

Weekly Newsletter July 3-7, 2023

PQHS NEWS

WELCOME TO PQHS



Welcome [Melissa Anderson, PhD](#) to PQHS! Melissa Anderson is a Gallaudet University-trained psychologist and clinical researcher who strives to provide accessible behavioral healthcare to members of the U.S. Deaf community. She is Associate Professor of Psychiatry at UMass Chan Medical School. She founded the DeafYES! Center for Deaf Empowerment and Recovery at UMass Chan, where she has continually provided outpatient therapy and conducted research on Deaf mental health since 2011.

PQHS HOT TOPICS



The PQHS Finance Team is asking for your cooperation in ensuring that your action items (proposals and/or RPPRs) are submitted as early as possible. To assist you with planning, we have established the timeline below to give OSP adequate time (5 business days) to process your requests and 5 days for the PQHS Finance team. Due to the anticipated volume and staff shortage, we are hoping to limit the number of last-minute submissions as we may not have enough time to properly review them.

Please submit proposals and RPPRs by the below dates or sooner.

Proposals:

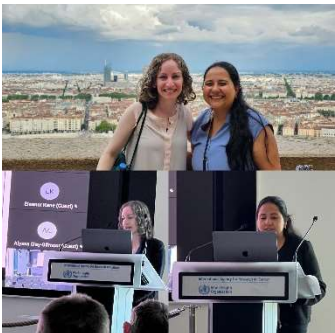
- July 17 – R21 submission due to OSP by: July 10, 2023, due to PQHS Finance Team by: **July 3, 2023.**

RPPRs

- July 17 – RPPR's due to OSP by: July 10, 2023, due to PQHS Finance Team by: **July 3, 2023.**

If you cannot, or have not met these deadlines, please contact the PQHS Finance Team immediately at pghsfinanceteamlist@umassmed.edu.

PQHS SHOUTOUT



[Mara Epstein, ScD](#) and [Maira A. Castañeda-Avila, PhD, BS, MS](#) presented at the annual meeting of the International Lymphoma Epidemiology Consortium (InterLymph) held at the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).



[Sarah Forrester, PhD](#) and [Maira A. Castañeda-Avila, PhD, BS, MS](#) were accepted to participate in the 2023 Grant Writers Coaching Group for NIH Awards. They also participated in the AAMC 2023 Minority Faculty Leadership Development Seminar held in Puerto Rico.



[Maira A. Castañeda-Avila, PhD, BS, MS](#) was a winner of first place on a presentation in the category of research and data use during the conference of the North American association of central cancer registers (NAACR).



Congratulations to Melissa Goulding who successfully defended her CPHR PhD Dissertation entitled *“Adherence to Clinical Practice Guidelines for Screening and Management of Pediatric High Blood Pressure”*. Melissa was mentored by [Stephenie Lemon, Ph.D.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thursday, July 13, 2023, 10:00-11:30AM
CPHR Dissertation Proposal Presentation: “Exploring the Impact of Family Involvement on Resident Outcomes in Nursing Homes: A Study on Physical and Occupational Therapies, Depression, and Pressure Ulcers”
 Presented by – Syed Naqvi, BS; Mentor: [Anthony Nunes, PhD](#)
 Click [here](#) to join. **Password: 519160**



Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 1:30-3:00PM
CPHR Dissertation Proposal Presentation: “Improving Women Veteran’s Experience of Obstetric Care”
 Presented by – Lael Ngangmeni, BA, MBS; Mentor: [Kristin Mattocks, PhD, MPH](#)
 Click [here](#) to join. **Password: 301815**

MASS 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 \(office365.com\)](#)**

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.