

UMB LAURELS

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MEREDITH DIIOIA

Meredith DiIoia, MSc, program specialist, project delivery, Office of Facilities and Operations, began a two-year term March 2 as a commissioner of the Baltimore

Commission on Sustainability, which oversees implementation of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan, monitoring and reporting on progress annually.



NIDHI GOEL



VIOLET KULO

Nidhi Goel, MD, MHS, assistant professor, School of Medicine; **Violet Kulo, EdD, PhD**, associate professor and director, PhD and Leadership Certificate in Health Professions Education (HPE), School of Graduate Studies (UMSGS); and **Michael Soh, PhD, MA**, associate professor, HPE, UMSGs, co-authored “Not All AI Is Created Equal: Considerations for Equity in Medical Education,” which was published in the *Korean Journal of Medical Education* in February.



KIMBERLY LUMPKINS



JILL MORGAN



DONNA PARKER



JUDY POSTMUS



STACEY STEPHENS

Kimberly Lumpkins, MD, MBA, professor, School of Medicine (UMSOM); **Jill Morgan, PharmD, BCPS, BCPPS, FNAP**, professor, School of Pharmacy; **Donna Parker, MD, FACP**, professor, UMSOM; **Judy Postmus, PhD, ACSW**, dean and professor, School of Social Work (UMSSW); and **Stacey Stephens, MSW, LCSW-C**, clinical assistant professor, UMSSW, were recognized in *The Daily Record's* list of Maryland's Top 100 Women, which honors high-achieving women who are making an impact through their leadership, community service, and mentoring.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



GUILHERME AROSSI

Guilherme Arossi, DDS, MSc, PhD, clinical assistant professor, Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program, received a UMB Leaders in Education: Academy of Presidential

Scholars grant of \$7,500 for “From Animal Tissue to Repeatable Mastery: A Modular 3D-Printed Implant Placement and Restoration Curriculum for AEGD Residents.”



LISA D'AFFRONTÉ

Lisa D’Affronte, DDS, clinical assistant professor and director, Division of General Dentistry, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, was among the co-authors of “What Every Dentist Needs to Know About

Microplastics and Dental Materials,” which was published by *General Dentistry* and featured on its March/April cover.



NISHA GANESH

Nisha Ganesh, DDS, MEd, clinical associate professor and assistant dean for predoctoral clinical education, received the newly established UMSOD Block Mentorship Award, which honors faculty

who exemplify exceptional mentorship of dental students and celebrates the legacy of Stanley Block, DDS '58, who was known for guiding and shaping generations of dentists throughout his long career.



GARY
WARBURTON

Gary Warburton, DDS, MD, FACS, professor and chairman, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was installed as president of the American Society of Temporomandibular

Joint (TMJ) Surgeons in February. In this role, he will help lead the organization's efforts to advance the field of TMJ surgery and foster collaboration among specialists in the United States.

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES



DAVID J.
BUNNELL

David J. Bunnell, PhD, PA-C, assistant professor, Doctor of Medical Science Program, wrote "Entrustable Professional Activities for Newly Graduated Physician Associates: Validation

Through a Modified Delphi Study," which was published online ahead of print by the *Journal of Physician Assistant Education* on Jan. 22.



COLLEEN KNAPP

Colleen Knapp, MEd, associate director of records and registration, received the Conner Scholarship to attend the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions

Officers' Annual Meeting.

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW



RABIYA AKANDE

Rabiya Akande, SJD, LL.M., associate professor, wrote "Outsourcing Legal Modernity: Late Colonial Constitutionalism in Muslim Northern Nigeria," which was published

by the *American Journal of Comparative Law* in February.



CORI ALONSO-
YODER

Cori Alonso-Yoder, JD, assistant professor and director, Immigration Clinic, wrote the chapter "Race and the Impacts of the First Crimmigration Controls Today," which was published

in the "Palgrave Handbook of Racial Injustice and Resistance (2026)."



CHAZ ARNETT

Chaz Arnett, JD, professor, wrote "Legislatively Erased: The Failure of Privacy Legislation to Protect People Connected to the Criminal Legal System," which was published by the *George Washington*

Journal of Law and Technology.



ASEES BHASIN

Asees Bhasin, JD, visiting assistant professor, was interviewed about the article she co-authored, "Antiracist Expert Evidence," on the podcast "Excited Utterance" in February.



LEIGH
GOODMARK

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor and associate dean for research and faculty development, co-authored "Incarcerated Women Featured in True Crime Media Face

Flood of Sexual Harassment," which was published by *Truthout* in February.

Mark Graber, JD, PhD, MA, Distinguished University Professor, wrote the chapter "American Constitutional Democracy in Crisis?" which was published in "SCOTUS 2025: Major Decisions and Developments of the U.S. Supreme Court (2026)."

Diane Hoffmann, JD, MS, professor and director, Law and Health Care Program, was quoted in "Considering a Gut Microbiome Test? Read This First," which was published by *The Washington Post* in February.

Seema Kakade, JD, professor, received 2024-2025 honorable mention in the "Environmental Law Reporter's Environmental Law & Policy Annual Review" for her article "A Contractual Relationship with Environmental Justice," which was published in the *American University Law Review*.



GUHA
KRISHNAMURTHI

Guha Krishnamurthi, JD, professor, was quoted in "Senate President Bill Ferguson Dismisses Impact of Ellis' Redistricting Protest," which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* in February.



SARAH LORR

Sarah Lorr, JD, associate professor, participated in a virtual roundtable, "Guardianship and Reproductive Healthcare: Legal Standards and Clinical Realities," at Brooklyn

Law School on March 5.



WILL MOON

Will Moon, JD, professor, wrote "Havens for Corporate Lawbreaking," which was published in the *Washington University Law Review*.



JON MUELLER

Jon Mueller, JD, visiting associate professor, was quoted in “In Feud with Wes Moore, Trump Slings Feces,” which was published by Politico’s *E&E News* in February.



ROBERT PERCIVAL

Robert Percival, JD, Distinguished University Professor and director, Environmental Law Program, presented “Supreme Court Update” at the American Law Institute’s

Environmental Law Conference in February.



BILL PIERMATTEI

Bill Piermattei, JD, managing director, Environmental Law Program, was quoted in “E.P.A. Faces First Lawsuit Over Its Killing of Major Climate Rule,” which was published by *The New*

York Times in February.



NATALIE RAM

Natalie Ram, JD, professor, was among the co-authors of “Putting the L in ELSI: Legal Methods for Bioethics Research,” which was published by the *Journal of Law & Bioethics* in February.



BILL REYNOLDS

Bill Reynolds, JD, Professor Emeritus, was quoted in “Howard County Bans Private Immigration Detention Centers, Halting ICE Project,” which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* in February.



OMAVI SHUKUR

Omavi Shukur, JD, assistant professor, wrote “Arkansas’s Anti-Loitering Law Targets People — Especially Black Youths — Just for Hanging Out in Public,” which was published by the *Arkansas Times* in February.



MATIANGAI SIRLEAF

Matiangai Sirleaf, JD, professor, wrote “Introduction to the Symposia on Global Health at a Crossroads,” which was published by *AJIL Unbound*.



MICHAEL VESELY

Michael Vesely, JD, lecturer, was quoted in “Maryland Experts Say Overall Impacts from Iran War Will Be Worse If Conflict Goes On Too Long,” which was published by CBSNews.com in March.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



OMER AWAN

Omer Awan, MD, MPH, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was accepted into the 2026 class of fellows of the Association of Academic Radiologists.



NRUSINGH BISWAL

Nrusingh Biswal, PhD, associate professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors of “Evaluation of Medical Physics Resident Well-Being and Satisfaction Across

Multiple Residency Programs,” which was published by the *Journal of Applied Clinical Medical Physics* in February.



JAMES CAMPBELL

James Campbell, MD, MS, professor, Department of Pediatrics, was appointed as incoming chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Committee on Infectious Diseases. The appointment is from July 2026 to June 2030.

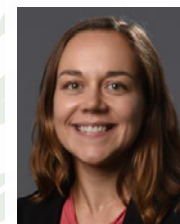
Curt Civin, MD, professor, Department of Pediatrics, is the lead inventor of “Methods for Preparing Therapeutically Active Cells Using Microfluidics,” which was issued a Japanese patent on Feb. 24.



CHRISTINA FERRER

Christina Ferrer, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, presented “Glutathione-Sensing GSTT1+ Cells Drive Metastasis and Persistence in Pancreatic Cancer” at the Keystone Symposia: Spotlight on the Cancer Cell in Raleigh, N.C., in January.

Todd Gould, MD, professor, Department of Psychiatry, is the lead inventor of “Salts of (2R, 6R)-Hydroxynorketamine, Their Crystal Forms, and Methods of Making the Same,” which was issued a U.S. patent on Feb. 17.



COLLEEN JODARSKI

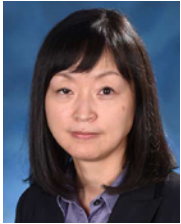
Colleen Jodarski, MGC, instructor, Department of Medicine, was selected to receive a 2025 Maryland and DC Society of Genetic Counselors Research Award for her work on KCNMA1

gene curation.



KAREN KOTLOFF

Karen Kotloff, MD, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in “Measles Is Back. Nine Other Vaccine-Preventable Diseases May Be Next,” which was published by *The Washington Post* on Feb. 24.



PEIYONG LIU

Peiyong Liu, PhD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, received a five-year, \$3,134,642 R01 grant from the National Institute on Aging to study “Normalized Cerebrovascular Reactivity MRI in Small-Vessel-Disease (SVD) Related Cognitive Impairment.”

Brian Mathur, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, was featured on the “Mind and Matter” podcast episode “The Claustrum Cognition, Consciousness, Alcohol and Psychedelics.”



JASON MOLITORIS



MATTHEW FERRIS

Jason Molitoris, MD, PhD, and **Matthew Ferris, MD**, both associate professors in the Department of Radiation Oncology, were among the co-authors of “Does Smoking Influence Outcomes in Human Papillomavirus-Associated Oropharyngeal Cancer Treated with Transoral Robotic Surgery?” which was published online ahead of print by *Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery* in January.



ELIZABETH NICHOLS

Elizabeth Nichols, MD, professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors of “Dose-Volume Histogram Compendium of Dose Constraints for Treatment Planning: An ASTRO Consensus Paper,” which was published online ahead of print by *Practical Radiation Oncology* in January.



ABDUL PARCHUR

Abdul Parchur, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was the lead author of “Editorial: Innovative Approaches in Precision Radiation Oncology,” which was published by *Frontiers in Medicine* in January.



PRASHANT RAGHAVAN

Prashant Raghavan, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was the first author of “Parathyroid Localization: Counterpoint-Targeted Arterial-Phase CT

Offers Equivalent Diagnostic Performance with Reduced Dose,” which was published online ahead of print by the *American Journal of Roentgenology* in January.



ROBABEH RAHIMI



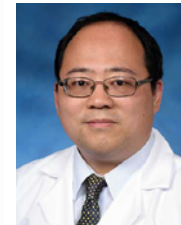
AREZOO MODIRI

Robabeh Rahimi, PhD, associate professor; **Arezoo Modiri, PhD**, assistant professor; **Baoshe Zhang, PhD**, associate professor;



AMIT SAWANT

and **Amit Sawant, PhD**, professor, all in the Department of Radiation Oncology, were among the co-authors of “Quantum Computing for Radiation Therapy Optimization,” which was published by *Medical Physics* in January.



LEI REN

Lei Ren, PhD, professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors of “Foundation Model-Enhanced Unsupervised 3D Deformable Medical Image Registration,” which was published by *Physics in Medicine and Biology* in January.

Scott Thompson, PhD, adjunct professor, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, is the lead inventor of “Novel Gamma Aminobutyric Acid Type A Receptor Modulators for Mood Disorders,” which was issued a Korean patent on Feb. 9.



BRUCE VOGEL

Bruce Vogel, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology, was the senior author of “TEP-1, A Glial Thioester Protein Is Required for Cilia Organization and

Intraflagellar Transport in Ensheathed Sensory Neurons in *C. elegans*,” which was published by *Molecular Biology of the Cell* in January.

Kelly Westlake, PhD, MSc, PT, professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, is the lead inventor of “Modular System and Method for Testing Balance,” which was issued a U.S. patent on Feb. 10.



CHARLES WHITE

Charles White, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was the first author of “Does Adding Lung-RADS S Modifiers Change Anything?” which was published

by *Radiology* in January.



EMERSON WICKWIRE

Emerson Wickwire, PhD, professor, was among the co-authors of “Combination Treatment for Chronic Insomnia Disorder in Adults: An American Academy of Sleep Medicine Clinical Practice Guideline,”

which was published by the *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine* in February.



NOUSHIN YAHYAVI-FIROUZ-ABADI

Noushin Yahyavi-Firouz-Abadi, MD, MBA, associate professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, wrote “Beyond the ‘Quadruple Threat’: Radiology Leadership

in a Transforming Health System,” which was published online ahead of print by the *Journal of the American College of Radiology* in January.



MICHAL ZALZMAN

Michal Zalzman, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, is the lead inventor of “Methods of Treating Cancer by Targeting ZSCAN4 Activity in Cancer

Stem Cells,” which was issued a U.S. patent on Feb. 3.



LI-QUN ZHANG

Li-Qun Zhang, PhD, professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, is the lead inventor, and **Robert O’Toole, MD**, and **Andrew Pollak, MD**, both professors in the Department

of Orthopaedics, are co-inventors of “Handheld Non-Invasive Compartment Syndrome Detector,” which was issued a U.S. patent on Feb. 17.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Seven UMSON faculty members were named New Nurse Faculty Fellows as part of the statewide Nurse Support Program II, which helps cover the expenses of their graduate education. Each received the maximum award amount of \$10,000 per year for Fiscal Years 2026 to 2031, assuming continuous employment as faculty in good standing:

- **Yanka Campbell, DNP, MSN ’17, RN, AGPCN-BC, CNE**
- **Yvonne Douglas, DNP, CRNA, CNE**
- **Leslie Greenberg, DNP, MBA, MSN ’04, RN, CCRP, OCN**
- **Yvette Hammond, MSN ’19, RN**
- **Heather Johnson, DNP ’20, BSN ’08, CRNP**
- **Lee Moore, DNP, MEd, APRN, PMHNP-BC, CNE**
- **Lyn Starrs-Zorn, PhD, CRNP (A/AC), CWS, CNOR**



YANKA CAMPBELL



YVONNE DOUGLAS



LESLIE GREENBERG



YVETTE HAMMOND



HEATHER JOHNSON



LEE MOORE



LYN STARRS-ZORN



PEI-YING CHUANG



MICHELLE SPENCER

Pei-Ying Chuang, EMBA, PhD, MSN, RN, and **Michelle R. Spencer, DNP, RN**, both assistant professors, were named 2026 UMSON Dean’s Scholarship Scholars, acknowledging their outstanding achievements and potential in research.

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS, professor and director, Placebo Beyond Opinions Center, was quoted in “Shared Pain, Shared Relief,” which



LUANA COLLOCA

was published on the University of Maryland, College Park’s College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences website on Feb. 18.

Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS, CNE, FADLN, CWCN-AP, FNAP, assistant professor and associate dean for strategic engagement, received the Maryland state

Dr. Peg E. Daw Nurse Faculty Annual Recognition Award. Conyers also was inducted as a fellow of the National Academies of Practice in Indianapolis on March 14.



YVETTE CONYERS



TOLVALYN DENNISON

Tolvalyn Dennison, MSN, RN, AGCNS-BC, CNE, clinical instructor, was awarded a Maryland state Nurse Educator Doctoral Grant for Practice and Dissertation Research, which provides funding to nurse faculty currently enrolled in or who have recently completed a doctoral degree program and helps cover costs associated with their graduate education.



THERESA DI SETA

Theresa Di Seta, DNP '25, RN, NEABC, NPDBC, assistant director of student placements for partnership development and community health, presented "Advocacy in Action" at the virtual 2026 Maryland Organization of Nurse Leaders' Legislative Education Session on Jan. 28.



MARY KATE DOUGHERTY



ENIOLA SOKERA



CLAIRE VIZZI



ANDREA PETERS



JEAN GAMBO



KELLY BATES

Mary Kate Dougherty, student, MSN Entry-into-Nursing Program, and **Eniola Sokera** and **Claire Vizzi**, both

students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, were selected through a competitive application process to attend the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's 2026 Student Policy Summit, which was held March 30-31 in Washington, D.C.

Andrea Peters, MS, RN, graduate teaching assistant and student, Doctor of Nursing Practice-Family Nurse Practitioner specialty; **Jean Gambo, MSN, RN**, simulation training specialist; **Kelly Bates, DNP, FNP-BC**, assistant professor; and **Rebecca Weston, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE**, assistant professor, co-authored "Game-Based Learning in Pediatric Nursing: Escape Room Effects on Safety and Clinical Decision-Making," which was published in *Clinical Simulation in Nursing* in February.

Rebecca Weston, EdD, MSN, RN, CNE, assistant professor, was among the co-authors of "Sharing Their Stories: A New Conversation with an Old Friend," which was published in *Helen: The Journal of Human Exceptionality* in February.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Mahder Abate, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received a Travel Award to attend the 2026 annual meeting of the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics in May.



PARIS BARNES

Paris Barnes, MS, senior training specialist, PATIENTS Program, was named UMB's Employee of the Month of February for helping to lead the PATIENTS Professors Academy, a training

course that teaches individuals how to make health care research more patient-centered and community-engaged.

Camila Batiz Ortiz, Maerielle Batugo, Solomon Jenkins, Ariana Murgor, Israel Sebbag, and **Andrea Sequeira**, all student pharmacists, received letters of commendation from Johns



CAMILA BATIZ ORTIZ



MAERIELLE BATUGO



SOLOMON JENKINS



ARIANA MURGOR



ISRAEL SEBBAG



ANDREA SEQUEIRA

Hopkins Hospital for exemplifying professionalism and commitment to patient care by reporting for their scheduled shifts despite the challenging conditions presented by extended winter weather in January.



NICOLE BRANDT

Nicole Brandt, PharmD, MBA, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and executive director, Peter T. Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging,

received the 2026 American Pharmacists Association's Immunization Champion Award Honorable Mention for Corporate/Institution.



ERICA DAVIS

Erica Davis, PharmD, advanced practice pharmacist, Mental Health Program, was named a fellow of the American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists.

Susan dosReis, PhD, BSPHarm, professor and co-vice chair for research and scholarship, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was selected to serve on the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute's (PCORI) Peer Review Task Force, which is charged with strengthening and advancing PCORI's peer review program.

Allison Dunn, PharmD, MS, research assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received a one-year, \$150,000 contract from Menarini Ricerche S.P.A. for "Master Agreement Scope of Work #1."



AMY IVES

LISA LEBOVITZ

Amy Ives, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and **Lisa Lebovitz, JD, MS**, assistant dean for academic affairs and assessment, were co-recipients of the 2026 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Rufus A. Lyman Award, which recognizes the best paper published in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* during the previous year and honors scholarship that advances pharmacy education nationally.



MAUREEN KANE

Maureen Kane, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and director, Mass Spectrometry Center, received a five-year, \$229,370 contract from Thomas Jefferson University for "Diacylglycerol Kinase Regulation of Airway Smooth Muscle Functions."



SABINA NYANGWECHI

Sabina Nyangwechi, second-year student pharmacist, was named a Provost's Global Scholar by UMB.



JAMES POLLI

James Polli, PhD, Shangraw/Noxell Endowed Chair in Industrial Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics, and director, MS in Regulatory Science Program, received the Saint Joseph's University

Philadelphia College of Pharmacy's Alumni Research Award, which recognizes an alumnus who has made significant and sustained contributions to research in the pharmaceutical, biomedical, clinical, or health sciences fields.



BARBARAJEAN ROBINSON-SHANEMAN

Barbara Jean Robinson-Shaneman, senior program specialist, PATIENTS Program, received the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research's Community Research Impact Award.

Audra Stinchcomb, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and founding director, Pharmaceutical and Industrial Fellowships Program, was named a senior member of the National Academy of Inventors.



TIEN TRAN

Tien Tran, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Program, received the Greg Alexander Outstanding Student Paper Award from the Maternal and Child Health

Section at the Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



LISA BERLIN

Lisa Berlin, PhD, MS, the Alison L. Richman Professor for Children and Families, delivered the keynote address "Leveraging Attachment-Based Intervention to Promote Early Development and Reduce Inequities" at the University of Haifa (Israel).

Geoffrey Greif, PhD, MSW, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, wrote "What Siblings Can Learn from the Latest Royal Family Conflict," which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* on Feb. 28.



TURAL MAMMADLI

Tural Mammadli, MSW, LMSW, PhD candidate, received the 2026 Outstanding Service Award from the Violence and Trauma Special Interest Group (VT-SIG) of the Society of Behavioral

Medicine. The honor recognizes a VT-SIG member who has made substantial and sustained contributions to the group, demonstrating exceptional dedication and consistently going above and beyond in their service.



LYNN MICHALOPOULOS

Lynn Michalopoulos, PhD, director of global initiatives, was named a fellow of the University Psychedelic Education Program, where she will advance ethical, research-informed psychedelic education

and help lead national dialogue on evidence-based, culturally responsive psychedelic-assisted therapies.