

# POPULATION AND QUANTITATIVE HEALTH SCIENCES



## SPECIAL SEMINAR

Given jointly by the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Population and Quantitative Health Sciences and UMASS Boston, Gerontology Department and Gerontology Institute

**Wednesday, October 20, 2021  
12:00 – 1:00 PM**

### **“Industry Influence on Medical Literature”**

**Presented by: Adriane Fugh-Berman, M.D.  
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[Adriane Fugh-Berman, MD](#) is a Professor of Pharmacology and Physiology with a joint appointment in the Department of Family Medicine at Georgetown University Medical Center. Dr. Fugh-Berman codirects the M.S. program in [Health and the Public Interest](#) and directs [PharmedOut](#), a GUMC research and education project that promotes rational prescribing, exposes the effect of pharmaceutical marketing on prescribing practices and has had a profound impact on prescribers' perceptions of the adverse consequences of industry marketing.

Dr. Fugh-Berman has authored many key [articles](#) in peer-reviewed literature on the area of industry influence on medicine, including the first studies in the medical literature about how the pharmaceutical industry influences [surgeons](#), [pharmacists](#), [basic scientists](#), and individual [patients](#). Other key articles include a study that shows that [Medicare prescribers who accept industry gifts](#) prescribe more medications (and more expensive medications), a review of how industry uses [social psychology](#) to manipulate physicians, an exposé of how [ghostwritten articles](#) in the medical literature were used to sell menopausal hormone therapy, an article about how “key opinion leaders” are used to [market drugs off-label](#), an explanation of [drug rep tactics](#), an analysis of how industry uses [CME to create markets](#), a [national survey](#) of industry interactions with family medicine residencies, and a study that documents the effect of [Why Lunch Matters](#), a [presentation](#) that is the first to document a significant change in physicians’ perceptions about their own individual vulnerability to pharmaceutical marketing. Dr. Fugh-Berman lectures internationally and has appeared on 20/20, Nightline, the 1A, the Diane Rehm show, and every major television network.

Dr. Fugh-Berman is also an expert on botanical medicine and dietary supplements, and directs Georgetown's [Urban Herbs](#) project, which maintains teaching gardens on campus that intermix edible, medicinal, and ornamental plants, and demonstrate permaculture, xericulture, and ecological gardening concepts. She is the author of a clinical textbook, *The 5-Minute Herb and Dietary Supplement Consult*, and was the author of the first chapter on complementary medicine to appear in *Harrison's Textbook of Internal Medicine*.