

Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences

Weekly Newsletter

JULY 14-18, 2025



UMass Chan
MEDICAL SCHOOL

GOOD NEWS!

Reinstated Terminated Grants!

Jen Tjia's R01

Title: Structural Racism and Engagement of Family Caregivers in Serious Illness Care

Bo Wang's Thailand R34

Title: Optimizing mobile interventions to overcome stigma and promote HIV prevention among Thai young transgender women



Let's Celebrate!!

New NIH Grant Announcement

Chan Zhou's R01

Title: Discovery and functional characterization of long non-coding RNAs in opioid use disorder within the context of HIV at single cell resolution

The study aim is to integrate computational and experimental approaches to identify and characterize lncRNAs as novel molecular mechanisms in OUD and HIV, utilizing single-cell transcriptomics data from human and mouse brains. This is a MPI project, collaborating with Dr. Ryan Logan in the Department of Neurobiology and Psychiatry.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Tuesday thru August 26, 12-1 PM, Conference Room AS7-1073, in-person only (July 22 canceled)

Drop-in PQHS Faculty/Staff Meetings

All faculty and staff are invited to attend a weekly in-person "drop-in" meeting throughout the summer months. These informal gatherings are intended to provide a welcoming and inclusive space where participants can freely ask questions, voice concerns, or simply engage in open conversation and connect with one another in a relaxed setting. This is an informal, open discussion. Feel free to bring your lunch!

We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to stay connected over the summer!

Every Tuesday thru November 4, 10 AM – 2 PM

(No market or food trucks on Sept. 2 and 9)

Farmers' Market, CSA, and Food Trucks at UMass Chan



Sponsored by Office of Well-Being and Office of Sustainability

Location: Outdoors, Medical School Building Terrace (Rain location: Old School Lobby or Albert Sherman Cafeteria)

In an effort to enhance campus sustainability, foster **engagement**, and promote well-being, we are proud to provide fresh, locally sourced food and products to our UMass Chan community and support small, local businesses in the region.

A variety of food trucks will be available each week offering food for purchase.

Questions? Email OWB@umassmed.edu.

In Person Outdoor Yoga, Thursday, July 17 at 1 PM

Albert Sherman Outdoor Terrace

All levels are welcome! [Register here](#). *Please bring a yoga mat and water.*

Rain Location: Fitness Center Group Fitness Studio (ASC 3rd Floor)

Questions? Email fitnesscenter@umassmed.edu.



Free Chair Massage, July 22 and August 12

Albert Sherman Center Café during Farmers' Market, 10 AM- 2 PM

Free chair massage by Bancroft School of Massage Therapy. First come, first served.



Addiction Implementation Science Webinar Series –Aug 13; 12-1 PM

Presented by: New England Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network, Northwestern Medicine, Center for Dissemination and Implementation Science, and UMass Chan Medical School. We invite you to join us in a 3-part *Addiction Implementation Science* webinar series introducing essential Implementation Science (IS) concepts and tools to integrate evidence-based practices (EBPs) in real-world settings to improve the quality of addiction treatment and recovery services. This series is designed for anyone interested in applying evidence-based solutions for better addiction treatment and recovery outcomes.



Session 3 – Wednesday, Aug 13 – SUSTAIN SUCCESS: MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND ADAPTATION

- Learn practical tools for evaluating both addiction and implementation outcomes.
- Discuss principles of how to adapt EBPs to changing contexts.
- Explore strategies for sustaining impact over time.
- Engage in hands-on activities and leave with actionable tools

To register, click [here](#)

UMASS CHAN REMINDERS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Remaining Holiday Schedule for 2025:

- Labor Day – Monday, September 1st
- Indigenous Peoples' Day – Monday, October 13th
- Veterans Day – Tuesday, November 11th
- Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 27th
- Day After Thanksgiving – Friday, November 28th
- Christmas Eve – Wednesday, December 24th
- Christmas Day – Thursday, December 25th

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (FYI)



Discover the Sixth Floor Lending Library!

Looking for your next great read? Dr. Kate Lapane has sparked something wonderful, a little Lending Library on the sixth floor, near the elevators and stairs!

Whether you're in the mood for a quick escape, an inspiring memoir, or a gripping mystery, swing by and see what treasures are waiting for you. The best part? It's totally free and community-driven.

✦ Take a book, share a book, and spread the joy of reading. Have a favorite book that changed your life or made you laugh out loud? Drop it off and give someone else the chance to love it too!

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 Judi (judi.saber@umassmed.edu) & Sarah (sarah.yeboah@umassmed.edu) by Friday each week.