

Weekly Newsletter June 5 - 9, 2023

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENT

Tuesday, June 6 – 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Research Meeting – **Presenter:** Deogwoon Kim, PhD, Postdoctoral researcher, PQHS, UMass Chan Medical School

Title: Cervical cancer screening behavior among women in Malawi: with a specific focus on the HPV screening test.

Brief Description: Malawi has the second highest cervical cancer burden worldwide. However, cervical cancer screening coverage in Malawi is only 25.4-40.2%, which is far below its national target of 80%. Self-sampled HPV screening tests have the potential to increase this coverage. The aims of this study were to (1) evaluate the willingness and uptake of self-sampled HPV screening tests among Malawian women and (2) identify multi-level factors that were associated with women's willingness to take the test. The community-based participatory approach and study results will be discussed.

Click [here](#) to join or call 646 876 9923 Meeting ID: 851 294 7151 **password: smm2020 and password for phone: 3426111**



Thursday, June 8 – 2:00-3:00PM

Tea Time will be hosted by RIC. Please stop by and say hello and have a cup of tea.

PQHS SHOUT OUT



Congratulations to Jacqueline Furbacher for successfully defending her MSCI thesis defense entitled *“Neighborhood-Level Social Vulnerability and Emergency Department Utilization in Adults with Type 2 Diabetes: A Cross-Sectional Study”*. Jacqueline was mentored by [Stephanie Lemon, PhD](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fundamentals of Clinical Research – Mini Course ~ Continuing Wednesday, May 31st ~

Presented by: Bruce Barton, PhD | Robert Goldberg, PhD | Heather Strom Tessier, MS



Mondays and Wednesdays in May-June 2023

This lecture series is designed for students in training, residents, post-doctoral fellows, and junior faculty who are interested in learning about the most commonly employed study designs used in clinical and public health research and about the IRB review process.

Randomized Clinical Trials: Introduction and Theory

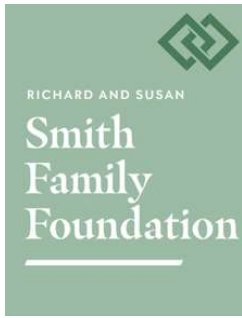
Bruce Barton – Monday, June 5th 8:00-9:30 a.m. via [zoom](#)

Randomized Clinical Trials: Implementation and Conduct

Bruce Barton – Wednesday, June 7th 8:00-9:30 a.m. via [zoom](#)

Randomized Clinical Trials: Analysis and Publication

Bruce Barton – Monday, June 12th 8:00-9:30 a.m. via [zoom](#)



Health Resources in Action has recently launched the [2024 Smith Family Awards Program for Excellence in Biomedical Research](#) supported by the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation.

Preliminary Proposal Deadline: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Award Amount: \$400,000 over three years

Eligibility

- Basic biomedical researchers
- Based at a non-profit research institution in Massachusetts or at Brown University or Yale University
- Appointment to Assistant Professor between 10/1/20 – 4/1/24, and not yet tenured
- Receive less than \$350,000 per year in combined federal and non-federal funding in direct costs

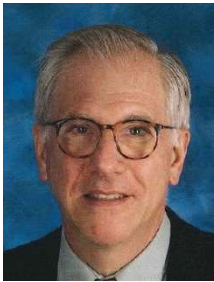


Thursday, June 8, 2023, 4:00-5:00PM in S2-351/352

Sixteenth Annual Edward Smith Lecture: “Nothing New Under the Sun: The Struggle for Health Equity”

Presented by Jinel A. Scott, MD, MBA, CPHQ

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



Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 9:00-10:00AM in AS9-2072

PQHS Research Seminar: “The Fuss about P-Values”

Presented by – Henry Feldman, PhD Biostatistics and Research Design at Boston Children’s Hospital

Click [here](#) to join. **Password: smm2020**

MASS CHAN REMINDER



UMass Chan Medical School encourages employees to “Take a Break” – Use Your Excess Vacation Leave by June 17th. 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 17, 2023. Accordingly, we encourage**

you to use any vacation balances over 240 that exceed the 240-hour maximum before that date.



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.