

Black History Month 2021 Theme

Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme.

The Black History Month 2021 theme, “Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity” explores the African diaspora, and the spread of Black families across the United States.

Appreciative Reflection of the Day

IF you want the cooperation of humans around you, you must make them feel they are important and you do that by being genuine and humble.

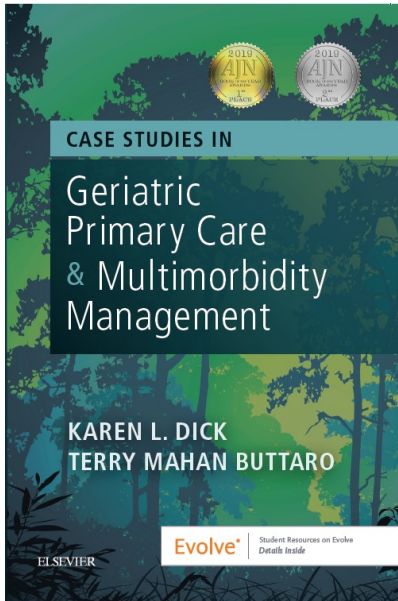
Nelson Mandela

[The Diversity and Inclusion Office Welcomes new Vice Chancellor – Dr. Marlina Duncan](#)

Dr. Duncan will oversee the Diversity and Inclusion Office and partner with diversity leaders across our institution's three schools, business units, and academic and administrative departments to ensure we meet the goals and milestones outlined in the Medical School's IMPACT 2025 strategic plan, and that diversity and inclusion remain at the forefront of our work. Dr. Duncan will collaborate closely with the vice provost for health equity, she will be an expert resource for diversity-related training and will lead initiatives to enhance our campus culture. Dr. Duncan is looking forward to working with you. Please feel free to reach out and welcome Dr. Duncan to the University.

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Faculty Spotlight



AAP Announces Finalists For 2021 Prose Awards Honoring Scholarly Works! We are overjoyed and proud that GSN's Associate Dean for Advanced Practice Programs, Karen Dick PhD, GNP-BC, FAANP on the selection of her book "Geriatric Primary Care and Multimorbidity Management" 1e as a Prose Award Finalist for 2021. <https://bit.ly/2MwqjzE>

This book was written to provide a case-based approach to the care of older adults. Several GSN faculty contributed chapters including Jean Boucher, Dawn Carpenter, Susan Feeney, Nancy Morris, Ken Peterson, Mary Sullivan, and Patricia White. The book received two Book of the Year awards from American Journal of Nursing in the categories of geriatric nursing (first place) and advanced practice nursing (second place).



Dr. Mechelle Plasse
Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator for the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner track

Published in Massachusetts Report on Nursing. Read her article "Running towards the fire: recognizing and managing traumatic distress among acute care health providers amid a pandemic" <https://www.nursingald.com/publications/2199>

Journal article: Psychosocial support for providers working high-risk exposure units during a pandemic: A critical discussion, *Nursing Inquiry* Published Jan 2021 <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/nin.12399>

Podium conference presentation (virtual) titled: "Incorporating allyship and social justice into a competency-based graduate nursing curriculum: A parallel process of critical consciousness and skill acquisition" @ International Society for Psychiatric Nursing (ISPN) 23rd annual conference: *Resiliency in Action: Advocating for Healthy Communities* on March 25, 2021.



Gayle Gravlin Ed.D., RN, NEA-BC; Mary Fortunato-Habib DNP, MS, RN; and Donna Gemme DNP, MS RN presented at the AACN Doctoral Education Conference in January 2021. Their presentation "Organizational and Systems Leadership: Using a "Shark Tank" Approach to Apply Business Principles for Practice Change" purpose was to describe an innovative approach for teaching DNP learners to apply healthcare finance concepts to clinically impactful organizational change projects. Watch the whole presentation here: <https://youtu.be/9tcu5Ejk9Zo>

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Congratulations! **Shari Harding**, DNP, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP, CPRP, Assistant Professor on her article “Supporting the Oral Health Needs of Individuals with Mental Illness” in the January/February 2021 Oral Health issue of Worcester Medicine. Read the article (page 11) here: <https://bit.ly/3aI2LSe>

Gallery of Leadership - Addressing Racism and Inequality

AACN is proud to announce this new section of our Gallery of Leadership focused on addressing racism and inequality and fostering inclusive learning environments.

To recognize academic nursing's work to address structural racism and advance equitable change, AACN has developed a Gallery of Leadership, which features insights and inspirations from member deans. A new introductory video has been created to highlight specific ways academic nursing leaders are moving to redesign systems and foster more inclusive learning environments.

Our GSN video has made it to the AACN Gallery of Leadership. With contributions from Joan Vitello, Dean of the Graduate School of Nursing; Max Quinn, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management; Ken Peterson, Assistant Professor; and Ricardo Poza, Assistant Dean of Curriculum Innovation.

Click on the images to view videos <https://bit.ly/2NwmSKl>

Annual NONPF Conference April 2021, podium presentation acceptance

Jill Terrien, Associate Dean for Interprofessional and Community Partnerships; Janet Hale, Professor; Jennifer Tjia and Janice Sabin. Title: “Collaborating with vulnerable communities for authentic simulation experiences to increase NP provider awareness of the impact of social determinants of health, implicit bias and racism on health outcomes”

Susan Feeney, Director, Adult-Gerontology, Family & Psych Mental Health NP Tracks; Alexander Menard, Assistant Professor; Coordinator, Acute Care Track; Rachel Richards, Assistant Professor; Coordinator, AG-PCNP track. Title: “Innovation and Adaptation During a Pandemic to preserve program integrity and student progress”

Student Spotlight



“What excites me about health policy is that anyone can get involved in it.”

Heather Lovelace discusses representing the Graduate School of Nursing in D.C. & working in aesthetics. Read about her work with sugarcane workers: <http://bit.ly/3quJSYg>

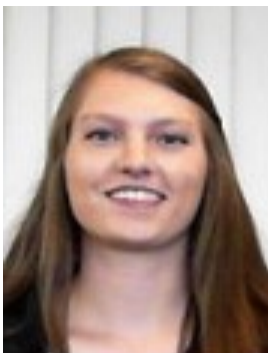


Congratulations **Heidi Boland and Grace Winship**, DNP Students on receiving funding for the Implementation of Outer Cape Health Services' Sano Health Smartphone Pilot Project, through the Huppert Community Scholar Award.



“This is a great way for me to gain more experience teaching in a field that I love.”

DNP student Jacqueline Mbugua describes the benefits of the Graduate School of Nursing's new teaching associate program: <http://bit.ly/3ctwHD3>



Congratulations **Samantha Creamer, GSN DNP Student and Annie Thornton, SOM Student** on receiving funding through the Huppert Community Scholar Award. For their project “Bridging the Gap between the Veteran Community and Future Health Care Providers at the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic”. Their proposal exemplifies Mick Huppert’s vision for community-engaged projects. We look forward to hearing from you and your faculty mentors, Janet Hale and Linda Cragin, as your project unfolds.



Alumni Spotlight



2020 graduate **Tiana Ingersoll, DNP, FNP-BC** has just had her project findings published in the journal *Nursing for Women's Health*. "Improving Knowledge of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception in an Adolescent and Young Adult Female Population" Objective: To improve adolescent and young adult clients' knowledge of long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) methods by standardizing the education they received at an outpatient clinic. Read more: <https://adobe.ly/3upSthw>



2019 graduate **Cheryl L. Hersperger, PhD, RN, PHNA-BC** moved to the Southcoast of Rhode Island May 2020. Has been volunteering with the Medical Reserve Corps for the Rhode Island Department of Emergency Management. (RI/DEM) and for the Covid-19 testing and vaccine clinics throughout the State.

2013 Graduate **Christopher Gagnon, AGACNP** is working at Portsmouth Regional Hospital in Critical Care, ICU, Code Blue Team, Code Blue committee, and Rapid response committee.

"Living in NH is wonderful" says Gagnon "Feels less stressful than Massachusetts sometimes"



Announcements



THE UMASS DOMINICAN REPUBLIC BATEY HEALTH INITIATIVE FUNDRAISER

WHERE 50 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA 01545

WHEN Fri, Feb 26th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

Bring this flyer or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order and we'll donate a portion of the proceeds from your purchase.*

We're committed to your safety.

This cafe offers these additional ordering options so you can support the cause in whichever way you feel most comfortable. When ordering online, enter code **PRFUND** at checkout to ensure your organization gets a portion of the proceeds.



*Not valid for purchases, catering, bank, and third party delivery orders. Excludes out-of-stock items. See our website for more details.

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Dear UMMS Community,

We invite you to support the UMass Dominican Republic Batey Health Initiative (DR BHI). This is a comprehensive, longitudinal global health initiative lasting over 10 years that focuses on migrant Haitian and Dominican sugar cane workers and their families residing on bateyes in the Dominican Republic. Our aim is to improve the overall health and wellness of these sugar cane farmworkers and their families, who have limited access to regular health care and basic amenities.

Why it Matters

- Assist local training and day-to-day work of our dedicated community health promoters.
- Fund local health care screenings, disease prevention, and health education programs.
- Support care-coordination and local assistance for the most vulnerable batey residents.
- Expand student participation with our DR partners via virtual team building during the COVID-19 pandemic.

How YOU can help!

Order from Panera (Online or In-person) at 50 Boston Turnpike Shrewsbury, MA on Friday, February 26th from 4pm-8pm. Please, make sure to bring the attached flyer or insert event code PRFUND when ordering online to support the UMass DR BHI Fundraiser!

If you cannot attend, but would still like to help, we would appreciate any donation to our GoFundMe page below:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/dominican-republic-batey-health-initiative-2021>

Thank you all so much in advance! Please feel free to contact heather.lovelace@umassmed.edu with any questions. Best wishes to all, The OEE Leaders

Scholarship Opportunities

Please check our website for lots of scholarship opportunities:

<https://umassmed.edu/gsn/scholarship-opportunities/>

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Come Join Our Nursing Team New Grads Welcome!

Summer camp in Pembroke, MA seeks RN for full-time position at all-girls summer camp!

- Practice your advanced assessment skills alongside nurse practitioners and seasoned clinicians
- Gain paid nursing work experience
- Gain confidence!

Nurses live in private rooms with air-conditioning and bath. Competitive compensation, reimbursement for license transfer, workers' compensation, days off, and camp tuition stipend for children attending camp.

Applicants must have an active and valid RN license.

Visit www.camppembroke.org and follow the application instructions under "Staff," or contact Sue Siegel, Cohen Camps recruiter, ssiegel@cohencamps.org to find out more details, and to set up an interview.



Camp Pembroke will operate in Summer 2021 in compliance with COVID-19 safety and health standards, as recommended by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the American Camp Association and the CDC.

GSN Student Volunteering for Asylum Medical Evaluations

Health Professionals for Human Rights is a student organization in the school of medicine that is overseeing the functioning and coordination of an asylum clinic. We would love to have more involvement from students in GSN. Currently, all student volunteers from SOM and GSN are able to assist in the transcription of evaluation sessions. This allows for accuracy in documentation needed to support the client's application for asylum. Not only is being involved extremely rewarding, but you will also have the opportunity to learn how providers (Physicians, NPs, Social Workers) perform psychological and/or medical evaluation for asylum seekers. The information gathered is then used to write up an affidavit that can be used to support the client's testimony in a court of law. This is one way that we as health professionals can incorporate human rights work into our careers.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity or have any questions feel free to reach out to us at umassmedasylumclinic@umassmed.edu

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Have you ever wanted to learn more about how to care for victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE)/Trafficking?

COME JOIN OUR CSE OPTIONAL ENRICHMENT ELECTIVE (OEE)

**TUESDAYS 7-8:30PM VIA ZOOM
BEGINNING MARCH 9TH**

ANTICIPATED LEARNER OUTCOMES:

- 01** Increase ability to identify risk factors and indicators of exploitation/trafficking in patients
- 02** Increase understanding of local resources for patient referrals
- 03** Examine ways in which providing trauma-informed care can impact evaluation and care of trafficked/exploited patients.
- 04** Develop skills for engaging with youth who have been trafficked/exploited
- 05** Develop skills for diagnostic screening and documentation of encounters with trafficked/exploited patients

This will be an experiential learning opportunity in collaboration with survivors in the greater Worcester community.

For more information or to express interest in attending, please email cseelective.umms@gmail.com



[Project Civility Special Event – Black Men in White Coats](#)

Join us in dialog as we explore systems that minoritize friends and colleagues in science and medicine and how to take action for change. This time we are hosting a film screening of [Black Men in White Coats](#) and post-screening panel discussions moderated by Dr. Marlina Duncan. Register to watch the film on-your-own either [Feb 23rd -26th](#) or [Feb 26th -Mar 1st](#) (click the links to register).

Panel discussions open to the entire community will follow on [March 1st - 5p.m.](#) or [March 3rd - 12 p.m.](#) (click the links to RSVP). Special thanks to the sponsorship of the Office of Student Life [Project Civility](#), Diversity and Inclusion Office, and Lamar Soutter Library with collaboration from our student chapters of White Coats for Black Lives and the Student National Medical Association.

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Campus Announcements

SBC Social Justice Grant

We are putting out a call for creative ways to utilize funds in service of addressing issues of racial and social injustice on our campus and in our community. A portion of the SBC budget will be set aside which any student group may apply to use for the express purposes of organizing events or actions related to this topic. These could involve education, advocacy, or meaningful peaceful protest - as long as the goal is working towards addressing racial injustice, issues of diversity and inclusion, healthcare disparities, or other related topics. Our hope is to empower and enhance the efforts of the incredible individuals and groups already working on these issues at UMMS. Applications to utilize this grant money may be submitted to the standard SBC funding request form - add "Social Justice Grant" to the event description section in addition to any other relevant info. For more information, please reach out to SBC (studentbodycommittee@umassmed.edu) or any individual SBC representatives.

NEW! Library Study Carrel Reservation Service

The Lamar Soutter Library has set aside all study carrels on the 2nd and 3rd floors for individual student use. Reservations for a study carrel need to be made through the online, self-service reservation system. <https://umassmed.libcal.com/reserve/carrels/>

Convalescent Plasma Donation

Our neighbors at Grifols Biomat Plasma Collection Center (located here in the UMASS hospital) are asking for the community's help in collecting plasma donations from those who have recovered from COVID-19. Working with FDA, NIH and other Federal agencies, Grifols is leading the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic by developing a plasma-based antibody treatment for the disease. We are joining this effort by asking recovered COVID-19 survivors to donate their plasma at a Grifols plasma center. You can get more information about the criteria to donate by either calling the center directly at (774)-441-7985, or emailing worcester-COVID@grifols.com. For individuals who have recovered from COVID-19, donating plasma is a way they can help make a difference during this exceptional time.

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Recipe of the Month



CORNBEEF AND CABBAGE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 - 3-4 lb. corned beef with spice packet
- 4 - carrots
- 8 - small red potatoes
- 1 - onion
- 4 - Cup beef broth
- 1/2 head cabbage

INSTRUCTIONS

Place brisket into slow cooker

Add beef broth

Sprinkle meat with seasoning packet

Cook on low for 8-9 hours

Half way through cooking process add vegetables

If using cabbage add that one hour before ready to eat.

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TELL US SOMETHING GOOD AND EXCITING!

ENTER YOUR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS & BE FEATURED IN OUR 1ST EDITION !

**WE WILL RELEASE THE MONTHLY GSN NEWSLETTER ON THE 2ND WEEK OF EVERY MONTH
YOU CAN BE FEATURED IN OUR STUDENT/FACULTY/STAFF SPOTLIGHT SECTION, OR
RECOMMEND A PEER :)**

- EVENT PROMOTIONS WITHIN GSN & UMMS
- KUDOS & RECOGNITION
- SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS
- RECIPE OF THE MONTH
- GSNO UPDATES
- STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS: APARTMENTS FOR RENT, CARS FOR SALE, ETC...

For the March newsletter have your submissions in by March 15th

Send in your submissions today and don't forget to bookmark the [submission form!](#)