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TARA WINK



SARAH WEIRICH



AMY LUBINSKI

Dennis Nangle, MLIS, assistant dean for resource development and access; **Tara Wink, MLS**, head of historical collections and archives; **Sarah Weirich, MLIS**, head of repository and metadata management; **Michael Craven, JD, MLS**, senior web developer; and **Amy Lubinski, MLIS**, metadata librarian, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, received an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Leadership Grant for an AI-enhanced archival access project that will expand discovery and use of UMB historical collections through Islandora, an open-source digital infrastructure.

Dennis Nangle, MLIS, assistant dean for resource development and access, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, presented the workshop "Capturing Institutional Memory Using AI at Every Comfort Level" at the Technology Immersion Conference in Baltimore on Sept. 16.



MARIEL PFISTER

Mariel Pfister, MSW, LCSW-C, director of clinical services, EMBRACE Initiative, was honored as UMB's September Employee of the Month for her work in guiding the development and implementation of programs that support the mental health, well-being, and stability of individuals, families, and communities in Baltimore that are served by the initiative.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



LISA D'AFFRONTE

Lisa D'Affronte DDS, clinical assistant professor, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, and director, Division of General Practice, received the inaugural UMB Leaders in Education: Academy of Presidential Scholars Educational Scholar of the Month Award in recognition of her advancement of visionary education.



GUILHERME AROSSI

Guilherme Arossi, DDS, MSc, PhD, presented the lecture "From Animal Tissue to Repeatable Mastery: A Modular 3D Implant Placement and Restoration Curriculum" at the 2026 Digital Dentistry for Educators Symposium in October.



STEPHANIE DENNISON

Stephanie Dennison, DDS, clinical assistant professor, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, was among the co-authors of "Introduction to OSA and Dental Sleep Medicine, CE Part II: Dental Management for Obstructive Sleep Apnea," a continuing education (CE) course that was published by *Dentaltown* in October. Dennison also presented two posters at the American Dental Association's Fall Conference: "Student Performance in Third-Year Treatment Planning: Transition from Preclinical to Clinical Education" and "Faculty Scoring Variability on a New Grading Rubric for Third-Year Treatment-Planning Competency Examination."



WILLIAM JACOBSON



CHRISTINA PLATIA



FOTINI ANAGNOS-TOPOULOS-KING

William Jacobson, DMD, MPH, clinical assistant professor; **Christina Platia, DDS**, clinical assistant professor; and **Fotini Anagnostopoulos-King, DMD**, clinical assistant professor, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, co-authored "'Hi, I'm So Sorry I'm Running Behind!': How to Go from Two Patients a Day to 20 Without Falling Behind Schedule," which was published by *Dentaltown* in October.



NORBERT MYSLINSKI

Norbert Myslinski, PhD, associate professor, Department of Neural and Pain Sciences, was honored as namesake of the International Brain Bee's World Championship Award, which will be known as the Norbert Myslinski World Championship Award.



MARCELA ROMERO REYES



SIMON AKERMAN

Marcela Romero Reyes, DDS, PhD, clinical professor and director, Brotman Facial Pain Clinic, and **Simon Akerman, PhD**, associate professor and vice chair, Department of Neural Pain Sciences, wrote "Orofacial Pain Disorder or Trigeminal Autonomic Cephalalgia? Insights into Pathophysiology and Implications in Medicine and Dentistry," which was published by *Headache, The Journal of Head and Face Pain* in September.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES



COURTNEY J. JONES CARNEY

Courtney J. Jones Carney, DPA, MBA, assistant professor, and assistant vice president, UMB Division of Student Affairs, wrote the chapter "From Dialogue to Flourishing: Centering Belonging and Well-Being Through Intergroup and Caucus Dialogue" for the book "Thriving Students, Thriving Campuses: A Resource Manual for Mental Health and Well-Being for Students of Color," which was published in October.

Tatiana Prescott, student, Forensic Medicine Program, presented "Postmortem Toxicology Findings in Motor Vehicle Accidents: A Retrospective Forensic Autopsy Study in Maryland (2022-2024)" at the National Association of Medical Examiners' Annual Meeting on Oct. 16 in Kansas City, Mo.

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW



CORI ALONSO-YODER

Cori Alonso-Yoder, JD, assistant professor and director, Immigration Clinic, was interviewed for the "What to Know About Trump's New Green Card Policy" episode on the "Marketplace Morning Report" radio show Sept. 21.



CHAZ ARNETT

Chaz Arnett, JD, professor, was quoted in "Baltimore Police Add 200 Axon License Plate Cameras as Part of $153M Deal," which was published by *Technical.ly* on Sept. 9.

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor and associate dean for research and faculty development, was quoted in "Why Do Women Face Harsher Punishment Than Men for Killing an Abusive Domestic Partner?" which was published by the *New York Sun* on Sept. 19.



MARK GRABER

Mark Graber, JD, PhD, MA, Distinguished University Professor, wrote "The Enduring Significance of Peggy Sue Got Married (and Constitutionalism and its Discontents)," which was published by *Balkinization* on Sept. 7.



DEBORAH EISENBERG



TOBY GUERIN

Deborah Eisenberg, JD, vice dean and professor, and **Toby Guerin, JD**, clinical law instructor and executive director, Center for Dispute Resolution, presented "Democracy on the Frontlines: Conflict De-Escalation Strategies for Frontline Civil Servants" at the Association of American Law Schools' Dispute Resolution Works-in-Progress Conference at the University of Missouri School of Law on Sept. 26.



LESLIE MELTZER HENRY

Leslie Meltzer Henry, JD, PhD, professor, was quoted in "Women Can Freeze Their Eggs for Free Through This Startup. Here's Why Critics Are Concerned," which was published by *Inc.* on Sept. 27.



KATHLEEN HOKE

Kathleen Hoke, JD, professor and director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, was quoted in "Advocate Pushes for Increased Alcohol Excise Tax to Fund Medicaid Cuts," which was published by *The Daily Record* on Sept. 11.



DAVID KOELSCH

David Koelsch, JD, practitioner-in-residence, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, was quoted in "Scheduling 'Trick' Sends Immigrants to DC for Baltimore Hearings," which was published by *The Baltimore Banner* on Sept. 22.

Guha Krishnamurthi, JD, professor, presented "Affirmative Action Under the Roberts Court (and Beyond)" at the annual St. John's College lecture Sept. 15 in Annapolis.

Sarah Lorr, JD, associate professor, presented "Navigating Bias, Protecting Autonomy: Representing Parents with Intellectual Disability in Article X Cases," at the New York State Public Defender's Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on July 28.

Paula Monopoli, JD, Distinguished University Professor and founding director, Women, Leadership and Equality Program, presented "Woman Suffrage and the Nineteenth Amendment" to the National Resources Defense Council Women's Caucus.

Markus Rauschecker, JD, lecturer and executive director, Center for Cyber, Health, and Hazard Strategies, was quoted in "Anne Arundel Patients Sue Luminis Health After Cyberattack Exposes Medical Data," which was published by *The Baltimore Banner* on Sept. 26.


OMAVI SHUKUR

Omavi Shukur, JD, assistant professor, joined Jim Ross, PhD, professor, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, to discuss the Little Rock Nine and the 1957 desegregation crisis at the Little Rock High School Historic Site in September.


MAUREEN SWEENEY


FRANCISCO FLORES

Maureen Sweeney, JD, professor and director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, and **Francisco Flores, JD**, program director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, were quoted in "Lacking Federal Funds, Local Groups Press to Continue Legal Aid for Immigrant Children," which was published by *Maryland Matters* on Sept. 2.


DONALD TOBIN

Donald Tobin, JD, professor, was quoted in "Law Firms Spend Big on MD Elections — Here's Who Gave the Most," which was published by *The Daily Record* on Sept. 14.


MARGARET TODD

Margaret Todd, JD, managing director and senior legal research associate, Agriculture Law Education Initiative, was quoted in "Maryland Gets Serious About Schools, Institutions Using Local Food," which was published by *Lancaster Farming* on Sept. 4.


BEN YELIN

Ben Yelin, JD, lecturer and program director of public policy and external affairs, Center for Cyber, Health, and Hazard Strategies, was quoted in "Luminis Cybersecurity Incident Highlights 'Concerning' Rise in Attacks on Healthcare," which was published by *Maryland Matters* on Sept. 9.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE


THORSTEN R. FLEITER

Thorsten R. Fleiter, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, is the lead inventor of "Autonomous Robotic Point of Care Ultrasound Imaging," which was issued a U.S. patent on Sept. 1.


AMY M. FULTON

Amy M. Fulton, PhD, Professor Emerita, Department of Pathology, is the lead inventor of "Humanized Antibodies Directed Against KCNK9," which was issued a U.S. patent on Sept. 1.


JEFFREY HASDAY

Jeffrey Hasday, MD, professor, Department of Medicine, is a co-inventor of "Non-Catalytic Substrate-Selective P38(alpha)-Specific MAPK Inhibitors with Endothelial-Stabilizing and Anti-Inflammatory Activity, and Methods of Use Thereof," which was issued a U.S. Continuation patent on Sept. 15.


MARCELA F. PASETTI


GIRMAY D. TAREKEGN

Marcela F. Pasetti, PhD, professor, and **Girmay D. Tarekegn, PhD**, research associate, both in the Department of Pediatrics, are the lead inventor and co-inventor, respectively, of "Shigella Vaccine Compositions," which was issued a European patent (countries pending) on Sept. 2.


ZHONGJUN JON WU


BARTLEY P. GRIFFITH

Zhongjun Jon Wu, PhD, and **Bartley P. Griffith, MD**, both professors, Department of Surgery, are the lead inventor and co-inventor, respectively, of "Artificial Lung System and Its

Methods of Use," which was issued a U.S. Continuation patent on Sept. 22.

SCHOOL OF NURSING


DANIEL ADEKUNLE

Daniel Adekunle, student, Master of Science in Nursing Entry-into-Nursing Program, and **Cory Stephens, DNP, MSN, Cert '24, RN, CNE, NI-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS**, assistant professor, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, co-authored "Using Generative AI Before, During, and After Faculty Mentoring," which was published by *Nurse Educator* in September.

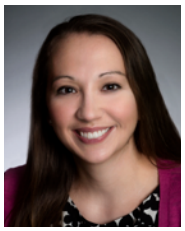

DONALD BABAMOMBA AMENAH

Donald Babamomba Amenah, PhD student, was featured in "What Keeps Ghana's Nurses Competent? A Sweeping Review Maps the Barriers," which was published by Bioengineer.org on Oct. 5.

Susan L. Bindon, DNP '11, MS '96, RN, NPD-BC, CNE, FAAN, professor and associate dean for faculty development, was named the inaugural recipient of the Maryland Organization of Nurse Leaders Excellence in Nursing Education Award.


YVETTE CONYERS

Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS, CNE, FADLN, CWCN-AP, FNAP, FAAN, assistant professor and associate dean for strategic engagement, was selected as a 2026 fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.


KELLY DORAN


RACHEL MCPHERSON

Kelly Doran, PhD '11, MS '08, RN, FAAN, associate professor, won second place at the MidAtlantic Medical Directors Association's Annual Conference on Oct. 3 in Washington, D.C., for her poster "Increasing Residents' Function Focused Care Through Worksite Wellness," and **Rachel McPherson, PhD, MA**, assistant professor, won third place for her poster "Differences in Interactions Provided by Family Versus Assisted Living Staff."


ANGELICA FERNANDEZ-DIZON


TWANDA GAINER


AMY DANIELS


SUSAN L. BINDON


BRITTANY CORBIN


REBECCA N. WESTON

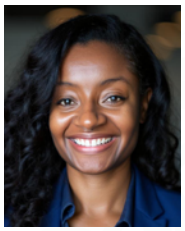
Angelica Fernandez-Dizon, MD, DNP, MBA-HCM, MSN, BSN, RN, NP-C; **Twanda Gainer, DNP, RN, CNE-cl**; **Amy Daniels, PhD '18, MS '12, BSN '89, RN, CHSE-A**; **Susan L. Bindon, DNP '11, MS '96, RN, NPD-BC, CNE, FAAN**; **Brittany Corbin, BSN '14, RN, PCCN, CNE-cl**; and **Rebecca N. Weston, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE**, all faculty or staff members, made presentations at the National League for Nursing Education Summit on Sept. 23-25, in Washington D.C.


LORI HARRIS

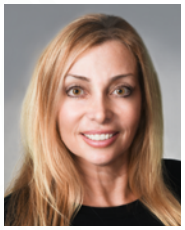
Lori Harris, director, Office of the Registrar and Student Placements, received the Leadership Award at the Exxat Cohere 2026 User Conference, which was held Sept. 23-25 in Baltimore.


BARBARA RESNICK

Rachel McPherson, PhD, MA, assistant professor, and **Barbara Resnick, PhD '96, RN, CRNP, FPALTC, FAAN, FAANP,** Distinguished University Professor and associate dean for research, were awarded a $50,000 grant through a joint funding effort of the Rita and Alex Hillman Foundation and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation to support their project "Improving Care Interactions for Nursing Home Residents with Dementia and Pain."


GINELLE NELSON

Ginelle Nelson, MPH, RN, NI-BC, CPPS, student, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, was named an inaugural recipient of the Nursing Foundation of Maryland's Doctoral Nursing Research Grant on Oct. 6, supporting doctoral scholarship focused on patient safety, nursing informatics, and emerging health care technologies.


VERONICA QUATTRINI

Veronica Quattrini, DNP, MS '99, BSN '85, FNP-BC, associate professor and senior director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, provided seven presentations at the International Council of Nurses' Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice

Nurse Network Conference, which was held Sept. 14-17 in Nashville, Tenn.


TARA STOUDT

Tara Stoudt, DNP '25, MS '08, NNP-BC, RNC-NIC, assistant professor, was appointed director of the Master of Science in Nursing Entry-into-Nursing Program.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Balal Aizaz, Negin Motamedi, **Daniel Qiu**, and **Alice Varghese**, all students, received scholarships from the School of Pharmacy's MS in Pharmacometrics Program.

Rabia Asjid, student, received the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy's Cathy A. Carroll Scholarship.


LAUREN HYNICKA

Lauren Hynicka, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was appointed to the Organizing Committee for the 2027 International Congress on Integrative Medicine and Health.


SARAH L.J. MICHEL

Sarah L.J. Michel, PhD, dean and professor, was appointed to the National Institute of General Medical Sciences' Advisory Council.


TARANEH MOUSAVI

Taraneh Mousavi, PharmD, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research program, received the UMB Presidential Scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year and was selected for the UMB/AstraZeneca Health Economics & Payer Evidence Fellowship in Oncology Market Access and Pricing for 2026-2028.


SARAH POGASH

Sarah Pogash, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences program, received a one-year, $20,000 grant from the American Chemical Society for "Design and Synthesis of Menin Heterobifunctional Compounds to Treat Acute Leukemias" and a one-year, $10,000 grant from the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education for "Design and Synthesis of Menin Heterobifunctional Compounds for the Treatment of Drug-Resistant MLL-rearranged Acute Leukemias."

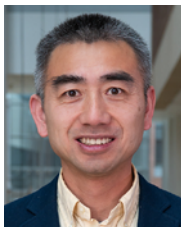
James Polli, PhD, Shangraw/Noxell Endowed Chair in Industrial Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics, received the Institute for Clinical & Translational Research's Honorable Mention Publication Award in Basic Translational Science.


PAUL SHAPIRO

Paul Shapiro, PhD, and **Alexander MacKerell, PhD**, both professors in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, are the lead inventor and co-inventor, respectively, of "Non-Catalytic Substrate-Selective P38(alpha)-Specific MAPK Inhibitors with Endothelial-Stabilizing and Anti-Inflammatory Activity, and Methods of Use Thereof," which was issued a U.S. Continuation patent on Sept. 15.


JULIA SLEJKO

Julia Slejko, PhD, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received an 18-month, $135,460 contract from the National Pharmaceutical Council for "Copay Maximizer Programs: Patient Experience and Impacts" and a one-year, $124,999 contract from Genentech for "Development and Application of a US Pharmaceutical Innovation Index."


FENGTIAN XUE

Fengtian Xue, PhD, professor, was appointed chair of the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK


YOONZIE CHUNG


SARAH DABABNAH


WENDY SHAIA

Yoonzie Chung, MSW, PhD candidate; **Sarah Dababnah, PhD, MPH, MSW**, associate professor; and **Wendy Shaia, MSW, EdD**, clinical professor, co-authored "A Research Note on Black Caregivers' Experiences While Awaiting a Developmental Evaluation for Their Children During a Global Pandemic," which was published by *Families in Society*: *The Journal of Contemporary Social Services.*


GISELE FERRETTO

Gisele Ferretto, MSW, LCSW-C, director of public policy and manager of training, Office of Practicum Education, led "Supervision Strategies for the Development of Competent Social Workers," a two-part professional development workshop offered through the National Association of Social Workers.



GEOFFREY GREIF

Geoffrey Greif, PhD, MSW, Distinguished University Professor, wrote "Great Rhetoric Can Make for a Great Lecture," which was published by the *Journal of Teaching in Social Work.*



SEANTÈ A. HATCHER

Seantè A. Hatcher, LCSW-C, LICSW, assistant dean, Office of Continuing Professional Education, received the Honorable Cypert O. Whitfill 100 Year Award at the Harford County Family Law Update Symposium on Sept. 22, recognizing her longstanding service and advocacy for children and families within the family court system.



LAUREN SCHUYLER

Lauren Schuyler, PhD, assistant research director, Family Welfare Research and Training Group, was featured in "'The Pandemic on Steroids': New SNAP Rules Mean Millions at Risk of Losing Benefits as States Brace for Billions in New Costs," which was published by *Moneywise*.



ERIN C. WALTON

Erin C. Walton, MSW, LCSW-C, PhD student, wrote "Group-Based Medical Mistrust and Healthcare Utilization Among Racially and Ethnically Minoritized Adults," which was published by the *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities.*



DARREN WHITFIELD

Darren Whitfield, PhD, associate professor, was among the co-authors of "Associations Between Psychosocial Factors and Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) Adherence Among Black Men Who Have Sex with Men in Ending the HIV Epidemic Jurisdictions: Findings from Project Adhere," which was published by the *Archives of Sexual Behavior*.

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