

UMB LAURELS

JULY/AUGUST 2026



UNIVERSITY of MARYLAND
BALTIMORE

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GEORGE
ANAGNOSTOU



ANDREW COOP



CHAD JOHNSON



HEATHER MOORE



SHANNON
TUCKER

The following UMB faculty and staff received 2026 Best Poster Awards from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Administrative Services Section:

- **George Anagnostou, MS**, UMB
- **Andrew Coop, PhD**, School of Pharmacy
- **Chad Johnson, PhD**, School of Pharmacy
- **Ann Kim, JD**, UMB
- **Heather Moore, MA**, UMB
- **Shannon Tucker, PhD, MS**, School of Pharmacy.

Tierra Major Kearney, MS, senior referral and prevention specialist, Student Counseling Center (SCC), and **Oscar Cortina, MS**, senior counselor

and outreach director, SCC, presented "Teaching on the Edge: Imposter Syndrome in Mental Health First Aid Instructors" at the 2026 Mental Health First Aid Maryland Summit for Change in Annapolis on June 11.



HEATHER
SKOGEBO

Heather Skogebo, program management specialist, Operations and Maintenance, was honored as UMB's Employee of the Month for June for her work in the Facility Service Center in

providing excellent customer service, coordinating UMB technicians to address on-campus maintenance issues, and treating clients and colleagues with professionalism and honesty.



TIA STONE

Tia Stone, business operations specialist, Office of Accountability and Compliance, was named UMB's May Employee of the Month for stepping up to handle additional responsibilities

for animal procurement, ensuring that critical research operations continue seamlessly.



SARAH WEIRICH

Sarah Weirich, MLIS, head of resource development, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, co-presented "Championing Data Accessibility: Guidance for Accessible Data and Data Repositories" at the

2026 International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology (IASSIST) Virtual Conference in June.



APRIL WRIGHT

April Wright, MLS, outreach and education librarian, Network of the National Library of Medicine Regional Medical Library, Region 1, Health Sciences and Human Services

Library, completed the Medical Library Association (MLA) Research Training Institute's 2025-2026 fellowship and presented her project, "Maternal Health Education Interventions and Outcomes for Incarcerated Women: A Systematic Review," at the MLA Annual Conference on May 7.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



KATHRYN
PAWLAK

Kathryn Pawlak, DDS '19, PEDS '21, Dean's Faculty member, was among the 2026 recipients of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Early Career Pediatric Dentist Under 10 Award, which

recognizes pediatric dentists who are within their first 10 years after residency and demonstrate achievement in clinical practice, research, leadership, advocacy, academia, or service.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES



ERIC BELT

Eric Belt, EdD, adjunct assistant professor, virtually presented “Making Sense of Relation: A Scoping Review of Relational Pedagogy in Educational Scholarship” at the Relation-

Centered Education Network Conference on June 16.



SHANI FLEMING



VIOLET A. KULO



COLLEEN OHM



JEANINE GARGIULO

Shani Fleming, PhD, MSHS, MPH, PA-C, associate professor; **Violet A. Kulo, EdD, PhD**, associate professor; **Karen L. Gordes, PhD, PT, DScPT**, professor; **Roisin Donegan, MS**, clinical partnerships coordinator; **Colleen Ohm, MMS, PA-C**, assistant professor; **Dixie Pennington, MS, CHSE, CHSOS**, simulation director; **Jeanine Gargiulo, MPAS, PA-C**, assistant professor; and **Gerald Kayingo, PhD, MBA, PA-C**, the Leslie S. Robinson, MD Endowed Professor, co-authored “Effectiveness of Telehealth-Enabled Standardized Patient Encounters in Behavioral Health Training for PA Students,” which was published in the *Journal of PA Education* in May.



KAREN L. GORDES



MARY JO BONDY

Karen L. Gordes, PhD, PT, DScPT, professor; **Mary Jo Bondy, DHEd, MHS, PA-C**, associate professor; and **Violet A. Kulo, EdD, PhD**, associate professor, presented “Bridging a Gap: A Pilot Program in Trauma Informed Pedagogy for Medical Educators” at the International Association of Medical Science Educators’ annual conference in August, Ga., on June 6.



GERALD KAYINGO

Gerald Kayingo, PhD, MBA, PA-C, the Leslie S. Robinson, MD Endowed Professor and chair, Health Professions Education, received a Robert K. Pedersen Global Outreach Grant from

the Physician Associate Foundation for the project “Empower Without Borders: Developing a Scalable Implementation Model for Diabetes Self-Management in Buyamba County of Rural Uganda (Project Simba).”



SOL ROBERTS-LIEB

Sol Roberts-Lieb, EdD, assistant professor, Health Professions Education, and faculty director, Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, received the Early Career Award for Excellence

in Teaching and Innovation from the International Association of Medical Science Educators in June.

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW



CORI ALONSO-YODER

Cori Alonso-Yoder, JD, assistant professor and director, Immigration Clinic, and her students were featured in “Law Students Undeterred Under Trump’s Immigration Climate,” which was published

by the Law360 website in June.



LEIGH GOODMARK

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor and associate dean for research and faculty development, was quoted in “Some States Offer Domestic Violence Defenses to Parents Charged with Failing

to Prevent Child Abuse. Should Oregon?” which was published by the InvestigateWest website in June.



MARK GRABER



MAUREEN SWEENEY

Mark Graber, JD, PhD, MA, Distinguished University Professor, and **Maureen Sweeney, JD**, professor and director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, were quoted in “Maryland Law Experts Say Birthright Ruling Affirms Constitution, But Political Debate Is Far from Over,” which was published by the WMAR-ABC 2 website on June 30.



KATHLEEN HOKE

Kathleen Hoke, JD, professor and director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, was quoted in “MD Supreme Court Upholds but Narrows Montgomery County Gun Laws,” which was published

by *The Daily Record* in May.



SEEMA KAKADE

Seema Kakade, JD, professor, was quoted in “A Second Lawsuit Is Coming for ICE’s Salt Lake City Detention Center Plan,” which was published by the KUER 90.1-NPR Utah website on June 9.



SARAH LORR

Sarah Lorr, JD, associate professor, wrote “How Should a Mother Feel?” which was published by the Jorwell website on March 27 as a review of Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School

of Law associate professor Elizabeth Kukura’s article “Normalizing Maternal Ambivalence.”



ROBERT PERCIVAL

Robert Percival, JD, professor and director, Environmental Law Program, was quoted in “Supreme Court Sides with Chevron in Environmental Case,” which was published by the WDBJ-7 website on April 17.



NATALIE RAM

Natalie Ram, JD, professor, was quoted in “Cities and Schools Are Testing Wastewater for Illicit Drugs,” which was published by *The New York Times* on June 21.



JEFF SOVERN

Jeff Sovern, JD, professor, wrote “Buy Now Pay Later and Regulation,” which was published by the TechREG Chronicle website on June 15.



ERICA SUTER

Erica Suter, JD, professor of the practice and director, MOPD Innocence Project Clinic, co-authored “Baltimore Needs More Than a ‘Do Not Call’ List,” which was published

by *The Baltimore Sun* as a guest commentary on July 6.



DONALD TOBIN

Donald Tobin, JD, professor, was quoted in “Candidates Spend Thousands to Offset Maryland Mail-In Ballot Confusion,” which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* on May 27.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Emily Aery Jones, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Neurobiology, was among the co-authors of “Neuronal APOE4-Induced Early Hippocampal Network Hyperexcitability in Alzheimer’s Disease Pathogenesis,” which was published in *Nature Aging*.



JOSEPH CHEER

Joseph Cheer, PhD, professor, Department of Neurobiology, co-authored the chapter “Modulation of Dopamine Release Sculpt Ethologically Relevant Motivated Actions Through the Computation

of Conditioned Stimuli” for the book “Cannabinoid Modulation of Emotion, Memory, and Motivation.”



WILBUR H. CHEN

Wilbur H. Chen, MD, MS, professor, Department of Medicine, received the Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Consortium (IDCRC) Best Scientific Publication of the Year Award, which honors a high-impact IDCRC-cited

Lancet publication that has significantly influenced the scientific community and contributed to policy change.



CURT I. CIVIN

Curt I. Civin, MD, professor, Department of Pediatrics, is the lead inventor of “Methods for Preparing Therapeutically Active Cells Using Microfluidics,” which was issued a U.S.

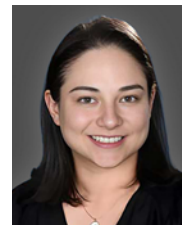
continuation patent on April 28.



SUI-SENG TEE

Ziad Gerges, MS, data analyst, and **Sui-Seng Tee, PhD**, assistant professor, both in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors of

“The Combined Predictive Value of the Triglyceride-Glucose Index and A Body Shape Index on All-Cause Mortality: A 26-Year Prospective Cohort Analysis from the Rancho Bernardo Study,” which was published in *Cardiovascular Diabetology Endocrinology Report*.

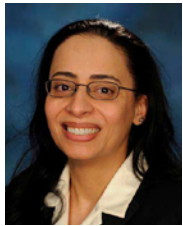


ELIZABETH A.D. HAMMERSHAIMB

Elizabeth A.D. Hammershaimb, MD, MS, assistant professor, Department of Pediatrics, received the Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Consortium (IDCRC) Early Career Investigator

Award, recognizing outstanding research contributions by a recent graduate or current participant in the IDCRC Mentoring Program that advance the NAID Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Unit and IDCRC missions.

Peiying Liu, PhD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was the first author of “Non-Invasive MRI of Choroid Plexus Vascular Function,” which was published in *Imaging Neuroscience*.



MAY MONTASSER

May Montasser, PhD, adjunct assistant professor, Department of Medicine, is the lead inventor of “B4GALT1 Variants and Uses Thereof,” which was issued a Hong Kong patent on April 10.



JUSTIN ORTIZ

Justin Ortiz, MD, MS, professor, Department of Medicine, was among the co-authors of “Adjuvanted Inactivated Rabies Virus-Vectored Lassa Virus Vaccine in Healthy Adults: A Phase 1 Trial,” which was published by *Nature Medicine* on June 9.



ANINDO ROY

Anindo Roy, PhD, adjunct associate professor, Department of Neurology, is the lead inventor of “Automatic Arm Training Device, System, and Method,” which was issued a U.S. patent on April 21.



YILUN SUN

Yilun Sun, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, was among the co-authors of “HDAC Inhibition Unlocks Tumor Plasticity and Enhances Immunotherapy Response in Myc-Driven Small Cell Lung Cancer,” which was published in *Molecular Cancer Therapeutics*.



NOUSHIN
YAHYAVI-
FIROUZ-ABADI



FLORENCE DOO

Noushin Yahyavi-Firouz-Abadi, MD, MBA, associate professor, and **Florence Doo, MD**, assistant professor, both in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors of “The Iodine Opportunity for Sustainable Radiology: Quantifying Supply-Chain Strategies to Cut Contrast’s Carbon and Costs,” which was published in *Journal of the American College of Radiology*.

SCHOOL OF NURSING



JENNIFER
FITZGERALD



MARANDA
JACKSON-PARKIN



TABITHA LEGAMBI



REGINA PHILLIPS



KAITLIN
SHAPELOW



LYN STARRS-
ZORN

Seven faculty members received Academic Nurse Educator Certification Awards of \$5,000 from the Maryland Higher Education Commission through the Nurse Support Program II for achieving the National League for Nursing’s Certified Nurse Educator credential through initial certification or recertification:

- **Jennifer Fitzgerald, DNP ’15, MS ’00, NNP-BC, CNE**
- **Maranda Jackson-Parkin, PhD ’13, MS ’06, CRNP-BC, ACNP, CCNS, CCRN-K, CNE**
- **Tabitha Legambi, DNP ’19, BSN ’02, RN, CEN, CNE**
- **Regina Phillips, PhD, MS ’79, RN, CNE**
- **Kaitlin Shapelow, MS ’13, CRNP, AGNP-PC, CNE**
- **Lyn Starrs-Zorn, PhD, CRNP (A/AC), CWS, CNOR, CNE**
- **Marleen Thornton, PhD, RN, CNE**



**PATRICIA
CHRISTENSEN**



**HEATHER
FITZHUGH-BOEHM**



KRISTIN L. SEIDL



NICOLE E. SMITH

The following faculty members were honored with UMSON Excellence in Teaching Awards:

- **Patricia Christensen, DNP '14, RN, NEA-BC, CNE**, for Graduate Clinical Education
- **Heather Fitzhugh-Boehm, MSN-Ed, RN, NPD-BC**, for Undergraduate/Entry-into-Nursing Clinical Education
- **Kristin L. Seidl, PhD, RN**, for Graduate Education
- **Nicole E. Smith, PhD, MS '14, RN, CNE, CHSE, CNE-cl**, for Undergraduate/Entry-into-Nursing Education



**JOAN
CARPENTER**



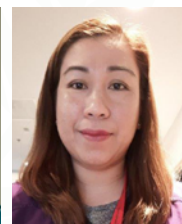
LUANA COLLOCA



CHERYL FISHER



JEAN GAMBO



**KRISTIANNE
SERNA**



**RACHEL
MCPHERSON**

The following staff and faculty were recognized at UMSON's All-School Assembly on May 18:

- **Tara Byrd**: Dr. Margaret G. Tyson Dean's Fund for Excellence Award (Staff Excellence)
- **Joan Carpenter, PhD, CRNP, ACHPN, FGSA, FPCN, FAAN**: Distinguished Scholarship Award
- **Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS**: Distinguished Service Award
- **Cheryl Fisher, EdD, MSN, RN**: Distinguished Scholarship Award
- **Jean Gambo, MSN, RN; Kevin Harris; Kelby Johnson, BSN, RN, CNOR; Dionta Lyle; Jessie Nuttycombe, MS, RN, CCRN; Kristianne Serna, RN; and Kathleen Stewart, MSN, RN, CNE-cl**: Universities at Shady Grove Simulation Team: Outstanding Staff Team Award
- **Rachel McPherson, PhD, MA**: New Faculty Award

Rebecca Armour, Diana Conran, Dawa Dolkar, Alexa Mae Laurden, Jayna Patel, and Diya Rawal, all Class of 2026 graduates, were inducted into the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) Leadership U Honors Society, honored for demonstrating leadership, professionalism, and a commitment to advancing the mission and vision of NSNA.



**MARISA ASTIZ-
MARTINEZ**

Marisa Astiz-Martinez, MS '13, RN, CNE, RYT-200, clinical instructor and faculty advisor, University of Maryland Association of Nursing Students, won the Faculty

Advisor of the Year Award at the Universities at Shady Grove Student Leadership and Service Awards on May 8.

Oluwakemi Stephanie Famobiwo, BSN '26, and Chaney Danai Armstead, MSN '26, received DAISY Awards for Extraordinary Nursing Students during UMSON's 2026 Convocation ceremony on May 12.



**DANIELLE
MCCAMEY**

Danielle McCamey, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP, FCCP, FADLN, assistant professor and associate dean for clinical partnerships and innovation, was recognized as

a "Leader to Watch" and featured on the cover of the June issue of *Nurse Leader*. She also was quoted in "What Black Doctors Notice Before Conditions Turn Serious," which was published in *Black Doctor* on June 5.



**BARBARA
RESNICK**

Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, Distinguished University Professor and associate dean for research, received the UMSON Colleague Award during the University of Maryland Medical Center's National Nurses Week event on May 8.



LEE MOORE

Sara Sethness, DNP, RN, PMHNP-BC, assistant professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialty, and **Lee Moore, DNP, MEd, CRNP-**

PMH, PMHNP-BC, CNE, assistant professor, co-authored “Endangered Education: Psychiatric Professional Degrees Under Attack,” which was published in *Psychiatric Times* on June 2.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



KIMBERLY CLAEYS

Kimberly Claeys, PharmD, PhD, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was voted president-elect of UMSOP's Faculty Assembly.

Andrew Coop, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and associate dean for students, was elected chair of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Special Interest Group Cabinet Administration Board.



SUSAN DOSREIS

Susan dosReis, BSPharm, PhD, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named president-elect of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Epidemiology.



JOCELYN EDWARDS

Jocelyn Edwards, PharmD, assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named UMSOP's

alternate delegate to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.



STEVEN FLETCHER

Steven Fletcher, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and director, MS in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received a two-year, \$399,829 grant from the National Cancer Institute

for “Protein Degradation Strategies to Overcome Menin Drug Resistance in Acute Leukemias.”



AMY HOWARD

Amy Howard, PharmD, assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named Faculty Preceptor of the Year by UMSOP's Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2026.

Raekayla Johnson, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received the Graduate Student Association Research Award for Spring 2026.



SAZIA AREFIN KACHI

Sazia Arefin Kachi, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received a UMB Graduate Student Association travel fellowship to attend the Gordon Research Conference on Lipidomics in California.



BERHANU KIBRET

Berhanu Kibret, PhD, instructor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was named UMSOP's American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Teacher of the Year.



CHEROKEE LAYSON-WOLF

Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received the Innovations in Teaching and Learning Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's History of Pharmacy Special Interest Group.



LISA LEBOVITZ

Lisa Lebovitz, JD, MS, assistant dean for academic affairs and assessment, was a co-recipient of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's 2026 Assessment Special Interest Group Collaborative Publication Award.



JILL MORGAN

Jill Morgan, PharmD, professor and chair, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named Teacher of the Year by UMSOP's Doctor of Pharmacy Class of 2026.



VANSHIKA PATEL

Vanshika Patel and Mirandia Szramowski, students, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received the Washington-Baltimore Mass Spectrometry Discussion Group's

Travel Award to attend the American Society for Mass Spectrometry's annual conference in San Diego.

Sarah Pogash, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received a one-year, \$20,000 fellowship from the American Chemical Society for “Design and Synthesis of Menin Heterobifunctional Compounds to Treat Acute Leukemias.”

Taryn Priaulx, RN, student, MS in Palliative Care Program, was named a Top Nurse as part of *Hudson Valley* magazine's 2026 Excellence in Nursing Awards.



DANYA QATO

Danya Qato, PhD, PharmD, MPH, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received the 2026 Dr. Patricia Sokolove Outstanding Mentor Award from UMB's Graduate Student Association.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



KERRI EVANS

Kerri Evans, PhD, LCSW, associate professor, received a Fulbright Scholar Award to support her research in Australia of using participatory methods to explore how foreign-born students develop interest in macro social work roles and how their lived experiences and migration journeys connect with the macro social work curriculum.

Amy Greensfelder, MSW, LCSW, research associate professor and executive director, Ruth Young Social Impact Institute, presented "Building

Implementation Infrastructure for Evidence-Based Programs: A University-State Agency Partnership Model" at the Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.



AMY GREENSFELDER



MALAYSIA HARRELL

Malaysia Harrell, LICSW, LCSW-C, adjunct professor, was a roundtable panelist for the "Human Dignity: A Guiding Force for Emerging Technologies" session at the virtual GatherVerse

Summit 2026, sharing insights on ethical innovation, human-centered leadership, and safeguarding dignity and psychological well-being as technology evolves.



ANGELA HENNEBERGER



BESS ROSE

Angela Henneberger, PhD, research associate professor, and **Bess Rose, PhD**, statistician, were among the

co-authors of "Predictors of Non-Response to MTSS-B: A Focus on Discipline Problems and Juvenile Justice Involvement," which was published in *Prevention Science* on May 22.



NAEEMAH STAGGS

Naeemah Staggs, MHS, senior training specialist, Ruth Young Social Impact Institute, facilitated two workshops, "The Trevor Project's CARE (Suicide Prevention) Training" and "Ethical Youth and Family Engagement," at the Maryland Department of Human Services Affiliates Retreat in Kent Island, Md.



MICHAEL WOOLLEY



TERRY SHAW

Michael Woolley, PhD, professor; **Angela Henneberger, PhD**, research associate professor; **Bess Rose, PhD**, statistician; and **Terry Shaw, PhD**, associate professor, were among the co-authors of "Balancing Privacy and Utility in Synthetic Data: Insights from Maryland's State Longitudinal Data System," which was accepted for publication by the *Journal of Data Protection and Privacy*.

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