

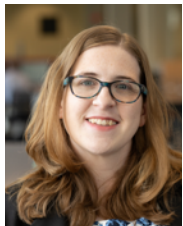
UMB LAURELS

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CHRISTINE
NIEMAN HISLOP

Christine Nieman Hislop, MSLIS, data services librarian, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, presented “Bridging Cross-Regional Data Instruction Needs: Collaborative

Approaches to Data Services Education” and the poster “IASSIST at 50: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going” at the IASSIST (International Association for Social Science Information Service and Technology) 2025 Conference in Bristol, England, in June.



SEM HAR
OKBAZION

Semhar Okbazion, LLM, assistant director, Office of International Services, Center for Global Engagement, was selected by NAFSA: Association of International Educators as

a NAFSA Academy Coach and will work with a cohort of six international education professionals through Dec. 31, 2025.



JESSICA
GRABOWSKI
ROOP

Jessica Grabowski Roop, MS, was promoted to assistant vice president of fiscal and academic affairs.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



MARY BETH
AICHELMANN-
REIDY



KUEI-LING C. HSU

Mary Beth Aichelmann-Reidy, DDS, clinical associate professor; **Kuei-Ling C. Hsu, DDS, MS**, clinical associate professor; and **Hwan Hee Park, DDS**, clinical assistant professor,

led the panel “HER Specialty Panel — Fitting the Mold or Breaking It? Women’s Journeys Across Dental Specialties” at the American Association of Women Dentists Conference in Baltimore in September.



MARCELA
ROMERO REYES

Simon Akerman, PhD, associate professor, is the lead inventor, and **Marcela Romero Reyes, DDS, PhD**, clinical professor, is a co-inventor of “Treatment of Chronic Headaches,” which was issued a U.S. patent on Aug. 26.

Hanping Feng, PhD, associate professor, is the lead inventor, and **James E. Galen, PhD**, adjunct professor, and **Kevin Chen, PhD, MPH**, adjunct associate professor, are co-inventors of “Yeast-Based Immunotherapy Against Clostridium Difficile Infection,” which was issued a U.S. Divisional patent on Aug. 12.

Marcela Romero-Reyes, DDS, PhD, clinical professor, was invited to speak at the first International Headache and Craniofacial Pain Congress in Peru in August.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES



JAMES F. CAWLEY

James F. Cawley, MPH, PA-C, professor and Scholar-in-Residence, was among the co-authors of “The Hospitalist Physician Assistant/ Associate in American Medicine,” which was published in *Hospital Topics*.

Shani Fleming, PhD, MSHS, MPH, PA-C, associate professor, was promoted to assistant dean of values and strategic initiatives.

Violet Kulo, EdD, PhD, associate professor and program director, Health Professions Education, was appointed as a deputy editor for *Teaching and Learning in Medicine*.

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW



CORI ALONSO-
YODER

Cori Alonso-Yoder, JD, assistant professor and director, Immigration Clinic, was quoted in “In Rush for Immigration Arrests, a Shift by ICE to ‘Incredibly Aggressive’ Tactics, Advocates

Say,” which was published in *Maryland Matters* on July 26.

Asees Bhasin, JD, visiting assistant professor, was among the co-authors of “Antiracist Expert Evidence,” which was published in the *Yale Law Journal*.



RICHARD BOLDT



DONALD GIFFORD

Richard Boldt, JD, and **Donald Gifford, JD**, both Distinguished University Professors, co-authored “Interference with the Democratic Process as Public Nuisance,” which was published in the *Maryland Law Review*.



PATRICIA CAMPBELL

Patricia Campbell, JD, professor, presented “Criminal Penalties for Trafficking in Counterfeit Microelectronics” at the University of Maryland, College Park’s SMTA/CALCE

Symposium on Counterfeit Parts and Materials, which was held June 24-26.



LEIGH GOODMARK

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor and associate dean for research and faculty development, was quoted in “The Silence of Hollywood Women in the Age of Epstein,” which was published in *The Wrap* on Aug. 18.

Mark Graber, JD, PhD, MA, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in “Trump Tariff Case Ups the Ante at the Supreme Court,” which was published in *The Wall Street Journal* on Aug. 31.

Quince Hopkins, JD, director, Levitas Initiative for Sexual Violence Prevention, was among the co-authors of “Using Restorative Justice to

Respond to and Prevent Sexual Harm: A Qualitative Study of Formal Practices in Six Countries,” which was published in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.



QUINCE HOPKINS



GUHA KRISHNAMURTHI

Guha Krishnamurthi, JD, professor, wrote “Remedying Unconstitutional Immigration Enforcement,” which was published in the *Cardozo Law Review’s* online journal.



SARAH LORR

Sarah Lorr, JD, associate professor, wrote “Discrimination Against Disabled Parents and Family Regulation,” which was published in the American Bar Association’s *Human Rights Magazine* on July 18.



WILL MOON

Will Moon, JD, professor, presented “Havens for Corporate Lawbreaking” at the University of Milan in July.

Jon Mueller, JD, visiting associate professor, was quoted in “Maryland to EPA: Our Offshore Wind Permit Is Just Fine, Thank You,” which was published in *The Baltimore Banner* on July 22.



AADHITHI PADMANABHAN

Aadhithi Padmanabhan, JD, associate professor, wrote “Abandoning Deportation Adjudication,” which was published in the *Stanford Law Review* in June.

Robert Percival, JD, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in “Top U.N. Court Says Countries Must Act on Climate Change,” which was published in *The New York Times* on July 23.



ROBERT PERCIVAL

Bill Piermattei, JD, managing director, Environmental Law Program, presented “U.S. Climate Change Legal Developments: Federalism in Action” at the 22nd Annual Colloquium of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, which was held July 1-4 in Lima, Peru.



NATALIE RAM

Natalie Ram, JD, professor, was quoted in “DNA in the Air Could Track Biodiversity — and Humans,” which was published in *Science* in June.



MAUREEN SWEENEY

Maureen Sweeney, JD, professor and director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, was among the co-authors of the book “Crimmigration in a Nutshell,” which was published in May.



TIFFANY YANG

Tiffany Yang, JD, assistant professor, wrote the chapter “Freedom House: A Critical Counternarrative” for the “Routledge International Handbook of Critical Policing Studies,”

which was published in June.



MICAH YARBROUGH

Micah Yarbrough, JD, lecturer and director, Bar Preparation Programs, was quoted in “Legal Educators Raise Concerns with NextGen Bar Exam: ‘I’d Rather Not Be First,’” which was published in *The Daily Record* on Sept. 2.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



MAY MONTASSER

May Montasser, PhD, adjunct assistant professor, is the lead inventor of “B4GALT1 Variants and Uses Thereof,” which was granted a European patent (countries pending) on Aug. 13.



VINCENT NJAR

Vincent Njar, PhD, Distinguished University Professor, is the lead inventor, and **Purushottamachar Puranik, PhD**, assistant professor, is a co-inventor of “Method for Production of Novel Galeterone

Analogs and Uses Thereof,” which was issued a U.S. patent on Aug. 19.

Joseph Rabin, MD, MS, MIA, professor, is the lead inventor of “Percutaneous Dilation Tracheostomy Device and Method of Using,” which was issued a U.S. Continuation patent on Aug. 12.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

The following faculty members received promotions (new title listed):

- **Susan Bindon, DNP, RN, NPD-BC, CNE, FAAN, ANEF**, professor with tenure
- **Rachel Breman, PhD, MPH, RN, FAWHONN**, associate professor with tenure
- **Benjamin Canha, PhD, RN**, nursing school associate professor
- **Sarah Holmes, PhD, MSW**, associate professor with tenure
- **Shannon Idzik, DNP, CRNP, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN**, professor with tenure
- **Jacqueline Mitchell, PhD, CRNA, FAANA**, nursing school assistant professor
- **Tara Stoudt, DNP, RNC-NIC**, nursing school assistant professor
- **Jessica Sullivan, DNP, PMHNP-BC**, nursing school assistant professor

The following staff members received promotions (new title listed):

- **Sham Arias**, business operations specialist
- **Jamal Beale**, lead maintenance mechanic
- **Chantelle Brown, MS**, assistant director of academic services
- **Carin Clingan, MS, CNC, CPT**, clinical research specialist
- **Nancy Culpepper, MBA**, simulation educator
- **Olga Grant**, research administrator
- **Jamie Haines, MS**, associate director of academic services
- **Megan Meadow, MBA**, manager of facility and operations
- **Nicole Nash, MBA**, director of development
- **Claritza Novas Medina, MS**, business operations specialist
- **Kara Petrosky, MS**, simulation training specialist
- **Diane Reynolds**, senior academic services specialist
- **Javier Rosales**, clinical research specialist



LAURA ALLEN

Laura Allen, DNP '24, MA, MS '15, BSN '06, RN, assistant professor, and **Barbara Wise, PhD, CPNP-AC/PC**, and **Suzanna Fitzpatrick, DNP, ACNP, FNP-BC, FAANP**,

both adjunct faculty members, co-authored “Increasing Consumption of Healthy Snacks at an Early Head Start Center,” which was published in the September issue of the *American Journal of Nursing*.



THERESA DI SETA

Theresa Di Seta, DNP '25, RN, NEA-BC, NPD-BC, assistant director, student placements for partnership development and community health, was a guest on “The MNRC Connection”

podcast on July 30. She also was selected to join the 2025-26 cohort of the American Nurses Advocacy Institute, a yearlong program led by the American

Nurses Association to strengthen nurses’ skills in health policy and advocacy.



NATAKI DRONES

Nataki Drones, assistant director of graduate admissions, was named UMB’s Employee of the Month of August for her work in overseeing the admissions process for the school’s Doctor of Nursing Practice

and Master of Science in Nursing programs while being a leader, mentor, and problem solver in the Office of Student and Academic Services.



ABANEH EBANGWESE

Abaneh Ebangwese, CERT '24, BSN '15, RN, CCRN, PhD student, received a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship, becoming the first UMSON student ever selected for the honor.

Danielle McCamey, DNP, CRNP, ACNP-BC, FAAN, FAANP, FCCP, FADLN, assistant professor and associate dean for clinical partnerships and innovation, was inducted as a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She also was among the co-authors of “The Critical Role of Clinical Placement Professionals in Academic-Practice Partnerships for Nurse Education,” which was published in the July issue of the *Journal of Professional Nursing*.



VERONICA “RONNIE” QUATTRINI



AMANDA ROESCH

Veronica “Ronnie” Quattrini, DNP, MS '99, BSN '85, FNP-BC, FAANP, associate professor and senior director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, was inducted as a fellow of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. Also, Quattrini and **Amanda Roesch**,

DNP, MPH, FNP-C, assistant professor, co-authored “Redefining NP Transition: A Dual-Mentorship Fellowship from Education to Practice,” which was accepted for publication by the *Journal for Nurse Practitioners*.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



KIMBERLY CLAEYS

Kimberly Claeys, PharmD, PhD, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy’s 2025 Excellence Award.



CATHERINE COOKE

Catherine Cooke, PharmD, MS, research professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, joined the editorial board of the journal *Patient Preference and Adherence*.

Andrew Coop, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC), and associate dean for students, and **Chad Johnson, PhD**, assistant professor, PSC, and director, MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics Program, were issued a U.S. patent for “Methods of Using Muscarinic Antagonists in the Treatment of Depression.”



ALLISON DUNN

Allison Dunn, PharmD, MS, research assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received a two-year, \$171,995 contract from Otsuka Pharmaceutical

Development & Commercialization, Inc., for “Otsuka Pharmaceutical Development & Commercialization, Inc.”



MEGAN EHRET

Megan Ehret, PharmD, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and co-director, Mental Health Program, received the Maryland Society of Health-

System Pharmacy’s 2025 W. Arthur Purdum Award and has joined the editorial board of *Pharmacy Times*.



EMILY HEIL

Emily Heil, PharmD, MS, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named president-elect of the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists.

Fitrat Hossain, PhD, postdoctoral fellow, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, earned an associate certificate from the Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning through UMB’s Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.

Amy Kruger Howard, PharmD, MS, clinical assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research (P-SHOR), and **Magaly Rodríguez de Bittner, PharmD**, professor, P-SHOR, and executive director, Center for Innovative Pharmacy Solutions, were named fellows of the International Pharmaceutical Federation. Rodríguez de Bittner also received a Hispanic Leadership Award from *The Daily Record*.

Brandon Lowe and Rutu Valapil, students, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received Graduate Merit Awards from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.



RYAN PEARSON

Ryan Pearson, PhD, associate professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and director, Bio- and Nano-Technology Center, received a two-year, \$150,000 grant from the

American Lung Association for “Targeting Immunometabolism to Induce Antigen-Specific Tolerance in Allergic Airway Disease.”



DOMINIQUE SEO

Dominique Seo, MPH, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Program, was named chair of ISPOR – The Professional Society for Health Economics and Outcomes

Research’s Student Network.



JANA SHEN

Jana Shen, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and co-director, Computer-Aided Drug Design Center, received a one-year, \$428,432 grant from the National

Institutes of Health for “Combining Experiments, Simulations, and AI to Interrogate the Pharmacology of Fentanyl and Nitazene Derivatives.”

Mingzhe Shen and Madison Worth, students, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received Graduate Fellowship Awards from the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences.



HONGBING WANG FENG Tian XUE



Hongbing Wang, PhD, professor and interim chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC), and **Fengtian Xue, PhD**, professor, PSC, and associate dean for research, received a four-year, \$2,840,768 grant from the National Institutes of Health for “Impact of CAR and Nrf2 Dual Activation on Cyclophosphamide Bioactivation and Doxorubicin Detoxification.”

Fengtian Xue, PhD, associate professor, and **Yan Shu, MD, PhD**, professor, both in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, are the lead inventor and co-inventor, respectively, of “Wnt Signaling Inhibitors for the Treatment of Diabetes,” which was issued a U.S. Continuation patent on Aug. 5.

Yuly Chiang Yu, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, was recognized as an Outstanding Early Career Scientist by the *Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences*.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in “Family of Glen Burnie Toddler Who Died from Overdose Calls Out State: ‘I Think the System Failed Her,’ ” which was published in *The Capital Gazette* on Aug. 26.

Sarah Dababnah, PhD, MPH, MSW, associate professor, was among the co-authors of “Training and Pilot Implementation of the World Health Organization’s Caregiver Skills Training Program In Egypt,” which was published in *Research in Autism*.



LAURIE GRAHAM

Laurie Graham, PhD, MSW, assistant professor, was among the co-authors of “‘I Never Realized How Hard Recovery Is.’ A Quasi-Experimental Evaluation of a Youth Participatory Action

Research Project for Opioid Prevention,” which was published in the *American Journal of Community Psychology*. Also, Graham, **April Cavaletto, MSW, PhD** candidate, and **Cindy Nguyen, MSW** student, co-authored “A Call for Sexual and Relationship Violence Bystander Approaches for Youth-Supporting Adults,” which was published in the *Journal of Family Violence*.



GEOFFREY GREIF

Geoffrey Greif, PhD, MSW, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in “Sibling Bonds May Wax and Wane: Here’s How to Safeguard Them,” which was published on Kiplinger.com on July 25.

Jodi Frey, PhD, LCSW-C, CEAP, professor and associate dean for research, served as a panelist for the webinar “Speaking About the Unspoken: Workplace Suicide Risk Reduction,” which was presented by the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists on Sept. 4.

Tural Mammadli, Linda Jeanne Mack, Yali Deng, Tharyn Giovanni, and Simpson Kamugisha, all PhD candidates; **Darren L. Whitfield, PhD, MSW**, and **Bruce DeForge, PhD, MSW**, both associate professors; and **Gail D. Betz, MSLIS**, research and education librarian, were among the co-authors of “Substance Use Among Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth and Young Adults Living in the US: A Systematic Review,” which was published in *Social Science & Medicine*.

Lauren Schuyler, PhD, MA, assistant research director, Family Welfare Research and Training Group, was quoted in “Trump’s New Budget Law Will Bring Changes to Food Assistance,” which was published on WPRI.com on July 18.



FERNANDO WAGNER



AMANDA LEHNING

Fernando Wagner, ScD, MPH, professor, and **Amanda Lehning, PhD**, senior associate dean for academic affairs, were among the co-authors of “Response to: Loneliness and Cognitive Function in Older Adults Living in Latin America: A Systematic Review,” which was published in *Archives of Medical Research*.



STACEY WILSON

Stacey Wilson, LCSW-C, associate professor and clinician and practicum instructor, Center for Restorative Change, was quoted in “Baltimore Communities Unite to Provide School Supplies to Prep Students for New School Year,” which was published on WMAR2News.com on Aug. 17.

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