

Weekly Newsletter December 30, 2024-January 3, 2025

PQHS NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS



Research Methods Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th, 10:00-11:00 AM

Title: Transforming Medicine and Healthcare through Artificial Intelligence

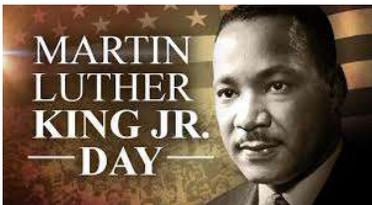
Presenter: Yonghui Wu, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Health Outcomes & Biomedical Informatics, University of Florida, College of Medicine, Director of Natural Language Processing

Description: Recent progress in Artificial Intelligence (AI) has enabled a new “general” form of AI to transform the practice of medicine and healthcare, which is not observed in previous generations of AI, approaching human-level language processing. This talk focuses on the recent progress of developing AI in the medical domain as an important infrastructure to facilitate medical research, enhance clinical data warehouse, and transform intelligent medicine and healthcare.

Bio: Dr. Wu is an Associate Professor with Tenure in the Department of Health Outcomes and Biomedical Informatics at the University of Florida (UF) College of Medicine. He also serves as the Director of Natural Language Processing (NLP) at UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) and OneFlorida+ Clinical Research Consortium. Dr. Wu’s primary research interests include clinical NLP, machine learning, and Electronic Health Record (EHR) based drug repurposing. His work was supported by funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), and the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H).

To join the meeting click [here](#).

PQHS HAPPENINGS



Join Us for a Day of Service in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!

The PQHS Diversity Action Committee (DAC) invites all department members to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s legacy of service by volunteering together at the [Yes We Care Food Pantry](#).

 **Date:** Friday, January 31st

 **Time:** 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM

 **Location:** Belmont A.M.E. Zion Church, 55 Illinois Street, Worcester, MA

As part of the UMass Chan Volunteer Initiative, your service hours will be counted as **Paid Time Off (PTO)**. To participate, please:

1 **Register** using this form [here](#).

2 **On the volunteer date, open the email and confirm that you volunteered or did not volunteer.** The email will come from Microsoft Power Automate on behalf of the UMass Chan Government Relations.

2 **Record your time** as “VSL” in PeopleSoft after the event. OR, if you report your time with PQHS, let the administrative staff know that you used 4 hours of PTO on that date.

If you have any questions, please contact [Amy Borg](#) for assistance. Let’s come together to make a difference in our community and embody Dr. King’s spirit of service.

We look forward to serving with you!

— **The PQHS Diversity Action Committee (DAC)**

UMASS CHAN REMINDER



Personal Time

UMass Chan Human Resources

Policy Number: 05.01.08

Effective Date: Wednesday, September 01, 1999

Last Reviewed: Tuesday, June 26, 2017

Responsible Office:

• Policy Administrator Deputy Executive Vice Chancellor, People Strategy

• Human Resources

• Contact: (508) 856-1300

Policy Statement:

Personal time is paid time off for personal reasons to be used during the calendar year.

If an employee is scheduled to work during a religious holiday that is not an observed University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School holiday, preference will be given for personal time.

Reasons for Policy:

To provide guidelines for the annual use and reporting of personal time during the calendar year.

Entities Affected by this Policy:

All non-union employees with the exception of Residents. To clarify if portions of this policy are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, contact your Human Resources Employee Relations Counselor.

Related Documents:

Learning the University Policy 08.04.10

Transfer of Service to/from UMass Medical School Policy 08.01.12

Residence Personnel Policies

Deadline to Use Your Personal Time

The last day for all employees to use their 2024 Personal Time will be on January 11, 2025.

Employees will be awarded their 2025 Personal Time on Wednesday, January 14, 2025, which will be available in their timesheet. The 2025 personal time will be reflected on the January 17, 2025 Pay Advice.

To avoid the potential loss of any Personal Time, we suggest you check your Personal Time by using [HR Direct](#). If you have Personal Time that has not been used, work with your manager to plan for the use of the time. Your manager must approve your planned Personal Time in advance. Also, please review and update any home address information in [HR Direct](#) in anticipation for the tax season.

To view the UMass Chan Personal Time policy, click [here](#) or the policy image to the right. You will need to be logged into the intranet system to view the page.



UMass Chan Medical School's [Office of Communications](#) is initiating regularly scheduled opportunities where faculty, staff, and students can have a professional headshot taken. Photos are taken every other Wednesday from 9 AM to 3 PM on the fifth floor of the Sherman Center by the elevators. Each session caps at 50 people. Anyone at UMass Chan can sign up using this document found on the SharePoint site. See updated link for new options: [Photo Sign-Ups \(office365.com\)](#)

PQHS Weekly will be sent to all members of PQHS on Monday mornings. The intent is to provide a snapshot of what is going on that week in PQHS and to share our faculty and staff activities with the department. We depend on you to provide the items we need to share. Please send suggestions of events, faculty invited seminars & talks, honors, student thesis presentations, and news – new babies born! – to Kellie (kellie.armstrong@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.