This is a special edition newsletter to celebrate some of the great accomplishments of SPRING 2017. Thank you for making this semester a memorable one for all of us in the FAHSS community.

From everyone at the Dean’s Office, we hope you enjoy your summer.

Luis, Bridget, Andy, Frank, Robyn, Alice, Karen, Andrew and Shaima.

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Video created by English major student Evan Dingle under the supervision of Dr. Wael Kamal, Digital Media Program Director

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Five Political Science students attended the 2017 Presidential Inauguration in Washington, D.C. as part of a two-week internship program on the transition of power at The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (TWC) in January 2017. Read more about these students in this [link](#).
Operation250 won the Campus-wide DifferenceMaker title, a $6,000 prize, at the 2017 5th Annual DifferenceMaker $50K Idea Challenge. Operation250 is an online platform consisting of an educational website, engaging videos and a large social media presence, focused on educating both young adolescents, parents and educators on how to prevent radical extremist recruitment. Read more about these students in this link.
Model UN brought home six awards from Belgium. UMass Lowell’s team returned from the Model U.N. in Leuven, Belgium, with six of a possible 13 individual delegate awards from five committees, including three “best delegate” awards. About 200 college students from Europe, the Middle East and the United States participated. Read more about these students link.

UMass Lowell’s Mock Trial Team captured first place at the Quinnipiac Invitational. UMass Lowell was undefeated in the competition against a field of 20 teams from around the Northeast. Read more about these students in this link.
Fresh out of the master's program in Autism Studies, Devon White traveled halfway across the globe to help run a brand-new autism treatment center in Kuwait City. She says her close relationships with faculty and abundant research opportunities prepared her for the challenge. Read more on Devon White's accomplishment in this link.

**FACULTY AND ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS**

James Costos, a Lowell native who went on to serve as U.S. ambassador to Spain and Andorra, was among eight distinguished UMass Lowell graduates who received this year’s University Alumni Awards. Costos met with students and walked them through his journey since graduating with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science, to becoming an international corporate leader and finally to being appointed by President Obama as the U.S. Ambassador to Spain and Andorra. Read more on this story in this link.
Professor Sue Kim won a $239,000 NHF grant to build a digital archive to preserve the history of South East Asians in Lowell. Professor Kim won an additional $28,000 UMass Lowell Creative Economy Grant to support the same project. The NEH grant is to fund the processing, preservation, cataloguing, and curation of the thousands of Southeast Asian social and cultural items that UMass Lowell has collected. The Creative Economy project will then focus on making this material accessible to the general public - particularly students - via several key partnerships, including: the Lowell National Historical Park, the Tsongas Industrial History Center, the Lowell National Historical Park (LNHP) and community organizations such as the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association (CMAA), SayDaNar Burmese Community Development Center, and the Bhutanese Community of Lowell (BCL). Read more on this story in this link.

Sociology Professor Kacey Beddoes won a $508,214 NSF Career Award: Characterizing Gendered Socialization of Newcomer Engineers to Promote Inclusive Practices and Retention of a Diverse Workforce. The project examines gendered organizational socialization of newcomer engineers. It begins the long-term work of developing processes of acculturation to the engineering profession that are compatible with intersecting non-normative identities, by creating an empirically-supported
History Professor Bob Forrant was named distinguished University Professor for his outstanding contributions in research, teaching and public history projects in the community. Read more on this story in this [link](#). Additionally, Bob Forrant and Art and Design Professor Ingrid Hess won a $21,000 UMass Lowell Creative Economy Grant to support a year-long Lawrence Student Writers Workshop: The Rising Loaves “Healthy Students-Healthy Lawrence.” This program represents the third year of an innovative collaboration between the Lawrence History Center (LHC), UMass Lowell, and Andover Bread Loaf (ABL), an outreach program of Phillips Academy, to provide a free place-based learning opportunity for low-moderate income middle school Lawrence students. The CE grant will fund the third year of this program.

Art & Design Professor Ellen Wetmore together with Senior Vice Chancellor for Entrepreneurship & Economic Development Steve Tello, won a $26,650 UMass Lowell Creative Economy Grant to support the Art-to-Work Incubator which is an entrepreneurial program aimed at artists and craftspeople who want to develop their products for a larger mass market and achieve by this a
level of small business self sufficiency. The Art-to-Work Incubator will offer startup funds and mentoring for a cohort of visual artists based in Lowell, Lawrence, Dracut, Haverhill, Chelmsford, Tewksbury, Tyngsboro, and the Merrimack Valley with the goal of channeling artistic output into innovative small businesses.

Sheldon Zhang, the new chairman of the School of Criminology and Justice Studies, brings new plans and global expertise to the College. Read more on this story in this link.