

Weekly Newsletter February 20-23, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 21 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting – Title: How Employer-Sponsored Health Insurance Costs are Impacting Earnings Inequality Among US Families

Presenters: Kurt Hager, PhD, Instructor, PQHS, UMass Chan Medical School

Description: Kurt Hager will present new research published in JAMA Network Open describing an economic evaluation of US families receiving employer sponsored health insurance. The presentation will outline how three decades of increasing health care premiums are associated with reduced annual earnings, wage stagnation, and increased earnings inequality by race and ethnicity.

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

PQHS SHOUTOUT



Congratulations to Mary McNally on her promotion to Grants and Contracts Specialist III. Mary is hard-working and dedicated, she finds things that haven't been done before it's too late! Thank you, Mary, and Congratulations!!

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:

- Presidents Day – Monday, February 19th
- 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.