

Weekly Newsletter May 28-31, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, May 28, 2024, 9:30-11:00am – AS9.2072 & Zoom

Presentation: *“COVID-19 Related Telehealth Use Among Older Adults in the Post-Pandemic Era.”*

Presented by: Gretchen Weaver

Click [here](#) to join.



Wednesday, May 29 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting –Title: Precision Digital Medicine Study of Alzheimer’s Disease

Presenter: Honghuang Lin, PhD, Professor of Medicine, UMass Chan Medical School

Bio: Dr. Lin is a Professor of Medicine and Co-director of the Program in Digital Medicine. His research focuses on the development of computational methods to study molecular mechanisms underlying cardiovascular disease and Alzheimer’s disease. He is also leading multiple studies to explore digital technologies and wearable devices for continuous health monitoring.

Brief Description: Dr. Lin will discuss the integration of genetic risk and digital biomarkers to study Alzheimer’s disease

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

WELCOME TO PQHS



Welcome to PQHS as secondary faculty! Dr. Aronowitz is a Professor and Associate Dean of Research & Innovation at the Tan Chingfen Graduate School of Nursing at UMass Chan Medical School and practices at Boston University (BU) as a Nurse Practitioner in Student Health 1-day a week. Dr. Aronowitz’ seminal contribution has been to advance the science of evidence-based care for sexual health promotion and healthy adolescent development. Dr. Aronowitz has completed over a dozen CBPR projects with African American, Asian American, Native American families to promote health adolescent development free of negative risk behaviors. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following for achieving a milestone year.

Name	Job Title	Service Recognition
Puranik,Supriya	Business Finance Specialist	20
Jesdale,William Michael	Asst Professor	10
Liu,Shao-Hsien	Asst Professor	10
McDonald,Carla J	Administrative Assistant III	10
Saber,Judi Anne	Exec Asst to the Chair	10
Faro,Jamie Marie	Asst Professor	5
Holden,Sharon Marie	Grant & Contract Spec III	5
McNally,Mary M	Grant & Contract Specialist II	5
Nunes,Anthony Phillip	Asst Professor	5

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



Friday, June 7, 2024, 3:00-4:30pm – AS9.2072 & Zoom

Presentation: “Use and Effectiveness of Antidepressants on Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia among U.S. Nursing Home Residents with ADRD”

Presented by: Shiwei (Echo) Liang

Click [here](#) to join.

UMASS CHAN REMINDER



UMass Chan Medical School encourages employees to “Take a Break” – Use Your Excess Vacation Leave **by June 29th**. As we get closer to fiscal year end, we want to remind you of the [UMass Chan Vacation Policy](#) and maximum accruals so you can plan accordingly.

As of the last full pay period of the fiscal year, the maximum number of vacation hours employees may carry over into the next fiscal year is 240. During the fiscal year, employees are allowed to accrue hours over 240; hours over this accrual limit are automatically re-set in the payroll system to the accrual maximum. **This year, the relevant pay period ends June 29, 2024. Accordingly, we encourage**

you to use any vacation balances over 240 that exceed the 240-hour maximum before that date.

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- 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



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.