



Weekly Newsletter March 27-31, 2023

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, March 28 – 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Research Meeting – Presenter: Sarah Forrester, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Division of Epidemiology, PQHS, UMass Chan Medical School

Title: Measuring Age Acceleration in a Pooled Cohort

Brief Description: Sarah will talk about the pooled cohort that she is planning to use for her grant. The grant is to measure clinical biomarker-derived age acceleration in a pooled cohort of Black participants aged 30-90 and determine its association with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (ADRD), cognitive functioning, and ADRD biomarkers. What has already been done, pooling-wise, what she plans to do, and some methodological challenges.

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

PQHS SHOUTOUT



Shoutout to [Elise Stevens, PhD](#) who received the supplement of NIH Grant R00! This will fund the study titled *Young Adults Responses to E-Cigarette Advertisement Features and the Effects of Restricting Features on Tobacco Use*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday, March 27, 12:00 – 1:00 PM

HIIS Special Seminar: “Reducing Chronic Disease Disparities in Women’s Health: Moving Science to Real World Impact” presented by Dr. Debra Haire-Joshu, PhD, MS, MSN, RN. Dr. Haire-Joshu holds the Joyce and Chauncy Buchheit Professorship in Public Health at Washington University in St. Louis with a joint appointment as Professor in the School of Medicine. Dr. Haire-Joshu is a behavioral scientist and public health researcher who develops and tests population-wide interventions to prevent obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease among women and children from under-resourced communities.

She is the Principal Investigator of the NIH-funded Center for Diabetes Translation Research which supports over 90 faculty conducting diabetes research with the aim of achieving health equity, and currently leads three NIH-funded trials targeting the prevention of excess weight gain among women of childbearing age and their young children. She has served on several National Academy of Medicine (and Institute of Medicine) committees on early childhood obesity and is a current member of the National Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Advisory Council. She has published extensively in peer reviewed literature, authored an award-winning textbook on diabetes management across the lifespan, and has been an active contributor to health policy at national and state levels.

Click this [link](#) to join the ZOOM presentation.

Monday, April 3, at 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Rigor and Reproducibility Seminar: “Sharing Confidential and Sensitive Data?” presented by [George Alter, PhD](#), Research Professor Emeritus with the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan. Dr. Alter’s research integrates theory and methods from demography, economics, and family history with historical sources to understand demographic behaviors in the past. From 2007 to 2016, Alter was Director of the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, the world’s largest archive of social science data, and he is a past president of the Social Science History Association. He has been active in international efforts to promote research transparency, data sharing, and secure access to confidential research data. He is currently engaged in projects to create FAIR vocabularies in population research, to automate the capture of metadata from statistical analysis



software, and to compare fertility transitions in contemporary and historical populations. This seminar is given jointly by the UMass Chan Medical School Population & Quantitative Health Sciences, and UMass Boston Gerontology Department and Gerontology Institute. **Click this [link](#) to join the ZOOM presentation; password: 468880.**

Transdisciplinary Training in Cardiovascular Research T32 Training Program - now accepting applications for pre-and post-doctoral trainees. In collaboration with the Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences (PQHS) has established a NHLBI-funded T32 program with the aim of producing a new generation of investigators who have the enthusiasm, knowledge, and skills to make meaningful contributions to cardiovascular research across the translational spectrum. Directed by Catarina Kiefe, MD, PhD (PQHS) and Kevin Donahue, MD (Cardiovascular Medicine), the program is truly transdisciplinary, with investigators working together to expand knowledge beyond discipline-based concepts, theories, and methods. Please see the attached flyer for more information on eligibility and how to apply.



Monday, May 8, 2023

UMCCTS Workshop, “Data Visualization for Effective Science Communication with Diverse Audiences”.

Participants will learn about various approaches to visualizing scientific findings and data for effective communication with diverse audiences. Focus will be on both key principles of effective data visualization as well as concrete skill-building amongst participants. Narges Mahyar, PhD, and Ali Sarvghad Batn Moghaddam, PhD will be speakers at the workshop.

Registration is required. Click [here](#) to register.



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FUNDING REMINDERS

Revised NSF Biographical Sketch and Current and Pending (Other) Support Formats - Now Available in SciENcv and on the NSF Website: NSF implemented revised versions of the [Biographical Sketch](#) and [Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#) formats for consistency with the *Proposal and Award Policies and Procedures Guide* (PAPPG) ([NSF 23-1](#)). The requirement to use the revised formats is effective for proposals submitted or **due on or after January 30, 2023**.

These revised formats are now available in [SciENcv](#) and on the [NSF Policy Office website](#). As a reminder, the mandate to use SciENcv only for preparation of these senior personnel documents will go into effect for new proposals submitted or **due on or after October 23, 2023**.

The Herman G. Berkman Diabetes Clinical Innovation Fund is accepting grant abstracts through February 28th. The annual award supports the development of clinical care initiatives that would not normally find funding through research grant programs. You'll find the eligibility guidelines, grant application, and learn about past awarded projects [HERE](#).

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke: [Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis \(ALS\) Intermediate Patient Population Expanded Access \(U01 Clinical Trial Required\)](#). NINDS intends to commit up to \$75 million in FY 2023 to fund 3-5 awards in support of the conduct of scientific research utilizing data from expanded access for investigational drugs or biological products. These applications will target expanded access for intermediate size populations of patients living with ALS who are not eligible for ongoing clinical trials for the prevention, diagnosis, mitigation, treatment or cure of ALS. The maximum project period is 4 years. The opportunity will open on Feb. 23, 2023, and **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 23, 2023, AT 5 P.M. LOCAL TIME OF THE APPLICANT ORGANIZATION.**

For additional information, please refer to [the RFA](#) posted on the NIH Central Resource for Grants and Funding Information (Funding Opportunity Announcement Number: RFA-NS-23-012).



THE 2023 DIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY is NOW LIVE!

We are excited to announce that the [2023 Diversity Engagement Survey is now live](#). This institution-wide survey represents an effort to assess and respond to the needs of our community members. Data collected will assist us in identifying actions that will allow us to become a more equitable and inclusive institution. By responding to the survey, you will help us develop new resources and policies, as well as help us monitor whether we are making progress on our diversity, equity and inclusion strategic goals. This is a major goal of our Impact 2025 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion pillar.

You may access the survey in your web browser by clicking here: [Diversity Engagement Survey](#)

Your participation in this survey is voluntary. The survey is expected to take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Once completed, you can enter your name for a chance to win a variety of great prizes!

Please be assured that no identifying information will be collected and that the data you provide is confidential. The results of any analysis using this data will be presented in a way that individual respondents cannot be identified. All reports of the findings will be aggregate in nature.

While your participation in this confidential survey is voluntary, I hope that you will take the time to share your perspective and experiences. It is our goal to have as many learners, faculty and staff as possible from all backgrounds share their experiences so that we have the most representative data and can develop programs, policies and initiatives that are responsive to our community's concerns and needs.

If you have any questions about the survey, please do not hesitate to email the Diversity and Inclusion Office at diversity@umassmed.edu

Thank you in advance for helping us work toward making UMass Chan a more diverse, equitable and inclusive community! We look forward to hearing from you and hope you know that your input makes an impact.

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 \(office365.com\)](#)

REQUIRED IT Security and Privacy Training: With the new year upon us, I want to remind everyone to complete the required Information Security and Privacy training. The 25-minute training module teaches users how to identify and prevent cyberattacks, reinforcing knowledge that applies to the use of technology at work and at home.

This annual training is mandatory without exception for all members of the UMass Chan community.

If you have not already completed the training, please log onto the [Information Security and Privacy training](#) portal (provided by InfoSecInstitute.com) and complete the training as soon as possible.

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.