

Weekly Newsletter April 29-May 3, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 3:00PM – AS8.2072 & Zoom

Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Master's in Clinical Investigation Program Announces the MSCI Dissertation Defense of Justin Rucci ***"Variation in Depth of Sedation Targeted and Achieved Among Mechanically Ventilated Patients and Associated Outcomes"***

Click [here](#) to join. Password: 043090



Wednesday, May 1 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting –**Title:** Collaboration Opportunities with the Division of Health Systems Science

Presenter: Allan J. Walkey, MD, MSc, Professor of Medicine, Chief, Division of Health Systems Science, UMass Chan Medical School

Bio: Dr. Walkey is a Professor of Medicine, inaugural Chief of the Division of Health Systems Science, and a Pulmonary Critical Care Physician at UMass Chan Medical School and UMass Memorial Hospital. His research evaluates care delivery to critically ill patients, leverages practice variation to compare effectiveness of existing standards of care and implements evidence-based interventions.

Brief Description: I will be discussing why we need to study Health Systems Science, describe the history of our division, describe who we are and what we do, and how we hope to engage in collaborations.

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

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

Thursday, May 2, 2024
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 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

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!

Next Lunch will be on May 29th, Sign up today!

Slots Still Available!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

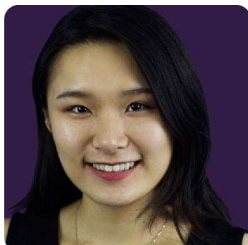


Friday, May 17, 2024, 9:30-11:00am

Presentation: *“Adverse Health Outcomes in Adults with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM): The Role of Poorly Resourced Neighborhoods, Health-setting Discrimination and Depression”*

Presented by: Emmanuella Asantewaa Asiedu, MPH

Click [here](#) to join.



Friday, June 7, 2024, 3:00-4:30pm

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



Tuesday, May 7, 2024, 12:00-3:00PM – University Campus (on the plaza between the Medical School Building and Sherman Center, near North Road and Library parking lot)

Employee Appreciation: Food Truck Fest

Join for fun and food as we say Thank you to UMass Chan employees.

The graphic features a blue background with diamond shapes. On the left, a large '3' indicates that open enrollment starts on Wednesday, April 3rd. On the right, a large '1' indicates that open enrollment ends on Wednesday, May 1st. The UMass Chan Medical School logo is in the top right. The main title is '2024 BENEFITS OPEN ENROLLMENT'. Below this, two columns list benefits: 'Benefits that do not require action unless making changes' (Health Insurance, Health Insurance Buy-Out Option, Dental Insurance, Vision Insurance) and 'Benefits that require you to re-enroll each open enrollment' (Health Care Spending Account, Dependent Care Assistance Program, Child Care Assistance Program).

Benefits that do not require action unless making changes:

- Health Insurance
- Health Insurance Buy-Out Option
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance

Benefits that require you to re-enroll each open enrollment:

- Health Care Spending Account
- Dependent Care Assistance Program
- Childcare Assistance Program



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:

- 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



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.