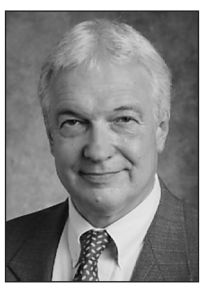


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Boston needs to diversify its revenue sources in order to meet the service needs of its residents."



Wallin

Bruce Wallin, Boston's Neighborhood Network News, July 23.

NOTABLE

Neal Finnegan, chairman of trustees, was named to the advisory board of Rhode Island computer software maker WhyData Inc.

Joan Fitzgerald, professor of law, policy and society, received a \$30,000 grant from the Rockefeller Brothers Foundation for her Emerald Cities project, which examines leading cities and states in promoting green economic development.

Ann Hill, Valeria Ramdin, Connie Calvin and Catherine O'Connor, assistant clinical specialists in nursing, were nominees for The Boston Globe Salute to Nursing Award earlier this year.

Robert Vinci, lecturer in business and editorial contributor to the Center for Family Business, was named senior managing director for First National Investment Banking.

QUOTABLE

Roger Abrams, Richard Professor of law, spoke to Bay Windows on July 12 for a story about a man suing over a question on the Massachusetts bar exam that referred to gay marriage. "You're treating this more seriously than it deserves to be treated," he said. "This is nonsense."

Stephen Burgard, associate professor and director of the School of Journalism, was interviewed by New England Cable News for a July 23 story on the potential sale of the Wall Street Journal to Rupert Murdoch. "Ultimately he's shrewd enough to recognize that the name and brand value of the Wall Street Journal is so special that it would be a big risk for him" to meddle in its editorial operations, Burgard said.

William Crittenden, senior associate dean of the College of Business Administration, talked with The Boston Globe for an Aug. 10 story about a proposed merger between Boston's Citi Center and smaller arts groups. "Are they really that good at ticketing and marketing and the use of technology?" he asked. "If they are, why haven't they been able to be more effective over the last few years?"

Gian Corrado, team physician, spoke with the Boston Herald for a July 20 story on Japanese folklore linking blood type with personality. "As far as I know, there are no studies to support the concept that blood type and personality are connected," Corrado said.

David Czesniuk, director of operations for the Center for the Study of Sport in Society, was interviewed by Lafayette Business News for an Aug. 6 story on a new Indiana sports facility. "There just aren't enough indoor and outdoor fields to go around in the U.S.," he said.

Michael Dukakis, Distinguished Professor of political science, wrote a column about Massachusetts' proposed auto-insurance reforms for the July 19 Patriot-Ledger of Quincy, Mass. "Make no mistake about it — the auto insurance premiums we pay are every bit as much a tax as any other burden imposed on us by state government," he wrote.

James Fox, Lipman Family Professor of criminal justice, spoke with Newsday for a July 19 story about the discovery of school-shooting plotters in New York. "Searching on the Internet for explosives and guns may be exciting because it's consistent with that fantasy," he said. "Little action was taking toward accomplishing it."

profile

Miles looks at West Africa in post-Sept. 11 world

Political science professor William F.S. Miles examines the influence of Islam on West Africa in new book "Political Islam in West Africa: State-Society Relations Transformed," the first comprehensive examination of the subject since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

The politicization of Islam is explored in chapters covering Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Mali, Mauritania and The Gambia in the book, edited by Miles, which traces "progressive blurring of the lines in the separation of mosque and state."

Published by Lynne Rienner, the book sprang from a panel on African studies, which Miles organized in 2004. Shortly thereafter, Miles was invited to collect and edit papers emerging from the panel, and ultimately create a book credited with "filling a large gap in the literature of political Islam," according to University of Maine assistant professor Linda Beck.

"I served in the Peace Corps in Niger in 1977, and have been interested in that region of the world ever since," Miles said. "I recently consulted for the U.S. government in this area. This included two stints with the Marines Special Operations command at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina."

Among his conclusions: "There is little likelihood of an Islamist takeover of any West African state."

Miles is recipient of a provost's office grant, and was nominated to through the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Program to return to the site of his doctoral dissertation "Paradox in Paradise" and his first book, "Martinique, the French West Indies."



Miles seated at right.

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Elmer Freeman, director of Community Health, Education, Research and Service, spoke with the Wall Street Journal for a July 25 story about a shortage of primary-care physicians in Massachusetts. "Health reform won't mean anything for the state's poor if they can't get a doctor's appointment," he said.

George Gardner, director of marketing and communications at the Center for the Study of Sport in Society, spoke with the Christian Science Monitor for an Aug. 9 story about baseball player Barry Bonds' home-run record and his alleged use of steroids. "If Bonds is proven guilty in court, the commissioner of baseball should take a very strong stands on this issue and deny Bonds the record," he said.

Paul Harrington, associate professor and associate director of the Center for Labor-Market Studies, spoke with the Minneapolis Star-Tribune for an Aug. 4 story about the future of unions. Unions, he said, "have to stop pushing tradition on their younger members."

Stanley Hochberg, assistant clinical specialist in computer science and director of the graduate program in health informatics, was interviewed by American Medical News for a July 16 story on a shortage of health care information-technology workers. "As more organizations are using electronic medical records, computerized physician ordering and e-prescribing systems, the need for information technology leaders and staff members is growing considerably," he said.

Timothy Howard, visiting professor at the School of Professional and Continuing Studies, was interviewed for a story in the July 13 Tampa Tribune about a lawsuit he helped file over soft-drink ingredients. "We're keeping capitalism accountable," he said.

Dan Kennedy, visiting assistant professor of journalism, wrote an Aug. 1 essay for the Guardian of Britain on journalism's future. "Journalism will survive, even as the vessels in which it is carried give way to something else entirely," he said.

Jack Levin, Brudnick Distinguished Professor and director of the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict, was interviewed by the Bangor Daily News for a July 12 story about a murder in rural Maine in which police did not release details. "Law enforcement officials tend to hold information close to the vest believing that a minimal amount of information is the least threatening to the public," he said.

Robert Lieb, professor of general management, was quoted in the July 1 edition of Logistics Management for a story about the third-party logistics (3PL) industry. "The economic resurgence of Russia would seem to provide real growth opportunities for 3PL companies with a significant tolerance for risk," he said.

William Mayer, associate professor of political science, was interviewed by the Washington Post for a July 21 story about Joseph Biden's presidential campaign, which is run by longtime friends. "Even if they're not very good, it's difficult to fire people who you like," Mayer said.

Joseph Meador, professor of finance and insurance, spoke with WHDH-TV (Boston) for a July 16 story about proposed auto-insurance reform. "Hopefully (insurers) will be able to develop more accurate rates and be able to reflect groups of drivers' actual cost in setting rates, rather than some arbitrary statewide average," he said.

Jack McDevitt, associate dean and director of the Institute on Race and Justice, spoke with The Boston Globe for an Aug. 5 story about a Boston program that worked with at-risk families. "When we do these programs, we tend to shy away from the worst of the worst for a couple of reasons: They don't want to play ... and second, when you do get them involved, they are hard to work with," he said.

Joseph McLaughlin, senior research associate at the Center for Labor Market Studies, talked with the Telegram & Gazette of Worcester, Mass., for a July 16 story about the lack of summer jobs for teens. "Work experience begets more work experience," he said.