



Weekly Newsletter March 18-22, 2024

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 20 – 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Research Meeting – Title: How to model mediation with different types of outcomes.

Presenters: Richard Goldstein, Ph.D., Consultant

Description: I am looking for advice about how to model mediation where X is a continuous variable whose effect on outcome Y is of principal interest, and the mediator (M) and outcome (Y) are different variable types (e.g., quantitative and ordered categorical). I have modeled the relationships in different ways on publicly available (real, but masked) data). None of the methods are theoretically satisfying, but they lead to qualitatively similar findings (coefficient signs are the same and the relative sizes of coefficients are similar). I will show results to date, lead a discussion about how to interpret the findings, and solicit input on potentially better ways to model such data.

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



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



Raymond Osarogiagbon, MBBS, FACP
Moderator



Jamie Studts, PhD
Moderator

Friday, March 22, 2024, 11:00AM-12:00PM

ACS CLCRT 2024 Webinar Series: “Lung Cancer Screening for All Who are Eligible: An Implementation Science Approach.”

Co-Moderated: Dr. Raymond Osarogiagbon, Baptist Memorial Healthcare, and Dr. Jamie Studts, University of Colorado

Click [here](#) to Register.



David Chambers, DPhil



Mayuko Ito Fukunaga, MD, FCCP



Erin Hirsch, PhD



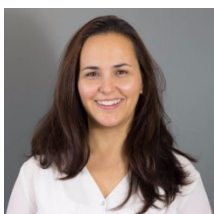
Elyse Park, PhD, MPH

PQHS SHOUT OUT



Congratulations to [Hoa Nguyen MD, MS, PhD](#) and [Bo Wang PhD](#)! Their project titled **“Conquering Hypertension in Urban Vietnam”** is receiving the National Institutes of Health R61 Award!

WELCOME TO PQHS



Welcome Gurutze (Maria) Barluenga to PQHS! Gurutze (Maria) Barluenga is the new Program Manager in the Collaborative in Health Equity. She joined the UMass Chan Family Medicine and Community Health department in January 2020 as the project manager of the USAID PEER Liberia project. Additionally, she was the coordinator for the department’s fellowships, the Thomas Zand Refugee Health Initiative, and the global health track and Spanish curriculum of the Worcester Family Medicine residency. Prior to joining UMass, Gurutze worked supporting international and multicultural students, designing, and managing global capacity-building projects, and developing skill-building programs in

higher education in several countries. She has a Master of International Affairs with specialization in development from Columbia University, a master’s in financial Analysis from Universidad Carlos III of Madrid, and Bachelor’s in Business Administration and Management from Universidad de Oviedo in Spain.

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 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!

PQHS HOT TOPICS



The Equity in Caregiving Project. Second Community Convening
Thursday, March 28th, 2024, 10:00-12:00 PM at UMass Chan Medical School, Faculty conference Room, S1-342.

Please join us for a panel discussion with:

- **Family Caregivers**
- **Nancy McCool**, LICSW, ACHP-W, APHSW-C, Palliative care social worker, UMass Memorial Health.
- **Jeevarathna Subramanian**, MD, Internal Medicine, UMass Memorial Health.
- **Valerie Zolezzi-Wyndham**, JD, Promoting Good
- **Brian Gibbs**, PhD, Vice President & Chief of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. UMass Memorial Health.

Come listen to the experience of family caregivers. Bring your voice - we want to hear about your caregiving experience!

For more information to register click [here](#) or scan the QR code
www.equityincaregiving.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday, March 29, 2024, 11:00AM-12:00PM

Cancer Population Health Sciences Program: “Spring Meeting of the UMass Cancer Center”

Click [here](#) to join. Password: 164679

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

Monday, April 1, 2024

2:30 – 3:45 p.m. (new time)

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

Thursday, April 25, 2024

11:30 a.m.-12:45 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

Monday, May 2, 2024

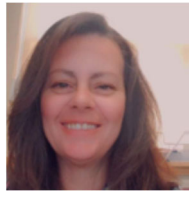
11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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



Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 4:00PM-5:00PM

“Housing, Homelessness and Health: What can Communities do?”

Featured Speakers: Carolyn Chou, Gabe Cohen-Glinick and Rose Weber-Smith

Click [here](#) to Register.



Thursday, April 11, 2024, 12:00PM – Albert Sherman Center Auditorium

“Black Maternal Health Week (April 11-17)” part of the *Health Equity Distinguished Lecture Series* hosted by UMass Chan Collaborative in Health Equity

Guest: Ndidiamaka Amutah-Onukagha, PhD, MPH, the Julia A. Okoro Professor of Black Maternal Health in the Department of Public Health, and Community Medicine at Tufts University School of Medicine

UMASS CHAN REMINDER

Holiday Calendar for UMass Chan Medical School

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2024:

- Patriots’ Day – Monday, April 15th
- 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.