



Weekly Newsletter July 15-19, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday, July 17 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**Research Meeting –Title:** Trimming in propensity score: improve the robustness and validity of causal inference in observational studies

**Presenter:** Shimei (Echo) Liang, MS, MA Ph.D. Candidate in Population Health Sciences, UMass Chan Medical School

**Bio:** Echo is mentored by Matthew Alcusky, PhD, PharmD, MS and her research interest is in pharmacoepidemiology and health system including insurance claim data, prescription drug effectiveness, health intervention, as well as the development of healthcare system evaluation to promote health surveillance. She is working on her dissertation about antidepressants for depressive symptoms and agitation in ADRD among nursing home residents.

**Brief Description:** This presentation will provide an overview of trimming in propensity score in observational research, with a focus on fixed threshold trimming. In addition to discussing the technic of trimming methods in healthcare research, the application of trimming in propensity score to study the effectiveness of treatments will be discussed.

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

WELCOME TO PQHS



**Please Welcome to PQHS Benedicta Treku!** I am excited to join the PQHS team as an Administrative Assistant III, bringing a strong background in office management, administrative support and dedication to organizational excellence. My background includes coordinating complex schedules, streamlining office operations, and providing exceptional customer service. I look forward to contributing to the success of our medical school and supporting our faculty and students. Benedicta has over 17 years of experience in various positions, with the most recent as an Administrative Coordinator at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley in Texas. Her start date is July 15th, 2024 and she'll be in Kelley Baron's former office on the 6th floor. *Please give her a warm PQHS Welcome!*

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



Thursday, August 1, 2024, 9:30-10:00AM in AS9-2072

**PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation:** *"The Prevalence of Central Nervous System-Active Polypharmacy in Nursing Home Residents in the U.S. During the COVID-19 Pandemic."*

**Presented by:** Heeyoon Jung, BSN, MS

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Thursday, August 1, 2024, 11:00-11:30AM in AS9-2072

**PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation:** *"Evaluating the impact of opioid misuse on depression prevalence in a large national cohort."*

**Presented by:** Nathaniel Glassy, ALM, CCRC

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**Friday, August 2, 2024, 8:30-9:00AM in AS9-2072**

**PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation:** *“Associations between parent-perceived neighborhood support and healthy lifestyles and food security among children.”*

**Presented by:** Claire Branley, BS

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**Friday, August 2, 2024, 11:00-11:30AM in AS9-2072**

**PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation:** *“Dietary Patterns and Metabolic Syndrome Prevalence Among US Young Adults: NHANES 2011-2018 Analysis.”*

**Presented by:** Mary Lee, BS, MPH

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**Thursday, August 8, 2024, 10:00-10:30AM in AS9-2072**

**PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation:** *“Assessing the relationship between ethnic minority language barrier and depression among Spanish speaking Latinos living in US nursing homes.”*

**Presented by:** Natalia Nielsen, MPH

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**Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 8:30-9:00AM in AS9-2072**

**PHS Comprehensive Project Presentation:** *“Association of everyday discrimination and sleep quality: data from the All of Us Research Program.”*

**Presented by:** HyeIn Lee, BS

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#### UMASS CHAN REMINDER

#### Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

##### Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- Labor Day – Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Veterans Day – Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>



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.