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Dear MET community,

I hope you notice and enjoy the new look of this magazine. We have outgrown our smaller newsletter format—MET simply has far too much to report and to celebrate.

Tops on our list is MET’s Class of 2010. These students completed academic programs on campus, online, abroad, or on site at various corporations and military bases. Some journeyed from distant parts of the globe to study at Boston University, and those who studied online were perhaps on Commonwealth Avenue for their very first visit during Commencement Weekend.

When I talk with newly minted and past alumni, it is apparent that MET figures prominently in their achievements. All share passion and perseverance, and the will to improve themselves through education. Our alumni seek higher degrees at pivotal points in their personal and professional lives—not because they have to, but because they want to. And over time they credit their success to their education. They do not simply study at MET because it is a mandated rite of passage. It is a choice, an investment, and one they can clearly identify as a catalyst in their career trajectory. These are unique, serious-minded, determined individuals—demanding of us and of themselves.

The better we are, the better the students we attract. And our students in turn challenge us to continue to be far better. This is the “virtuous cycle” under which we operate.

The stresses and strains we put ourselves through to achieve our ideals are validated at Commencement. Our graduates are shining examples of our achievements—and, more importantly, of their own. Graduation is their moment, their chance to revel in their academic accomplishments and, now, their future opportunities.

My congratulations to MET’s graduates, past and recent, and my best wishes for their ongoing success and happiness,

Jay A. Halfond
Dean
Project Management Goes to City Hall

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METrics

9,000 Approximate number of alumni who have earned certificates in financial planning through MET over the past twenty years.

351 (and growing) Number of MET fans on Facebook. Friend us at facebook.com/METBU.

1,825 Number of guests (MET grads, family members, and friends) who attended MET alumni events this year (so far!).

509 Number of MET grads who walked across the stage at Commencement ’10.

7,400 Number of cookies enjoyed by grads and their guests during Commencement Weekend receptions.

26 Number of different degrees awarded by MET during Commencement ’10.

2,000 Number of family and friends who attended MET’s Convocation to cheer on the graduates.

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FOR TEN YEARS running, the Wall Street Journal has named Infosys “the most admired Indian company.” One of the driving forces behind the information technology revolution that has ignited the Indian economy, Infosys has become one of the country’s leading—and most sought-after—employers. In addition to pioneering work developing asynchronous IT solutions, Infosys is known for a staunch commitment to social responsibility and a practice of investing in its employees. “A clear conscience,” so goes the Infosys mantra, “is the softest pillow.”

India’s top graduates compete to join the ranks of the company’s 105,000 employees. Those that make the cut (Fortune magazine reports that only one in one hundred applicants will succeed, making a job at Infosys a more competitive prize than admission to Harvard) start their careers by completing a rigorous four-month curriculum at Infosys’ impressive Global Education Center in Mysore. There, as many as fifteen thousand recruits each year make the transition from college graduate to what the company calls Infoscions.

In January, twenty-one MET graduate students joined their ranks as part of a collaborative effort between MET and Infosys co-founder S.D. Shibulal (MET’88). Shibulal, who holds a MET master’s degree in computer science, arranged for MET instructor Tareq Rahman to organize an intensive four-credit administrative sciences course, Doing Business in and with India. Students spent a week on the Infosys campuses in Bangalore and Mysore, engaging in day-long seminars with Infosys executives, instructors, and recruits. Topics of discussion ranged from knowledge management to cross cultural sensitivity to the making of Infosys.

“Infosys is a shining example of how good leadership can create opportunities in an environment that has often been overlooked as too poor, too corrupt, too constrained for business investment,” said Rahman. “Our students experienced a whole different India than the one they had often read about prior to this trip. Having the chance to make personal contact with the Indian business environment, rather than just reading about it, is like the difference between asking chemistry students to perform, instead of just observe, an experiment.”

The global focus of the week’s conversations was particularly appropriate for the MET students in attendance, some of whom are earning their degrees online from locations such as France, Taiwan, and Luxembourg. In other words, many of these students met face-to-face for the first time not on campus in Boston, but in India. M
Scenes from Mysore and Bangalore, including Infosys campuses in both cities.

“This course was a great opportunity to be immersed in the world’s largest emerging market, as its infrastructure is put in place. It was a once in a lifetime experience, and we learned about Indian culture in and outside of the business environment.”

Angela Nunes, student,
MS in Banking & Financial Services Management

Evergreen at 30

IT MIGHT HAVE been the start of any course at BU. Eighty students filed into an auditorium, greeting each other and choosing seats. They had their coffee and morning snacks in hand. They readied their notebooks. They leaned forward eagerly as their professor raised provocative questions about the relationship between self-identity and the body.

But it was Saturday. And the students sat with their spouses. And they had gray hair.

They were Evergreeners—participants in MET’s Evergreen program, which invites individuals over the age of fifty-eight to attend courses and seminars at BU. This particular morning, they were attending Psychology Goes to the Movies, a favorite Evergreen seminar taught by MET lecturer Michael Fleming.

Class began with a discussion of transsexuality in Paris is Burning, a documentary about New York City drag culture in the 1980s. By the end of the three-hour session, the group was tackling the controversial portrayals of intimacy in The Piano Teacher.

This, according to Nancy Stutzman, is exactly the kind of experience Evergreeners are looking for. “I’m looking for challenges, for new perspectives,” said Stutzman. “I’m looking for the chance to think about things in ways I haven’t before.”

Stutzman, a retired nutritionist in her seventies, rides her bike to campus from her home in Boston’s south end and audits several courses each semester. In the spring of 2010, she took four art history courses, the equivalent of a full-time undergraduate schedule. “I’m a forever student,” she said. “The professors are so excellent they keep me coming back every semester, and I’m around the BU students so much I feel like I’m their age.”

In 1980 the first thirty-five Evergreen students, mostly over seventy, enrolled in summer seminars that met five days a week for six weeks. “When fall came, people didn’t want to leave,” said Rebecca Alssid, director of Lifelong Learning and cofounder of Evergreen. “It immediately became clear how important this program could be.” Evergreen, Alssid recalled, became an opportunity for individuals, women especially in the early years of the program, to fulfill a lost dream of attending college. Some students, she said, have even used their coursework as the foundation for a new career.

Today, Evergreeners can choose from short-term seminars in topics from literature to architecture to music. Or, they can audit undergraduate classes for an entire semester. Alssid estimates that over 1,000 Evergreeners participate in activities at BU annually.

“The program is wonderful for so many reasons,” she said. “The intergenerational dynamic is key. Being on campus does help people live longer. It makes them feel better. Faculty love teaching them, and they in turn teach the undergraduates. We’re very proud to be celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of Evergreen.”

Learn more about Evergreen at bu.edu/evergreen.
Glotsky Gala Event

Gala Event Ushers in Glovsky Scholarship

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick referred to Bob Glovsky (Law’76, ’79) as “a visionary of our Commonwealth.” Congressman Michael Capuano described his voice as one daring to “cry in the wilderness.” Glovsky has taught in and directed the Program in Financial Planning, offered through MET’s Center for Professional Education, for twenty-eight years.

In March, two hundred members of the Boston University and financial planning communities gathered to affirm and honor Glovsky’s service to his profession, and to celebrate the endowment of a scholarship in his name. More than 110 individuals and companies contributed over $100,000 to endow the Robert J. Glovsky Scholarship in Financial Planning at Metropolitan College.

“Bob has contributed enormously to Boston University and the profession of financial planning over the past two decades,” said Dean Haldon. “His career has been founded on the fact that financial planners should act honestly and ethically to help their clients navigate the complicated world of savings and investment. Under his leadership, over nine thousand students have graduated from our programs, prepared to serve clients with both skill and integrity.”

“In addition to the high academic standards Bob has set for our programs, he stresses that financial planning is not just for the wealthy,” said Halford. “Good financial decisions are critical to the happiness and well-being of all.”

The Glovsky Scholarship will be awarded to students who plan to provide financial advice to those traditionally underserved by the financial planning industry.

“A scholarship in his name is a most fitting tribute,” said Ruth Ann Murray, director of the Center for Professional Education. “This scholarship demonstrates his lifelong dedication to a profession of honor and purpose, and it demonstrates his strong sense of fairness and responsibility.”

Over the course of the evening, colleagues shared their admiration for Glovsky. They commented on his commitment to developing rigorous standards of professionalism and ethics within the industry, something he has pursued through his pivotal role as a member, and most recently, as chair, of the Board of Directors of Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. And they commented on his passion for educating emerging financial planners, something that has resulted in the continuous growth of the online and on-campus Programs in Financial Planning at MET, which, under his guidance, have become the fourth largest in the United States, and among the most admired in the world.

“We are the helpers of financial dreams,” said Glovsky. “The public expects and deserves to trust us as they turn to us to make their dreams come true. Most of us serve the affluent. How can Middle America receive the competent and ethical financial advice it so critically needs? The scholarship will help. Thank you for bringing my vision of the financial planning profession a bit closer to reality.”

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Bob Glovsky is president of Mintz Levin Financial Advisors, LLC, and assumed a new role as chairman of the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards in January 2010.

Making reference to his role as host of The Bob Glovsky Show on Business Radio, brothers Charles Glovsky and Richard Glovsky kept the tone of the evening light by joking that Bob has “a wonderful face for radio.” Both brothers expressed admiration for Bob, whom they described as “a real star in our family.”

Charles Goldman, of Fidelity Investments, commented that “Bob’s real contribution has been to explain why financial planning matters.” Goldman pointed out that Glovsky has been recognized as a top financial advisor by Barron’s, Mutual Fund Magazine, and Worth magazine.

Director of the Center for Professional Education Ruth Ann Murray and Bob Glovsky, director emeritus of the Program in Financial Planning. Glovsky will continue to be involved with MET as adjunct associate professor in financial planning. In his time as director, he developed both on-campus and online programs in financial planning that prepare students to earn the Certified Financial Planner™ distinction, the industry standard for professional excellence. There are currently over 700 students enrolled in financial planning programs at MET.

The First Health Comm Graduates

IN 2008, MET and the College of Communication (COM) began offering an innovative, collaborative program that drew on MET’s prowess in online education, COM’s renowned faculty, and a whole range of expertise across the University, from nutrition to epidemiology to ethics: the online Master of Science in Health Communication (MSHC). A primary goal of the MSHC program is to prepare students to fill the increasing demand for professionals who can skillfully translate the intricacies of current health research and policy to the general public.

In 2010, sixteen of the twenty-seven members of the program’s first graduating class, pictured here, made their way to campus to attend Commencement. Congratulations!

Learn More about the MS in Health Communication at bu.edu/online/healthcommunication.
“While pursuing your education, you have also been making your way in the real world. You have simultaneously carried the burden and pressures of a career, and in many cases you have also shouldered the responsibilities of parenthood.”

“You are in possession of something special. What you have is something different from nearly all the other students who are graduating this weekend.”

“Commencement 2010: A photo tour, guided by the words of Convocation Speaker Patricia Chadwick (MET’75).

Listen to her speech or view additional photo highlights at bu.edu/met/graduation.

Patricia Chadwick (MET’75), commencement speaker and winner of the Distinguished Alumni Award for Service to Profession. Chadwick is founder of Ravengate Partners, a business consulting firm, and she describes her career as evolving from her first role as a receptionist, to secretary, to statistician, to stock analyst, to portfolio manager, to strategist, to global partner at Invesco. She attributes her success to the influence of an early mentor she referred to as an “angel”: her academic counselor at MET.
“You come from a wide array of backgrounds and professions—from lab technicians to soldiers, financial analysts to firemen, single moms to airline pilots.”

“You have experience, maturity, and wisdom. You will leave this academic world with the skills to be mentors and role models. So impart the benefits of your experience to younger associates in your workplace, in your neighborhoods, in your social environment.”

**Awards 2010**

**Undergraduate Certificate of Achievement**
Livia Guimarães Carvalho Fernandes

**Alumni Student Leader Award**
Doris Vanessa Sosa Moyet

**Excellence in Graduate Studies Awards**
Weibo Chen, Actuarial Science
Yanling Hu, Administrative Studies
Kristin Michele Chebra, Advertising
Erik David Johnson, Arts Administration
Gowtham Venkata Satya Boddapati, Computer Science

**Distinguished Alumni Awards**
Patricia Chadwick (MET’75), Service to Profession
Mark Conrad (MET’04), Service to Community
Karen (MET’91) and Daniel Sanders (MET’91), Service to Alma Mater

**Roger Deveau Part-Time Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching**
Mark J. Carroll, Administrative Sciences

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**Dorothy Sosa (MET’10)**, being inducted into the Scarlet Key Society, an elite group of faculty, staff, and students who have been recognized for their outstanding contributions to the University community. In addition to volunteering in New Orleans with other BU students, Sosa, a first-generation college student, has encouraged and mentored MET students, particularly through her efforts as a volunteer at MET orientations and open houses. Here, CGS Dean Linda Wells performs the traditional “tapping” ceremony, admitting Sosa into the Scarlet Key Society with the touch of a sword.

**Post your best MET commencement photos at facebook.com/METBU.**
SAID ENRIQUE SILVA, reflecting on what he encountered in Port-au-Prince just six days after the January 2010 earthquake that launched Haiti into the international spotlight.

Silva, assistant professor of city planning and urban affairs at MET, was part of a multidisciplinary team of BU faculty invited by the Haitian government to participate in the planning stages of recovery and rebuilding efforts immediately after the 7.1 magnitude earthquake devastated the nation. The team had been developing a relationship with Haiti’s Interior Ministry since February 2009, when MET graduate student Elisabeth Coicou and her husband and MET alumnus Jean Lucien Ligondé (both natives of Haiti) began to put Haitian authorities and BU faculty into contact through their own efforts to address lingering damage from the 2008 hurricane season.

The Haitian government, in other words, was already facing challenges prior to the earthquake. Which is why Silva has little tolerance for the media’s tendency to paint the nation’s leaders as inept. If, seven months later, Port-au-Prince looks much like it did in the immediate aftermath of the earthquake, he argues, there are many reasons why.

When the BU team arrived at the makeshift government headquarters it brought with it a seemingly basic resource: maps. Aerial depictions of the extent and degrees of destruction caused by the quake. “They were like magic,” said Silva. “Because they offered something otherwise unavailable in the moment, which was perspective. It was difficult to get a sense of the different kinds of damage even across the city, much less the region.”

“The maps,” said Silva, “provided a necessary sense of understanding, from which officials could move forward and make informed decisions.”

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And from there, they did. “We went to Haiti to facilitate conversation, not to provide unsolicited advice,” said Silva. “We were there to listen, brainstorm, distill, propose, reflect. The challenge is getting from general principles to the details of implementation, and in Haiti, this gap is especially large. It is not so much that Haitian officials don’t know what needs to be done, but that they face daunting barriers to achieving their goals.”

Silva explained that the outcome of this earthquake has much more to do with the socioeconomic than the geological.
Current estimates place the death toll in Haiti at 230,000. By contrast, Silva points to the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Chile in February 2010, which resulted in approximately 700 deaths, and in a region more urbanized.

The fact that an earthquake more severe by orders of magnitude could result in a fraction of the damage, Silva suggests, is the result of how a city is built, including who is living where, and in what conditions.

Haiti’s legacy of poverty and political unrest manifests itself in the shanty towns that have evolved on the margins of Port-au-Prince. These impromptu settlements, constructed by those unable to buy a home or pay rent, are often constructed on geographically vulnerable sites such as ravines, coastal areas, and watersheds. These types of land, Silva explained, tend to remain in the public domain. While shanty towns become permanent fixtures of a city over time, they consist of poorly built structures susceptible to flooding, mudslides, and upheaval during extreme weather or a natural disaster.

“This is more than the already overwhelming task of rebuilding palaces and clearing streets,” said Silva. “This is a government on the firing line facing the pent up demands of many people, a lot of which are historical in origin.”

The stakes are high, explained Silva. “From a planning perspective, the way you recover from this earthquake will set the imprint for the next one.” Fully aware of the opportunity the quake provides to change the realities of life in Port-au-Prince, Haitian officials are attempting to address the immediate need for housing, water, and employment by keeping an eye on the long term. Rather than build refugee camps for those displaced by the earthquake, Silva reports that conversations have turned toward imagining the development of new neighborhoods.

“The reality is that camps probably won’t be temporary,” said Silva. “So the thing to do is approach them as sanctioned parts of the city. To do so, there is a need to be strategic about location. Where can people be housed in such a manner that the site itself is geologically sound, where utilities can be accessed, where work is available? The goal is to try not to replicate the old scenarios.”

While the government is occupied by the processes of obtaining international aid, the people of Haiti are, necessarily, moving on with their lives by resettling in equally precarious homes. Asking them to relocate becomes an increasingly difficult task, since people become invested in even the makeshift shelters they create for themselves. As time goes by, said Silva, the government loses what might have been the only silver lining of the earthquake: the chance to do things differently.

When he makes a return trip to Port-au-Prince this summer, Silva hopes to see modest transformations: passable roadways, drinkable water.
Juan Paniagua began his career as a civil engineer in Mexico City in 1986. Which meant that as a newly-minted graduate, he was on hand to help repair, rebuild, and reinforce the structures devastated the prior year when a magnitude 8.1 earthquake struck the city, killing over ten thousand residents. It was a dramatic lesson, Paniagua recalls, in the high stakes of the profession. “At the time,” said Paniagua, “I remember feeling a small sense of relief that it hadn’t been my work that collapsed, taking lives with it.” Now, the experience motivates Paniagua in MIT classrooms, where he teaches the next generation of scientists and engineers in the Science and Engineering Program (SEP). “When buildings, bridges, roads are the outcome, suddenly algebra and calculus problems take on tremendous significance. And that is what I try to help my students to understand.”

This ability to link the theoretical and abstract to the practical is something Paniagua has cultivated over a varied career that features doctoral research on seismic engineering, industrial experience as a structural engineer (locally, he has worked on the Museum Towers in Cambridge, the Logan Airport Hilton Hotel, and Boston’s World Trade Center), and years teaching secondary, undergraduate, and graduate courses at Boston Arts Academy, MIT, Tufts, and Northeastern University.

As the newest SEP faculty member, Paniagua works with students whose math and science skills need some extra sharpening before they enter upper-level BU classes. Over the course of a rigorous two-year curriculum, SEP prepares students to enter into science and engineering majors as juniors in standing, and with the know-how to succeed. “Though they will wind up at the same endpoint as students in other BU colleges,” said Paniagua, “our students are not necessarily prepared to begin talking about math in the conceptual stratosphere. The challenge is to make things concrete and approachable first, so that we can get to the theoretical significance and practical applications.”

This challenge, said Paniagua, is not an easy one. “It forces me to improve as a teacher,” he said. “And that means I continue to learn along the way. For me, that is the mark of a job worth doing.”

“I try to give my students a sense of the physicality of a problem,” said Paniagua, taking an engineer’s approach to math. “If we solve an equation and get a negative value in error, we can see what that will do to the integrity of, say, a building’s foundation. Suddenly, our structure is leaning! In this respect, students gain a sense that the work they do in class is about more than a quiz grade...”

Juan Paniagua holds a BS in Civil Engineering from Metropolitan Autonomous University (UAM) and an MS in Structures from National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). He also holds a PhD in Structures from Northeastern University. Paniagua teaches Calculus, Engineering Mechanics I: Statics, and Engineering Mechanics II: Dynamics.

MET Alum Receives Phone Call from Obama

If Duane Jackson’s (MET’76) photo looks familiar to you, it is likely because the national media showered attention on him after his role in alerting authorities to a driverless Nissan Pathfinder idling in Times Square, now attributed to the thwarted Times Square Bomber. Jackson was one of two key witnesses to the suspicious vehicle that brought New York City pedestrians, tourists, and theatre goers to a halt this May, as police disarmed what might have been a devastating car bomb.

Jackson, a disabled Vietnam veteran, operates a successful entrepreneurial venture that includes a prospering Manhattan street vending business. He earned his degree in urban planning and is cofounder of the Golden Decade Foundation, which provides mentoring and scholarships to college students from minority communities.

After being celebrated for his good deed on Good Morning America, Inside Edition, and Fox and Friends, Jackson received a personal call from the president himself, during which Obama thanked him for his vigilance.
Michael Anthony Vernon Eggar (MET’03) of Croton-on-Hudson, New York, has published an advanced Music Theory app for college students. It can be found online under “Ear Training at Tonal apps: Mike Eggar.”

Elsie El Dayaa (MET’09) has been promoted to the operations manager position at Boston University Center for English Language and Orientation Programs. Elsie was engaged to Hakan Rudy Seber (SMG’10) on March 13. They met while pursuing their master’s degrees and working at Boston University.

Tiffany L. Gailliard (MET’97) and her best friend recently started an event planning business, Signature Celebrations. Signature Celebrations provides full service event planning and catering for birthdays, anniversaries, housewarmings, showers, graduations, reunions, employee/customer appreciations. Join the Signature Celebrations groups on Facebook and Linkedin, or email at signaturecelebrations@inbox.com.

Mary Gallagher (MET’02) is currently in Vietnam as a volunteer with Volunteers in Asia. She is posted at Hanoi University, using her MS in Computer Science from MET to teach in the Faculty of Information Technology. Mary adds that she’s using Professor Tanya Zlateva as her teaching model.

Tom Laszewski (MET’02) of Hampton, New Hampshire, was contributing author of two chapters in the book Information Systems Transformation: Architecture-Driven Modernization Case Studies. The book can be ordered from Amazon.com. Tom co-authored Oracle Modernization Solutions (also found on Amazon) in 2008. Contact him at thomas.laszewski@gmail.com.

Laura Noel (MET’06) was promoted to chief master sargeant, which means that she will assume leadership of a 45–50 member Air Force Band.

John J. Maalouf (MET’90, LAW’94) of New York, New York, has been ranked among the Top 10 international Trade and finance Lawyers in the U.S. for the fifth straight year. The U.S. Lawyer Rankings rated Maalouf fourth in the nation, up from fifth in 2009. Mr. Maalouf is senior partner at Maalouf Ashford & Talbot, LLP.

Caroline Parker (MET’10) married Ivan Santiago on Miami Beach this past February. She was also appointed to the position of director of programs at The Coral Gables Museum, focusing on the urban planning, architecture, landscape design, and historic and environmental preservation of Coral Gables, Florida. Check out the website at coralgables museum.org.

Lorna Crawford Shafir (MET’85) is director of consumer outreach at Kettle Cuisine, Inc., maker of gluten-free soups, chowders, and chilies. Her husband Jerry (LAW’77) founded the company in 1986, and when their daughter Kate was diagnosed with celiac disease in 1989 Kettle Cuisine began focusing on gluten-free foods. Lorna travels the U.S. with information for support groups, and tweets about gluten-free products (@gfsoupmom).

Alexander Silva (MET’10) has accepted a dual position as international logistics coordinator and office manager at Formulatrix, Inc., a multinational engineering company that designs and builds laboratory automation and imaging equipment. Alexander thanks MET and his business professors for preparing him for his continual success since enrollment.

Stacy V. Tappeiner (MET’09) of Northfield, New Jersey, was appointed chief of police of the Township of Hamilton Police Department in New Jersey. Contact Stacy at stappeiner@townshipofhamilton.com.

Romaana Zia (MET’08) of New York, New York, and her sister Saifra, recently founded Nyla Noor, an eco luxury handbag brand whose vision blends conscious living with luxury fashion by sourcing environmentally sound materials. Launched in January 2010, Nyla Noor has already appeared in esteemed publications such as Elle.com. For additional details, visit nylanoor.com or contact Romaana at info@nylanoor.com.

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Savoir Faire

Highlights of recent faculty and staff honors, grants, presentations, and publications.

The Department of Administrative Sciences achieved Boston University’s membership in the European Foundation for Management Development.

Eric Braude, associate professor of computer science, published the second edition of his textbook Software Engineering: Modern Methods, co-authored with MET instructor Michael Bernstein.

Nancy Coleman, director of Distance Education, accepted the Silver Award from the United States Distance Learning Association for the online Ms in health communication, which MET offers with the College of Communication.

Irena Vodenska’s dissertation Interdisciplinary Approaches to Understanding and Forecasting Volatility received the University Professors Program Alumni Award for Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation.

MET faculty secured over $370,000 of external funding in continuing and new grants.

Julia Burstein, manager of Information Systems and Services, received the John S. Perkins Award for Distinguished Service, which is awarded by the Boston University Faculty Council.

MET participated in two university-wide conferences—on instructional innovation and online education—comprising more than one-quarter of all presenters. MET presenters included: Robert Cadigan (sociology); Adnan Adam Onart (liberal studies); Carla Romney and Fabian Torres-Ardila (science and engineering); Katherine Meyer (outreach); Jay Halford, Barry Unger, Stephen Leybourne, Kip Becker, Irena Vodenska, and Vladimir Zlatev (administrative sciences); Rosemary Antonucci, Nancy Coleman, Eldon Strickland, and Stephen Hufsmith (distance education); Leo Burstein (research and educational technology); and Lou Chitkushev (computer science).

Daniel Ranalli, associate professor and director of Arts Administration, received an Artist Fellowship from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Additionally, his recent series Chalkboards was featured in a single-artist show at New York’s Chelsea gallery Freight+Volume.

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San Francisco
Current online students and alumni in the Bay Area enjoyed cocktails and conversation with Dean Halfond.

Degree: Completed
As members of MET’s Class of 2010, graduates of the Accelerated Degree Completion Program celebrated by enjoying each other’s company.

Brussels Alumni Gala
BU Brussels hosted a gala event that brought together MET graduates from Europe and the U.S.

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November 6, 2010
MET Night at Agganis Arena
Come cheer on the Terrier hockey team as they take on the UMaine Black Bears.
Details at bu.edu/met/news.
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Come home October 29-31.

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