UPCOMING EVENTS

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING
Thursday, April 4, 2019 | 4:00–5:00 pm | Albert Sherman Center Auditorium
Sponsor: UMMMS Faculty Council
Featuring a presentation on Strategic Planning presented by Michael F. Collins, MD, FACP, Senior Vice President for the Health Sciences and Chancellor and Terence R. Flotte, MD, Celia and Isaac Haidak Professor, Dean, Provost and Executive Deputy Chancellor. All UMMMS faculty are welcome to attend.

“A MAGIC AND TRAGIC ROSEBUD” A TALK AND BOOK SIGNING BY NANCY PALKER, CRNP, WITH STEPHEN TOSI, MD
Thursday, April 11, 2019 | 5:00 pm Reception | 5:30–6:30 pm Discussion | Faculty Conference Room
Sponsor: Humanities in Medicine Committee of the Lamar Souther Library
Join us for a discussion and imagery as Nancy Palker and Stephen Tosi share their remarkable stories of their days working at the Rosebud Indian Health Service Hospital. It was 1973, a time of stress - civil unrest, death threats, and shootouts between the FBI and members of the American Indian Movement, and a time of unforgettable experiences of the resilience of the human spirit. Nancy Palker is retired from nursing after forty-five years and continues to advocate for the betterment of Rosebud’s health care system. Dr. Stephen Tosi is President, UMass Memorial Medical Group. Details: here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (JFDP): CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs
Application deadline: Friday, May 31, 2019
The JFDP will be offered for the 2019-20 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. The program sessions will be at 7:00–9:00 am, Thursdays from September 5, 2019 – May 21, 2020. For more information and to apply, see here.

WRITING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUPS
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs (OFA)
Writing Accountability Groups (WAGs) are designed to build the habit of writing regularly. WAGs consist of 4-8 individuals who meet for 1 hour a week for 10 weeks for the sole purpose of writing. New WAGs will start in the first week of April at 4:00–5:00 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and 8:00–9:00 am on Tuesdays. To register and for more information, contact OFA at FacultyAffairs@umassmed.edu.

DO YOU KNOW A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT INTERESTED IN NURSING?
Monday, April 8, 2019 | 4:00–7:00 pm | Albert Sherman Center Auditorium
Sponsor: UMass Graduate School of Nursing & the Worcester Nursing Pipeline Consortium
The Nursing Schools Expo is a free event for high school students interested in nursing as a career, their parents, teachers and guidance counselors. The event will include 14 Nursing Schools with exhibits, admission coordinators and nursing students along with a program highlighting different aspects of nursing as a career for life. Download a flyer here. For more information or to register for the event, contact Diane.Quinn@umassmed.edu or 508-856-3399 by April 4, 2019.

WOMEN AUTHORS EVENING
Thursday, April 11, 2019 | 5:00–7:00 pm | Alden Memorial Hall, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Sponsor: YWCA Central Massachusetts
Please join readers, writers, authors, and friends at an intimate gathering of women authors as they read from their work, discuss their writing process, and take questions from the audience. Featuring authors Carrie H. Johnson, Margot Livesey and Anita Diamont; moderated by Hank Phillipi Ryan. To benefit YWCA’s Daybreak Program, serving survivors of domestic violence in Central Massachusetts. For information and tickets see here.

UMASS MEDICAL SCHOOL ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND FRIENDS RECEPTION
Friday, April 12, 2019 | 6:00–8:00 pm | Philadelphia Marriott Downtown, Philadelphia, PA
Please join us in Philadelphia for a reception at the American College of Physicians (ACP) Internal Medicine Annual Meeting. You do not need to be registered for the meeting to attend the reception. More information here.

TALKING WITH PATIENTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OPIOID CRISIS AND THE DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA
Friday, May 3, 2019 | 1:00–3:00 pm | University Campus, Worcester, MA
Massachusetts became the seventh state to legalize recreational marijuana—the first shops have opened but the consequences remain to be seen. How can we help our patients in the midst of rapid change and the ongoing opioid crisis? What is the best approach to pain, and mothers and infants affected by substance use disorder? Join Pain Specialist Michael Connelly, MD’86 and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome specialist and Pediatric Hospitalist Jennifer Murzycki, MD/PhD’08 for a presentation and discussion. This event is part of the 2019 Alumni Reunion. Available for CME credit; $15 registration fee includes boxed lunch. Register here.
AAMC GRANT WRITERS COACHING GROUP FOR NIH AWARDS
Sponsor: American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)
June 27, 2019 | Atlanta, GA
This program helps underrepresented faculty in medicine enhance critical writing skills and strengthen grant proposals. The intensive 1-day workshop is open to those actively working on both K and R NIH grant proposals. Application deadline: April 11, 2019. For more information see here.

AAMC MINORITY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
Sponsor: American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)
June 27–30, 2019 | Atlanta, GA
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. Application deadline: May 22, 2019. For more information see here.

FUTURE EVENTS—Mark Your Calendars!

PREPARING FOR PROMOTION WORKSHOP
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | 8:00–10:00 am | S2-351
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs
This workshop is designed for UMMS faculty who are considering promotion in the near future. It will focus specifically on selecting your Area of Distinction and writing a Narrative Statement. Registration

UMASS DIABETES DAY 2019
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | 8:00 am–Noon | Albert Sherman Center Auditorium
Sponsor: Diabetes Center of Excellence
Registration deadline: Friday, April 26, 2019
Join us as we celebrate the UMass Diabetes Center of Excellence as a leading institution for diabetes research and patient care. The morning will include updates on our clinical and research successes, presentation of research & care awards, a poster session, and keynote speakers. For information and registration see here.

UMMS 24TH ANNUAL RESEARCH RETREAT
October 17–18, 2019 | UMass Amherst Conference Center
Sponsors: The Office of Research, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences and the Center for Clinical and Translational Science
You are cordially invited to attend the UMMS 24th Annual Research Retreat. Look for more announcements in May regarding registration and other important information!

RESOURCES

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: www.umassmed.edu/ofa/governance-policies/academic-personnel-policy

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