



Weekly Newsletter September 23-27, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thursday, September 26 – Friday, September 27, 2024

Korean Delegation - Jeroan will host a high-level South Korean delegation on campus this Thursday and Friday. Guests will include the President and CEO of Hallym University, the Dean of Hallym University Medical School, and the Governor of Gangwon State. The purpose of the delegation is to foster collaboration with our medical school and health system.



Sunday, September 29, 2024, - Polar Park (located at 100 Madison Street in Worcester)

As you may know, the UMass Cancer Walk is taking place on Sunday, September 29th, at Polar Park. There are several PQHS members that are planning to participate in the UMass Cancer Walk as part of the Cancer Population Health Sciences team. If you are interested in joining the team and/or donating, click on the link in the email below and search for the Cancer Population Health Sciences team. Those who wish to attend the event must register online at umasscancerwalk.org. The registration fee is \$15 per person for those over the age of 12; children 12 and under must also register, but the fee is waived by using the promotion code CHILD.

Additional details:

- A brief speaking program and the traditional Survivor Lap will precede the official start of the walk.
- The route is a certified 5K (3.1 miles) and will begin and end inside Polar Park. Registered supporters can walk at their own pace along this route.

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!

WELCOME TO PQHS

Welcome

WELCOME TO PQHS! A warm welcome to Andrew Gallego started on September 16th. He graduated from Boston University with a bachelor's in Health Science and is interested in pursuing a career in Public Health. Previously, Andrew conducted research with the Department of Environmental Sciences at the University of Virginia, where he studied the concentration of CO and NO₂ in New York City and how pollution is unequally distributed throughout the city. Andrew is excited to bring academic and professional experience to the team and further develop his skills.



WELCOME TO PQHS! A warm welcome to Dustin Burns, PhD, GStat joined PQHS as an affiliate Instructor in the Division of Epidemiology. Dr. Dustin Burns is a scientist at an engineering and scientific consulting firm assisting clients in the healthcare and government sectors implement data strategies, scale data architectures, and perform complex statistical analyses. Combining his background in laboratory experiments with his expertise in data analytics, AI, and cloud computing, Dr. Burns contributes to projects along the entire data science lifecycle. Dustin is drawn to apply his math and physics training to epidemiology research by asking questions on the foundations of methodologies for study design, causal inference, and applications of AI in epidemiology.

PQHS SHOUTOUT



Congratulations to [Dr. Jen Tjia](#) on being awarded tenure in the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences in the TH Chan School of Medicine at the UMass Chan Medical School. This prestigious recognition reflects her outstanding achievements in research and scholarly work, her significant contributions to education, teaching, and mentorship, as well as her exceptional service at both the departmental and institutional levels. We congratulate Dr. Tjia on achieving tenure and extend our sincere appreciation for her support of the Medical School.



Congratulations to [Stephenie Lemon, PhD](#) on being approved by the Board of Trustees as one of the established endowed chairs. UMass Memorial Health gift, with matching funds from UMass Foundation, to fund five new endowed chairs at UMass Chan - Chancellor Collins announces 12 new endowed chairs, meeting institutional goal of 75 endowed chairs by 2025. Click [here](#) for complete story.

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



Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 11:30AM-1:30PM – Faculty Conference Room 1st Floor of the Medical School Office of Faculty Affairs is hosting Faculty Resource Fair: Access essential information and make in-person contacts with offices that help support faculty endeavors and faculty advancement.

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

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.