

UMB LAURELS

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ELIZABETH MAIN

Elizabeth Main, MPA, director, Office of Sustainability, was recognized as the University's December Employee of the Month for championing sustainability initiatives such as

the Self-Service Waste project, being an innovative changemaker, and collaborating across the University.

Jenny Owens, ScD, MS, vice provost of academic affairs and associate professor, School of Graduate Studies, and **Roger J. Ward, EdD, JD, MSL, MPA**, provost and executive vice president, were among the co-authors of "Community Engaged Insights: Understanding the Housing Needs of Rural Caregivers During Hospital Treatment," which was published in *Public Health Nursing*.



VIRGINIA ROWTHORN

Virginia Rowthorn, JD, LLM, assistant vice president of global engagement and executive director, Center for Global Engagement, was among the co-authors of "Global Health

Reciprocal Innovation: Ethical, Legal and Regulatory Considerations" and "Global Learning: A Post-COVID-19 Approach to Advance Health Equity," which were published in *BMJ Global Health*.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



SIMON AKERMAN



MARCELA ROMERO-REYES

Simon Akerman, PhD, associate professor and vice chair, and **Marcela Romero-Reyes, DDS, PhD**, clinical professor and director, Brotman Facial Pain Clinic, both in the Department of Neural Pain Sciences, presented on "Central Sensitization in Migraine and Temporomandibular Disorders (TMDs)" and "Optimizing Combined Treatment for Migraine and TMDs" at the 18th European Headache Congress in December.



DOUGLAS M. BARNES

Douglas M. Barnes, DDS '83, MS, professor and chief dental officer, Faculty Practice-Clinics of Excellence, was elected president of the Baltimore City Dental Society in January.



CARL DRISCOLL

Carl Driscoll, DMD, FACP, clinical professor, Division of Prosthodontics, Department of Advanced Oral Sciences and Therapeutics, received the American College of Prosthodontists' 2024 Dan Gordon

Lifetime Achievement Award, which honors individuals who have contributed at the highest level to the welfare and advancement of prosthodontics, dentistry, science, and the health professions.

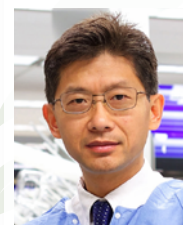


ROBERT ERNST

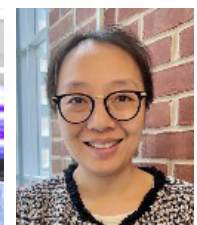


ALISON J. SCOTT

Robert Ernst, PhD, professor and chair, and **Alison J. Scott, PhD**, assistant professor, both in the Department of Microbial Pathogenesis, are the lead inventor and co-inventor, respectively, of "Methods of Treating Sepsis Using Anti-Sepsis Lipid A (ASLA) Based Therapeutics," which was issued European patents in France, Germany, and the United Kingdom on Dec. 4.



HANPING FENG



YONGRONG ZHANG

Hanping Feng, PhD, associate professor, is the lead inventor, and **Yongrong Zhang, PhD**, assistant professor, is the co-inventor of "Protein Inhibitors of Clostridium Difficile Toxin B," which was issued a U.S. patent Dec. 10.



MARY ANNE MELO

Mary Anne Melo, DDS, PhD, MSc, FADM, FACD, clinical professor and chair, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, was among the co-authors of “Synergistic Effects of Bacteria, Enzymes,

and Cyclic Mechanical Stresses on the Bond Strength of Composite Restoration,” which was published in *Biomaterials Advances* in January.

Marcela Romero-Reyes, DDS, PhD, clinical professor and director, Brotman Facial Pain Clinic, Department of Neural Pain Sciences, co-authored “Orofacial Pain,” which was published in *Continuum Neurology* in October, and presented the lecture “From the Bench to the Clinic and Back: Orofacial Pain and Headache” at the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science’s STEM Conference in November.

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW



RABIYA AKANDE

Rabiya Akande, JD, associate professor, wrote the chapter “Military and Law in Africa: A Governing Paradox,” which was published in “Law and Social Inquiry” (Cambridge University Press).



KRISTINA ALAYAN

Kristina Alayan, JD, associate dean for library and technology and associate professor, wrote “Safe Spaces During Dangerous Times,” which was published in the November/December

edition of *AALL Spectrum*.



DOUG COLBERT

Doug Colbert, JD, professor, was quoted in “Luigi Mangione Faces Tough Legal Challenges, Says Baltimore Lawyer with Ties to Family,” which was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on Dec. 13.



PETER DANCHIN

Peter Danchin, JD, professor, wrote “Situating Sovereignty: Judge Donoghue’s Lone Dissent in the Chagos Advisory Opinion,” which was published in the *Temple International & Comparative Law Journal*.

Mark Graber, JD, and **Peter Danchin, JD,** both professors, presented the keynote lectures “Against Diversity” and “Academic Freedom Under Pressure: A Perspective on the United States,” respectively, at the Academic Freedom in Europe: New Challenges and Threats to Freedom of Research and Teaching Conference at the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue in Menaggio, Italy.



MARTHA ERTMAN

Martha Ertman, JD, professor, wrote “Videos, PowerPoints & Other Teaching Materials as Catalysts for Professional Identity Formation,” which was published in the *University of Saint Thomas Law Journal*.



DONALD GIFFORD

Donald Gifford, JD, professor, wrote “Cumulative Supplement to Harper, James and Gray on Torts.”



LEIGH GOODMARK

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor and associate dean, research and faculty development, was quoted in “Maryland Was Supposed to Build a Center for Incarcerated Women. It Went Silent Instead,” which was published in *The Baltimore Banner* on Dec. 17.

Kathleen Hoke, JD, professor and director, Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy, was quoted in “Gov. Wes Moore Backs Selling Beer and Wine in Maryland Grocery Stores,” which was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on Dec. 13.



PAULA MONOPOLI

Paula Monopoli, JD, professor and founding director, Women, Leadership & Equality Program, wrote “Stay the Course,” which was published on the Gender on the Ballot website blog Dec. 9.



JON MUELLER

Jon Mueller, JD, visiting associate professor, was a panelist on “Nitrogen Pollution and Solutions” at the Stetson University College of Law Symposium.

Robert Percival, JD, professor and director, Environmental Law Program, wrote “Private Governance Comes of Age: Vandenberg, Light & Salzman’s Private Environmental Governance,” which was published in the *Vanderbilt Law Review En Banc*.



MICHAEL PINARD

Michael Pinard, JD, professor and director, Clinical Law Program, was quoted in “As Juvenile Crime Subsidies, Legislative Debate Continues Over

More Reforms,” which was published in *The Daily Record* on Dec. 16.



MAX STEARNS

Max Stearns, JD, professor, wrote “Constitutional Polarization: A Critical Review of the U.S. Political System” and “Response to Josep M. Colomer’s Review of Parliamentary

America: The Least Radical Means of Radically Repairing Our Democracy,” which were published in *Perspectives on Politics*.



MAUREEN SWEENEY

Maureen Sweeney, JD, professor and director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, was quoted in “Yes, It Is Unconstitutional to Deport U.S. Citizens,” which was published on the WUSA-TV website Dec. 10.



TIFFANY YANG

Tiffany Yang, JD, assistant professor, received honorable mention in the Association of American Law Schools Civil Procedure Section’s junior scholarship awards for her article “The Prison

Pleading Trap,” which was published in the *Boston College Law Review*.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



ALLAN DOCTOR

Allan Doctor, MD, professor, Department of Pediatrics, is the lead inventor of “Compositions and Methods for Removing Bio-Synthetic Nano-Particles from Bodily Fluids,” which was issued a U.S. patent Dec. 10.

Leonid Medved, ScD, PhD, professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, is the lead inventor, and **Dudley Strickland, PhD**, professor, Department of Surgery, and **Sergiy Yakovlev, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, are the co-inventors of “Compositions for Inhibiting Fibrin - VLDL Receptor-Dependent Inflammation and Methods of Treatment,” which was issued a U.S. patent Dec. 24.



SCOTT M. THOMPSON

Scott M. Thompson, PhD, adjunct professor, Department of Physiology, is the lead inventor of “Novel Gamma Aminobutyric Acid Type A Receptor Modulators for Mood Disorders,” which was issued an Australian patent Dec. 17.



STEVEN P. TROPELLO

Steven P. Tropello, MD, MS, clinical assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, is the lead inventor of “Method and Apparatus for Coaptive Ultrasound Gastrostomy,” which was issued a U.S. continuation patent Dec. 10.



BARTLEY P. GRIFFITH

Zhongjun Wu, PhD, and **Bartley P. Griffith, MD**, both professors in the Department of Surgery, are the lead inventor and co-inventor, respectively of “Dual Chamber Gas Exchanger and Method of Use for Respiratory Support,” which was issued a Japanese patent Dec. 6, and “Blood Oxygenator,” which was issued a U.S. continuation patent Dec. 31.

SCHOOL OF NURSING



ERICA ALESSANDRINI



JANET SELWAY

Erica Alessandrini, DNP, assistant professor, was appointed co-district director, Eastern Lower Shore District, Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland (NPAM), and **Janet Selway, DNSc, MS '88, FAANP, FAAN**, associate professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner specialty, was appointed chair of NPAM’s Political Action Committee.

Benz Aponesto, Joseph Alminagor, Georgi Beharie, Ruth Beyene, Phoebert Cubangay, Courtney Cohen, and **Dhenise Manlagnit**, all University of Maryland Association of Nursing Students board members from the 2024 graduating class, were accepted into Leadership U, the National Student Nurses’ Association Honor Society.



MARISA ASTIZ-MARTINEZ



YVETTE CONYERS

Marisa Astiz-Martinez, MSN, clinical instructor, and **Yvette Conyers, DNP, FADLN**, assistant professor and associate dean for equity, diversity, and inclusion, were among the co-authors of “Enhancing Well-Being Within Schools of Nursing: A Wellness Committee Pilot,” which was published in *Maryland Nurse* in December.



SUSAN L. BINDON

Susan L. Bindon, DNP '11, MS '96, FAAN, ANEF, associate professor and associate dean for faculty development, was inducted as a fellow of the National League for Nursing's Academy of Nursing Education.



KAREN CLARK

Karen Clark, PhD, assistant professor, was appointed to the Leadership Succession Committee of the American Nursing Informatics Association.



LUANA COLLOCA

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS, associate professor and director, Placebo Beyond Opinions Center, was a guest on "The Dissenter" podcast and YouTube show for an episode released Jan. 2 that explores placebo effects and their importance to research quality.



GERRIN DAVIS

Gerrin Davis, DNP, MBA, assistant professor, was named director of the Doctor of Nursing Practice Post-Master's option.



HERSHAW DAVIS JR.

Hershaw Davis Jr., DNP, MBA, BSN '09, assistant professor, was featured in "Gun Violence Prompts Emergency Nurse to Train Others," which was published in *Chief Healthcare Executive* on Dec. 23.

Abaneh Ebangwese, BSN '15, PhD student, received a second-place award for her poster presentation

"Cardiovascular Health and Behavioral Risk Factors in Long-Term Care Workers: A Descriptive Analysis" at the Mid-Atlantic Medical Directors Association Mid-Atlantic Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Annual Conference in Rockville, Md., on Nov. 16.



ABANEH EBANGWESE



BRIDGITTE GOURLEY

Bridgitte Gourley, DNP '08, FACU, associate professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Family Nurse Practitioner specialty, was inducted as a fellow of the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved.



DOUGLAS GYAMFI

Douglas Gyamfi, BSN, PhD student, received the Best Poster Presentation Award for "Organizational Justice Impacts Mood Symptoms Among Long-term Care Workers," at the Mid-Atlantic Medical Directors Association Mid-Atlantic Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine Annual Conference in Rockville, Md., on Nov. 16.



SARAH HOLMES

Sarah Holmes, PhD, MSW, assistant professor, was featured in "Research to Study How to Increase Engagement in Activities Among Assisted Living Residents with Dementia," which was published in McKnight's Long-Term Care News on Jan. 8.

Sorah Levy, MSN '22, presented the symposium papers "Are Federal Guidelines Helping to Improve Pain

Assessment, Diagnosis, and Management in Nursing Homes?" and "Nursing Home Quality Rating Associations with Pain in Nursing Home Residents with Dementia" at the Gerontological Society of America's 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle on Nov. 13-16.



SORAH LEVY



HANNAH MURPHY BUC

Hannah Murphy Buc, PhD, assistant professor and co-director, Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, was awarded the Maryland Nurses Association's Outstanding Pathfinder Award for her work in restorative justice. She also was named a 2025 Emerging Leader by the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Foundation.



CLARITZA NOVAS

Claritza Novas, MS, was promoted to business operations specialist.



ELISHA ODURO

Elisha Oduro, BSN, PhD student, presented the posters "Outcomes of a Palliative Care Intervention for Adults with Dementia in Skilled Nursing Facilities" and "A Framework for Understanding Palliative Care Preferences Among African American Patients with Cancer: The 6S Model" at the Gerontological Society of America's 2024 Annual Scientific Meeting in Seattle on Nov. 13-16.



ROSEMARIE DIMAURO SATYSHUR

Rosemarie DiMauro Satyshur, PhD, assistant professor, presented “Addressing Gaps and Saving Lives: Maternal Mortality Review Teams as the Best Source for Prevention Strategies”

at the American Public Health Association’s Annual Meeting and Expo in Minneapolis on Oct. 27. She also was appointed to serve as a steering committee member for Maryland’s Maternal and Child Health Needs Assessment.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



ANGEL BIVINS

Angel Bivins, BS Pharm, MBA, managing director, Maryland Poison Center, received a 4½-year, \$200,000 contract from the Maryland Department of Health for “Enhanced

Toxidromic Surveillance Using Poison Center Data.”



ATHANASIOS CHAMZAS

Athanasios Chamzas, graduate student, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a \$43,200 fellowship from the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education.



CATHERINE COOKE

Catherine Cooke, PharmD, MS, research associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received a one-year, \$63,000 contract from the Maryland

Department of Health’s Prescription Drug Affordability Board for “Technical Support for Cost Review Studies.”



ALLISON DUNN

Allison Dunn, PharmD, MS, research assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and **Yan Shu, MD, PhD**, professor, Department of

Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a three-year, \$897,732 contract from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center for “Pharmacokinetics (PK) and Pharmacodynamics (PD) Characterization of mTOR Inhibitors in Older Adults.”



ABREE JOHNSON

Abree Johnson, MS, MBA, director, Pharmaceutical Research Computing Center, received a 13-month, \$375,408 contract for “Benchmark Database Study of HER2-Breast Cancer

Patients” and a two-year, \$414,761 contract for “Natural History Study of Patients with Endometrial Cancer: An NCDB Study,” both from Merck.



CHEROKEE LAYSON-WOLF



MAGALY RODRIGUEZ DE BITTNER

Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD ’00, FAPhA, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and director, PGY-1 Community Pharmacy Residency Program, and **Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD ’83, MS, FAPhA, FNAP**, the Felix Gyi Endowed Memorial Professor in Pharmapreneurship and associate dean for clinical services and practice transformation, received the UMSOP Alumni Association’s 2024 Evander Frank Kelly Honored Alumnus Award.



JILL MORGAN

Jill Morgan, PharmD, FNAP, professor and chair, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received the UMSOP Alumni Association’s 2024 B. Olive Cole Honorary Alumnus Award.



AUDRA STINCHCOMB

Audra Stinchcomb, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was named to the advisory board of RSC Pharmaceutics.



ESTER VILLALONGA OLIVES

Ester Villalonga Olives, PhD, MSc, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received a two-year, \$271,257 contract from Merck for “The Cultural

Adaptation of Cancer Knowledge and Health Literacy Instruments for Hispanics Living in the U.S.”

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



CHRISTABEL K. CHEUNG

Christabel K. Cheung, PhD, MSW, associate professor, wrote the chapter “Embodied Research Methods: The Empiricism of Lived Experiences to Advance Health Equity”

for the book “Cancer Research: An Interdisciplinary Approach” (Second Edition; Springer Nature).

Yoonzie Chung, MSW, PhD student, will receive the Life Paths Promising Scholar Award at ResilienceCon 2025 in April in Nashville, Tenn.



Geoffrey Greif, PhD, MSW, Distinguished University Professor, and **Yoonzie Chung, MSW**; **Haelim Lee, MSW**; and **Peiyuan Zhang, MSW**,

GEOFFREY GREIF

all PhD students, co-authored “The Experiences of Asian Americans Who Intermarry in the United States: A Qualitative Study,” which was published in *The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*.



Corey Shdaimah, PhD, LLM, the Daniel Thursz Distinguished Professor of Social Justice, wrote the chapter “International Social Work as a Value-Driven Practice,” which was

COREY SHDAIMAH

published in “Sozialmagazin,” a review of perspectives on global social work.



Michael Woolley, PhD, MSW, DCSW, professor; **Geoffrey Greif, PhD, MSW**, Distinguished University Professor; and **Victoria Stubbs, MSW**,

MICHAEL WOOLLEY

clinical instructor, co-authored “Interracial and Interethnic Marriages: Given Recent History, Have Things Been Getting Better?” which was published in *Social Work Research*.

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