

# UMB LAURELS

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## UNIVERSITYWIDE

The **Health Sciences and Human Services Library** received a \$99,953 National Leadership Grant for Libraries from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to preserve and expand public access to materials documenting more than 200 years of health sciences education, research, and practice at UMB.

**Emily F. Gorman, MLS**, research and education librarian, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, co-authored the poster “Development and Validation of a Sensitive Search Strategy for Research in Pharmacy Education,” which was presented at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s annual meeting in Grapevine, Texas.



EMILIE LUDEMAN



EMILY F. GORMAN

**Emilie Ludeman, MSLIS**, head of research and education services, and **Emily F. Gorman, MLS**, research and education librarian, both from the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, co-authored the poster “A Scoping Review of Gamification in Pharmacy Education,” which was presented at the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s annual meeting in Grapevine, Texas.



DENNIS NANGLE

**Dennis Nangle, MLS**, assistant dean for resource development and access, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, presented “Library Advocacy Through a Funder’s Lens: What Federal

Funding Work Taught Me as a New Health Sciences Librarian,” and the poster “From Support to Strategy: Libraries in Academic Planning” at the Medical Library Association Conference in Milwaukee. Nangle also co-presented “Collective Survival After Systemic Disruption” at the ThriveLib 2026 virtual conference.

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



SOM CHATTERJEE

**Som Chatterjee, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Microbial Pathogenesis, received a five-year, \$3.6 million R01 grant from the National Institute of Allergy and

Infectious Diseases for “Role of PBP4 in Mediating Antibiotic Resistance and Pathogenesis of *Staphylococcus aureus*.”



LISA D’AFFRONTE

**Lisa D’Affronte, DDS**, assistant general practice director, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, received a \$20,000 Sustaining Fund grant from UMB’s Center for Interprofessional Education for “Accessing Dental

Care Services for UMB’s Neighbors Through an Interprofessional Team-Based Approach.”



RADI MASRI

**Radi Masri, DDS, MS, PhD**, professor and chief, Division of Prosthodontics, is the lead inventor of “Compositions and Delivery Methods for Treating Dental Infections, Inflammation,

Sensitivity and for Use in Dental Restorations,” which was issued a U.S. Divisional patent on Aug. 25.

## SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES



ERIC BELT



LUCY FROMTLING

**Eric Belt, EdD**, adjunct assistant professor, and **Lucy Fromtling, DMSc, MS, MPH, PA-C**, graduate teaching assistant, co-authored “Early-Career Faculty Development in Higher Education: A Systematic Review,” which was published by the *Journal of Faculty Development* in September.



SHANI FLEMING

**Shani Fleming, PhD, MSHS, MPH, PA-C**, associate professor and assistant dean, Office of Values and Strategic Initiatives, was inducted as a fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia in October.

**Violet Kulo, EdD, PhD**, professor and director, PhD and Leadership Certificate in Health Professions Education, was elected as member-at-large for the American Educational Research Association, Education in the Professions (Division I) for a two-year term in July.



**MICHELLE PEARCE**

**Michelle Pearce, PhD**, professor and director, Integrative Health and Wellness, and a multi-institutional team received a \$2.9 million grant from the Templeton Foundation for “Equipping the Global Mental Health Workforce for Spiritually Competent Care” in August.

## CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW

**Cori Alonso-Yoder, JD**, assistant professor and director, Immigration Clinic, co-authored “The New Assault on *Plyler v. Doe*,” which was published by the *SMU Law Review*.



**ANDREW BLAIR-STANEK**

**Andrew Blair-Stanek, JD, PhD**, professor, and **Donald Tobin, JD**, professor, were quoted in “AI Creates Gray Area for MD Law Schools, Students,” which was published by *The Daily Record* on Aug. 25.



**LEIGH GOODMARK**

**Leigh Goodmark, JD**, professor and associate dean of research and faculty development, wrote “Incarceration as Sexualized Violence,” which was published by the *Wayne Law Review*.

**Mark Graber, JD, PhD, MA**, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in “Maryland Democrats Seek to Change Redistricting Rules, Avoid Another Court

Challenge,” which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* on Aug. 1.



**DAVID GRAY**

**David Gray, JD, PhD**, professor, was quoted in “Flock Cameras Expand in Maryland as Police Log 1.1B Plate Reads,” which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* on Aug. 25.



**DIANE HOFFMANN**

**Diane Hoffmann, JD**, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in “2 Trains Hit Him Weeks Apart. His Family Says Maryland’s System Failed Him,” which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* on Aug. 22.

**Kathleen Hoke, JD**, professor and director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, was quoted in “Ghost Gun Retailer Settles with Baltimore for \$2M,” which was published by *The Daily Record* on April 21.



**GUHA KRISHNAMURTHI**

**Guha Krishnamurthi, JD**, professor, was quoted in “Luigi Mangione Pleads Guilty in Federal Case,” which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* on Aug. 15.



**SARAH LORR**

**Sarah Lorr, JD**, associate professor, co-chaired the Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles in June.



**CHRISTOPHER MATHIS**

**Christopher Mathis, JD, PhD**, assistant professor of law, wrote “‘What’s Good for the Goose Is Good for the Gander’: How Private Universities Evade Repair,”

which was published by the *Boston University Law Review*.



**PAULA MONOPOLI**

**Paula Monopoli, JD**, Distinguished University Professor, presented “The Legacy of the Declaration in the Twentieth Century” at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia in June.



**JON MUELLER**

**Jon Mueller, JD**, visiting associate professor, was among the co-authors of “Escape from Neverland: Reducing Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution to Achieve Water Quality Goals

for the Chesapeake Bay,” which was published by *Estuaries and Coasts*.

**Robert Percival, JD**, Distinguished University Professor and director, Environmental Law Program, co-authored “The Supreme Court and Environmental Law: Current Cases and Their Broader Implications,” which was published as Continuing Legal Education material by the American Law Institute.



**MARKUS RAUSCHECKER**

**Markus Rauschecker, JD**, lecturer and executive director, UMB Center for Cyber, Health, and Hazard Strategies, was quoted in “My Neighbor Installed a Camera Pointing to My Yard. Is

That Legal?” which was published by *The New York Times* on Aug. 22.

**Jeff Sovern, JD**, professor, presented “The Changing World for Consumer Law” and “What Consumer Law Professors Need to Know About Recent Changes in Administrative Law” at the Teaching Consumer Law Conference at the University of Montana in June.



MICHAEL  
VAN ALSTINE

**Michael Van Alstine, JD**, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in “Key Bridge Collapse: Dali Companies Could Get Money Back Under \$2.25B Maryland Settlement,” which was published by *The Baltimore Sun* on Aug. 12.



LIZA VERTINSKY

**Liza Vertinsky, JD, PhD**, professor, wrote “A Relational Approach to Public Private Contracting for Innovation: The Example of ARPA-H,” which was published by the *Case Western Reserve Law Review*.



TIFFANY YANG

**Tiffany Yang, JD**, assistant professor, wrote “Reflections on Prison Labor,” which was published by the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*.



MICAH  
YARBROUGH

**Micah Yarbrough, JD**, lecturer and director, bar preparation programs, was quoted in “New Bar Exam Sees Rocky Rollout in MD and Beyond, But Some Prefer Format,” which was published by *The Daily Record* on Aug. 20.

**Ben Yelin, JD**, lecturer and director of public policy and external affairs, UMB Center for Cyber, Health, and Hazard Strategies, was among the co-authors of “From AI Ideas to Institutional Priorities: A Case Study of a Faculty-Led Pipeline for AI-Enhanced Learning,” which was published by *AI Enhanced Learning*.

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



RONNIE ADAMS

**Ronnie Adams, MCRP**, IT support associate, Office of Medical Education, was named UMB’s Employee of the Month for August in recognition of his behind-the-scenes work with students and faculty, helping to create an effective and supportive learning environment.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

**Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS, CNE, FADLN, CWCN-AP, FNAP**, assistant professor and associate dean for strategic engagement and impact, was among the co-authors of “Developing Courageous Leaders: Lessons from a Multisite Nursing Leadership Collaborative,” which was published by *Nurse Leader* on Aug. 19.



N. JENNIFER  
KLINEDINST

**N. Jennifer Klinedinst, PhD, MPH, RN, FAHA**, associate professor and co-director, Building Healthy Behaviors Across the Life Span Organized Research Center, was quoted in “Landow House,

Cohen-Rosen House and University of Maryland School of Nursing Partner to Measure Impact of Volunteerism in Assisted Living,” which was published on *SmithLifeCommunities.org* on Sept. 9.



CORY STEPHENS

**Cory Stephens, DNP, Cert '24, RN, NI-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS, CNE**, assistant professor, was selected as a U.S. Fulbright Specialist, placing him on a three-year roster for high-impact two- to six-week projects requested by institutions in more than 150 foreign countries.

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

The following student pharmacists received Wagner Family Scholarships from UMSOP for the 2026-2027 academic year: **Klaudia Antoniak; Rabia Asjid; Steve Bedair; Whitney Frederic; Kunj Patel; Nimrat Sangha; Michele Ornella Simo Tchomgue; Chinaza Udeichi; and Janet Zhang.**

The following students in UMSOP’s PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC) program received 2026-2027 PSC Merit Awards: **Logan Badeau; Gaurav Dhumal; Sara Geriesh; Kieran Johnson; Sazia Kachi; Sarah Pogash; and Fanny Xu.**

The following members of UMSOP’s chapter of the Student National Pharmaceutical Association (SNPhA) were recognized at the national organization’s annual meeting July 31-Aug. 3 in Rockville, Md.:

- **Ifeatu Menakaya**, third-year student pharmacist, was inducted onto the SNPhA Board as Region 4 facilitator.
- **Tiffany Frimpong and Jel Kemz Mboum Sipouo**, both second-year student pharmacists, earned Social Determinants of Health certification.
- **Tiffany Frimpong, Jel Kemz Mboum Sipouo, and Trisan Matthews**, second-year student pharmacists, received academic scholarships.
- **Larissa Ahanogbe and Amiya Jenkins**, third-year student pharmacists, placed second in the SNPhA x Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists Germ Genius Competition.



ANGEL BIVENS

**Angel Bivens, BS Pharm, MBA**, managing director, Maryland Poison Center, was appointed by Gov. Wes Moore to the state of Maryland’s Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.



MANDEE BOOTH

**Mande Booth, PharmD**, assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacy's Jeffrey Ensor Emerging Leadership Award.



MATHANGI GOPALAKRISHNAN

**Mathangi Gopalakrishnan, PhD, MS**, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and director, MS in Pharmacometrics Program, received

a 22-month, \$75,000 contract from Rubison Research Limited for "Clinical Justification — Raldesy™ (Trazodone Hydrochloride) Oral Solution for Insomnia in Pediatric Patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)."



MICHELLE MEDEIROS

**Michelle Medeiros, MS, MA**, administrator and business operations assistant, PATIENTS Program, was selected as a merit reviewer for the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.

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



LIZ MYERS

**Liz Myers, MBA**, lead marketing specialist, Office of Communications and Marketing, was selected for UMB's Emerging Leaders Program.



ERIK NORDQUIST

**Erik Nordquist, PhD**, postdoctoral fellow, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received the Graduate of the Last Decade Award from the College of Idaho.

**Ryan Pearson, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and director, Bio- and Nano-Technology Center, received a three-year, \$1,765,833 cooperative agreement from Wright Patterson Air Force Base for "AI-GEL: Advanced Immunomodulatory Wound Dressing to Prevent Infection and Promote Healing."



ABIGAIL REITZ

**Abigail Reitz, PhD** candidate, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences (PSC), received a 2026-2027 PSC Fellowship and Merit Award.



CHANEL WHITTAKER

**Chanel Whittaker, PharmD**, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and associate dean for institutional excellence and engagement, received a one-year,

\$40,000 Wilson H. Elkins Traditional Professorship from the University System of Maryland for "The HEAL Fellowship: Preparing Future-Ready Healthcare Leaders Through Equity-Centered Leadership Development."



ZIJIN XU

**Zijin Xu, PhD** in Pharmaceutical Sciences student, was selected as a UMSOP Dean's Teaching Fellow for fall 2026.

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



RICHARD P. BARTH

**Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW**, Distinguished University Professor, was featured in "Data: Most of Maryland's Foster Children Who Run Away Are Teens — What's Being Done to Care for Them," a WBAL-TV News segment that aired on Aug. 5.



CHRISTABEL K. CHEUNG

**Christabel K. Cheung, PhD, MSW**, associate professor, was among the co-authors of "Seen, Heard, and Still Missing: Understanding Clinical Trial Nonparticipation Among Women of

Color," which was published by the *Journal of Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology* on Aug. 24, and co-authored "Administrative Toxicity: The Hidden Harm in Cancer Care — and How Oncology Programs Can Reduce It," which was published by *Oncology Issues*.



JUDY L. POSTMUS

**Judy L. Postmus, PhD, ACSW**, dean and professor, was quoted in "Rashod Bateman Had Fought the Cycle of Domestic Violence. Now He's Accused of It," which was published by *The Baltimore Banner* on Aug. 31.