



Weekly Newsletter June 26-30, 2023

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, June 27 – 9:00 – 10:00 AM

**Research Meeting** – **Presenter:** Bo Wang, PhD, Professor, PQHS, UMass Chan Medical School

**Title:** Introduction to Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST)

**Brief Description:** Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST) is an innovative approach for building and optimizing behavioral interventions (consisting of active components at optimal doses/levels). This lecture gives a brief introduction to the MOST framework and provides multiple examples of factorial optimization trials and the Sequential Multiple Assignment Randomized Trial (SMART) designs.

Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 851 294 7151 **password: smm2020 and password for phone: 3426111**

PQHS HOT TOPICS



**Melissa Goulding** who will defend their PhD Thesis Defense titled *“Adherence to Clinical Practice Guidelines for Screening and Management of Pediatric High Blood Pressure: A Mixed Methods Study”* on June 28, 2023 at 10:30AM held in AS9.2072 and Zoom. Melissa is mentored by [Stephenie Lemon, PhD](#).

Click [here](#) to log into zoom. **Password: 410342**



Check out the new look of the PQHS website! Under Research Methods Collaborative tab and view the newly added [Measurement, Outcome, & Design Section \(MODS\)](#) and [Quantitative Methods Core \(QMC\)](#) pages.



**The PQHS Finance Team** is asking for your cooperation in ensuring that your action items (proposals and/or RPPRs) are submitted as early as possible. To assist you with planning, we have established the timeline below to give OSP adequate time (5 business days) to process your requests and 5 days for the PQHS Finance team. Due to the anticipated volume and staff shortage, we are hoping to limit the number of last-minute submissions as we may not have enough time to properly review them.

Please submit proposals and RPPRs by the below dates or sooner.

**Proposals:**

- July 5 – R01 submission due to OSP by: June 27, 2023, due to PQHS Finance Team by: **June 22, 2023.**
- July 12 – K series submission due to OSP by: July 5, 2023, due to PQHS Finance Team by: **June 28, 2023.**
- July 17 – R21 submission due to OSP by: July 10, 2023, due to PQHS Finance Team by: **July 3, 2023.**

**RPPRs**

- July 1 - RPPR's due to OSP by: Jun 28, 2023, due to PQHS Finance Team by **June 23, 2023.**
- July 17 – RPPR's due to OSP by: July 10, 2023, due to PQHS Finance Team by: **July 3, 2023.**

If you cannot, or have not met these deadlines, please contact the PQHS Finance Team immediately at [pqhsfinanceteamlist@umassmed.edu](mailto:pqhsfinanceteamlist@umassmed.edu).

## PQHS SHOUTOUT



***Congratulations Qiaoxi (Tracy) Chen*** who successfully defended her CPHR PhD Dissertation entitled ***“Improving Oral Anticoagulant Use among the U.S. Nursing Home Population with Atrial Fibrillation”***. Tracy is mentored by [Matthew Alcusky, PhD, PharmD, MS](#).



***Congratulations*** to [Jonggyu Baek, PhD](#) and [Matthew Alcusky, PhD, PharmD, MS](#) were both promoted to **Associate Professor** as of June 23, 2023.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Tuesday, August 29, 2023, 1:30-3:00PM**

**CPHR Dissertation Proposal Presentation: “Improving Women Veteran’s Experience of Obstetric Care”**

Presented by – Lael Ngangmeni, BA, MBS; Mentor: [Kristin Mattocks, PhD, MPH](#)

Click [here](#) to join. **Password: 301815**

## MASS CHAN REMINDER



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](mailto:kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu)) & Sarah ([sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu](mailto:sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu)) by Friday each week.*