co-sponsored by Center for Women and Work, Gender Studies Program, Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Criminology and Justice Studies, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Office of Student Affairs, Department of Psychology, Center for Asian American Studies, Department of Political Science, Middle East Center for Peace, Development and Culture. For more information, contact: Urmitapa Dutta, Department of Psychology.

June 21. Save the date for the UMass Lowell Women's Leadership Conference. *The Power and Potential of Women.* The University of Massachusetts Lowell is pleased to be hosting this exciting gathering of women leaders to discuss the challenges and paths forward to empower women in today's workplace. With an inspiring lineup of speakers and 4 tracks to choose from, we invite you to build your own learning experience. Keynote Speakers will include Taniya Nayak and Dr. Gena Barreca. To learn more, go to [continuinged.uml.edu/wlc/index.cfm](http://continuinged.uml.edu/wlc/index.cfm)

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**Congratulations to UMass Lowell International Relations Club**
The UMass Lowell International Relations Club recently attended ScotMUN, the Scottish National Model United Nations Conference. From March 4-6, 17 members of the IRC convened with students nearly 500 students from across the UK, Ireland, Belgium and as far away as Israel and Indonesia at the historic University of Edinburgh campus. Students debated several contemporary and pressing international issues across the various committees of the United Nations, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, as well as several specialized agencies including the International Monetary Fund, the African Union and Council of the European Union.

The UML IRC once again distinguished itself among the diverse international competition. Four UML students were singled out with Honorable Mentions for their debate performance. Kyle Stuart, Kyrielle Ross, Alejandro Lopez and Ruben Brenner. In addition, three students were awarded outstanding delegate awards. Nairoby Gabriel was named an outstanding delegate in the International Monetary Fund, Francis Skinner for the Economic and Social Council and Jon Ross earned his third career outstanding delegate award on the prestigious Security Council.

In addition to participating in several hours of debate, students had time to explore the rich history and culture of the beautiful city of Edinburgh, Scotland. The IRC will now turn its attention to the UMass Lowell High School Model UN conference. This annual event will take place on April 5, 6 and 7, bringing more than 150 area high school students to the ICC at UML!

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- Community Social Psychology
- Criminal Justice
- History (New!)
- Music Education
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- Public Administration (New!)
- Security Studies
- Sound Recording Technology

If you are interested in learning more about the Bachelor’s to Master’s but are unable to attend the information session, please contact Graduate Admissions or 978-934-2390.

Public Administration Candidate Job Talks

Please join us for a series of talks by candidates for our new faculty position in public administration. All talks will be held in Health & Social Sciences Building (HSSB) Room 451. Faculty and students from all departments are welcome to attend.

**Wednesday March 23rd, 10-11 AM**
Michael Guo-Brennan
Creating welcoming communities for immigrants: An international perspective on policy and promising practices

**Friday, March 25th, 10-11 AM**
Aaron Smith-Walter
Gun Stories: An Examination of Evidence Use in Firearm Policy Narratives

**Monday, March 28th, 2:30-3:30 PM**
Jodi Benenson
Civic Engagement as a Pathway Toward Economic Opportunity in Low-income Communities

**Tuesday, March 29th, 10-11 AM**
Gerard Wellman
The Social Justice (of) Movement

Grant Opportunity

**Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation**

**Deadline: April 1, 2016**

Grants of up to $20,000 are available. Areas of interest to the Fund are: studies to develop, refine, evaluate, or disseminate innovative interventions designed to prevent or ameliorate major social, psychological, behavioral or public health problems affecting children, adults, couples, families, or communities, or studies that have the potential for adding significantly to knowledge about such problems. For more information, please visit...