



Weekly Newsletter August 28-September 1, 2023

## PQHS NEWS

### PQHS HOT TOPICS

Several faculty members, staff, and students from PQHS attended the International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology (ISPE) Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada to present their work and recruit for the CPHR program.



Pictured left from right: Dr. Tony Nunes, Esther Boama-Nyarko, Echo Liang, Atinuke Oyinbo, Alison Rataj, Meagan Sabatino, Clevanne Julce, Dr. Matthew Alcusky and Dr. Kate Lapane sitting at table.

### Research Meetings

Click [here](#) to view the PQHS Research Meeting Site for schedules, slides, references and a blog.

**Organizers:** Drs. [Arlene Ash](#) and [Jonggyu Baek](#) in Division of Biostatistics, PQHS

**What are our goals?** Broadly, to help local researchers learn how to conduct research better.

**When do we meet?** Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 am EST via Zoom (September 2023 to July 2024)

**What do we discuss in the meetings?**

We use these weekly research meetings in various ways, e.g., to

- Tell people about a newly funded or ongoing project, and possibly identify interested collaborators or learn about related work
- Present an underused research method that we hope to encourage people to adopt
- Discuss an idea or set of issues that we are grappling with (like how to measure, define and “pay for” reducing inequities)
- Present and discuss a specific research paper
- Present a research problem that we seek help to resolve, or while developing a research proposal or responding to reviewers' comments

**Who is our audience?** Attendance is open to anyone interested. Please contact [Jonggyu.baek@umassmed.edu](mailto:Jonggyu.baek@umassmed.edu) to be added to the circulation list for weekly announcements that will contain the zoom link.

<https://www.umassmed.edu/pqhs/research/tuesday-research-meetings/>

## PQHS SHOUT OUT



Congratulations to [Feifan Liu PhD](#) on his promotion to Associate Professor, non-tenure track, that was approved effective August 25, 2023.

Shout out!



Shoutout to [Jennifer Tjia MD, MSCE](#) for receiving NOGA for the MPI R01 with University of Alabama for project titled: *"African American (AA) Communities Speak: Partnering with AAs in the North and South to Train Palliative Care Clinicians to Address Interpersonal and Systemic Racism and Provide Culturally Aligned Care"*



The Center for Tobacco Treatment Research and Training (CTTRT) is pleased to announce that [Dr. Elise Stevens](#) will be transitioning into the role of Director of the Center upon Dr. Lori Pbert's retirement on September 1, 2023. Dr. Stevens is an assistant professor in the Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine within the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences. Her career has focused on understanding how to reduce tobacco use among various populations using health communication. Dr. Stevens' work spans two areas: 1) developing health messages aimed at engagement in healthy behaviors (e.g., intervention messaging) and 2) identifying marketing techniques and features that promote the use of unhealthy products (e.g., advertising of tobacco products). Her work informs the development of tobacco education messaging and tobacco policy regulations. Dr. Pbert, who founded and has directed the Center since 1997, will assume the role of Director Emeritus for the Center.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 1:30-3:00PM**

**CPHR Dissertation Proposal Presentation: "Improving Women Veteran's Experience of Obstetric Care"**

Presented by – Lael Ngangmeni, BA, MBS; Mentor: [Kristin Mattocks, PhD, MPH](#)  
Click [here](#) to join. **Password: 301815**



**Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 10:00-11:00AM**

**Introduction to Rapid Qualitative Methods Workshop** - This workshop will give an overview of rapid qualitative methods, delve into the analytic process, and share examples and lessons learned from our team's work using these methods. Presented by – Grace Ryan, PhD, MPH and Melissa Goulding PhD, MS  
Click [here](#) to register, registration is required.



**Thursday, September 28, 2023, 11:30AM-1:30PM** in the lobby of the Medical School  
**Faculty Affairs Hosting Faculty Resource Fair:** For an old-fashioned, in-person resource fair! Access essential information and make in-person contacts with offices that help support faculty endeavors and faculty advancement.



**Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:00-11:30AM**  
***Leveraging Community Engagement To Address Behavioral Health Disparities In The Deaf Community***

Featured Speakers – [Melissa Anderson, PhD, MSCI](#) and [Alexander Wilkins, PhD](#)  
 Click [here](#) to register.



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**MASS CHAN REMINDER**

**GRANT  
OPPORTUNITIES**



NIDDK has issued two RFAs seeking to solicit projects that will form a consortium aimed at using diverse data types to improve subclassification of T2D. These RFAs solicit projects that will make use of large and diverse U.S.-based cohorts with large number of individuals with T2D. More information can be found in the published RFAs here:

RFA-DK-23-019: Integration of Novel Measures for Improved Classification of Type 2 Diabetes

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-23-019.html>

RFA-DK-23-020: Integration of Novel Measures for Improved Classification of Type 2 Diabetes – Biostatistics Research Center

<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-23-020.html>

The receipt date for these will be October 26, 2023.



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](mailto:kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu)) & Sarah ([sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu](mailto:sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu)) by Friday each week.*