UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
Tuesday, March 19, 2019 | 7:45–11:45am | S2-351
Sponsor: Office of Faculty Affairs
The purpose of the orientation is to provide new faculty at all levels with a foundation for a successful academic and professional career at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Registration

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
Thursday, March 21, 2019 | 12:00–1:00pm | Faculty Conference Room
Sponsor: Diversity & Inclusion Office
Join us for Women’s History Month as we celebrate "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence" featuring keynote speaker Susan Bro, whose daughter was killed during the white-nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. Bro set up a foundation in her daughter’s name. The Heather Heyer Foundation grants scholarships, works with groups such as the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and supports social-justice causes. Lunch provided (11:30am–12:00 pm). Registration

PATIENT MEMORIAL SERVICE
Monday, March 25, 2019 | 5:30–7:00pm | ASC Multi-Purpose Room
Sponsor: UMass Gold Humanism Honor Society of 2019
Join us in honoring the lives of patients who have passed away. Service will include music by UMass Med Docapella, readings, poetry, and opportunity for spiritual reflection. All students, faculty, residents, and hospital staff are encouraged to attend this event.

GENERAL FACULTY MEETING
Thursday, April 4, 2019 | 4:00–5:00pm | Albert Sherman Center Auditorium
Sponsor: UMMS 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 UMMS faculty are welcome to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Faculty.Affairs@umassmed.edu

WOMEN'S FACULTY COMMITTEE OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARDS—Call for Nominations!
Sponsor: Women's Faculty Committee
You are invited to nominate women faculty who have demonstrated excellence in education, community service, scientific achievement or patient care and to nominate both men and women faculty for the mentoring award. The awards will be presented at the 19th Annual Awards Luncheon on Monday, May 20, 2019. For nomination guidelines see here. Nominations should be submitted to the Office of Faculty Affairs (University Campus, S1-710G) or by email to Faculty.Affairs@umassmed.edu no later than March 15, 2019.

WOMEN AUTHORS EVENING
Thursday, April 11, 2019 | 5:00–7:00pm | 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 Diamant; moderated by Hank Phillip 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 | 6:00–8:00pm | 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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2019 WORCESTER FOUNDATION GRANTS — Request for Proposals!
Sponsor: UMMS Office of Research
Funds raised through the Hudson Hoagland Society have been earmarked for start-up or seed grants to be awarded to investigators at the Medical School in support of innovative projects in basic, translational or clinical research. The ideal applications are for support of projects in which initial or additional data would likely advance the project’s merit for federal or other external funding. Deadline: March 15, 2019. For more information see here
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

AAMC EARLY CAREER WOMEN FACULTY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR
Sponsor: American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC)
July 27–30, 2019 | St. Louis, MO
Designed for women faculty at the assistant professor level who are considering leadership positions, this comprehensive and engaging program provides an introduction to the knowledge and skills needed to pursue leadership roles within academic medicine. Application deadline: March 13, 2019. For more information see 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. The application deadline will be announced soon; for more information see the AAMC website here.

FUTURE EVENTS—Mark Your Calendars!

PREPARING FOR PROMOTION WORKSHOP
Tuesday, May 7, 2019 | 8:00–10:00am | 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–Noon | Albert Sherman Center Auditorium
Sponsor: Diabetes Center of Excellence
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.

EMPOWER SUMMIT 3 (EMpowering PrOfessional Women for Executive Roles)
Friday, May 17, 2019 | 8:00am–5:00pm
Sponsors: Office of Faculty Affairs, Department of Ob/Gyn, UMass Medical School, UMass Memorial Health Care, UMMS-Baystate, Baystate Health
The third annual EMPOWER Summit is a one-day immersive, interactive leadership development opportunity focused on gender equity in medicine and leadership, and the role leaders play in increasing faculty engagement, mitigating burnout and promoting vitality. Current and aspiring women leaders, and the men and women who mentor or sponsor them are welcome to attend. Registration

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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