

Weekly Newsletter September 9-13, 2024

PQHS NEWS

PQHS SHOUTOUT



Congratulations to [Stephenie Lemon, PhD](#) has received the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention U48 Award for the project titled: *“Physical Activity Policy Research and Evaluation Network”*



Shoutout to PQHS Advance Science Workgroup, led by Dr. Catarina Kiefe, Inaugural Melvin Cutler Chair in Biomedical Research, announces a new grant funding opportunity for junior and mid-level faculty. The Mel Cutler Population Health Pilot Research Award Program aims to generate preliminary data and establish collaborative, interdisciplinary teams that will lead to future extramural funding. The focus of the program is to support “science that makes a difference,” consistent with PQHS’s mission to advance science and improve population health through creating health-relevant knowledge; invent methods, interventions, and technologies; and evaluate strategies for implementing, sustaining, and disseminating proven approaches.

PQHS HAPPENINGS



The Diversity Action Committee hosted the monthly tea with DiversiTea last Thursday with a special guest Gwen Cochran Hadden came to campus.



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.

PQHS HAPPENINGS

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

Monday, September 16, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

[Nekehia T. Quashie, PhD](#)

Assistant Professor, Department of Health Studies, University of Rhode Island
Paths Less Travelled: Family Ties and Later Life Health in Latin America and the Caribbean

Monday, October 28, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

[Hui \(Cathy\) Liu, PhD](#)

Professor Department of Sociology Purdue University
Same-Sex Couples and Cognitive Function in Later Life

Monday, November 4, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

[Huijing Wu, PhD](#)

Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.
Living apart together (LAT) relationships and psychological well-being: Does partnership status matter for older adults?

via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> - Password: Boston
For more information contact Charles Ruberto: charles.ruberto@umb.edu

DIVERSITY DIGEST



Intergenerational Month 2024

The Intergenerational Foundation launched Intergeneration Month, held each September, to connect generations and to prompt folks from varying age groups to befriend and learn from each other.

Frenchwoman Jean Calment passed away at the age of 122 years and 165 days. She's widely believed to have had the longest lifespan of any person in history. Think of the stories she might have told!

CONNECT: learn from another generation, either younger or older than yourself. Step outside your comfort zone, and recognize what history you carry into conversations that is dictated by the generation you grew up in.

EMBRACE different points of view, of culture, language, education, and ideas. Thinking itself is molded by these components, step outside your own generation and welcome the ideas of another.

LISTEN to other generations, even the very young have lessons to teach their elders. Never stop learning, this is key to quality of life.

ACCEPT differences. Its ok.



Hispanic Heritage Month

We celebrate [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) (September 15 to October 15) to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. The observation began in 1968 as [Hispanic Heritage Week](#) under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. The theme for 2024 is [“Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together.”](#)

International Day of Sign Language – September 23, 2024

The United Nations recognizes September 23 as the International Day of Sign Languages to officially recognize the human rights of people who are deaf and the importance of sign languages. As there are more 70 million people who are deaf and more than 300 different sign languages across the globe, this day is important to supporting the identity and diversity of people who are deaf and/or use sign languages. For more information visit the [United Nation’s](#) observance page.

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National Historically Black Colleges & Universities Week

HBCU Week is being observed from September 2-8, 2024. HBCU week is an annual celebration that shines a spotlight on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the United States. The event includes college fairs, cultural activities, and discussions aimed at increasing awareness and support for these institutions while encouraging students to explore the unique opportunities HBCUs offer.

The history of HBCUs dates back to the early 19th century, with the establishment of institutions like Cheyney University of Pennsylvania in 1837, designed to provide higher education to Black Americans during a time when

they were largely excluded from mainstream colleges due to segregation. HBCUs have played a pivotal role in the education and empowerment of Black Americans, producing generations of leaders, professionals, and cultural icons. Today, HBCUs continue to uphold a legacy of academic rigor and Black Excellence.

Some well-known HBCU graduates include.; Keisha Lance Bottoms, Mayor of Atlanta, Florida A and M University. Civil rights Leader Julian Bond, Spelman College. And Vice President of the United States and the 2024 Democratic Party nominee for President, Kamala D. Harris, Howard University.

Learn more about HBCUs and sign up to stream HBCU week content on YouTube here:

<https://www.mpt.org/hbcu/>

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- 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.