



# The President's Message

In recent *President's Message* columns, I have highlighted various themes of our 2011-2016 strategic plan. Today's topic, *MPOWERing the State*, our pioneering and structured collaboration with the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), touches on a host of strategic plan themes, which are indicated below with bullet points.

- *Drive economic development*
- *Achieve pre-eminence as an innovator*

These themes certainly apply to UM Ventures, the ambitious joint research commercialization effort of our two universities that together do more than \$1 billion a year in externally sponsored research. UM Ventures is taking shape under new director James L. Hughes, MBA, our chief enterprise and economic development officer and vice president, who has extensive experience in patenting and licensing intellectual property, two major areas in the joint initiative.

Another *MPOWERing the State* "innovation" is the new Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation, enabled by Food and Drug Administration funding. Furthermore, the presence of both universities in the Institute for a Healthiest Maryland, a partnership with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the two institutions preparing a joint federal funding request on behalf of *MPOWERing's* Center for Health-Related Informatics and BioImaging align with our "pre-eminence" goal to educate the health, human, and legal services workforce of the state of Maryland.

- *Excel at interdisciplinary research and interprofessional education, clinical care and practice, and public service*
- *Develop local and global initiatives that address critical issues*

The first theme above applies to a new *MPOWERing* academic model being developed for the programs at the Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville as well as several "University of Maryland Professor" joint faculty appointments that have been made in what is expected to become a commonly used mechanism to recognize faculty who contribute and collaborate with colleagues at other system institutions. Other *MPOWERing* teamwork involves expanding the previously existing seed grant program between the universities and establishing a new process to submit and manage joint grants.

Both themes also apply to our University and UMCP working toward Council on Education for Public Health accreditation for a collaborative school of public health. The school, which will combine the strengths of the School of Public Health in College Park with the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at the School of Medicine in Baltimore, will offer students at both universities expanded opportunities in public health education and research.

- *Create an enduring and responsible financial model for the University*

One of many *MPOWERing* initiatives in this area is sharing access to the libraries at each university and adopting a new strategy for subscription expenses.

- *Create a vibrant, dynamic University community*

Launching the UM *shuttle* increases access to the University and its surrounding community, one of several tactics contained in this theme. The shuttle is a considerable *MPOWERing* component in that the blueprint for the shuttle system, as well as the buses, came from our partners in College Park.

Many other *MPOWERing* initiatives are moving forward, but space doesn't allow me to list them all. Visit the *MPOWERing* website at [mpowermaryland.com](http://mpowermaryland.com) for more details or attend our Jan. 22 Q&A (see back page).

In closing, I send hearty thanks to all the collaborators at both universities who are growing the *MPOWERing* enterprise, with special credit to the steering committee of Pete Gilbert, MSF, and Bruce Jarrell, MD, FACS, from our University and Michele Eastman, Mary Ann Rankin, PhD, and Ann Wylie, PhD, from UMCP.

Here's to a happy, healthy, and collaborative 2013.

Jay A. Perman, MD  
President



# Laurels

## CAMPUSWIDE

Nominees for the annual Staff Awards from the University System of Maryland (USM) Board of Regents include eight employees at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). The awards recognize staff throughout USM for contributions to their school or unit, service to students, public service, or an academic or administrative change that saves \$10,000 or more. The nominees from UMB are **Brenda Ali, Joyce Oen Johnson, Rebekah Owens, Manka Tatarova, and Sanjay Uchil, MS**, each from the School of Medicine; **Dennis Paffrath** from the Office of Research and Development; and **Theresa Washington and Gwen Young** from the School of Social Work.

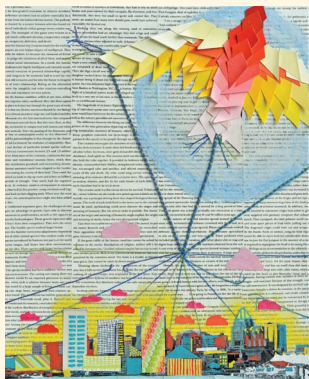
“Discovering the Present, Preserving the Past: The Development of a Digital Archive at the University of Maryland,” written by **Na Lin, MLS**, head of resource sharing and the digital archive, and **Patricia Hinegardner,**



Maria Pinkas

**MLS, AHIP**, associate director of resources, Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HS/HSL), was published in the *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*. Also published in the journal was “University of Maryland Early Dissertations for Doctor of Medicine (1813-1889):

Challenges and Rewards of a Digitization Project,” written by HS/HSL staff **María Pinkas, MLS, Abra Schnur, Megan Wolff, Sarah Hovde, and Carol Harling-Henry.**



*The Human Condition*, S. Colby Peters



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School of Social Work student **S. Colby Peters, MSW**, won the University

System of Maryland Foundation’s art contest for the foundation’s 2012 annual report. Her mixed-media work, *The Human Condition*, is on the report’s cover. School of Pharmacy student **Andrew Phan** was a runner-up in the contest.

**Andrew Youngkin, MLS**, emerging technologies/evaluation coordinator for the Southeastern/Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, HS/HSL, presented “What Librarians Want: E-Content and Mobile Delivery” during a seminar hosted by the Association of American Publishers in December.

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



Karen Faraone

**Karen Faraone, DDS ’78, MA**, associate professor, has been appointed assistant dean of student affairs.



Jacqueline Fried

**Jacqueline Fried, RDH, MS**, director of interprofessional initiatives, was among the “Six Dental Hygienists You Want to Know” in the December issue of the journal *Dimensions in Dental Hygiene*. She was also profiled in the December edition of *Acess*, a magazine produced by the American Dental Hygienists’ Association.



Jin Ro

“Jaw Muscle Spindle Afferents Coordinate Multiple Orofacial Motoneurons Via Common Premotor Neurons in Rats: An Electrophysiological and Anatomical Study,” written by **Jin Ro, PhD, MS**, associate professor, was published in the journal *Brain Research*.



Abraham Schneider

**Abraham Schneider, DDS, PhD**, assistant professor, was invited by the University of Chile's dental school to be the keynote speaker during the recent Dental Student Scientific Meeting. Schneider's lecture was titled "Oral Cancer: Advances in Chemoprevention Research."

## FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW

**Taunya Lovell Banks, JD**, Jacob A. France Professor of Equality Jurisprudence, delivered "A Darker Shade of Pale Revisited: The Significance of Brown Skin in the Post-Civil Rights Obama Era" during the Northeast People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, held recently at the Suffolk University Law School in Boston.



Barbara Bezdek

"Dreaming In Chinese: Accountable Development," an article written by **Barbara Bezdek, JD, LLM**, professor, was published in the *Maryland Journal of International Law*.

*Community Economic Development Law: A Text for Engaged Learning*, a book co-written by **Brenda Bratton Blom, JD, PhD, MPS**, professor, has been published. She also co-wrote chapters for the book *Law and Leadership: Integrating Leadership Studies Into the Law School Curriculum*.

"Critical Review Examination System (CRES) Computer Assisted Student Self-Critique of Essay Question Answers," written by **David Bogen, LLB, LLM**, T. Carroll Brown Scholar and professor emeritus, was published recently in the online journal *The Law Teacher*.

**Danielle Citron, JD**, the Lois K. Macht Research Professor of Law, was an invited commentator recently at the *Harvard Law Review's* Privacy and Technology Symposium in Boston.

"U.S. Health Policy Related to Hookah Smoking," co-written by **Kathleen Dachille, JD**, director of the Legal Resource Center for Tobacco Regulation, Litigation, and Advocacy, was published recently in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, and Dachille's article "Using Law to Improve Public Health: The Tobacco Example" was published in the New York State Bar Association's *Health Law Journal*.



Phoebe A. Haddon

Dean **Phoebe A. Haddon, JD, LLM**, has been named one of the 25 most influential people in legal education in 2012 by *The National Jurist* magazine. Nominations were solicited from every law school in the country. The list also includes **Frank Wu, JD**, former visiting professor.



Sherrilyn Ifill

**Sherrilyn Ifill, JD**, professor, has been named president and director-counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) Legal Defense and Educational Fund. She will take a leave of absence from the School to fulfill her new NAACP duties.

**JustAdvice**, a nonprofit service of the law school that provides legal guidance for a small fee, held its 200th client session in the fall. Law student volunteers were joined by students from the schools of medicine, pharmacy, and social work, who provided free services such as blood pressure readings.

**Daniel Mitterhoff, JD, LLM, MA**, managing director of the Maryland Carey Law-CUFE China Law Cooperative Program, delivered "The Case for the Law Clinic for Microcredit, Microinsurance, and Microsurety" during the 2012 Asia-Pacific Forum on Clinical Legal Education, held recently at the Renmin University Law School in Beijing.

**Robert Percival, JD, MA**, director of the Environmental Law Program, delivered "Public Interest Environmental Litigation in China" during the China Environment Forum, held in the fall at the Woodrow Wilson International Center in Washington, D.C.

“United States v. Klein, Then and Now,” written by **Gordon Young, JD, LL.M.**, professor, was published recently in the *Loyola University Chicago Law Journal*.

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Nearly 100 faculty members are on *Baltimore* magazine’s annual list of best doctors. The number is the highest total of University physicians ever on the list.



Ed Bennett

**Ed Bennett**, director of Web and communications technology at the University of Maryland Medical System, whose work has greatly benefited the School and its faculty, has been inducted into the Healthcare Internet Hall of Fame.

**William Blattner, MD**, associate director and co-founder of the Institute of Human Virology, was awarded a three-year, \$2.5 million grant from the National Institute of Mental Health for his project “TRUST,” and a five-year, \$2.5 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for “Nigerian Alliance for Health Systems Strengthening.”



Raymond Cross

**Raymond Cross, MD, MS, AGAF**, associate professor, received a three-year, \$1,107,156 grant from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality for “TELEmedicine in Patients With Inflammatory Bowel Disease: TELE-IBD.”

**Kevin Cullen, MD**, director of the University of Maryland Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center, has been elected to the board of directors of the Association of American Cancer Institutes.

**Steven Gambert, MD, AGSF, MACP**, co-director of the Division of Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, was named among the top 1 percent of physicians in geriatrics by *U.S. News & World Report*.

**David Kaetzel, PhD**, professor, received a five-year, \$1,483,233 grant from the National Cancer Institute for “Suppression of Melanoma Initiation and Progression by NM23-H1.”

**Benjamin Lawner, DO, EMT-P**, assistant professor, and **Amal Mattu, MD**, vice chair of emergency medicine, are among the co-authors of the new book *ECG Cases for EMS*.



William Olmsted

**William Olmsted, MD**, clinical professor, received a Gold Medal from the Radiological Society of North America during the organization’s annual meeting, held in the fall in Chicago. The award recognizes exemplary service to the science of radiology.

**Christopher Plowe, MD, MPH**, leader of the Malaria Group, Center for Vaccine Development, recently received the American College of Physicians Award for Outstanding Work in Science as Related to Medicine.

**Jean-Pierre Raufman, MD**, professor, was appointed to a four-year term as chair of the National Institutes of Health Digestive Diseases and Nutrition C Subcommittee.

# DON'T WALK AND TALK OR TEXT

In 2012, 8 out of 9 campus robberies occurred while the victims were using their cell phones.



Be aware of your environment and **keep your phone out of sight.**

Register for UM Alerts via SMS at [www.umaryland.edu/alerts/](http://www.umaryland.edu/alerts/).



**Terry Watnick, MD**, associate professor, received a five-year, \$1.1 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for “Comprehensive Analysis of Polycystin Related Endothelial Cell Signaling Pathways.”

School faculty members **Michael Winters, MD; Michael Bond, MD, FACEP, FAAEM; Priya Kuppusamy, PhD; Haney Mallemat, MD; Sarah Sommerkamp, MD, RDMS; George Willis, MD; Fermin Barrueto, MD; Michael Abraham, MD, MS; and Alisa Gibson, MD, DMD**, have been appointed faculty members for the 2012 EMedHome Continuous Certification Board Review Course. The course helps emergency physicians prepare for recertification by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. It also is used as an international emergency medicine core curriculum course.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

The following faculty members have been awarded New Nurse Faculty Fellowships as part of the Nurse Support Program II: assistant professors **Susan Bindon, DNP, RN; Elaine Bundy, DNP, CRNP; Mary Lynn Davis-Ajami, PhD, MBA, MS, NP-C, RN; Kelly Flannery, PhD, RN; and Nancy Lerner, DNP, RN, CDONA**; and clinical instructors **Amy Daniels, MS, RN, and Victoria Selby, MSN, PMHNP**. Administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the fellowships help nursing programs recruit and retain nursing faculty.

Assistant professors **Allison Davis, PhD, APHN; Marian Grant, DNP, RN, CRNP, ACHPN; and Naomi “Bea” Himmelwright-Lamm, EdD, RN**, have been named the School’s first members of the Education Intensive Faculty program. The program provides financial support, mentoring, and other resources for faculty awardees, who are expected to implement a plan of scholarship.



Robin Newhouse

**Robin Newhouse, PhD, RN, FAAN**, chair of the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health, became vice chair of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute’s Methodology Committee on Jan. 1.



Beth Rodgers

Alumna **Beth Rodgers, BSN '78, RN, CNOR**, instructor and operating room clinical educator at the University of Maryland Medical Center, was elected president of the Baltimore chapter of the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses.



Charlotte Wallace (left) accepts her award from Maryland Hospital Association President Carmela Coyle.

Student **Charlotte Wallace, RN**, received the Nursing Leadership in Environmental Health Award during the Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment’s fifth annual Environmental Excellence in Health Care Conference, held at the School of Nursing in the fall.

Wallace has implemented many environmental initiatives at Anne Arundel Medical Center, where she is a pediatric nurse and sustainability coordinator. Also during the conference, the University of Maryland Medical Center received a Trailblazer Award for leadership in advancing sustainability.



Debra Wiegand

**Debra Wiegand, PhD, MBE, RN, CCRN, FAHA, FAAN**, assistant professor, received a two-year, \$422,125 research grant for “Preparing Families for the Dying Process” from the National Institute of Nursing Research and the National Institutes of Health. Other investigators include **Shijun Zhu, PhD**, a biostatistician.

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

**Nicole Brandt, PharmD, CGP, FASCP**, associate professor, received the W. Arthur Purdum Award from the Maryland Society of Health-System Pharmacists (MSHP).



Michelle Campbell

Student **Michelle Campbell** received the Donald O. Fedder Award from the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research. The award recognizes training and development of graduate students working in social justice, pharmacy advocacy, or public health.



Raymond Love

**Raymond Love, PharmD, FASHP**, professor, has been elected to the board of directors of the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists.



Deanna Tran

**Deanna Tran, PharmD**, assistant professor, was named co-chair of the Maryland Pharmacists Association's New Practitioners Network.



Kristin Watson

**Kristin Watson, PharmD**, associate professor, was installed as an MSHP board member.

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

"Integrating Mental Health Parity for Homebound Older Adults Under the Medicare Home Health Care Benefit," an article co-written by **Joan Davitt, PhD, MSW, MLSP**, associate professor, received an honorable mention award for the best article published in the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work* in 2011. The award was presented during the Gerontological Society of America's annual scientific meeting in San Diego in November.



Karen Hopkins



Megan Meyer

Writers of the article "Increasing Both Organizational and Client Capacities During Tough Economic Times: An Examination of the Consumer and

Incentive-Based Ambassador Volunteer Program," which was published recently in the *Journal of Community Practice*, include associate professors **Karen Hopkins, PhD, MSW**, and **Megan Meyer, PhD, MSW**.

**Howard Palley, PhD, MS**, professor emeritus and a distinguished fellow at the Institute for Human Services Policy, has been named to the editorial board of the journal *Advances in Aging Research*.

**Michael Reisch, PhD, MSW, MS**, Daniel Thursz Distinguished Professor of Social Justice, presented the keynote address "The Implications of the 2012 Election for U.S. Social Policy" during the Jewish Social Policy Action Network's annual awards ceremony, held recently in Philadelphia.



Corey Shdaimah

**Corey Shdaimah, PhD, LLB, LLM**, associate professor, recently received a Mentoring Award from the Council on Social Work Education's Council on the Role and Status of Women in Social Work. Shdaimah was nominated for the award by student **Marie Bailey-Kloch**.

# Q&A QUARTERLY *with* Dr. Perman

This session will include an update on the *MPowering the State* initiative as well as a discussion regarding safety.

## January 2013

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013

10 to 11 a.m.

School of Nursing  
auditorium

Have a specific question you would like to ask the University president but never had the opportunity? Or would you just like to know more about what is happening around the campus?

Please join me as I answer questions from students, staff, and faculty. We will spend the first portion of the Q&A updating you on the collaborative *MPowering the State* initiative and discussing campus safety. Then we will open the floor to discuss topics of your choice. Everyone at the University is welcome to attend.

To submit an **anonymous** question anytime, visit my website at [www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback](http://www.umaryland.edu/president/feedback).



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