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You can negotiate as many rules as you want, but once it's going out on the airwaves, there's no going back."



Schroeder

Alan Schroeder, Miami Herald, about a Democratic presidential debate.

NOTABLES

Stephen Burgard, director of the School of Journalism, was one of the jurors for the Association of Opinion Page Editors' 2007 awards.

Richard Harris, director of NUPRIME, David Blackman, director of STEM programs, Donald King, associate professor of math, and Kwamina Panford, associate vice provost and associate professor of African-American studies, represented Northeastern at the 2007 Regional Graduate School Fair and GRAD Lab on Sept. 29, cosponsored by Northeastern and other Boston-area universities and the National Consortium for Graduate Education for Minorities

Maria Hudson Carpenter, library advancement and communication officer, spoke to promote the Spectrum Scholarship Program in front of a crowd of 8,000 at the 2007 American Library Association/ProQuest Scholarship Bash at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington D.C. She chaired the ALA's Spectrum Scholar Interest Group in 2006-2007.

Murray Forman, associate professor of communication studies, wrote the chapter "Employment and Blue Pencils: NBC, race and representation, 1926-1955," for the new book "NBC: America's network."

Matthew Hunt, associate professor of sociology, was lead author of the paper "Neighborhood Racial Composition and Perceptions of Racial Discrimination: Evidence from the Black Women's Health Study," in the September edition of Social Psychology Quarterly.

Ronald Mourant, professor of mechanical and industrial engineering, has been appointed to the System Users Group Council of the Transportation Research Board, which is part of the National Academy of Engineering.

Milda Richardson, lecturer in architecture, delivered the lecture "Domestic Architecture of Shepley, Ruten & Coolidge," part of a series sponsored by the firm Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott, on Aug. 17 in Boston.

Alan Stoskopf, academic specialist in social sciences and humanities, coauthored the article "Public and Catholic School Responses to IQ Testing in the Early 20th Century," in Teachers College Record Online and scheduled for the January 2008 edition of Teachers College Record.

QUOTABLES

President Joseph Aoun was quoted in a Sept. 12 story on Channel NewsAsia as educators met in Singapore to discuss new models for the future of higher education. "The purpose of education is no longer to prepare you for the first career, as in an industrial setting, but for the second, third and fourth, and you cannot predict which careers they are going to be," he said.

Gloria Barczak, professor of marketing, spoke with the Contra Costa Times for a Sept. 19 story about falling prices for technology. "With consumer electronics, as you produce more and more of a product, you get better at it, so it becomes much easier to bring the high costs of more volume down," she said.

Barry Bluestone, dean of the School of Social Science, Urban Affairs and Public Policy, talked with the Boston Herald for a Sept. 7 story about a Boston condo developer's claim that his project will create more than 7,400 jobs. "I would be very skeptical," he suggested.

profile

New frontier for Northeastern, old ground for Lewis

Before there was Northeastern, for Laura Lewis, there was Vietnam.

Lewis, Cabot Professor and chair of the Chemical Engineering Department, joined the university in January 2007. But beginning in 1998, when she worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory, she began working with a U.S. academic group, the Committee for Scientific Cooperation with Vietnam.

That year, in coordination with the Committee for Scientific Cooperation with Vietnam, the Vietnamese government and the U.S. National Science Foundation hosted a scientific exchange with U.S. scientists in three key areas: information technology, agriculture and materials science, Lewis' specialty.

As a government scientist at Brookhaven, however, she by law couldn't participate in the Vietnam Education Foundation (VEF), an independent federal agency created by the U.S. Congress in 2001 with the mission to strengthen the U.S.-Vietnam bilateral relationship through educational exchanges in science and technology. The VEF funds qualified Vietnamese students for graduate study in the United States.

That situation changed when she came to Northeastern, and earlier this year Lewis and 15 fellow academics, sponsored by the National Academies of Science and Engineering, traveled to Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City to interview 135 candidates for higher education in the United States. Forty will be offered two-year scholarships, she said.

Among the criteria the U.S. team judged was proficiency in English. "Some were very good," she said, "and some were very weak." Competition for English-language classes is difficult and prohibitively expensive, and many learn from Voice of America radio, she noted.

But in all the candidates, the desire to study science in the United States was strong, she said. "The conditions for doing science in Vietnam are just so difficult," she said.

Northeastern has one VEF Fellow, in the electrical engineering department, and she did her best discreetly to explain the value of a Northeastern education to students while not in official VEF sessions in Hanoi.

"We would like to grow our graduate student base" at Northeastern, Lewis said, "especially in materials engineering and biotech. As we promote the university more in Asia, we anticipate the creation of a new pool of talented and motivated students for graduate work."



JIM CHIAVELLI

Leonard Brown, associate professor of music and African-American studies, spoke with The Boston Globe for a Sept. 9 story about the John Coltrane Memorial Concert he organizes, now in its 30th year. "There was no intent when we started for it to be an annual event," he recalled.

Peter Furth, professor of civil engineering, talked with Boston Now for a Sept. 21 story about bicycle safety in Boston. "Governments around here don't take bike lanes seriously at all," he said.

Joseph Giglio, senior academic specialist in international business and strategy, spoke with USA Today for a Sept. 21 story about states studying a mileage-based automobile tax. "At some point, in some metro areas, market-based pricing using the latest technology will supplant the fuel-tax revenues," he said.

Christina Gilmartin, associate professor of history, talked with Reuters for a Sept. 12 story about the lack of women in high positions in China. "I think there is a much stronger core group if the higher leaders allow them to continue to come forward and assume more and more responsible jobs," she said.

Jack Grinold, associate athletic director for communications, spoke with the Boston Herald for a Sept. 16 story about coverage of the New England Patriots' cheating revelation. "We've heard all there is to be heard and let's move on," he said.

Paul Harrington, associate professor and associate director of the Center for Labor Market Studies, spoke with the Minneapolis Star-Tribune for a Sept. 26 story about labor unions taking over health benefits for members or retirees. "If private-sector unions are going to

survive, this is a really important value they can provide," he said.

Dan Kennedy, visiting assistant professor of journalism, wrote a column for the Sept. 1 Providence Journal on scandals surrounding plans for a Wampanoag casino in Middleboro, Mass. "I think the casino plans are now going to crumble very quickly," he wrote.

Jack Levin, director of the Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict, talked with BostonNOW for a Sept. 11 story about post-2001 security measures in Boston. "I think people feel that it's a necessary evil. I think also they feel they have absolutely no control over it," he said.

Kim Lewis, professor of biology, was interviewed by The Scientist for a Sept. 6 story about a study finding that all three major classes of antibiotics share a single mechanism for killing bacterial cells. "Clearly what they discovered seems to be an important component of death," he said.

Donald Margotta, associate professor of finance and insurance, was interviewed by The Baltimore Sun for a Sept. 11 story about so-called poison pills and other tools designed to protect a company against hostile takeovers. "They've been around for a long time," he said.

William Mayer, associate professor of political science, talked with InsideBayArea.com for a Sept. 21 story about a bipartisan legislative effort to reform presidential primaries. Congress "does not have the constitutional authority to impose a national or regional primary system on the states," he said.

Allyce Najimy, senior associate director of the Center for the Study of Sport in Society, was