

UMB LAURELS

JUNE 2025



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UMB received a STARS Silver rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education

in recognition of the University's sustainability achievements. This rating highlights UMB's sustainability success across five areas: academics; engagement; operations; planning and administration; and innovation and leadership. The Universitywide initiative was a collaborative effort among 40-plus departments and groups that collected more than 100 data points.



DEANN BRAME

DeAnn Brame, MLS, MBA, assistant director, Network of the National Library of Medicine's Region 1 Web Services Office, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, co-presented the

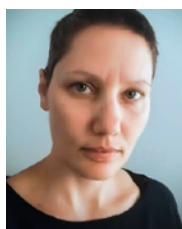
paper "Now Boarding: An Exploration of Onboarding Experiences in Libraries" at the Association of College & Research Libraries' 2025 Conference.



JORDAN HEUSTIS

Jordan Heustis, library services specialist, and **Nicole Shelawala, MEng, MLIS**, research and education librarian, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, presented the paper "Disability and Neurodiversity in Library and

Information Science Research: A Scoping Review" at the Medical Library Association's 2025 Conference. **Gail Betz, MSLIS**, research and education librarian, was a co-author.



NICOLE
SHELAWALA



YUNTING FU

Emilie Ludeman, MSLIS, head of research and education services, and **Emily Gorman, MLIS**; **Nicole Shelawala, MEng, MLIS**; and **Yunting Fu, MLS**, all research and education librarians, presented the poster "What's in a Name? Rebranding a Successful Systematic Review Service" at the Medical Library Association's 2025 Conference.



SARAH WEIRICH

Sarah Weirich, MLIS, head of resource development, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, presented the poster "A Bumpy Ride to a Transformed Digital Archive: Navigating a Lengthy

Repository Upgrade Journey" at the Maryland Library Association-Delaware Library Association's 2025 Annual Conference: The Beach Edition.



AMY YARNELL

Amy Yarnell, MLS, head of data and bioinformation services, and **Nicole Shelawala, MEng, MLIS**, and **Emily Gorman,**

MLIS, both research and education librarians, presented the paper "From Data to Decisions: Visualizing Open Access Publishing Trends to Inform Institutional Strategy" at the Medical Library Association's 2025 Conference.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



GUILHERME
AROSSI

Guilherme Arossi, DDS, MSc, PhD, clinical assistant professor, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, was the main speaker at the Chicago Dental Society's Midwinter Meeting, one of the country's largest and most influential dental conferences, in February.



VINEET DHAR

Vineet Dhar, BDS, MDS, PhD, clinical professor and chair, Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry, was the keynote speaker at the 44th Annual Scientific Day at

the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry in March.



STEVEN M.
SIEGEL

Steven M. Siegel, DMD, part-time clinical assistant professor, was elected president of the American Association of Orthodontists in April.

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW

Peter Danchin, JD, professor, presented “International Law and the Rise of Populism” at the University of Tasmania School of Law on April 6.



MONIQUE DIXON



ANYA MARINO



MICHAEL PINARD

Monique Dixon, JD, executive director, Gibson-Banks Center for Race and the Law; **Anya Marino, JD**, adjunct professor; and **Michael Pinard, JD**, professor and director,

Clinical Law Program, presented “Chaos, Cacophony, and Clarity: Who We Are and Need to Be” at the Association of American Law Schools’ Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Baltimore on April 27.



DEBORAH EISENBERG

Deborah Eisenberg, JD, professor and vice dean, presented “Where Are Our Successors? Rethinking Capacity Building Initiatives for Future ADR Practitioners

Across Regions and Backgrounds” at the American Bar Association’s International Law Section Conference in New York on May 1.



LARRY GIBSON

Larry Gibson, LLB, professor, was quoted in “Black Legal Pioneer George L. Russell Jr. Dies at Age 96,” which was published in *Maryland Matters* on April 16.



LEIGH GOODMARK

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor and associate dean for research and faculty development, wrote “Trump Administration’s Citing Protective Order Against Abrego Garcia Covers Its Own Bad Acts,” which was published in *Maryland Matters* on April 25.

Mark Graber, JD, professor, received the prestigious Fellowship in Constitutional Studies from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation in April.



MICHAEL GREENBERGER

Michael Greenberger, JD, professor, was quoted in “Former Maryland US Attorney with Ties to Trump Representing Harvard in Funding Lawsuit,” which was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on April 25.



LESLIE MELTZER HENRY

Leslie Meltzer Henry, JD, professor, was among the co-authors of “Impact of Disclosing to Patients the Use of Antiretroviral Resistance Testing Results for Molecular HIV Surveillance: A

Randomized Experiment in 2 National Surveys,” which was published in *JMIR Public Health and Surveillance*.



SEEMA KAKADE

Seema Kakade, JD, professor, was included on Lawdragon’s list of 500 Leading Environmental Lawyers, which recognizes lawyers “who spend their lives helping address

our world, whether on behalf of a corporation that delivers energy or develops homes, or an organization that fights for endangered species and to protect open land.”



GUHA KRISHNAMURTHI

Guha Krishnamurthi, JD, associate professor, co-authored “The Virtues of Optional Legislation,” which was published in the *Arizona State Law Journal*.



RENÉE HUTCHINS LAURENT

Renée Hutchins Laurent, JD, dean and professor; **Deborah Eisenberg, JD**, professor and vice dean; and **Leigh Goodmark, JD**, professor and associate dean for research and

faculty development, presented “Clinicians in the Dean’s Suite: The Promise and Perils of Leading the Change in Legal Education” at the Association of American Law Schools’ Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Baltimore on April 27.



JON MUELLER

Jon Mueller, JD, visiting associate professor, presented “The State of Climate Law in the United States” at the Maryland Sea Grant Symposium’s “Chesapeake Rising: Innovative Law

and Policy Solutions for Climate Adaptation in Coastal Communities” at the Georgetown Climate Center in Washington, D.C., on April 2.

Robert Percival, JD, professor and director, Environmental Law Program, presented “Checks Without Balance: Can Environmental Law Survive the Trump Administration?” at the University of Connecticut Law School on April 11.

Matiangai Sirleaf, JD, professor, received the Certificate of Merit for high technical craftsmanship and utility to lawyers and scholars for the book *Race & National Security* (2023) at the American Society for International Law’s 2025 Annual Meeting on April 17.

Jeff Sovern, JD, professor, wrote “Is Discrimination Unfair?” which was published in the *Georgia State University Law Review*.



MAX STEARNS

Max Stearns, JD, professor, presented “Parliamentary America: Now More than Ever,” an MLAW Discussion and Book Talk, at the University of Maryland, College Park, on April 2.



MAUREEN SWEENEY

Maureen Sweeney, JD, professor and director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, was quoted in “America Is Now One Giant Milgram Experiment,” which was published in *The Nation* on April 11.



DONALD TOBIN

Donald Tobin, JD, professor, wrote “XPT Top 25 Law School Rankings (Alpha Phase),” which was published on the “TaxProf Blog” on April 7.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE



MATTHEW FRIEMAN

Matthew Frieman, PhD, professor, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, is the lead inventor of “Multivalent Vaccines for Rabies Virus and Coronaviruses,” which was issued a U.S. Continuation patent April 8.



JEFFREY HASDAY

Jeffrey Hasday, MD, professor, Department of Medicine, is among the co-inventors of “Non-ATP/Catalytic Site p38 Mitogen Activated Protein Kinase Inhibitors,” which was issued European patents

in Norway, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom on April 16.



ASHEA HATCHER

Ashea Hatcher, laboratory animal technician, Veterinary Resources, was named UMB’s April Employee of the Month for the impeccable care she gives the animals in her

charge and for volunteering to step in to cover census-taking duties.



MAY MONTASSER

May Montasser, PhD, adjunct assistant professor, Department of Medicine, is the lead inventor of “B4GALT1 Variants and Uses Thereof,” which was issued a Japanese patent April 4.



CHARLES SANSUR

Charles Sansur, MD, MHSc, professor, Department of Neurosurgery, is the lead inventor, and **Steven C. Ludwig, MD**, professor, Department of Orthopaedics, is the co-inventor of

“Dural Repair Device and Method of Use,” which was issued a U.S. Divisional patent April 15.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Moses Akwobugi; Donald Amenah; Darrel Freeman; Douglas Gyamfi; Anne Hagan; Eunji Lee; Sorah Levy; Jiwon Park; Soyeon Shim; Crystal Trent Paultre; and Erika Ventura Castellon, all PhD students, made presentations at the UMB Graduate Research Conference on April 28.

Somer Andries, student, presented the poster “Use of DIVA Tool to Reduce PIVC Attempts”; **Ronelia Balmoris Becker**, student, presented the poster “Quiet Time Hours on a Cardiac Surgery Progressive Care Unit”; and **Kristine Russell**, student, presented the

poster “Optimizing Discharge Efficiency Through Improved Communication” at the Nurse Practitioner Faculties’ Annual Conference in Denver in April.



CARISSA BRAGDON



CAITLIN DONIS



CASEY JACKSON



CHARLOTTE SECKMAN



BARB VAN DE CASTLE

Carissa Bragdon, DNP, ACNP-BC, CNE, assistant professor; **Caitlin Donis, PhD, MS ’13, AG-ACNP, AACNS-AG**, assistant professor; **Cheryl Fisher, EdD, MSN, RN**, associate professor; **Casey Jackson, MS, CCRP**, director of research quality improvement and compliance; **Charlotte Seckman, PhD ’08, RN, NI-BC, CNE, FAAN**, associate professor; and **Barb Van de Castle, DNP ’14, NI-BC, OCN-Emeritus**, assistant professor, received Dean’s Teaching Scholars Awards for 2025-2026. The \$5,000 awards provide support for employees facilitating or developing research/projects that enhance nursing education and/or extend the evidence base for teaching and learning.



BENJAMIN CANHA

Benjamin Canha, PhD, RN, assistant professor, presented “Humor in Addiction Recovery” at the 37th Annual Tuerk Conference on Mental Health and Addiction Treatment: Hope and New Opportunities in 2025 in Baltimore on April 29.



**AMEERA
CHAKRAVARTHY**

Ameera Chakravarthy, PhD '22, RN, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC, assistant professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner specialty,

wrote "Getting a Grip on Sarcopenia: A Practical Guide for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Teams," which was published in the May edition of *Caring for the Ages*, and was a guest on the "PALTalk with Caring" podcast March 1.



LUANA COLLOCA

Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS, professor and director, Placebo Beyond Opinion Center, was featured in "The Role of Placebo in Virtual Reality for Pain Management,"

which was published online on the International Association for the Study of Pain's Pain Research Forum on April 18. She also was the first author of "Telehealth Virtual Reality Intervention Reduces Chronic Pain in a Randomized Crossover Study," which was published online by *npj Digital Medicine* on April 7.

Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS, CNE, FADLN, CWCN-AP, assistant professor and associate dean for strategic engagement and impact, presented on "Addressing the Complexities of Diabetic Foot Ulcers: Morbidity, Mortality, and Holistic Wound Management" at the Abu Dhabi Wound Care Conference, which was held April 10-11.

Jennifer Cuellar, BSN, RN, SCRNP, CCRN; Tina Ha-Johnson, MSN, RN, CCRN; Melissa Howard, BSN, RN, CV-BC; Kianoush Mohajeri, MSN, RN; and Jessica Pires Castelle, MS, CRNP, FNP-C, all Doctor of Nursing Practice students, presented posters at the Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland's Spring CE & Membership meeting April 26 in Pikesville, Md.

Caitlin Donis, PhD, MS '13, AG-ACNP, AACNS-AG, assistant professor, presented "Unlocking the Essentials: Engaging AGACNP Students in Competency-Based Activities"; **Ameera Chakravarthy, PhD '22, RN, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC**, assistant professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner specialty, presented "Innovating Nurse Practitioner Education: Integrating Health Campaigns into Competency-Based Learning"; and **Bridgitte Gourley, DNP '08, FNP-BC, FACU, FNAP**, associate professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice-Family Nurse Practitioner specialty, presented "Crosswalk Accreditation Requirements for IPE Competencies: Making the Case for Working Together" at the Nurse Practitioner Faculties' Annual Conference in Denver in April.



CHERYL FISHER

Cheryl Fisher, EdD, MSN, RN, associate professor and co-director, Master's in Nursing Informatics specialty, was interviewed for "MD Colleges Move Quickly to Expand AI Curriculums," which was published in *The Daily Record* on April 21.



DOUGLAS GYAMFI

Douglas Gyamfi, BSN, PhD student, won the First Place Poster Award at the Southern Gerontological Society Conference in Alabama in April for "Staff Level Predictors of Function Focused Care Within Long-Term Care Settings."



**SHANNON
K. IDZIK**

Shannon K. Idzik, DNP '10, MS '03, CRNP, ANP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, professor and associate dean, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, serves as president

of NONPF and provided an address to the Nurse Practitioner Faculties' Annual Conference in Denver in April.



**VERONICA
QUATTRINI**

Veronica Quattrini, DNP, MS '99, BSN '85, FNP-BC, associate professor and senior director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, presented a 90-minute symposium on "Academic Practice Partnership

Collaborations to Create a Pipeline for New Nurse Practitioners" at the Nurse Practitioner Faculties' Annual Conference in Denver in April.

Amanda Roesch, DNP, MPH, FNP-C, and **Catherine Hood, DNP '18, FNP-C**, both assistant professors, presented "Integrating Health Policy into NP Education: Addressing Abortion and Gender-Affirming Care Laws" at the Nurse Practitioner Faculties' Annual Conference in Denver in April.



JENNIFER SCHUM

Jennifer Schum, PhD, associate dean for student and academic services, graduated from UMB's University Leadership Program as a member of its sixth cohort.



JANET SELWAY

Janet Selway, DNSc, MS '88, AGNP-C, CPNP-PC, FAANP, received the annual LANG Award, given to a faculty member who has worked as a leader and advocate for nurse practitioner graduates; **Taylor**

Melton, DNP '21, CRNP, AGNP-C, CNE, assistant professor, received a Nurse Practitioner Association of Maryland (NPAM) Challenge Coin Award for her contributions as co-director of the NPAM Listen and Learn online continuing education series; and **Kianoush Mohajeri**, student, Doctor of Nursing Practice Program, was one of three poster

winners, all honored at the NPAM Spring CE & Membership meeting April 26 in Pikesville, Md.



PAUL THURMAN

Paul Thurman, PhD '18, MS '07, RN, ACNPC, CCNS, CCRN, CNE, assistant professor, was selected to attend the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education's (CCNE)

training program for prospective on-site evaluators, which prepares volunteer peer reviewers for CCNE's baccalaureate and graduate nursing program accreditation process.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

UMSOP's **Master of Science in Regulatory Science Program** received the 2025 Program Achievement Award from the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Graduate Education Special Interest Group.



NICOLE BRANDT

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

Therapy and Aging, was appointed as UMSOP's Parke-Davis Chair in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy.

Yueh-Yi Chiang, BSPHarm; Udim Damachi, BPharm, MS; Yu-Hua Fu, PharmD, MS; Chia-Yun Hsu, BPharm, MS; Hyung-Seok Kim, MHS; Seyedeh Taraneh Mousavi, PharmD; and Nneka Okeke-Morgan, MHS, all students in the PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Program, received the program's Donald O. Fedder Memorial Fellowship.

Jenny Contreras, MPH; Uzma Pathan, BPharm, MPharm, MS; and Hoang Tien Tran, PharmD, MPH, all students in the PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Program, received the program's Student Travel Scholarship.



DANIEL DEREDGE

Daniel Deredge, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a one-year, \$13,490 grant from Johns Hopkins University for "Leveraging Mass Spectrometry

Proteomics to Shift the Paradigm on Protein Folding."

Allison Dunn, PharmD, MS, research assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received a two-month, \$550,000 contract from NewAmsterdam Pharma B.V. for "Proposal for PK Analysis of Obicetrapib-Task Order #4."



HILLARY EDWARDS

Hillary Edwards, PhD, MPH, director of methodological research and evaluation, PATIENTS Program, received a one-year, \$100,000 contract from Novo Nordisk for "PATIENTS

Professors Academy 2025."



JOGA GOBBURU

Joga Gobburu, PhD, MBA, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and director, Center for Translational Medicine, was appointed

UMSOP's Gyi Endowed Memorial Professor in Pharmapreneurship. He also received a one-year, \$120,000 contract from Partner Therapeutics for "Proposal for Leukine Simulations to Address Regulatory Comments."



MOJDEH HEAVNER

Mojdeh Heavner, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and assistant dean for experiential learning, received the Society of Critical Care Medicine's

(SCCM) Presidential Citation Award and was named chair of the Leadership, Empowerment, and Development Committee and chair-elect of the Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacology Section, both within SCCM.



MAUREEN KANE

Maureen Kane, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and executive director, Mass Spectrometry Center, received a nine-month, \$295,829 grant from Thomas Jefferson

University for "Diacylglycerol Kinase in Airway Smooth Muscle Functions."



KAITLIN LANDOLF

Kaitlin Landolf, PharmD, advanced practice pharmacist, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received the Society of Critical Care Medicine's

Presidential Citation Award.

Lisa Lebovitz, JD, MS, assistant dean for assessment and academic affairs, was a co-recipient of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's (AACP) Rufus A. Lyman Award for the best paper published in the *American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education* in 2024. She also was a co-recipient of the Collaborative Research Publication Award from AACP's Assessment Special Interest Group and the Innovations in Administrative Practice Award from AACP's Administrative Services Section.



MARY LYNN
MCPHERSON

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, PhD, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and executive

director of advanced postgraduate education in palliative care, received the MD Anderson Palliative Medicine for Outstanding Contribution to the Field of Cancer Pain Management Award.

C. Daniel Mullins, PhD, professor Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and executive director, PATIENTS Program, will receive the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy's Paul R. Dawson Award for Excellence in Patient Care Research at the association's annual meeting in July.



KRISTINE
PARBUONI

Kristine Parbuoni, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was appointed UMSOP's inaugural assistant dean for PharmD student

life and student success.



ROSHNI PATEL

Roshni Patel, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received a presentation award at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists'

Northeast Regional Discussion Group Annual Meeting.

Vanshika Patel, student, Pharmaceutical Sciences Program, received the Audience Choice Award at the Science in a Flash: *The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology's* Flash Talk Communication Competition.

John Rizk, BSP Pharm, MSc, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Program, received the program's Harris Zuckerman Scholarship Award.



PAUL SHAPIRO



ALEXANDER
MACKERELL



STEVEN
FLETCHER

Paul Shapiro, PhD, professor; **Alexander MacKerell, PhD**, professor; and **Steven Fletcher, PhD**, associate professor, all in the Department of Pharmaceutical

Sciences, were among the co-inventors of "Non-ATP/Catalytic Site p38 Mitogen Activated Protein Kinase Inhibitors," which was issued European patents in Norway, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom on April 16.



FADIA SHAYA

Fadia Shaya, PhD, MPH, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and UMB Distinguished University Professor, received an eight-

month, \$20,000 contract from the Maryland Department of Health for "Behavioral Health Resources and Technical Assistance Program — Opportunities for Prenatal Exposure Intervention (OPEN)."

Phuong Tran, BSP Pharm, MPH, student, PhD in Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Program, received the program's Arthur Schwartz Memorial Scholarship.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



SARAH
DABABNAH

Sarah Dababnah, PhD, MPH, MSW, associate professor, was among the co-authors of "Characteristics of Service Utilization Among Chinese and Korean American Autistic Children," which

was published in the *Journal of Asian Health* on April 22.



CHRISTOPHER
FOGARTY



DAWN SHAFER



SAMANTHA FULD



ALEXIS
GUETHLER



JULIA SCOTT

Christopher Fogarty; Dawn Shafer, PhD, LCSW-C; Gail Betz, MSLIS; Samantha Fuld, DSW, MSW, LCSW-C; Alexis Guethler, PhD; and Julia Scott,

MSW, all members of UMSSW's Accessibility Advisory Group, presented the poster "Building Capacity for Universal Design at the School of Social Work" at the UMB Leaders in Education: Academy of Presidential Scholars' Symposium on April 2.

Geoffrey Greif, PhD, MSW, Distinguished University Professor, was quoted in the article "You Grew Up with Your Siblings. Do You Need to be Friends, Too?" which was published on Vox.com on April 29.

Alexis Guethler, PhD, instructional designer, IDEA Team, presented “Reflective Self-Regulated Learning Interventions in Online Environments” at the UMB Leaders in Education: Academy of Presidential Scholars’ Symposium on April 2.



BETHANY LEE

Bethany Lee, PhD MSW, and **Richard Barth, PhD, MSW**, both professors, were keynote panelists and led the workshop “Shared Family Care: A Wholistic Approach to Keeping

Families Together” at the Association of Children’s Residential Centers’ Annual Conference in Boston in March.



ERICKA LEWIS

Children and Their Parents,” which was published in the *Journal of Pediatric Psychology*, and “Understanding Black

Ericka Lewis, PhD, LMSW, assistant professor, was among the co-authors of “Perceived Acceptability and Appropriateness of a Web-Based Program Targeting Risk for Anxiety in Young

Father Involvement in Education in the Context of Systemic Inequities,” which was published in *Child Welfare*.



PAUL SACCO

Program Members: A Machine Learning Approach,” which was published in *Addictive Behaviors*.

Paul Sacco, PhD, MSW, associate professor, and **Jihyeong Jeong, MA**, PhD student, co-authored “Assessing the Risk of Problem Gambling Among Lottery Loyalty

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