

**Weekly Newsletter February 12-16, 2024**

**PQHS NEWS**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**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.

**PQHS FAREWELL**



Dear All: I wanted to say thank you to all of you for spending some time with me at tea time today or yesterday taking me to lunch before my last day. It really meant a lot to me. I will miss working with each of you. We have had a lot of fun, sweat, and tears over the past several years but we always managed to come out on top. Whether it be grant deadlines, State of the Department seminars, Vietnam visits, Thanksgiving feasts, etc., we always worked together to make it happen.

Thank you all for being amazing coworkers!!  
Kelley Baron

**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 \(office365.com\)](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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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

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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

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Monday, May 2, 2024  
11:30 – 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

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via Zoom: <https://umassboston.zoom.us/j/94175483404> Password: Boston  
For more information contact Jaqueline Contrera Avila: [Jaqueline.Avila@umb.edu](mailto:Jaqueline.Avila@umb.edu)



**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 19<sup>th</sup>
- Patriots’ Day – Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>
- Juneteenth National Independence Day – Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Independence Day – Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Labor Day – Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Indigenous Peoples’ Day – Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Veterans Day – Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>



*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.*