



**Distinguished Alumni Awardee Paul Marion met with Practicum** and other Political Science Majors in Allen House prior to the 2013 Annual Reception where he received his award. Paul earned his undergraduate degree in Political Science ('76) and his Master's in Community Social Psychology from UML. He also studied in the M.F.A. Program in Writing at the University of California, Irvine and is the author of several collections of poetry. Paul was born in Lowell and for more than 30 years, he has been involved with the revitalization of the City. In the 1980's, he worked as an administrator for the U.S. Department of the Interior, helping to create Lowell National Historical Park. He is one of the founders of the Lowell Folk Festival and the Lowell Heritage Partnership. As Executive Director of Community and Cultural Affairs at UML he has led efforts to create the endowment and residency program for the Greeley Scholar for Peace Studies and in 2009, he was also named co-director of the UMass Lowell Center for Arts & Ideas.