

Weekly Newsletter September 16-20, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday, September 16, 2024, 1:00PM-2:15PM – via [Zoom](#)

[Nekehia T. Quashie, PhD](#)

Assistant Professor, Department of Health Studies, University of Rhode Island

Paths Less Travelled: Family Ties and Later Life Health in Latin America and the Caribbean

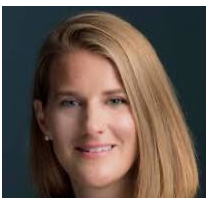
Research Methods Meetings Resume - We are excited to announce that the [PQHS Wednesday Research Methods Meetings](#) will resume starting September 18 and will continue through June 18, 2025 (with a summer break in July and August). Meetings are held on the **1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 10 AM**.

The goal is to share innovative research methods, explore current challenges like reducing inequities, highlight method-focused publications, seek feedback on research problems for grants, and identify collaborators for new or ongoing projects.

Meeting details will be announced in the weekly PQHS newsletter but if you would like to receive a reminder prior to each seminar, please email judi.saber@umassmed.edu to be added to the distribution list. If you are on this list, you will also receive an Outlook invitation to your calendar.

We also invite you to consider presenting your work at one of our meetings. Please contact arlene.ash@umassmed.edu if you'd like to learn more.

We look forward to seeing you there and engaging in valuable discussions!



Wednesday, September 18, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Methods Meeting – MassHealth Population Health Program: Progress and Next Steps

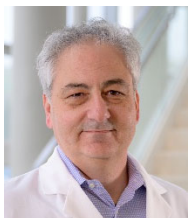
Presenter: Molly M. Simmons, PhD

Description: Dr. Simmons will discuss the development of the MassHealth Population Health Program. She will discuss data sources, analytical approaches and provide a demonstration of how data is presented for use by the agency. She will be asking for input on next steps, including the

integration of risk scoring in the population health program.

Click [here](#) to join or call 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 94829516040 password: 202286

WELCOME TO PQHS



WELCOME TO PQHS! A warm welcome to David Dosa, MD, MPH as secondary faculty in the Division of Epidemiology. Dr. Dosa is Chief of Geriatrics at UMass Chan Medical School and a health services researcher with a history of funding from the National Institutes of Aging and the Veteran's Administration. Research interests include the Effect of Hurricanes and Climate Change Related Disasters on Older Adults, Long Term Services Research and Quality Improvement, Pharmacoepidemiology, and Antibiotic Stewardship. The author of over 100 peer reviewed papers, Dr. Dosa is also the NY Times Bestselling Author of Making Rounds with Oscar, a book that has been

published in over a dozen languages.

PQHS SHOUTOUT



[Elena Byhoff, MD MSc](#) received a notice of award for her first R01. "BROkering Clinical Community Linkages to Improve (BROCCOLI) Food security". This award is sponsored by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR).



[Grace Ryan, PhD, MPH](#) received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for her project titled, "ARISE Center for Rural Vaccination at UMass Chan Medical School." Over the five-year funding period, the team will conduct research focused to test effectiveness of vaccine promotion messages in rural populations and then use those findings to inform adaptation and testing of a community-led vaccine ambassador program in rural New England communities. The team is partnering with the New England Rural Health Association who will support efforts around community outreach and engagement and dissemination.

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!



UMass ARC PBRN Pilot Project Awards 2024 Call for Applications: Letters of intent are due September 16, 2024

The UMass Ambulatory Research Consortium (ARC) practice-based research network (PBRN) welcomes submissions for pilot project awards. Study teams should include a practicing clinician and a health services investigator. Awardees will have access to support from PBRN core staff, the DOM Research Core, and CCTS cores, as appropriate for the project. Projects that address one or more of the following areas are encouraged:

- Development or piloting of interventions focused on improving health outcomes, patient engagement, or patient/caregiver experience in primary care
- Development or piloting of interventions that address clinician satisfaction or engagement in primary care
- Research topics that are relevant to primary care
- New approaches to linking practices to community-based organizations to improve health outcomes or health equity
- Digital health solutions to improve patient experience, outcomes, equity, or practice efficiency

Click [here](#) to learn more and apply.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Monday, October 7, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

[Adriana Reyes, PhD](#)
Assistant Professor Departments of Public Policy and Sociology, Cornell University.
Topic TBD.

Monday, October 28, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

[Hui \(Cathy\) Liu, PhD](#)
Professor Department of Sociology Purdue University
Same-Sex Couples and Cognitive Function in Later Life

Monday, November 4, 2024
1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

[Huijing Wu, PhD](#)
Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica, Taiwan.
Living apart together (LAT) relationships and psychological well-being: Does partnership status matter for older adults?

via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> - Password: Boston
For more information contact Charles Ruberto: charles.ruberto@umb.edu

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- 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.