

## Polling Puts University in Spotlight

THE SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP OF 7NEWS (WHDH), the Boston NBC affiliate, the Suffolk University Political Research Center and the Office of Public Affairs will continue this year with a series of four New Hampshire statewide surveys, eight New Hampshire daily tracking surveys and one Massachusetts statewide survey for the 2007–2008 Presidential election cycle.

“We’re delighted to have the opportunity to continue our polling relationship with Channel 7,” said Mariellen Norris of the Office of Public Affairs. “The poll findings have been used by all the major broadcast networks, including CNN, Fox, ABC, CBS, CNBC, CSPAN, and hundreds of major daily newspapers throughout the world.”

Since its inception in 2002, the Political Research Center, under the leadership of Director David Paleologos, has polled cutting-edge issues in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Virginia, Los Angeles and New York, among others.

Political Research Center findings have been “observed by national campaigns, discussed by political professionals, and reported upon by national and international media,” said Paleologos.

Among the achievements for the Suffolk University Political Research Center (SUPRC) are:

- Correctly predicted the outcomes of the 2002 Massachusetts Democratic Primary and final election in percentage and actual votes.
- Correctly predicted the outcome of the 2004 New Hampshire Presidential Primary in percentage and votes, as reported by C-SPAN the evening before the primary.

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Sawyer Library Director Bob Dugan, Dean Ken Greenberg and Dr. Gerald Rizzo, who donated the 17th century African map. (Photo by Tom Gearty)

## Afriterrra Partner Donates Rare African Map

A STRIKINGLY ILLUSTRATED 17TH CENTURY MAP of Africa, depicting trade centers, contemporary costume, and both real and imagined wildlife, has been donated to the University by Gerald Rizzo, M.D., executive director of the Afriterrra Foundation.

The 66-by-44-inch map donated by Rizzo will be prominently displayed on the third floor of the Mildred Sawyer Library, placed so that observers can get right up to the glass and examine the details of the map.

The University and the Sawyer Library have supported the Afriterrra Foundation in its effort to digitize its collection of rare maps of Africa, which are viewable online at [www.afriterrra.org](http://www.afriterrra.org). The original maps eventually will be housed at the library, which will make them available to scholars and display them in changing exhibits.

“We want to stimulate open and creative interpretation” of the maps, said Rizzo. “The History of Africa has been written by only a few people, and the entire American population has learned this history in a limited and narrow sense.”

“It’s really very generous of Dr. Rizzo to donate this map,” said Sawyer Library Director Robert Dugan. “The map display illustrates not only the relationship between Suffolk University and the Afriterrra Foundation, but also how higher education works to teach students.

“There is enough information on this map to keep our students busy for ten years. Here is another format that is just as rich as books or the Web. For the first time, I truly believe a picture is worth a thousand words.”

The map is the work of Willem Janszoon Blaeu, Sr., Alexis Hubert Jaillot and Nicolas Berey and is titled “Nova Africae Geographica Et Hydrographica Descriptio.” In addition to geographical information, the illustrations show the mathematical basis of the map, ships battling and mythical figures. Informational text panels surrounding the map are in French and Latin. ▀

## SUN to Go Online

THE SUN IS MOVING TOWARD BECOMING AN online publication and expanding its coverage to include student achievements.

A recent survey of SUN readers showed that they would be receptive to the changes, with 67 percent saying they would read the employee newsletter online and 74 percent saying they would be interested in reading about students in the SUN.

An online SUN would deliver more timely news and present an opportunity for more frequent publication.

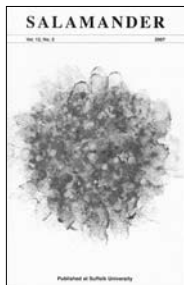
Online publication also is more cost-effective. This appears to be a concern for some SUN readers, who offered negative feedback after the summer issue was mailed to their homes. Many faculty are not on campus during the summer, and, as the University takes a holiday break, a decision was made to mail the SUN during recent summers and winter holiday periods.

However, an online SUN will be available to anyone, anytime, anywhere in the world. ▶

## New Faces

PLEASE WELCOME OUR newest employees:

**Staci DeNigris**, Advancement  
**Orla Downey**, Ballotti Learning Center  
**Colleen Foley**, Undergraduate Admission  
**Andrew Meger**, Sawyer Library  
**Jessica Scotti**, Facilities Management  
**Anna Warner**, Business School Dean's Office, Undergraduate Programs



## New Issue

The Summer 2007 issue of *Salamander*, a literary journal edited by Jennifer Barber, English.

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## Potpourri

**In-Mee Baek** of Economics has been promoted to professor.

**Robert Allison**, History, participated in a debate hosted by National Public Radio's "Weekend America" and "Morning Edition" on whether Boston or Philadelphia was more important in the American Revolution. He argued that, without Boston, the Revolution would not have happened. On July 4, Allison was a guest on Michael Graham's morning talk show on WTKK-FM 96.9, discussing the role of Stephen Decatur in creating the U.S. Navy. Later in the day, the Allison family took part in Provincetown's July 4th parade. He handed out more than 1,000 American flags to spectators, while his son Philip entertained the crowds by playing "God Bless America" on the trumpet.

**Edward Bander**, Law librarian emeritus, and his daughter Lida wrote a one-act play, *The Lottery*, which was performed in June at the Amazing Things Arts Center in Framingham. Plans are in the works for a video presentation on local television.

Best wishes to **Mary Beck**, Ballotti Learning Center, on her retirement.

**Andrew Beckerman-Rodau**, Law School, presented "A Faculty Member's Perspective on the Use of Technology in Legal Education—Is it Time to Pull the Plug on Technology Investment?" at the annual CALI conference in Las Vegas.

**Mark S. Blodgett**, director, Center for Global Business Ethics & Law. His article, "International Letters of Credit: Arbitral Alternatives to Litigating Fraud," co-authored with Don Mayer of Oakland University and published

in the *Business Law Journal* (1998), has been cited in the annotations to Section 5114, Assignment of Proceeds, in the California Uniform Commercial Code, Article 5 Letters of Credit.

**Jason Carter**, Communication and Journalism. His short film, *The Competition*, was accepted as an official selection to the Long Island International Film Expo and the Wood's Hole Film Festival.

**Victoria Dodd**, Law School, spoke on WBUR 90.9 radio discussing the recent U.S. Supreme Court's decision on school desegregation.

**Steven Ferrey**, Law School. In August, he was in Vietnam working on the privatization of the energy sector of the Vietnamese economy and delivered an address on global warming and risk mitigation in Toronto, Canada. Ferrey also was in Tanzania in May working on an international renewable energy initiative.

**Jerry Gianakas** and **Douglas Snow**, Public Management. Gianakis presented the findings of their research on Local Government Stabilization Funds at the annual financial management conference of the Athens Institute for Teaching and Research in Athens, Greece.

**Charles Kindregan** and **Maureen McBrien**, Law School, delivered a principal program at the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Bar Association on the evolving law of assisted reproduction and genetics.

**Cary McConnell**, Athletics, was inducted into the Medina County (Ohio) Sports Hall of Fame. The head baseball coach has reached the 300 win mark

## Polling Partnership

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- SUPRC national poll findings were cited and quoted by Tim Russert on "Meet the Press" in a 2005 interview with John Kerry about his future political aspirations.
- Correctly predicted the outcomes of the 2006 Massachusetts Democratic Primary and final election in percentage and actual votes. This accurate prediction was broadcast on Channel 7NEWS the day before Election Day.
- SUPRC was the first research center in the country to make all of the demographic cross-tabulations for every poll available at no cost. All archived polls, including marginals, press releases, internal cross-tabulation analyses and summary information, are posted on the SUPRC Web site. ▶



in 12 seasons at the University and has a career record of 355 wins in 15 seasons.

**Quentin Miller**, English. At the conference “James Baldwin: Work, Life, Legacies” held in London, he presented a paper, “Separate and Unequal in Paris: Notes of a Native Son and the Law,” part of a larger project he is developing on all of Baldwin’s work in the context of the law. Miller also chaired a panel at the conference on “Genres and Literary Traditions” and was a panelist at the closing plenary discussion.

**Elizabeth Moes** of Psychology and graduate student **Lindsay Miarmi** co-authored a poster, “Awareness of the Environment: Cross-Modal Inattentional Blindness,” which received the best poster award at the Massachusetts Neuropsychological Society Annual Science Symposium. In addition, Miarmi won the Nelson Butters Award for outstanding scholarship. Also attending the symposium were Psychology faculty members **Edith Kaplan** and **Helen Kenney**.

**Alex Moschella**, Law School, was named corporate chairman of the Alzheimer’s Association 2007 Greater Boston Memory Walk to be held on Sept. 30 at Canal Park, CambridgeSide Galleria.

**Susan Nichter**, New England School of Art & Design, was named an associate at the St. Botolph Arts Club in Boston.

**Michele Plott**, History, was appointed director of Women’s and Gender Studies.

**Donna Qualters**, Education and Human Services and director, Center for Teaching Excellence, presented a roundtable “Creating Pathways for Faculty Change” at the 3rd annual international Engineering CDIO conference at MIT and a pre-conference workshop “Active Learning Inventory Tool (ALIT): Quantifying Active Learning” at the AACCP national conference in Orlando, Fla. She also was a keynote speaker on “Measuring Experiential Learning and Strategic Planning” at the 3rd Annual Experiential Education Symposium on Martha’s Vineyard co-sponsored by the World Association of Cooperative Education and Northeastern University.

**Martha Richmond**, Chemistry and Biochemistry and director of Environmental Studies and Environmental Science, presented a paper, “Exacerbation of Childhood Asthma Among Children Living in Highly Trafficked Areas: An Unintended Public Health Consequence of Diesel-Emission

## Fallen Bird Gets Loving Care

Sabina Basic of the Moakley Law Library was watching the annual parade of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company on Tremont Street in June when a loud noise caused a baby sparrow to topple from its nest on top of one of the large columns in front of Sargent Hall.

Sabina saw the baby bird lying on the ground, picked it up and brought it inside to her office. She cleaned the sparrow and placed it in a box of shredded paper and napkins near her desk. She kept a watchful eye on the bird all day and asked a co-worker to watch it when she stepped away from her desk.

Sabina brought the baby bird home with her to care for it. The sparrow has grown stronger and Sabina plans to release it soon. As a tribute to the place where she found the bird, Sabina named it Sargent. ▶



Control Technology,” at the 6th Global Conference on Environmental Justice and Global Citizenship held at Mansfield College, University of Oxford, England.

**Michael Rustad**, Law School, reports that his son James, a recent graduate of the University of Vermont College of Medicine, has begun a residency in psychiatry at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Fla., and daughter Erica, a second-year student at Fordham University Law School, is interning at a law firm in Madrid, Spain.

**Sean Solley**, New England School of Art & Design. He and his wife Katrin were featured in the July 2-8 edition of the *Providence Business News* in an article highlighting the work of their design practice, solleydesign.

**Kathleen Elliot Vinson**, Law School, has returned to the Law School after serving as a visiting professor of legal writing at Boston College for the spring 2007 semester. At the Association of Legal Writing Directors National Conference held in June at the University of Denver, she presented “Expanding Your Thinking and Gaining a New Perspective: Opportunities for Rejuvenation, Rewards, Challenges, and Lessons Learned.”

**David Yamada**, Law School, received the 2007 Thomas J. McMahon Award for outstanding dedication to the student body from the Student Bar Association.

**Suh-jen Yang**, Humanities and Modern Languages, received her Ph.D. in Chinese Literature from the University of Washington. Her dissertation is “The Literary Merits of the Han (206 B.C.–A.D. 220) Stele Inscription.” ▶

## Faculty Publications

**Edward Bander**, Law librarian emeritus, has published *Legal Anecdotes, Wit and Rejoinder*, a collection of anecdotes that includes material about Judge Frank Donahue and Professor Tom Lambert of the Law School. Bander compiles anecdotes on his Weblog—[www.banderblog.typepad.com](http://www.banderblog.typepad.com)—and welcomes contributions from SUN readers.

**Susan Nichter**, New England School of Art & Design, will have her work exhibited in “The MacDowell Colony Centennial Exhibition,” opening Sept. 4, 2007, at the FPAC Gallery at 300 Summer St., Boston. The show is in coordination with the Boston Opera Company’s *Our Town*, which Thornton Wilder wrote while spending summers at the MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N.H.

**Donna Qualters**, Education and Human Services and director of the Center for Teaching Excellence, is the lead author on “Application of Item Response Theory to Group Assessment of the Quality of Teaching and Learning to Improve Freshman Engineering Courses” in the *Journal of Engineering Education*, and “Ethical Leadership: The AIR Model Empowers Moral Agency” with colleague Perrin Cohen in the *Journal of Human Values*.

**Kathleen Elliott Vinson**, Law School, has published an article, “Why I Teach,” in the spring 2007 issue of *The Law Teacher*, the publication of the Institute for Law School Teaching. ▶

## On the Move Again

**MICHAEL SCHNEIDER**, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR of Web Services, has moved so many times he feels like he's working for Walsh Movers.

"I've moved my office seven times in my six years here," said Schneider. "It doesn't matter where I work as long as I have a computer, a keyboard and access to the Internet. That's all I really need to do my job."

Many Suffolk employees have been busy this summer packing and unpacking boxes and moving from one location to another.

During the latest move, all of the administrative offices vacated the 25th floor of One Beacon St. for other buildings throughout the ever-growing Suffolk campus.

While some employees were newcomers to the moving process, others were experienced pros. Laughed Schneider, "I've learned how to pack and unpack my office pretty well." ▶

### New Office Locations

#### Rosalie Stahl Center, 73 Tremont St.

- 5th floor: Human Resources, Business, Payroll and Accounting
- 12th floor: Facilities, Planning and Management

#### Sawyer Building

- 7th floor: Information Technology Services (ITS, formerly MIS)
- 2nd floor: ITS Customer Support group
- 12th floor: Web Services, now part of ITS

#### 40 Court Street

- 4th floor: University Media Services

#### One Bowdoin Square

- 6th floor: History, Economics, Beacon Hill Institute, Philosophy

## Web Listing Request Form Now Online

**M**EMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY are invited to submit information for Web news and events listings. A Web submissions form is available online on the Public Affairs and University news pages.

Brenda Laymance, formerly of Athletics, has joined the Public Affairs Office as University Web events editor. She will be tracking all University events and posting listings to the University events page and the home page, where appropriate. ▶



## Celebration of Future Civic Leaders

Rep. Byron Rushing, Gov. Deval Patrick, Mayor Thomas Menino, and Vice President John Nucci were on hand as 28 future public servants from Greater Boston completed training with the Initiative for Diversity in Civic Leadership. The University offered preparation for aspiring political candidates, public administrators, civic leaders and policymakers. The governor was the keynote speaker at the graduation, and the mayor offered welcoming remarks. (Photo by John Gillooly)

## Residence Hall Proposal Advances

**T**HE UNIVERSITY'S EFFORTS TO CONVERT 10 West St. into a residence hall passed a hurdle in July when the Boston Redevelopment Authority approved the plan. The proposal awaits review from the Zoning Commission.

The building at the corner of Washington and West streets in the Ladder District would house about 270 students in apartment-style units.

The ground floor would be used for retail activity, in keeping with the neighborhood.

"We are working closely with the city and the neighbors to make sure that this development works well for both the community and our students," said John Nucci, vice president of Government and Community Affairs.

Suffolk's first residence hall opened 10 years ago. If approved, 10 West St. would be the third such facility on the Boston campus. ▶

## Brustein Play to Premiere at C. Walsh Theatre



**T**HE WORLD PREMIERE OF ROBERT BRUSTEIN'S PLAY, *The English Channel*, will inaugurate the 2007–2008 season at the C. Walsh Theatre.

The play, a comic and provocative imagining of Shakespeare's coming of age as a playwright, is being presented in association with the Vineyard Playhouse. The professional production will be at the C. Walsh Theatre Thursday, Sept. 6, through Saturday, Sept. 15, before moving to the theater on Martha's Vineyard.

Brustein, former dean of the Yale School of Drama and founding artistic director of the Yale Repertory Theatre and the American Repertory Theatre, has joined the College of Arts and Sciences as a Distinguished Scholar in Residence. ▶

## In Memoriam

**Lynne Dahlborg**, associate professor of Education and Human Services and former director of the Paralegal Studies program. ▶