



Weekly Newsletter August 26-30, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, August 29, 2024, 1:00-2:30PM – AS9.2072 & Zoom

Worcester Neighborhood Scan Presentations by Incoming Population Health Sciences (PHS) PhD students: Our incoming PHS students will be conducting a neighborhood walk-through and assessment of health-promoting opportunities they observe in 3 Worcester neighborhoods, supplemented with on-line research. After working on this project over the course of 2 weeks, they will present their findings on, 9th floor in a large conference room and zoom. We would greatly appreciate your attendance and insights during the Q&A after each 20-minute presentation. Click [here](#) to join. Password: 815908



Thursday, September 5, 2024, 2:30-2:30PM – Albert Sherman Center 9th Floor Open Space

Diversity Tea Time Please join the PQHS Diversity Action Committee (DAC) for a special Diversity Tea Time on Thursday, September 5, 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](#).

WELCOME TO PQHS



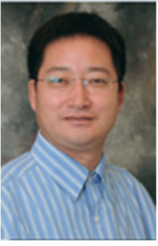
Welcome to PQHS! Dr. Melissa Goulding is joining PQHS faculty as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine. Dr. Goulding completed her doctoral and postdoctoral training here at UMass Chan. Her research focuses on chronic disease prevention and health equity in youth. She was recently awarded a UMCCTS KL2 which aims to improve identification and management of pediatric hypertension through community clinical linkages. Please all give her a warm PQHS Welcome!



Welcome to PQHS! Rosemarie Martin, PhD, will join PQHS on September 1 as a Professor in the Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine. Rosemarie's program of community-engaged research broadly focuses on developing and evaluating innovative behavioral and pharmacologic interventions for substance use disorders. Her NIH research grants, and SAMHSA-funded services and training grants have centered on reducing disparities in treatment delivery and facilitating treatment access for individuals for whom treatment is not readily available, particularly those with criminal legal system involvement. She works extensively alongside community partners to

change the landscape of treatment available to justice-involved individuals. Rosemarie joins UMass Chan from the Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Brown University. She lives nearby with her family and is looking forward to collaborating with new colleagues. Please all give her a warm PQHS Welcome!

PQHS SHOUTOUT

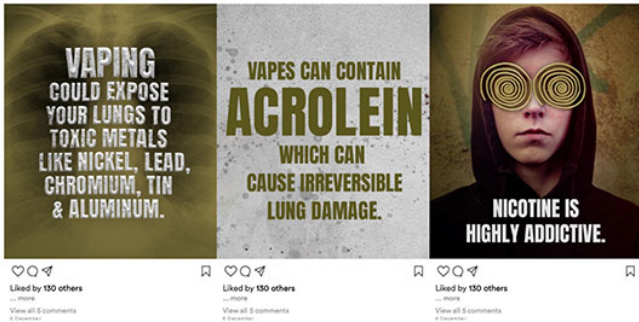


[Dr. Bo Wang](#) has been awarded two NIH grants (R34MH134682, NIH/NIMH; 1R21HD114519, NIH/NICHD). The R34 project, titled "Optimizing Mobile Interventions to Overcome Stigma and Promote HIV Prevention Among Thai Young Transgender Women," will develop and test a multi-component, mHealth intervention aimed at reducing HIV-related stigma and improving the use of HIV prevention services among HIV-negative young transgender women in Thailand.

The R21 project, titled "Exploring Sustained Implementation and Fidelity of an Evidence-Based HIV Prevention Program," is a follow-up study that will investigate the implementation trajectories among teachers and the multi-level determinants influencing the sustainability of HIV behavioral interventions integrated into the existing curriculum across the government school system. Congratulations to Dr. Wang on securing these important grants!



[Jennifer Tjia MD, MSCE](#) is senior author on NEJM article calling for collection of sexual orientation, gender identity data - Jennifer Tjia, MD, MSCE, is the senior author on a recently published perspective in the New England Journal of Medicine that calls for more routine—but cautious—collection of data on patients' sexual orientation and gender identity. Click [here](#) to view article.



Recently published research from PQHS's [Elise Stevens, PhD](#) and Donghee Lee - UMass Chan study finds experts most credible among young adults in social media campaigns: Young adults in the study rated social media messages about e-cigarettes, which were taken from the FDA's The Real Cost campaign, as having higher credibility when they believed the messages were posted by a health expert rather than a friend or influencer.

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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!



UMass ARC PBRN Pilot Project Awards 2024 Call for Applications: Letters of intent are due September 16, 2024

The UMass Ambulatory Research Consortium (ARC) practice-based research network (PBRN) welcomes submissions for pilot project awards. Study teams should include a practicing clinician and a health services investigator. Awardees will have access to support from PBRN core staff, the DOM Research Core, and CCTS cores, as appropriate for the project. Projects that address one or more of the following areas are encouraged:

- Development or piloting of interventions focused on improving health outcomes, patient engagement, or patient/caregiver experience in primary care
- Development or piloting of interventions that address clinician satisfaction or engagement in primary care
- Research topics that are relevant to primary care
- New approaches to linking practices to community-based organizations to improve health outcomes or health equity
- Digital health solutions to improve patient experience, outcomes, equity, or practice efficiency

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- 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.