

Weekly Newsletter March 13-17, 2023

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, March 14 – 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Research Meeting –

Presenter: Shao-Hsien Liu, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Division of Epidemiology, PQHS, UMass Chan Medical School; Hua Zheng, PhD, Assistant Professor, Orthopedics and Physical Rehabilitation, UMass Chan Medical School.

Title: PCORI funding in total knee replacement (TKR) surgery

Brief Description: Hua and Shao-Hsien will present the research proposal with regard to the letters of intent submitted for PCORI funding and solicit feedback/comments from the audience.

Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 851 294 7151 **password: smm2020**

Monday, March 20, 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Location: Faculty Conference Room



PQHS Annual State of the Department: All Students, Faculty and Staff are invited and encouraged to attend the PQHS Annual State of the Department meeting. Come hear all the exciting things happening in PQHS. Dean Flotte and Chancellor Collins will address the department. This is an in-person only event, zooming is not an option and will not be recorded. Slides will be provided following the meeting. Lunch will be provided. **Registration is closed.**

Email judi.saber@umassmed.edu for late sign-up.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, March 21, 12:00 – 1:00 PM



Please join the Women's Faculty Committee, Office of Faculty Affairs, Professional Women's Committee, and Office of Diversity and Inclusion for the Women's History Month Virtual Event. This year's national theme for Women's History Month is "Celebrating the Women who Tell Our Stories." We will be joined by our keynote speaker Dr. Gretchen Gerzina, former Dean of the Commonwealth Honors College at UMass Amherst, Professor of English and Paul Murray Kendall Chair of Biography at UMass Amherst. She was also recently awarded the Chancellor's medal at UMass. The title of her talk is "**Forgotten Lives: Who They Were and Why They Are Important**" click [here](#) to join.

Wednesday, March 22, 12:00 – 1:00 PM



Special Seminar: "Improving Cancer Health Equity in Rural Settings through Participatory Implementation Science" presented by Melinda M. Davis, PhD, M.C.R. Dr. Davis is Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and OHSU-PSU School of Public Health, Interim Director of the Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network and Co-Director of the OCTRI Community and Collaboration Core at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). Dr. Davis is a participatory implementation scientist who collaborates with patient, community, and health system partners to adapt and implement interventions to improve health equity in rural and low resourced

settings. Dr. Davis conducts her work in ORPRN, often in partnership with the Community Health Advocacy and Research Alliance (CHARA), Oregon's Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), and other state and national partners. Dr. Davis leads a portfolio of research and technical assistance contracts funded by the National Cancer Institute, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, American Cancer Society, and National Institute of Minority Health & Health Disparities.

Click this [link](#) to register for the webinar.

Separately, we will host Career Development Workshop with Dr. Davis for early-career researchers

on **March 23rd, 2023**, from noon to 1 pm. Click this [link](#) to register for the Workshop.

This workshop is mainly for early career researchers and junior faculty. However, anybody is welcome.



Monday, March 27, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

HIIS Special Seminar: “Reducing Chronic Disease Disparities in Women’s Health: Moving Science to Real World Impact” presented by Dr. Debra Haire-Joshu, PhD, MS, MSN, RN. Dr. Haire-Joshu holds the Joyce and Chauncy Buchheit Professorship in Public Health at Washington University in St. Louis with a joint appointment as Professor in the School of Medicine. Dr. Haire-Joshu is a behavioral scientist and public health researcher who develops and tests population-wide interventions to prevent obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease among women and children from under-resourced communities.

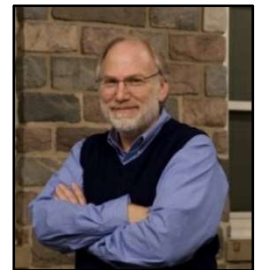
She is the Principal Investigator of the NIH-funded Center for Diabetes Translation Research which supports over 90 faculty conducting diabetes research with the aim of achieving health equity, and currently leads three NIH-funded trials targeting the prevention of excess weight gain among women of childbearing age and their young children. She has served on several National Academy of Medicine (and Institute of Medicine) committees on early childhood obesity and is a current member of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council. She has published extensively in peer reviewed literature, authored an award-winning textbook on diabetes management across the lifespan, and has been an active contributor to health policy at national and state levels.

Click this [link](#) to join the ZOOM presentation.

Monday, April 3, at 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Rigor and Reproducibility Seminar: “Sharing Confidential and Sensitive Data?” presented by [George Alter, PhD](#), Research Professor Emeritus with the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Alter’s research integrates theory and methods from demography, economics, and family history with historical sources to understand demographic behaviors in the past. From 2007 to 2016, Alter was Director of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, the world’s largest archive of social science data, and he is a past president of the Social Science History Association. He has been active in international efforts to promote research transparency, data sharing, and secure access to confidential research data. He is currently engaged in projects to create FAIR vocabularies in population research, to automate the capture of metadata from statistical analysis software, and to compare fertility transitions in contemporary and historical populations. This seminar is given jointly by the UMass Chan Medical School Population & Quantitative Health Sciences, and UMass Boston Gerontology Department and Gerontology Institute. **Click this [link](#) to join the ZOOM presentation; password: 468880.**



Transdisciplinary Training in Cardiovascular Research T32 Training Program - now

accepting applications for pre-and post-doctoral trainees. In collaboration with the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences (PQHS) has established a NHLBI-funded T32 program with the aim of producing a new generation of investigators who have the enthusiasm, knowledge, and skills to make meaningful contributions to cardiovascular research across the translational spectrum. Directed by Catarina Kiefe, MD, PhD (PQHS) and Kevin Donahue, MD (Cardiovascular Medicine), the program is truly transdisciplinary, with investigators working together to expand knowledge beyond discipline-based concepts, theories, and methods. Please see the attached flyer for more information on eligibility and how to apply.



Monday, May 8, 2023

CCTS Workshop, “Data Visualization for Effective Science Communication with Diverse Audiences”. Participants will learn about various approaches to visualizing scientific findings and data for effective communication with diverse audiences. Focus will be on both key principles of effective data visualization as well as concrete skill-building amongst participants. Registration is required. Click [here](#) to register.

FUNDING REMINDERS

Revised NSF Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support Formats - Now Available in SciENCv and on the NSF Website: NSF implemented revised versions of the [Biographical Sketch](#) and [Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#) formats for consistency with the *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) ([NSF 23-1](#)). The requirement to use the revised formats is effective for proposals submitted or **due on or after January 30, 2023**.

These revised formats are now available in [SciENcv](#) and on the [NSF Policy Office website](#). As a reminder, the mandate to use SciENcv only for preparation of these senior personnel documents will go into effect for new proposals submitted or **due on or after October 23, 2023**.

The Herman G. Berkman Diabetes Clinical Innovation Fund is accepting grant abstracts through February 28th. The annual award supports the development of clinical care initiatives that would not normally find funding through research grant programs. You'll find the eligibility guidelines, grant application, and learn about past awarded projects [HERE](#).

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis \(ALS\) Intermediate Patient Population Expanded Access \(U01 Clinical Trial Required\)](#). NINDS intends to commit up to \$75 million in FY 2023 to fund 3-5 awards in support of the conduct of scientific research utilizing data from expanded access for investigational drugs or biological products. These applications will target expanded access for intermediate size populations of patients living with ALS who are not eligible for ongoing clinical trials for the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment or cure of ALS. The maximum project period is 4 years. The opportunity will open on Feb. 23, 2023, and **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 23, 2023, AT 5 P.M. LOCAL TIME OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION**.

For additional information, please refer to [the RFA](#) posted on the NIH Central Resource for Grants and Funding Information (Funding Opportunity Announcement Number: RFA-NS-23-012).

DIVERSITY DIGEST



THE 2023 DIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY is NOW LIVE!

We are excited to announce that the [2023 Diversity Engagement Survey is now live](#). This institution-wide survey represents an effort to assess and respond to the needs of our community members. Data collected will assist us in identifying actions that will allow us to become a more equitable and inclusive institution. By responding to the survey, you will help us develop new resources and policies, as well as help us monitor whether we are making progress on our diversity, equity and inclusion strategic goals. This is a major goal of our Impact 2025 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion pillar.

You may access the survey in your web browser by clicking here: [Diversity Engagement Survey](#)

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. The survey is expected to take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Once completed, you can enter your name for a chance to win a variety of great prizes!

Please be assured that no identifying information will be collected and that the data you provide is confidential. The results of any analysis using this data will be presented in a way that individual respondents cannot be identified. All reports of the findings will be aggregate in nature.

While your participation in this confidential survey is voluntary, I hope that you will take the time to share your perspective and experiences. It is our goal to have as many learners, faculty and staff as possible from all backgrounds share their experiences so that we have the most representative data and can develop programs, policies and initiatives that are responsive to our community's concerns and needs.

If you have any questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to email the Diversity and Inclusion Office at diversity@umassmed.edu

Thank you in advance for helping us work toward making UMass Chan a more diverse, equitable and inclusive community! We look forward to hearing from you and hope you know that your input makes an impact.

National Deaf History Month: March 13 to April 15 (Wikipedia and evelyn.co.uk)

National Deaf History Month: is an awareness month for the deaf and hard-of-hearing persons in the U.S. The annual month-long observance spans through mid-March and mid-April because it commemorates three significant milestones in the history of the deaf community. On March 13, 1988, the 'Deaf President Now' — also known as the DPN Movement — successfully campaigned for the appointment of a deaf president at Gallaudet University. Dr. I. King Jordan subsequently became Gallaudet University's first deaf president. On April 8, 1864, America's only higher education institution for deaf and hard-of-hearing students Gallaudet University was founded, following President Abraham Lincoln's assent of the charter which established the prestigious college. The university is named after notable educator and minister, Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, who pioneered research and advocacy for an improved educational system for deaf and hard-of-hearing students in the U.S. Lastly, American School for the Deaf (ASD) in West Hartford, Connecticut — the first permanent public school for the deaf and hard-of-hearing — was founded on April 15, 1817.

Evelyn Glennie has been profoundly deaf since the age of 12, having started to lose her hearing at the age of 8. This does not inhibit her ability to perform. She regularly plays barefoot during live performances and studio recordings to feel the music. Glennie contends that deafness is largely misunderstood by the public. She explains that she taught herself to hear with parts of her body other than her ears.

Glennie is the world's premiere solo percussionist with over 30 years of experience in the industry. Her performances, which cover an eclectic range of styles, have been described as exquisite, unique and equal to a musical feast. Evelyn travels all over the world attracting large audiences of all age groups with her stunning, one-of-a-kind performances.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llOemXqTOW8>



Holi: March 8, 2023 (Anuj Tiwari)

Holi is considered one of the most revered and celebrated festivals of India and is celebrated in almost every part of the country. It is also sometimes called the “festival of love” as on this day people get to unite together forgetting all resentments and all types of bad feeling towards each other. The great Indian festival lasts for a day and a night, which starts in the evening of Purnima or the Full Moon Day in the month of Falgun.

Holi being the festival of colors is actually a day worth rejoicing; the vibrancy of colors is something that brings in a lot of positivity in our lives. The Holi ritual starts by lighting the bonfire one day before the day of Holi symbolizing the triumph of good over bad. On the day of Holi people play with colors with their friends and families and in evening they show love and respect to their close ones.



Friday, March 17, 2023

St. Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious holiday celebrated on March 17th, which is the death date of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St. Patrick was a 5th century Christian missionary who converted many Irish pagans. In Ireland, St. Patrick is attributed with driving all snakes from the island, though there is no historical documentation of this. Today St. Patrick's Day is largely celebrated in North America but also throughout the world. The day is usually marked with parades and wearing green attire or shamrocks. The reason the shamrock has been tied to the day is because St. Patrick supposedly used it to illustrate the Holy Trinity to the pagan Irish.

UMASS CHAN REMINDER



UMass Chan Medical School's [Office of Communications](#) is initiating regularly scheduled opportunities where faculty, staff, and students can have a professional headshot taken. Photos are taken every other Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM on the fifth floor of the Sherman Center by the elevators. Each session caps at 50 people. Anyone at UMass Chan can sign up using this document found on the SharePoint site. **See updated link for new options:** [Photo Sign-Ups \(office365.com\)](#)

REQUIRED IT Security and Privacy Training: With the new year upon us, I want to remind everyone to complete the required Information Security and Privacy training. The 25-minute training module teaches users how to identify and prevent cyberattacks, reinforcing knowledge that applies to the use of technology at work and at home.

This annual training is mandatory without exception for all members of the UMass Chan community.

If you have not already completed the training, please log onto the [Information Security and Privacy training](#) portal (provided by InfoSecInstitute.com) and complete the training as soon as possible.

PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Kellie (kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.