



Weekly Newsletter April 1-5, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 4:00PM-5:00PM

“Housing, Homelessness and Health: What can Communities do?”

Featured Speakers: Carolyn Chou, Gabe Cohen-Glinick and Rose Weber-Smith

Click [here](#) to Register.



Wednesday, April 3, 2024 – 9:00AM in AS9.2072 & Zoom

Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Masters in Clinical Investigation Program Announces the MSCI Dissertation Defense of Laurel O'Connor *“A Pilot Clinical Trial of An Informatics-Informed Mobile Transitional Care Program: The Paramedic Assisted Community Evaluation after Discharge (PACED) Intervention”*

Click [here](#) to join. Password: 012161



Wednesday, April 3, 2024 - 10:00 – 11:00 AM **(Hybrid meeting – AS 9.1073)** Please let Judi.Saber@umassmed.edu know if you plan to attend in person at 10, and/or to meet with the presenters at 11 in the same room.

Research Meeting – Title: How David [Elis for Rachael] forced Goliath [Yale] to modernize its mental health policies

Presenter: Paul Johansen, MA (Yale '88, also a UMass Med alum), Miriam Kopyto, BA (Yale '23), Lucy Kim (Yale '24), Zack Dugue (CalTech '25), Lily Colby, Esq. (Yale '10).

Paul Johansen is a biostatistician at Berkshire Medical Center; Miriam is a researcher at the Broad Institute in Cambridge; Lucy and Zack are undergraduates. Lily Colby, Esq. is Founder/CEO of With Lived Experience

Brief Description: Rachael Shaw-Rosenbaum, a first-year student at Yale, died by suicide in March, 2021. Hers was not the first, nor was it the last. But it catalyzed a grassroots movement among alumni and students to insist Yale modernize archaic mental health policies that punished help-seeking behavior. This is the remarkable story of how a small number of committed individuals created long-overdue change, and how it can be replicated. (Background material can be found at www.ElisForRachael.org)

Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 937 1668 5400 password: 492717



Thursday, April 4, 2024, 2:30-3:30PM, ASC 9th Floor

Diversity Month Tea Please join the PQHS Diversity Action Committee (DAC) for a special Diversity Month Teatime on Thursday, April 4, 2024, from 2:30-3:30 PM in the ASC 9th-floor open space. If you would like to bring something to share, please sign up [here](#).

PQHS HAPPENINGS



Sign up to have lunch with the Chair & Vice Chair! There are still slots available to pick from. Lunch with the Chair and Vice Chair sign ups are first come first serve for 3 Faculty Members and 3 Staff Members each month to have to have a nice catered meal and to talk about anything, but *NO WORK TALK*. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for the date that works for you. Thank you!

Click [here](#) to sign up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMass Boston Department of Gerontology & Gerontology Institute Present Proseminar Speaker Series Spring 2024

Monday, April 1, 2024

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. (new time)

via [Zoom](#)

Manu Thakral, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, University of Massachusetts Boston Chronic Geriatric Pain and Its Impacts on Health and Quality of Life

Thursday, April 25, 2024

11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

via [Zoom](#)

Sarah Forrester, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences, UMass Chan Medical School
Stress, Depression, and Age Acceleration: Why Time Matters in Black Health

Monday, May 2, 2024

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

via [Zoom](#)

Chantel Pheiffer, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Public Health, University of Massachusetts Boston
Migration and Population Health: Insights from South Africa

via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> Password: Boston

For more information contact Jaqueline Contrera Avila: Jaqueline.Avila@umb.edu



Thursday, April 11, 2024, 12:00PM – Albert Sherman Center Auditorium

“Black Maternal Health Week (April 11-17)” part of the Health Equity Distinguished Lecture Series hosted by UMass Chan Collaborative in Health Equity

Guest: Ndidiamaka Amutah-Onukagha, PhD, MPH, the Julia A. Okoro Professor of Black Maternal Health in the Department of Public Health and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Benefits that do not require action unless making changes:

- Health Insurance
- Health Insurance Buy-Out Option
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance

Benefits that require you to re-enroll each open enrollment:

- Health Care Spending Account
- Dependent Care Assistance Program
- Childcare Assistance Program

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- Patriots' Day – Monday, April 15th
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 27th
- Juneteenth National Independence Day – Thursday, June 19th
- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4th
- Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd
- Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 14th
- Veterans Day – Monday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28th
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29th
- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24th
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25th





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 \(office365.com\)](#)

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.