

NEASC 2002 Effort Leads to Book Award for Bob Dugan

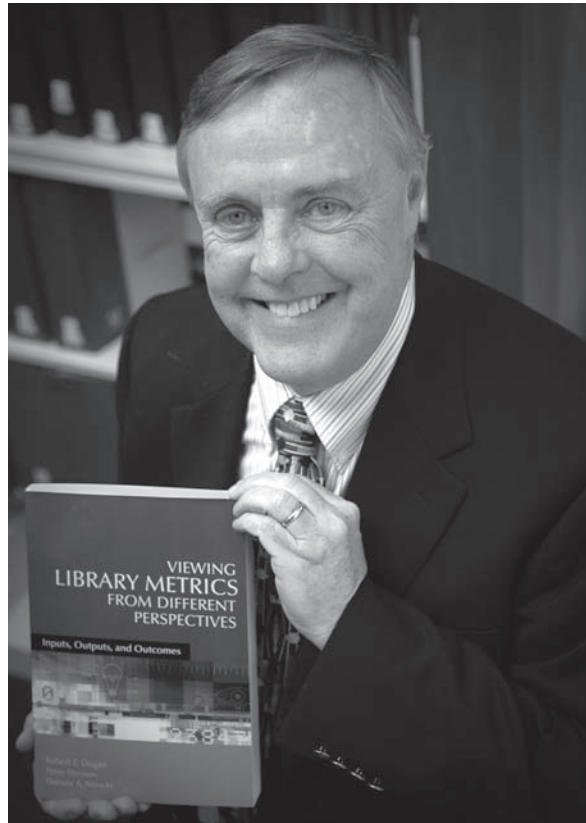
Responding to the 2002 NEASC self-study led Sawyer Library Director Bob Dugan on a professional journey that culminated recently in an award for his book *Viewing Library Metrics from Different Perspectives: Inputs, Outputs, and Outcomes*.

The University is once again at the data-collection stage of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation process, providing an opportunity to examine how well Suffolk is fulfilling its mission, according to Vice President of Academic Affairs Janice Griffith, who is heading up the NEASC self-study for 2012.

The American Library Association's recognition of Dugan's book as the winner of the 2010 Greenwood Publishing Group Award for the Best Book in Library Literature can serve as inspiration to committees formed to implement the self-study.

Viewing Library Metrics from Different Perspectives, co-authored by Dugan with Peter Hernon of Simmons College and Danuta A. Nitecki of Drexel University, grew out of Dugan's efforts to respond to NEASC Standard 7, Library and Other Information Resources, for the self-study submitted in 2002. Dugan began developing a new means of organizing information about the library's holdings, one that has become a model for other university libraries.

Dugan, working with Assistant Director Becky Fulweiler, developed a statistical-



Bob Dugan holds a copy of his award-winning book, an outgrowth of the 2002 NEASC accreditation process. (Photo by John Gillooly)

based management information system (SMIS) of library metrics.

He was able to develop basic tables so that the library could determine, for example, how many books it owned and how many circulated.

"When we began our building program, we could tell definitively how many books

we had and how much shelving we would need, so we didn't underbuild or overbuild," said Dugan. "We also know the days and hours we're busiest, and that means we can staff accordingly."

Some fun facts that SMIS has revealed about the Sawyer Library:

- The library's busiest day is the first Tuesday after Labor Day
- More than half of library usage occurs from outside the building
- For every \$1 the University spends on the library, it returns more than \$8 in services

Now, as the University readies for the next accreditation cycle, Dugan said the NEASC form "will take us about three minutes to complete," because all the necessary data is in hand.

"We can show how far we've progressed since the last self-study, and we can show support from the University," he said. When the NEASC site team arrives on campus, "we don't have to say, 'This library is a good library.' We can show them what we do."

"The NEASC self-study encourages us to explore what the University is doing well and how we can improve," said Griffith. "The dynamics of higher education have shifted rapidly in the past two years. The recession and changed leadership in Washington have resulted in some new paradigms. A thorough self-study will be extremely beneficial in helping us plan for Suffolk University's future." ▀

Living on the Dock of the Bay

David DeAngelis never has to worry about mowing the lawn around his house, because he doesn't have one. A house, that is.

DeAngelis lives on a sailboat at the Constitution Marina in Charlestown. The place he calls home is 40 feet long, has the USS Constitution as its neighbor and was built "for speed and comfort."

His fascination with boats began at an early age.

"I grew up in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, in a boating family," said DeAngelis, the director of Student Leadership and Involvement. "I bought my first boat when I was 14 years old, a 13-foot Boston Whaler. From that point on, I got 'the itch,' as they say in the boating world."

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Faculty Publications

Eric Bellone and **Graham Kelder**, Paralegal Studies program, Education and Human Services. Their article “Drug Court Contract Issues under the Model Drug Offender Accountability and Treatment Act” was accepted for publication in the *International Law and Policy Review*.

Melanie Berkmen, Chemistry and Biochemistry. Her research “Cytoplasmic acidification and the benzoate transcriptome in *Bacillus subtilis*” with collaborator Joan Slonczewski of Kenyon College was published in the journal *PLoS ONE*, Vol. 4, Issue 12, 2009.

Tom Connolly, English, has published the book *Genus Envy: Nationalities, Identities, and the Performing Body of Work* (Cambria Press).

Micky Lee, Communication and Journalism. Her article “Google ads and the Blindspot Debate” will be published in *Media, Culture, and Society*.

Lydia Martin, NESAD, showed her oil painting, “La Estrella: Portrait of Jemima Pierre,” at the Catharine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club member’s exhibition at the Broome Street Gallery in SoHo, New York City. The portrait is part of a series of works Martin is creating based on the Mexican children’s card game, Loteria. On hand for the recep-

tion was Martin’s former student and Suffolk alumna Jemima Pierre, who posed for the painting holding the La Estrella card.

David Silverstein, Business Law and Ethics. His article, “The Rule of Law Metric,” with research assistant Dan Hohler, was accepted for publication in the *American Business Law Journal*.

Ronald Suleski, director, Rosenberg Institute for East Asian Studies. His book review “故都新貌: 遷都後到抗戰前的北平城市消費 (“The Old Capital in a New Guise: Market Consumerism after Moving the Capital South to the Beginning of the War of Resistance against Japan [1928-1937]”) was published in the *Journal of Oriental Studies*, 42. 1–2, pp. 215–218, (2010). University of Hong Kong and Stanford University. He also wrote the intro-



Lydia Martin and Jemima Pierre at the Broome Street Gallery exhibit.

duction to 從哈佛看中國: 中國問題學術演講集 (*China Seen from Harvard: A Collection of Essays from the China Study Seminar*). Beijing: People’s Publishing House, 2010.

Bryan Trabold, English. His article “Walking the Cliff’s Edge: *The New Nation’s* Rhetoric of Resistance in Apartheid South Africa” was published in *College Composition and Communication*, Vol. 61, No. 2, December 2009. ▶

Sustainability Plan in Place as Campus Celebrates Earth Day

The Suffolk University Sustainability Committee has released a draft Campus Sustainability Plan to serve as a road map for campus environmental initiatives.

The plan resulted from discussion among several departments about how to integrate sustainability into planning and operations, according to Erica Mattison, campus sustainability coordinator and Sustainability Committee chair.

“We have been able to take many ideas from committee members and others and turn them into actionable items,” she said. “As we strive to become a more sustainable institution, there is a value in having a written plan to help prioritize and guide our efforts.”

The plan, which is available through the Sustainability Web page — www.suffolk.edu/sustainability — describes recent achievements, sets goals and outlines strategies. It addresses issues that include green building practices, energy and water conserva-

tion, waste reduction and recycling, environmentally preferred purchasing, sustainable dining, and education and outreach. Feedback from the campus community is welcome.

Last month marked the 40th celebration of Earth Day, and the Moakley Archive and Institute and the Sustainability Committee co-hosted *Boston Harbor Islands: Past, Present, and Future*. The panel discussion highlighted the creation and ongoing management of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park and the groups that made this transformation possible, including environmental organizations, state and federal agencies, and elected officials.

Awards and recognition

The University’s efforts on behalf of sustainability were recognized when its employee education program on waste reduction and recycling earned a Gold Achievement Award from the Environmental Protection Agency’s WasteWise Program.

Suffolk also made the Princeton Review’s newest guidebook, *Guide to 286 Green Colleges*.

In the latest RecycleMania, the national collegiate waste reduction and recycling competition, the University placed 28th of 267 schools in the Grand Champion category, which measures waste reduction and recycling. This placed Suffolk in the top 10 percent for the first time since it began participating in 2007. ▶

Potpourri

Eric Bellone and **Graham Kelder**, Paralegal Studies program, Education and Human Services, presented a paper “Drug Court Contract Issues under the Model Drug Offender Accountability and Treatment Act” at the International Association of Law and Policy in Washington D.C.

The Center for Crime and Justice Policy Research and the Jericho Circle Project presented “Wearing the Scarlet Letter: A Symposium on Challenges and Possibilities for those with Criminal Backgrounds” featuring Fran Fajana from the Massachusetts Law Reform Institute.

Tom Connolly, English, is a weekly commentator on “The Callie Crossley Show,” WGBH radio FM 89.7. He contributes to the “Ragtime” segment, discussing the tabloid treatment of news stories and commenting on popular culture. The show is also available on the WGBH Web site.

CAS Dean Kenneth S. Greenberg was named an Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer for 2009-2010. As part of this program, Greenberg delivered the keynote lecture at the Eighth Annual MU-KU Conference on History – A Joint Meeting of the Departments of History at the Universities of Missouri and Kansas, held at the University of Missouri on April 16. His topic was “Nat Turner: A Slave Rebellion in History and Memory.”

History Department News: Chair **Robert Allison** received the James M. “Jimmy” Kelly Award for Community Service at the South Boston Citizen’s Association 130th Anniversary Evacuation Day Banquet in recognition of his work with the South Boston Historical Society. He also served as a judge in the Military Historical Society of Massachusetts’s ROTC essay competition.

Staff and students were soaked as they rode with the South Boston Historical Society in their Duck Boat in the Evacuation Day/St. Patrick’s Day Parade. **Carolyn Corretti** will deliver a paper “Marital Relations in Calvin’s Geneva, 1542–1549” at the Sixteenth Century Studies conference in Montreal this October.

Pat Reeve was the keynote speaker at the opening of the Lawrence Heritage State Park exhibit commemorating the sesquicentennial of the collapse of the Pemberton Mill in 1860. A documentary film that examines the catastrophe includes commentary by Reeve. She also was interviewed by WERS radio (88.9 FM) for an International Women’s Day broadcast that explored American gender roles past and present.

Sebastián Royo, associate dean of the college and director of the Madrid campus, presented “The Global Crisis and the Spanish Financial System” and “The Political Economy of Spain: From Boom to Bust” at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

CAS Associate Dean Emerita **Susan Clark Thayer** was honored as a pioneer and trailblazer by the National Association of Developmental Education (NADE) for “Meritorious service to the



A Puzzle in Stone

A worker guides an enormous slab of granite sidewalk into place in front of the Modern Theatre. The old stones from the sidewalk and theater facade have been restored and are now being reassembled. The residence hall-theater-gallery complex on lower Washington Street will open this coming fall. (Photo by Gordon King)

field of developmental education for the adoption and dissemination of standards of best practice and program recognition through the Certification Program.” She co-founded the national Certification Program assuring high standards and best practice of higher education academic support programs across the country and was editor of the original 1995 NADE *Guides for Best Practice of Learning Assistance and Developmental Education Programs* and co-editor of the 2009 revision.

Bryan Trabold, English, delivered a paper “Memoirs, Counter-Narratives, and the Cold War: Mandela, Menchu, and Satrapi” at the Conference for College Composition and Communication in Louisville, Ky. The paper examined the rhetorical dimensions of memoirs, specifically how they can offer alternative historical narratives to those offered in American history textbooks.

Da Zheng, English. At the Asian American Studies Conference in Austin, Texas, he chaired a panel “Understanding Asian American History through Life Stories” and delivered a paper “Ragged Verse and the Chinese Diaspora.”

Dmitry Zinoviev, Mathematics and Computer Science, delivered a keynote address “Social networks: from Carrier Pigeons to Facebook” at the 4th

Spring International Conference on Knowledge Generation, Communication and Management in Orlando, Fla. He also gave a technical talk “A Game Theoretical Approach to Modeling Information Dissemination in Social Networks” and published a namesake paper in the conference’s proceedings. The paper was written in collaboration with department colleagues **Honggang Zhang** and **Vy Duong**. ▶

New Faces

- Please welcome our newest employees:*
RuQayya Abdul-Baseer, University Police
Gabrielle Aydnwylde, Public Management
Jillian Bywell, Sawyer Business School Graduate Programs
Nicole Dussault, Advanced Legal Studies
Mia Friedman, Rappaport Center
Bibiana Gonzalez Viana, Information Technology Services
Rachel Laisne, Registrar’s Office – Law School
George Leehan, Health & Wellness Services
Peter Mollo, Advancement
Norman Mourtada, Information Technology Services
Douglas Sapphire, Law Career Development
Allison Strem, Law Support Services
Christopher Teague, Law Career Development ▶

Pedaling Along the Road to Improved Health

National Bike Week—May 17–21—offers a chance to make a positive change for good personal health, a fatter wallet and a healthier planet.

For those living within biking distance of work, commuting on two wheels can be a great option. Bicycle commuting incorporates regular exercise into the day without the necessity of even having to think about finding the time. In addition to decreasing the cost of the daily commute, cutting down on driving trips by even a little bit can do a lot to decrease air pollution.

Learn more about the University's efforts to support biking to work at www.suffolk.edu/offices/19868.html.

Cycling can have tremendous health benefits that include decreasing cholesterol, blood pressure and the risk of heart attack. Many people find that cycling also can help lower stress levels and increase overall feelings of wellbeing.

Before hopping on the saddle, would-be cyclists should check out a local bike shop for tips about what kind of bike is appropriate. A well-fitted helmet is an essential piece of gear, and no one should ever ride without one.

A check-in with a health care provider is also a good idea for those who have any concerns about adding cycling to their repertoire of physical activities. ▶



Dave DeAngelis at home on the Nan-Sea in Charlestown. (Photos by John Gillooly)

Dock of the Bay

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Eight years ago, DeAngelis moved to the Constitution Marina from New Haven, where he was working at Quinnipiac University.

"Most people would simply pack up the moving truck and drive to their next location," he said. "I, on the other hand, untied my dock lines and sailed north for three days."

His C&C cruiser racer is equipped with all the comforts of home, including two bedrooms, a kitchen, living room, bathroom, two flat-screen televisions, electric and propane heat, and hot running water.

"I live on the boat twelve months a year, and I love it," said DeAngelis. "It's a normal house, except that it's in the water. And I have as perfect a waterfront view as you're ever going to get."

During the winter his boat is covered in shrink wrap to protect it from the elements. However the boat truly comes to life in summer, with sails, flags and the freedom to cruise the open sea.

"I boat every weekend in the summer," said DeAngelis. "The people at the marina, who are all ages and from all walks of life, are great, and we all get along. We socialize together in our own little world or floating village."

Living so close to the USS Constitution does have its challenging moments.

"The cannon goes off at 8 a.m. and sunset every day," said DeAngelis. "Let's just say that you better be ready for it." ▶

