Hello Everyone,

Thank you for registering for the 27th Annual Research Retreat to be held on November 3-4, 2022 at UMass Amherst Lincoln Campus Center & Hotel. We look forward to an exciting and informative event!

We would like to remind everyone that those experiencing any cold symptoms should not attend the Retreat. And, as always those that would like to wear a mask should feel free to do so.

Attached to this email is (1) the program agenda; (2) a PDF of the UMass Amherst campus highlighting the event location and parking areas; (3) directions to UMass Amherst from the UMass Worcester Campus; and (4) WiFi instructions for UMass Amherst. If you are staying at the hotels off site, here are the addresses- Inn on Boltwood, 30 Boltwood Ave. Amherst, MA 01002, Homewood Suites, 340 Russell St. (Route 9) Hadley, MA 01035, Hampton by Hilton 24 Bay Rd, Hadley, MA 01035, Fairfield Inn 115A Conz St. Northampton, MA 01060, and Hotel Northampton 36 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060.

You can find the program agenda by clicking here.

Additionally, below please find important information to assist you:

**EVENT CHECK IN:** At the Research Retreat check in, you will be provided with a name tag, lanyard and copies of this information packet will be available. The reverse side of your name tag will contain the following information (where applicable) – hotel, and roommate.

**ADDRESS LOCATION:** University of Massachusetts Amherst, 1 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA 01003

**PARKING:** See the attached PDF map highlighting the parking locations at UMass Amherst. When you check in at registration, the reverse side of your name badge will list your hotel accommodation.

- For those attendees staying at the campus hotel, parking is provided in the hotel garage and the hotel will validate your parking. It is best to park on the second floor for easy access to the hotel.
- For those attendees staying off campus and not traveling by bus, parking is provided at the Campus Center Garage. Please ask for a parking voucher at registration (good for both days).

Additional parking passes are available at the hotel registration check in desk.

**BUS:** If you registered for bus transportation (being provided by King Ward Bus Lines), please be in front of the North Road Library Lot on the Worcester campus the morning of Thursday, November 3rd no later than 7:00 am. The bus cannot wait for late arrivals and will depart promptly at 7:15am. Please make sure you arrive early enough to not cause a delay in boarding the bus or a delay in departure. There is no bus transportation being provided from Amherst back to Worcester on the evening of the 3rd. There will be a room at UMass Amherst in which you can put your luggage upon arrival.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS/CHECKING IN:**
There are six hotels accommodating our needs: UMass Amherst Campus Hotel (UMA), the Inn on Boltwood in Amherst, MA, Homewood Suites, Hadley, MA, Hampton Inn, Hadley, MA, Fairfield Inn Northampton, MA, and Hotel Northampton, Northampton, MA. Please note, there is no bus to the Fairfield Inn and the Hotel Northampton. Only those indicating that they will be driving were assigned to these hotels. Check the back of your name tag to see where you are staying. If you are staying off campus and are taking the bus from Worcester to Amherst, bus transportation will be made available to you at 4:30pm on Thursday, November 3rd to take you to your hotel to check in. Poster Presenters and those that would like to view the poster presentations should stay at the Retreat and check in later. The hotels have been informed of the possibility of late check in. Those using bus transportation will return to the campus at 6:20pm to attend the evening festivities. If you are driving yourself and are staying off campus at either the Fairfield Inn or Hotel
Northampton, please refer to the addresses provided above for your convenience. If you park in the Amherst garage for the evening festivities, please be sure to obtain a parking pass at the registration tables when you check in.

See the bus schedule below:

**Thursday, November 3rd, 2022**

**Morning to UMass Amherst:**
- **7:00am Pick Up:** North Road Library Lot (departing at 7:15am promptly), UMass Medical School, 55 Lake Ave North
- **8:30am Drop Off:** UMass Amherst Lincoln Campus Center, Flint Circle (100 feet from Conference Center)

**Afternoon to Hotels for check-in and back to Amherst:** **Poster Presenters/viewers should stay at the Retreat.**
- **4:30pm Pick Up:** UMass Amherst Lincoln Campus Center, Flint Circle (departing at 4:45 promptly)
- **4:52pm Drop Off:** Inn on Boltwood, Amherst, MA
- **5:01pm Drop Off:** Homewood Suites, Hadley, MA
- **5:09 pm Drop Off:** Hampton Inn, Hadley, MA
- **5:55pm Pick Up:** Hampton Inn, Hadley, MA
- **6:03pm Pick Up:** Homewood Suites, Hadley, MA
- **6:11pm Pick Up:** Inn on Boltwood, Amherst, MA
- **6:18pm Drop Off:** UMass Amherst Lincoln Campus Center, Flint Circle

**Evening Dinner to Hotels:**
- **9:00pm Pick Up:** UMass Amherst Lincoln Campus Center, Flint Circle (departing at 9:15pm promptly)
- **9:22pm Drop Off:** Inn on Boltwood, Amherst, MA
- **9:31pm Drop Off:** Homewood Suites, Hadley, MA
- **9:39pm Drop Off:** Hampton Inn, Hadley, MA

**Friday, November 4, 2022**

**Morning Hotel Pick Up/drop off:**
- **7:30am Pick Up:** Inn on Boltwood, Hadley MA
- **7:38am Pick Up:** Homewood Suites, Hadley, MA
- **7:45am Pick Up:** Hampton Inn, Hadley, MA
- **8:10am Drop Off:** Mass Amherst Lincoln Campus Center, Flint Circle

**Afternoon Departure:**
- **1:00pm Pick Up:** UMass Amherst Lincoln Campus Center, Flint Circle
- **2:15pm Drop Off:** UMass Medical School, Library Lot, North Rd., 55 Lake Avenue North, Worcester MA

**POSTER SESSION:** Poster Session board assignment numbers will be posted on the [CCTS website](#). Lists will also be available at the registration check in tables. Please put your poster up as soon as possible once you arrive on-site.

**SPEAKERS/PRESENTERS:** Please be sure that you have submitted your presentation and any video links to Melissa Brewer-Corash via the directions provided via the earlier email. Make sure to bring a backup of your presentation to the retreat on a flash drive in case of any technical issues. **Presentations will not be accepted the day of the retreat as we have a very full schedule.**

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Please note that in order to be served any alcoholic beverages during this retreat, **you must be wearing your identification badge.** It is also a good idea to have your driver’s license/ID on-hand. The bartenders have been instructed not to serve anyone who does not have their badge.

On behalf of the UMass Chan and the retreat planning committee, we look forward to seeing you at the retreat!