



From The Director

THIS YEAR marks the tenth anniversary of Joe Moakley's passing on May 28, 2001. In the intervening years, many things have changed in the world and on the Suffolk University campus.

The events of September 11, 2001, led to vastly altered international relations. Meanwhile, digital media and social networking have transformed the way we communicate. The University has made the Archive and Institute an official University department and has expanded our scope to include responsibility for all Suffolk University Archives collections. However, one thing remains constant: Preserving Joe Moakley's approach to public service and his dedication to community are as relevant as they ever were. The Archive and Institute staff is grateful to the Moakley supporters, family, former staff members, and friends who have rallied to continue his legacy.

With one foot firmly planted in the past and one foot pointed toward the future, we will continue to research Congressman Moakley's career; expand the Oral History collection; increase online access to digital content; expand the use of social media; create travel grants; and, of course, to promote discussion of current topics through collaborations with University faculty and guest speakers.

This will be the final print version of this newsletter. The next issue will see the debut of a digital version in a nod to evolving technology and environmental sustainability.

Julia Collins Howington
Director, Moakley Institute

Earth Day: The Transformation of the Boston Harbor Islands



Suffolk University students clear brush during a volunteer day on Spectacle Island in the Boston Harbor Islands National Park in celebration of Earth Day.

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY celebrated the 40th anniversary of Earth Day in 2010 with the panel discussion "Boston Harbor Islands: Past, Present, and Future," which explored the creation and ongoing management of the Boston Harbor Islands. The discussion focused on the environmental groups, elected officials such as Congressman Joe Moakley, and state and federal agencies that made the transformation of Boston Harbor possible.



Panelists and participants in Suffolk University's Earth Day symposium celebrate the transformation of the Boston Harbor Islands. (Photo by John Gillooly)

The panelists were Vivien Li, executive director of the Boston Harbor Association; Marc Albert, stewardship program manager for the Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area; Thomas B. Powers, president of Boston Harbor Island Alliance; and Julia Collins Howington, Moakley Institute director.

Moakley was involved in harbor issues from early in his political career. As a state senator he successfully opposed plans to develop the harbor islands for the 1976 Bicentennial celebration and succeeded in having their ownership transferred to the state. These actions set the stage for the 1990s harbor cleanup and the 1996 designation of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area.

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"A clean, safe environment should be our first gift to ourselves and to future generations. Anything less and we will have failed" – Congressman Joe Moakley

Carnegie Classification Recognizes Service

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY has earned the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification, which recognizes "the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources" between the institution and the community.

"This achievement was the result of a University-wide effort," said Carolina Garcia, director of the S.O.U.L.S. Community Service and Service Learning Center, who, with University Archivist and Moakley Institute Director Julia Howington, led the effort to collect and analyze data for the Carnegie Classification application.

"The Carnegie Classification provides evidence of the kind of commitment to community service and public outreach that external funders look for," said Howington. "The hope is that attaining this classification will put us in a better position to fund new programs and continue funding those we have in place."

Suffolk University is one of 115 institutions to be added to the Community Engagement Classification this year, bringing the total of colleges and universities so recognized to 311. ■

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The 2011 Earth Day celebration will focus on environmental responsibility, specifically the collective impact of decisions made by consumers, corporations, and community groups. It will take place from 1-2:30pm Thursday, April 21, at Suffolk Law School. ■

Connections 2 College

SINCE 2005, Suffolk University has partnered with the Bird Street Community Center in Dorchester to offer the "Connections 2 College" program during the summer. Twenty students participated in the 2010 program, taking college-level courses, completing internships at the State House and local non-profits, and experiencing college life in the residence halls.

This program is designed to help provide low-income and first-generation students with resources so that they may pursue higher education following high school graduation. More than 100 students have benefited from this program. ■

Moakley and Armeý in the Classroom



Assistant Archivist Nicole Feeney makes a presentation to Suffolk University undergraduates about Joe Moakley's career.

DURING THE FALL SEMESTER, the Archive again partnered with Associate Professor Kenneth Cosgrove for his Legislative Politics course and for the first time collaborated with another archive, the Carl Albert Congressional Research & Studies Center at the University of Oklahoma.

In addition to studying the policy issues of Congressman Moakley's career, students also had the opportunity to study the career of Dick Armeý, a Republican who served as a US representative from Texas and was House Majority Leader from 1995 to 2003.

"The students get to see for themselves, by looking at the papers of Congressmen Moakley and Armeý, how people of good will, who like each other, can end up in very different places ideologically and still have the best interests of the nation

and their constituents at heart," said Cosgrove.

Armeý was one of the engineers of the "Republican Revolution" of the 1990s, in which the GOP achieved majorities in both houses of Congress for the first time in four decades. He helped draft the GOP's 1994 "Contract with America" legislative agenda.

Course readings, drawn from Moakley's and Armeý's papers, included strategy documents, policy briefings, constituent correspondence, oral history interviews, photographs, and other media.

Among the papers students submitted were "Wit and Perseverance: The Moakley Campaigns of 1970 and 1972," "Joe Moakley and Chapter 40-B: A Case Study," and "Necessity: The Mother of Reinvention." ■

5th Annual Delegation to El Salvador

SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY STUDENTS, faculty, and staff experienced two weeks of travel, study, and service in El Salvador during the University’s annual Alternative Winter Break program.

The delegation followed in the footsteps of Congressman Moakley in order to learn firsthand about the political, social, and economic issues facing the Central American nation. Students met with a variety of government officials, ex-combatants, representatives from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and human rights activists. The group also had the opportunity to stay at an arts education center created by Sister Peggy O’Neill. The Center helps communities confront conflict and build a culture of peace.

Trip highlights included staying with host families in a rural village and working with Habitat for Humanity on the construction of two houses nearby. The delegation worked side by side with the families who would be moving into the new homes.

Delegation members not only learned about El Salvador, but also experienced firsthand the impact that even one person can make in a country that is still struggling to recover from a devastating civil war. Alternative Winter Break trips to El Salvador have taken place annually since 2007 through the efforts of the Moakley Institute, S.O.U.L.S., and Suffolk University’s History Department. ■

“Moakley vive. His spirit is alive and well in the Salvadoran people, who remember his love for El Salvador and can help us pass his message of peace to the next generation.”— Sister Peggy O’Neill, SC, Centro Arte para la Paz, El Salvador



Ali Surozenski, of the El Salvador delegation, volunteers at the Boston Local Food Festival in South Boston as a pre-trip activity.



Delegation members gather around a tank at the military museum in San Salvador.



This Salvadoran family soon will move into a new home built with the help of the Suffolk University delegation.



Students receive an economic briefing from USAID officials at the U.S. embassy in San Salvador.

Moakley on the Radio

The Archive stumbled upon reel-to-reel tapes in the Moakley collection that had little or no description on the outside of the items. With no way to listen to this obsolete audio format, the Archive had 25 recordings digitized and transcribed in 2009 and 2010 and found that the reels were from Joe Moakley’s radio show, which aired on Boston’s WILD AM and other local radio stations in the early 1970s. Moakley typically interviewed fellow members of Congress in 15-minute segments, addressing hot topics such as the Nixon impeachment, changes to retiree benefits, the 1973 Energy Crisis, and civil rights issues. Many of the interviews were conducted with members of the Black Congressional Caucus, including Shirley Chisholm, John Conyers, and Charles Rangel, but Moakley also chatted with Congressman and former football star Jack Kemp about football broadcast blackouts.

Transcripts and recordings will be posted online. ■

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Oral History Blog

A NEWLY LAUNCHED oral history blog provides a new level of interaction for researchers and the general public. Photographs, interview transcripts, and recordings are available at: <http://oralhistory.blogs.suffolk.edu/>

Upcoming Programming

- “In Service to His Country” exhibit, Adams Gallery, March 4–May 22
- Political marketing training, April 1
- Earth Day speaking panel, April 22
- “Connections 2 College” program, July–August

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