

Weekly Newsletter January 29-February 2, 2024

PQHS NEWS

WELCOME TO PQHS



Lexus Asibey, new Administrative Assistant will be starting next Monday, January 29th. Her office will be on the 9th floor.

PQHS FAREWELL



Kelley Barron has unfortunately resigned from PQHS effective February 9th, 2024. She will be joining the Department of Medicine as a Project Coordinator. Kelley has been with PQHS for 15 years and we're glad we've had her for this long. Kelley supported Kate Lapane and the division of Epidemiology, and she will leave a huge gap for us to fill. That said, this is a new position for Kelley, and we truly wish her all the best. Thank you to Kelley for your services to PQHS!

PQHS HEADSHOTS FOR WEBSITE



PQHS would like to encourage all staff and faculty to get their headshots taken in their best outfit during this season as this will be used to update our website. 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 \(office365.com\)](https://office365.com)

PQHS HOT TOPICS



Carly Herbert, BA will defend her PhD Thesis Defense titled *“Home Diagnostics, Viral Dynamics and Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-COV-2”* on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 2:00PM in AS9.2072 and Zoom. Carly is mentored by [Apurv Soni, MD, PhD](#). Click [here](#) to log into zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, January 29, 2024, 2:00-4:00PM

“Striving for Impact: Designing the Community – Academic Research Dissemination Process to Foster Equity”

Presented by: Kathleen Szegda, PhD, MPH, MS, Director of Community Research and Evaluation at the Public Health Institute of Western MA (PHIWM) & Sarah Goff MD, PhD, Associate Professor and Program Head of Health Policy and Management at UMass Amherst

Click [here](#) to Register.



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

Monday, February 5, 2024
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
via [Zoom](#)

Emma Zang, PhD
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Yale University
A Novel Time Use Approach to Successful Aging: Examining Racial and Gender Disparities in Daily Productive Engagement

Monday, March 11, 2024
1:00 – 2:15 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, April 1, 2024
1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
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

Monday, May 2, 2024
1:00 – 2:15 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



Wednesday, February 14 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM (Hybrid: AS8.2072 or zoom, link below)
Research Meeting – Title: Integrating Wearable Devices into Lifestyle Interventions and Healthcare System Workflows: Closing the Feedback Loop
Speaker: Garrett Ash, PhD; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Biomedical Informatics, and Data Science; Yale School of Medicine

Description: Learning to exercise with type 1 diabetes requires that standard guidelines be followed up by trial-and-error lived experience. Our Type 1 Diabetes Digital Exercise Support platform provides exercise guidance, motivation, and multimodal biometric feedback in a closed loop where the feedback supports the guidance and motivation. The study is also capturing real-time surveys of affective motivation states for activity and rest to study their relationship with glycemic variation and fear of dysglycemia. Finally, we have several quality improvement (QI) projects integrating this model into the Veterans Affairs Healthcare System to treat other chronic diseases. Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 937 1668 5400 password: 492717



Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 12:30-1:30PM – Hybrid: Location AS9.2072 or [Zoom](#)
“Overlooked and Underserved: Translating Addiction Research into Practice in the Criminal Legal System”

Presented by: Rosemarie Martin, PhD, Associate Professor at Brown University School of Public Health
Lunch will be provided. Click [here](#) to join.



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



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.