



Weekly Newsletter April 8-12, 2024

PQHS NEWS

PQHS SHOUT OUT



Regina Roboin has been appointed to the Library Publishing Coalition's (LPC) Board. Her term will run from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027. The Library Publishing Coalition Board oversees the governance, organizational structure, Bylaws, and the review and direction of the membership of the Library Publishing Coalition. The LPC web site is <https://librarypublishing.org/>. The Lamar Soutter Library is a member of the LPC, they are library publishers (see their publishing page for more information <https://publishing.escholarship.umassmed.edu/>).

PQHS HAPPENINGS



Sign up to have lunch with the Chair & Vice Chair! There are still slots available to pick from. Lunch with the Chair and Vice Chair sign ups are first come first serve for 3 Faculty Members and 3 Staff Members each month to have to have a nice catered meal and to talk about anything, but *NO WORK TALK*. Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up for the date that works for you. Thank you!
Click [here](#) to sign up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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



Thursday, April 11, 2024, 12:00PM – Albert Sherman Center Auditorium
“Black Maternal Health Week (April 11-17)” part of the Health Equity Distinguished Lecture Series hosted by UMass Chan Collaborative in Health Equity
Guest: Ndidiamaka Amutah-Onukagha, PhD, MPH, the Julia A. Okoro Professor of Black Maternal Health in the Department of Public Health, and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine



Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 3:00PM – AS8.2072 & Zoom
Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Master’s in Clinical Investigation Program Announces the MSCI Dissertation Defense of Pryce Michener **“Implementation of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder in Jail Settings and the Post-Release Risk Environment”**
Click [here](#) to join. Password: 931781



Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 10:00-11:00AM – Zoom.
PQHS Special Seminar: “Applying Physics Reasoning in Epidemiology”
Presented By: Dustin Burns, PhD
 Click [here](#) to join. Password: 492717

UMASS CHAN REMINDER



Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 12:00-3:00PM – University Campus (on the plaza between the Medical School Building and Sherman Center, near North Road and Library parking lot)
Employee Appreciation: Food Truck Fest
 Join for fun and food as we say Thank you to UMass Chan employees!

Open enrollment STARTS Wednesday APRIL 3

Open enrollment ENDS Wednesday MAY 1

2024 BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT

Benefits that do not require action unless making changes:

- Health Insurance
- Health Insurance Buy-Out Option
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance

Benefits that require you to re-enroll each open enrollment:

- Health Care Spending Account
- Dependent Care Assistance Program
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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.