

Weekly Newsletter February 26 – March 1, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 28 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting – Title: Quantifying Regression to the Mean in the PRISM Study

Presenters: Julie Flahive, MS, Biostatistician, Quantitative Methods Core, UMass Chan Medical School

Description: We will look at an application of quantifying regression to the mean in [the PRISM \(PProgram In Support of Moms\) study](#). We will review the concept of regression to the mean, get an overview of the PRISM study, look at [the Barnett article](#) proposing how to quantify regression to the mean, and review our findings.

Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 937 1668 5400 password: 492717

WELCOME TO PQHS



Welcome to PQHS!! Michelle Boakye PhD, MPH, RN recently joined PQHS as an adjunct Assistant Professor in the Division of Health Informatics and Implementation Science. Dr. Boakye is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the UMass Boston College of Nursing and Health Sciences. She is originally from Ghana where she earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and master's in public health from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology. Michelle obtained her Ph.D. in Nursing from Pennsylvania State University. She is a 2023 American Diabetes Association Scholar and the 2022 Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES) Foundation mentored postdoctoral fellow in integrated diabetes management. This prestigious fellowship was completed at Villanova University. Dr. Boakye's research interests include diabetes self-management education and support and person-centered diabetes care. Her current work is on developing and testing the feasibility of using a web-based tool to assess and address the immediate concerns of adults newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Her overall research goal is to improve psychosocial and self-management support for adults newly diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

PQHS HOT TOPICS



The PRC at UMass Chan is pleased to share the 2023 Annual Report. [PRC at UMass Chan Medical School 2023 Annual Report](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Monday, April 1, 2024
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. (new time)
via [Zoom](#)

Manu Thakral, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, University of
Massachusetts Boston Chronic Geriatric Pain and Its Impacts on Health
and Quality of Life

Thursday, April 25, 2024
11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Sarah Forrester, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Population and Quantitative Health
Sciences, UMass Chan Medical School
Stress, Depression, and Age Acceleration: Why Time Matters in Black
Health

Monday, May 2, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Chantel Pheiffer, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Public Health,
University of Massachusetts Boston
Migration and Population Health: Insights from South Africa

via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> Password: Boston
For more information contact Jaqueline Contrera Avila: Jaqueline.Avila@umb.edu



Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 12:00-1:00PM

“Making Reproducibility Research More Systematic”

Presented by: Abel Brodeur, PhD, Assistant Professor at University of Ottawa & Institute for Replication

Click [here](#) to join. Password: 602937

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- Patriots’ Day – Monday, April 15th
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 27th
- Juneteenth National Independence Day – Thursday, June 19th
- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4th
- Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd
- 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.