



Weekly Newsletter June 10-14, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 6:00PM-8:00PM – UMMS Faculty Conference Room (S1-342)
UMass Chan Seminar Series on Global Health and the Collaborative in Health Equity Presents:
Primary Care in Global Health
Presented by: Jeff Markuns, MD, EdM (Boston University)
Click [here](#) to RSVP.



Wednesday, June 12 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting –Title: Multimorbidity patterns in Medicare beneficiaries with multiple myeloma
Presenter: Atinuke G. Oyinbo, MPH, PhD Candidate, Department of Quantitative Health Sciences, UMass Chan Medical School

Bio: Atinuke is PhD Candidate in the Population Health Sciences program at UMass Chan specializing in cancer epidemiology. Her research focuses on investigating the impact of chronic conditions and healthcare policies on cancer care. She is also involved in studies focused on understanding and addressing social disparities in cancer screening and survivorship care.

Brief Description: The presentation will describe the first aim of my thesis research, which examines the patterns of multimorbidity in older adults newly diagnosed with multiple myeloma using clustering analysis, and their associations with sociodemographic factors.

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



Thursday, June 13, 2024, 9:00AM via Zoom

Morningside Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences Masters in Clinical Investigation Program Announces the MSCI Dissertation Defense of Alexandra Onyiego ***“Location, Location, Location: The Impact of One’s Neighborhood on Outcomes Following Proctectomy for Rectal Cancer”***

Click [here](#) to join. Password: 488546

PQHS FAREWELL



Last week at tea time PQHS wished Cathy Dube congratulations and happy retirement.

PQHS HAPPENINGS



Transdisciplinary Training Program in Cardiovascular Research (T32)

Accepting Pre- and Post-Doctoral Applications

Deadline is July 12, 2024 at 5:00 PM ET

Click [here](#) to view website for more information.



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!

DIVERSITY DIGEST



Pride Month is celebrated each June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City, a pivotal event in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual+ (LGBTQIA+) rights movement. The uprising began as a series of spontaneous demonstrations by members of the gay community in response to a police raid at the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar. The first Pride March was held in New York City on June 28, 1970, marking the first anniversary of the uprising. Pride Month has grown both nationally and internationally over the years to include parades, events, and activities

promoting LGBTQIA+ visibility, rights, and acceptance.

American Indian Citizenship Day

American Indian Citizenship Day is observed on June 2. On this day in 1924, the Indian Citizenship Act by Congress granted citizenship to all American Indians born in the U.S. The day celebrates the history, heritage, and culture of American Indian tribes. All the tribes have their traditions and beliefs. American Indian Citizenship Day celebrates their contribution to the country's culture and a reminder of their enduring legacy.



Juneteenth: Juneteenth, June 19th, 1865, marks our country's second independence day. Although it has long been commemorated in the African American community, this monumental day remains largely unknown to most Americans. On January 1st, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln put the Emancipation Proclamation into effect, emancipating enslaved Africans in America and "ending" chattel slavery in this country. But this news of freedom did not get to the enslaved people living in Galveston, Texas until June 19th, 1865, meaning they continued to be enslaved for nearly 2 and ½ more years after

America declared all enslaved people free. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree in what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day. Upholding the principles of self-determination, citizenship, democracy, justice, and freedom, the commemoration of Juneteenth represents the day of true liberty for all. Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th each year. It is observed with various events and activities, including parades, barbecues, music festivals, and educational programs that highlight African American history and culture. It serves as a day of reflection and remembrance, as well as a reminder of the ongoing struggle for racial equality and justice in the United States. The historical legacy of Juneteenth shows the value of never giving up hope in uncertain times.



National Immigrant Heritage Month

June is recognized as National Immigrant Heritage Month. National Immigrant Heritage Month is an annual celebration in the United States that honors the contributions and achievements of immigrants to American society. It is observed in June and is a special time to recognize the diverse backgrounds, cultures, traditions, stories, and experiences that immigrants from across the world bring to our communities. The resilience, innovation, and contributions of immigrants are at the heart of our nation's strength and diversity. This month-long observance typically involves various events, activities, and initiatives aimed at

highlighting the positive impact of immigrants on the nation's history, economy, and culture. It also serves as a reminder of the importance of embracing diversity and fostering inclusivity in communities across the country. This observance encourages the empowerment of immigrant voices and rights and further fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion.



Did you know that Worcester, Massachusetts has the third largest Caribbean American population in Massachusetts? Our present is peopled with a diversity of cultures that define America as it is today, inclusive of **all** people who live and work in America.

We celebrate the many “achievements and dreams of the millions of people of Caribbean origin now living in the United States while honoring the shared history of joy and perseverance that has united and enriched life across our region for centuries. There is no single Caribbean American identity. The mix of cultures, languages, and religions alive across the United States and the islands reflects the diversity of spirit that defines the American story. Meanwhile, our countries are bound by common values and a shared history — overcoming the yoke of colonialism, confronting the original sin of

slavery, and charting new opportunities across borders and generations”.

Learn more: <https://nationaltoday.com/caribbean-american-heritage-month/>

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 – Wednesday, 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.