



Weekly Newsletter May 22-26, 2023

PQHS NEWS

PQHS SHOUT OUT

Happy Anniversary!



Karen Del’Olio (2020)
Sarah Yeboah (2020)
Karin Valentine Goins (2021)
Matthew Alcusky (2021)
Carl Hollins III (2021)
Jeffrey Williams (2021)

Jessica Wijesundara (2022)
Hye Sung Min (2022)
Jong Gyu Baek (2022)
Bo Wang (2022)
Sarah Forrester (2022)
Brooke Staples (2022)

Feifan Liu (2022)



Daniel Amante (2020)
Kelley Barron (2020)
Bruce Barton (2020)
Jennifer Hazelton (2020)
Yurima Guilarte-Walker (2021)
German Chiriboga (2021)
Eric Mick (2021)

Kavitha Balakrishnan (2021)
Sharina Person (2021)
Catherine Dube (2022)
Didem Avcioglu-Ayturk (2022)
Kate Lapane (2022)
Peter Lazar (2022)
Sandra Stankus (2022)



Esther Kamiri (2022)
Elizabeth Orvek (2022)
Jennifer Tjia (2021)



Barbara Olendzki (2020)
Christine Frisard (2021)
Victoria Andersen (2022)
Stephenie Lemon (2022)



Darlene Lessard (2022)

PQHS HOT TOPICS



PQHS Diversity Action Committee is hosting a one-hour workshop ***“Did that just happen? How to interrupt and safely discuss Racism”*** that will define what racism looks like in everyday life and some possible ways to respond and/or be an ally to another who has experienced a racist incident. There will be an introduction that defines racism and examples of racist behavior for discussion. Workshop attendees will be expected to participate in the discussions of the best ways to handle racism. Participants are also invited to share examples of racist behavior and how it was handled.

One workshop that will be done 3 different dates and times, sign up is required:

- Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 2:00-3:00PM
- Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 2:00-3:00PM
- Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 2:00-3:00PM

Click [here](#) to sign up to attend the Workshop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, May 22, 2023, 3:30-5:00PM in AS7-2072

CPHR Dissertation Proposal Presentation: “Care Integration, Supportive Housing, and Outcomes for Medicaid Accountable Care Organization Enrollees with Behavioral Health Conditions” Presented by Meagan Sabatino, BA, MSL; Mentor: [Matthew Alcusky, PhD, PharmD](#)

Click [here](#) to join. **Password: 188328**



Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 10:30-12:00PM in AS9-2072

CPHR Dissertation Proposal Presentation: “Multimorbidity and the Cancer Trajectory of Older Adults with Multiple Myeloma” Presented by Atinuke Oyinbo, BSc, MPH; Mentors: [Mara Epstein, ScD](#) & [Kate Lapane, Ph.D.](#)

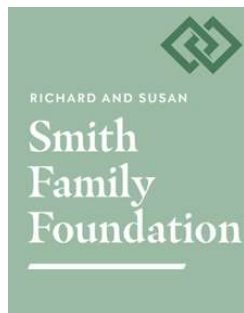
Click [here](#) to join. **Password: 698106**



Friday, June 2, 2023, 3:00-4:30PM in AS9-2072

CPHR Dissertation Proposal Presentation: “Factors Contributing to Psychiatric Medication Discontinuation During Pregnancy: A Preconception Perspective” Presented by Clevanne Julce, BS, MPH; Mentor: [Nancy Byatt, DO, MS, MBA](#)

Click [here](#) to join. **Password: 647624**



Heath Resources in Action has recently launched the [2024 Smith Family Awards Program for Excellence in Biomedical Research](#) supported by the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation.

Preliminary Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Award Amount: \$400,000 over three years

Eligibility

- Basic biomedical researchers
- Based at a non-profit research institution in Massachusetts or at Brown University or Yale University
- Appointment to Assistant Professor between 10/1/20 – 4/1/24, and not yet tenured
- Receive less than \$350,000 per year in combined federal and non-federal funding in direct costs

MASS CHAN REMINDER



UMass Chan Medical School encourages employees to “Take a Break” – Use Your Excess Vacation Leave by June 17th. As we get closer to fiscal year end, we want to remind you of the [UMass Chan Vacation Policy](#) and maximum accruals so you can plan accordingly.

As of the last full pay period of the fiscal year, the maximum number of vacation hours employees may carry over into the next fiscal year is 240. During the fiscal year, employees are allowed to accrue hours over 240; hours over this accrual limit are automatically re-set in the payroll system to the accrual maximum. **This year, the relevant pay period ends June 17, 2023. Accordingly, we encourage**

you to use any vacation balances over 240 that exceed the 240-hour maximum before that date.



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.