ANNOUNCEMENTS

48th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES 2021
Sunday, June 6, 2021 | Noon | UMMS Facebook and YouTube pages
Coughlin Field, Worcester State University

More than 250 students from the School of Medicine, the Graduate School of Nursing and the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences are expected to receive degrees. Honorary degrees will be awarded to Dan Riccio and Diane M. Casey Riccio, PhD, Henry M. Thomas, III, JD, and Michael P. Angelini, Esq. Each graduate will be allowed to invite four guests to the in-person, outdoor ceremony. [Get the links to watch all of the events.](#)

JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (JFDP): CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs

**Hybrid program | Mostly Zoom sessions with occasional in person session**

Application deadline: Friday, June 18, 2021

The JFDP will be offered for the 2021–22 academic year. This comprehensive faculty development program is targeted to Assistant Professors and comprises a weekly curriculum with topics in research, education and professional development, and a project mentored by a senior faculty mentor. Program sessions will be at 7:00–9:00 AM, Thursdays, September 2, 2021 – May 19, 2022. For more information and to apply, see [here](#).

EVENTS

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 | 1:00 PM | Zoom

You are invited to join Chancellor Collins, Provost Flotte and executive leaders Tuesday, May 18 at 1 p.m. for the next UMMS Virtual Town Hall Meeting. Institutional updates will be provided, and leaders will answer questions from the UMMS community. All UMMS COVID-19 guidance and information can be found [here](#), and links to previous virtual town hall meetings can be found [here](#).

AALANA FACULTY NETWORK
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 8:00 AM
Co-Sponsors: Diversity and Inclusion Office, Office of Faculty Affairs, Office of Health Equity

The AALANA network seeks to support and advance faculty of color through collaboration, celebration, and knowledge. The network will provide mentoring opportunities for faculty of color, as well as professional development and networking events. The AALANA Network name represents African American, Latinx, Asian and Native American. Register to attend [here](#).

If you are interested in joining or learning more about the group, please complete this [Interest Form](#).
DOROTHY ROBERTS, JD: THE PROBLEM WITH RIACE-BASED MEDICINE
Tuesday, June 22, 2021 12:00-1:00 PM
Family Medicine & Community Health Grand Rounds
Co-sponsors: UMMS Office for Health Equity Research, UMass Worcester Family Medicine Residency
Structural Oppression + Anti-Racism Committee and MassAHEC Network

Dorothy Roberts is an amazing scholar of law, sociology and civil rights, well known for her books
- Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty
- Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare
- Fatal Invention: How Science, Politics and Big Business Re-Create Race in the Twenty-First Century

She is a Professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Founding Director of the Penn Program on Race, Science, and Society. Register: https://umassmed.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_N6wNN_16TBafuUpmUKmaWw

UMMS 26th ANNUAL RESEARCH RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE
October 28 – 29, 2021 | Virtual
Sponsor: CCTS
We cordially invite you to attend the UMMS 26th Annual Research Retreat, October 28th & 29th. This program will be virtual, so please look for more announcements and registration information soon.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

2021 AAMC MINORITY FACULTY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR *Waitlist Only*
June 23–24, 2021 | Virtual
Sponsor: American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)
This program is designed for early-career faculty who are members of underrepresented racial and ethnic minority groups. Attendees will be equipped with innovative leadership tools and a variety of mentoring and networking opportunities. For more information see here.

RESOURCES

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW SUPPORT SERVICE
Sponsor: Lamar Soutter Library
Are you planning on conducting a systematic review? Let a librarian help! We can create robust search strategies, translate that search across databases, locate full text, and more! Get in touch with us here.

PREPARING FOR PROMOTION NOW AVAILABLE
The Office of Faculty Affairs previously held a series of workshops to guide faculty through the promotion process. While these workshops are currently not available, a previous virtual session with Dr. Robert Milner was recorded and is available for viewing. The session can be found here.

The Office of Faculty Affairs has revised the online information and resources related to the revised Academic Personnel Policy. Visit the OFA website at www.umassmed.edu/ofa/academic for information regarding the eligibility and criteria for promotion and tenure, areas of distinction, the basic file, and categories of appointment. The revised Academic Personnel Policy is available online here.

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