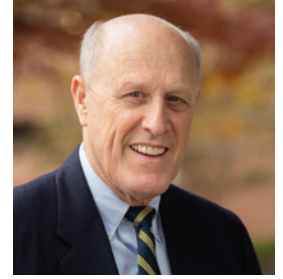


the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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UMB KICKS OFF RIGOROUS MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION PROCESS

This month, President Jarrell invited Mark A. Reynolds, DDS, PhD, MA, dean of the School of Dentistry, and Roger J. Ward, EdD, JD, MSL, MPA, provost, executive vice president, and dean of the Graduate School, to be guest authors. They serve as co-chairs of the University of Maryland, Baltimore's (UMB) 2025 Middle States Accreditation Self-Study process.

Accreditation is a process of peer review that the educational community has adopted for its self-regulation since early in the 20th century. It is a voluntary process intended to strengthen and sustain the quality and integrity of higher education, making it worthy of public confidence. It serves as external validation of an institution's commitment to meeting and maintaining high standards in various aspects, including educational programs, faculty qualifications, student support services, and institutional resources. Each UMB school has accrediting bodies, but did you know that UMB has a Universitywide accreditation?

institutions. By undergoing the voluntary and rigorous accreditation process, institutions must demonstrate their adherence to quality standards, ensuring that students receive a high-quality education.

Accreditation also promotes continuous improvement and accountability. The Middle States accreditation process involves a comprehensive self-study and evaluation, which encourages institutions to assess their strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement. This self-reflective process allows institutions to identify areas that need enhancement and develop strategic plans to address them. Through periodic reviews and accreditation processes, institutions are held accountable for maintaining and improving their educational quality over time. In addition to institutional benefits, accreditation by Middle States has a significant impact on student financial aid. Many federal and state financial aid programs require students to attend accredited institutions to be eligible for grants, scholarships, and loans.

At UMB, folks are already hard at work preparing for the accreditation, which will conclude with a three-day site visit to UMB in spring 2025 by a team of peer evaluators selected by Middle States. In preparation for the visit, faculty, staff, and students of the steering committee and working groups have met and drafted the Self-Study Design. Members of the working groups have committed to becoming knowledgeable about the standards for accreditation, studying the research questions from the Self-Study Design and preparing responses supported by data and information, drafting a chapter for the report that shows how UMB is in compliance, developing five to 10 forward-looking recommendations to inform UMB's next five-year strategic plan, producing documentation and evidence, and submitting it to the chairs by the deadline.

We had our first Middle States 2025 Accreditation town hall in May and put out a call for volunteers to join the Self-Study working groups. Thank you to those of you who signed up! There will be many opportunities for the UMB community to get involved in the accreditation process, so please be on the lookout for opportunities. Through this process, we know that UMB will continue to grow and evolve to better serve the amazing students at Maryland's premier public health and human services university.

To learn more, visit the Middle States Accreditation website [at this link](#).



DEANS MARK REYNOLDS AND ROGER WARD LEAD UMB'S MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION PROCESS.

Every eight years, UMB undergoes a reaffirmation of its accreditation with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, which has served as the University's accreditor since 1921 and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as an independent voice in higher education. Middle States establishes equitable standards for accreditation with member institutions that advance the impact of accreditation in the ever-changing landscape of higher education and promotes educational excellence through innovation across diverse

WELCOME TO UMB!

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UNIVERSITYWIDE



TIFFANY N. CHAVIS

Tiffany N. Chavis, MSW, MLIS, LCSW-C, health literacy librarian, Region 1 of the Network of the National Library of Medicine, Health Sciences and

Human Services Library, presented the poster “Misunderstood: An Analysis of the Homeless Population in Maryland and Their Information Needs” at the Institute for Healthcare Advancement’s Annual Health Literacy Conference in May.



BILL CROCKETT

Bill Crockett, MS, RCRSP, executive director of student affairs, was appointed to serve on the National Intramural-Recreational Sports

Association’s (NIRSA) History and Legacy Task Force and was appointed as convener for NIRSA’s past presidents for 2023-2024.



JENNIFER B. LITCHMAN

Jennifer B. Litchman, MA, senior vice president for external relations, spoke on the topic of “Self-Aware Leadership” at the Johns Hopkins Applied

Physics Lab’s Women’s History Month Colloquium in March.



TIERRA MAJOR KEARNEY

Tierra Major Kearney, MS, referral and outreach specialist, Student Counseling Center, delivered the student speech at the University of

Baltimore’s graduate student commencement May 24.



ROGER J. WARD

Roger J. Ward, EdD, JD, MSL, MPA, provost, executive vice president, and dean of the Graduate School, was appointed to the Baltimore City Community

College Board of Trustees by Gov. Wes Moore for a five-year term beginning July 1.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



DOUGLAS BARNES

Douglas Barnes, DDS, MS, professor and chief dental officer, Faculty Practice-Clinics of Excellence, is the 2023 recipient of the Distinguished Achievement

Alumni Award, which recognizes a UMSOD graduate for significant professional accomplishments in science, dentistry, or education.



LISA BRESS

Lisa Bress, RDH, MS, clinical associate professor and division chief, Dental Hygiene Program, Department of Advanced Oral Sciences and Therapeutics,

is the 2023 recipient of the Linda DeVore Dental Hygiene Award, which recognizes a UMSOD graduate who represents the integrity, intellectual curiosity, community-mindedness, and leadership epitomized by the late DeVore.



CHARLES A. DORING

Charles A. Doring, DDS, Dean’s Faculty member, Department of General Dentistry, is the 2023 recipient of the Distinguished Public Service

Alumni Award, which recognizes a UMSOD graduate for meritorious professional leadership and service to UMSOD and the community.



GARY D. HACK

Gary D. Hack, DDS, clinical associate professor, Department of Advanced Oral Sciences and Therapeutics, was among the co-authors of “An Anatomical

Study of the Suboccipital Cavernous Sinus and Its Relationship with the Myodural Bridge Complex,” which was published in *Clinical Anatomy* in April.

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MARY ANNE S. MELO

Mary Anne S. Melo, DDS, MSc, PhD, clinical professor and chair, Department of General Dentistry, was among the co-authors of “Bioactive Dental

Materials: Developing, Promising, Confusing,” which was published in *JADA Foundational Science* in April.

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Madeline Alizadeh, MD/PhD student in molecular medicine, received a University System of Maryland Board of Regents Student Award in the Excellence in Academics, Scholarship, and Research category. Alizadeh’s research focus is the gut microbiome in inflammatory bowel disease.



JAMES CAWLEY

James Cawley, MPH, PA-C, professor and scholar-in-residence, received a publication award from the American Academy of Physician

Associates for the paper “Physician Assistant/Associate Retirement Intent: Seeking the Exit Ramp.”

Don Donahue, DHEd, MBA, MSJ, professor, co-presented “Strengthening Global Systems to Prevent and Respond to High-Consequence Biological Threats” at the 17th World Congress on Public Health in Rome, Italy, in May.



ERIN GOLEMBEWSKI

Erin Golembewski, PhD, senior associate dean, was named president-elect of the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools.



COURTNEY JONES CARNEY

Courtney Jones Carney, DPA, MBA, adjunct professor and director, Diversity Program, contributed “Preparing the Next Generation of DEIA

Professionals: Professionalizing the Field Through Professional Education Programs” to the book “Voices of the Field: DEIA Champions in Higher Education.”



GERALD KAYINGO

Gerald Kayingo, PhD, MBA, PA-C, DFAAPA; Shani Fleming, MS, MPH, PA-C; Karen L. Gordes, PhD, PT, DSCPT; and James Cawley, MPH, PA-C,

all faculty members in the Physician Assistant Leadership and Learning Academy, co-authored “Thinking Outside the Box: Advancing Clinical Education in an Era of Preceptor Shortage,” which was published in the *Journal of Physician Assistant Education*.

Isabell May, PhD, director, Science Communication Certificate Program, and director, UMB Writing Center, was selected for the 2023 National Federation of the Blind’s Accessibility Inclusion Fellowship Program.



JENNY OWENS

Jenny Owens, ScD, MS, associate dean of academic affairs and executive director, Graduate Research Innovation District, was among

the co-authors of “Donations Wanted: Assessing Online Medical Crowdfunding Campaigns Created for Dementia Care,” which was published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.



JAMEE WILLIAMS

Jamee Williams, student, Physician Assistant Program, received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award at the 2023 Grid Pitch in April.

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW

Andrew Blair-Stanek, JD, professor, was part of the Yahoo Finance Live discussion “AI Has an ‘Almost Game-Changing Potential’ to Close Tax Loopholes” on April 14.



JENNIFER CHAPMAN

Jennifer Chapman, JD, research and faculty services librarian, received the Outstanding Article Award from the Academic Law Libraries Special

Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries for “Slave Cases and Ingrained Racism in Legal Information Infrastructure.”

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Peter Danchin, JD, professor and associate dean for research and faculty development, presented “Placing Sovereignty: Justice Donoghue’s Dissent in the Chagos Advisory Opinion” at the 2023 Laura H. Carnell Chair Writer’s Workshop, which explored the book *The Last Colony: A Tale of Exile, Justice and Britain’s Colonial Legacy* at Temple University’s Beasley School of Law on April 18.



MARTHA ERTMAN

Martha Ertman, JD, professor, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Award to study reparations and conduct research and teaching on the project

“Contract-Based Reparations for Racial Injustice” at McGill University in Montreal in spring 2024.



LARRY GIBSON

Larry Gibson, JD, professor, received a First Citizen Award from the Maryland Senate for his lifetime of work on April 7.



SARA GOLD

Sara Gold, JD, clinical law instructor, Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic, and **Toby Guerin, JD**, clinical law instructor and co-director,

Center for Dispute Resolution, presented at the Looking Within: Exploring Inter-Clinic Collaborations

session of the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Education on April 29.

Barbara Gontrum, JD, professor emeritus, was inducted into the American Association of Law Libraries Hall of Fame.

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor and co-director, Clinical Law Program, wrote the blog post “Who Watches the Watchers: Domestic Violence and Law Enforcement” for the National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s website on April 21.

Mark Graber, JD, professor, wrote “Partisan Supremacy in the Lincoln-Douglas Debates,” which was published in *American Political Thought*.

Gabriela Kahrl, JD, associate director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, wrote the op-ed “New Maryland Probation Law Promotes Equal Justice for Veterans and Noncitizens,” which was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on April 24.

Seema Kakade, JD, professor and director, Environmental Law Clinic, wrote “Defining Environmental Justice Communities,” which was published in *ABA Trends* on March 3.

Lila Meadows, JD, clinical instructor, Survivors of Violence Clinic, wrote “Reader Commentary: Wrongfully Convicted People Have Been Traumatized, Too,” which was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on April 26.

Paula Monopoli, JD, professor and founding director, Women, Leadership, and Equality Program, wrote “Pushing Boundaries,” which was published on the

Balkanization Blog as part of an online symposium on the book “Against Misogyny” on May 3.

Will Moon, JD, professor, presented “Global Corporate Charter Competition” as a panelist for Law, Identity, and Economic Development in the Post-Colonial Era: The Case of the Northern Atlantic and Larger Caribbean Regions Symposium at Princeton University on April 21.

Aadhithi Padmanabhan, JD, assistant professor and director, Federal Appellate Immigration Clinic, presented on the Growth Through Grief: Processing Loss in Clinic session of the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Education on April 29.

Michael Pinard, JD, professor and co-director, Clinical Law Program, presented at the Excavating Hope Through Clinical Teaching and Substantive Practice session of the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Education on April 29.

Maneka Sinha, JD, associate professor and director, Criminal Defense Clinic, co-authored “Signal Detection Theory Fails to Account for Real-World Consequences of Inconclusive Decisions,” which was published in *Law, Probability and Risk*.



MAUREEN SWEENEY

Maureen Sweeney, JD, professor and director, Chacón Center for Immigrant Justice, presented at the Practices to Build, Sustain and Teach Resilient Hope in the Midst of a Long-Term

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Struggle for Social Change session of the Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Education on April 29.



LIZA VERTINSKY

Liza Vertinsky, JD, professor, presented “US Patent Policy Responses to AI and its Impact on How We Innovate” at PatCon: The Patent Conference at Northwestern Law School on April 14.

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Omer Awan, MD, MPH, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors of “Conquering Educational Mountains: Maintaining a Radiology Clinical Education Track,” which was published in the *Journal of American College of Radiology* in March.

Aldo Camargo, PhD, postdoctoral fellow, and **Ze Wang, PhD**, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, co-authored “Hypo- and Hyper-Perfusion in MCI and AD Identified by Different ASL MRI Sequences,” which was published online in *Brain Imaging and Behavior* in March.



ERIKA DAVIES

Erika Davies, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was awarded a \$1,766,097 contract from Xequel

Bio as principal investigator for “Task Order 2. Establish (SOW 1.0) and Validate (SOW 2.0) A Cutaneous Radiation Injury (CRI) Model in Yorkshire Swine.”

Vasken Dilsizian, MD, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, delivered two oral presentations, “SPECT and PET-CT Myocardial Perfusion Imaging and Absolute Blood Flow Quantification” and “Cardiac Metabolism and Myocardial Viability,” at the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging Mid-Eastern Chapter Annual Meeting in Linthicum Heights, Md., on April 14.



JULIE DUNNING HOTOPP

Julie Dunning Hotopp, PhD; David Rasko, PhD; and Nicholas Carbonetti, PhD, all professors in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, received a five-year, \$1,940,760 T32 Training Grant for Postdoctoral Fellows and Predoctoral Trainees from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for “Level Research in Microbial Pathogenesis.”



ROY FILM

Roy Film, PT, DPT, OCS, FAAOMPT, assistant professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, accepted a three-year appointment to the Orthopaedic DPT Faculty Work Group of the Academy of Orthopaedic Physical Therapy’s Education Committee.



CLAIRE M. FRASER

Claire M. Fraser, PhD, the Dean E. Albert Reece Endowed Professor, Department of Medicine, and founding director, Institute for Genome Sciences, was elected to the National Academy of Sciences.



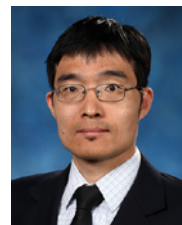
NIDHI GOEL

Nidhi Goel, MD, MHS, assistant professor of medicine and pediatrics, and **Mangla Gulati, MBBS**, associate professor, Department of Medicine, presented “Using Machine Learning to Predict Patient Deterioration” at the Society of Hospital Medicine National Converge Conference in Austin, Texas, in March.



ROSEMARY KOZAR

Rosemary Kozar, MD, PhD, professor, Department of Surgery, and co-director, Center for Shock, Trauma and Anesthesiology Research, became president of the Western Trauma Association in March.



YAJIE LIANG

Yajie Liang, MB, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was among the co-authors

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of “Fast and Sensitive GCaMP Calcium Indicators for Imaging Neural Populations,” which was published in *Nature* in March.



VICTORIA MARCHESE

Victoria Marchese, PT, PhD, the Jane Kroh Satterfield Professor and chair, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was

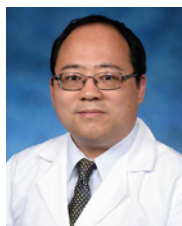
appointed to the University of Maryland Rehabilitation & Orthopaedic Institute’s Executive Committee Board.



KRISHANU RAY

Krishanu Ray, PhD, associate professor, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, received a three-year, nearly \$1.6 million R61 grant from the National

Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for “Detection Assays for Virion Susceptibility to HIV Broadly Neutralizing Antibodies in Plasma and Culture Fluids.” He also received a nearly \$1.55 million grant from NIAID for “Broadly Neutralizing Antibody Combinations with Single Virions in HIV+ Plasma.”



LEI REN

Lei Ren, PhD, professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was among the co-authors of “On the Correction of Respiratory Motion-Induced

Image Reconstruction Errors in

Positron-Emission Tomography-Guided Radiation Therapy,” which was published in *Physics and Imaging in Radiation Oncology* in March.

Mary Rodgers, PT, PhD, FAPTA, FASB, FISB, professor emerita, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was featured in the article “Pioneering Women of the International Society of Biomechanics,” which was published in the *Journal of Biomechanics* in May.



NADIA SAM-AGUDU

Nadia Sam-Agudu, MD, associate professor, Department of Pediatrics, was among the co-authors of “A Global Update of Mpox (Monkeypox) in

Children,” which was published in *Current Opinion in Pediatrics* in April.



SAMUEL TISHERMAN

Samuel Tisherman, MD, professor, Department of Surgery, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Pittsburgh’s Department of Critical Care Medicine in March.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Emem Akpan, Wendy Bonilla, Hope Li, Sherry Rollins, Alisha Price, Selena St. Jules, and Ramon Siguenza Moz, all students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, and their faculty advisor, **Marisa Astiz-Martinez, MS, RN,**

RYT-200, clinical instructor, attended the National Student Nurses Association Annual Convention on April 12-16 in Nashville, Tenn.



MARISA ASTIZ-MARTINEZ



CLAIRE BODE

Claire Bode, DNP, CRNP, assistant professor, was named the Maryland recipient of the 2023 American Association of Nurse Practitioners Advocate State Award for Excellence.



ANDREA BRASSARD



RICHARD P. CONLEY JR.



KATIE MCELROY



PATRICIA SCHAEFER

Andrea Brassard, PhD, FNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, CNE, associate professor; **Richard P. Conley Jr., DNP ’20, CRNA, CNE,** assistant professor; **Katie McElroy, PhD ’16, MS ’10, RN ’97, CNE,** associate professor; **Patricia Schaefer, DNP,**

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RN, CNE-cl, CHSE, CNE, assistant professor; and **Mary Pat Ulicny, MS '11, MHA, RN, CNE, CHSE,** clinical instructor, received Academic Nurse Educator Certification Awards from the Maryland Higher Education Commission through the Nurse Support Program II.



MARY PAT ULICNY

Diane Dao, Hope Li, Sakeenah Nassar, Sherry Rollins, and **Jordan West,** all students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, attended the Maryland Association of Nursing Students (MANS) conference March 31 at Montgomery College-Takoma Park. Rollins and Li were elected to serve on the MANS Board as Community Health chair and Image of Nursing chair, respectively. Dao also won the Student Leadership and Service Award at the Universities at Shady Grove Student Engagement Awards ceremony.



MAEVE HOWETT

Maeve Howett, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC, CNE, professor and associate dean, Baccalaureate Program, was quoted in the article "Maryland Nursing

Schools Aim to Diversify Students, Update Curriculums Amid Shortage," which was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on May 5.

Casey Jackson, MS, CCRP, research quality manager, was elected to a director role in the Society of Clinical

Research Associates (SOCRA) national board. She will serve a three-year term to contribute her experience and expertise in support of the clinical research community and enhance SOCRA's educational programming.



KOURTNEY JOHNSON

Kourtney Johnson, MEd, was promoted to academic support services specialist.



KATIE LAMP

Katie Lamp, PhD, was promoted to associate director of academic success.

Anissa Nahabedian, DNP, RN, AMB-BC, NPD-BC, CNL, student, Doctor of Nursing Practice Post-Master's Option, received a Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research Program Award from UMB in recognition of her contributions to the field of geriatric nursing.



EUN-SHIM NAHM

Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD '03, RN, FAAN, FGSA, professor and associate dean, PhD Program, received the 2022 Southern Nursing Research Society D. Jean

Wood Nursing Scholarship Award, which recognizes the contributions of a researcher who has enhanced the science and practice of nursing.



JOANNE PINNA

Joanne Pinna, MS, was promoted to learning technology manager.

Kristen Rawlett, PhD '14, FNP-BC, FAANP, associate professor, was among the co-authors of "Perceptions of Mindfulness Practices as a Support for Individuals Managing Care Giving Responsibilities and Chronic Disease," which was published in *Chronic Illness* in May.



ALEXANDER SNOW

Alexander Snow, MS, was promoted to assistant director of records and registration.

SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Bernard Bright Davies-Teye, MD, MPH, student, Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Graduate Program, received the program's 2023 Dr. Arthur Schwartz Memorial Scholarship Award.



SANDEEP DEVABHAKTHUNI

Sandeep Devabhakthuni, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named associate dean for student affairs.

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NEGAR HAMIDI

Negar Hamidi, PharmD student, received the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award at the 2023 Grid Pitch in April.

Chia-Yun Hsu, MS; Uzma Pathan, MPharm, MS; and Dominique Seo, MPH, all students in the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Graduate Program, received the program's 2023 travel scholarships. Honorary recipients were **Dami Onasanya, MPH, MD; Salome Ricci, PharmD, MS; Yun-Yi Pan, PharmD; and Chintal Shah, MS.**



AMY IVES

Amy Ives, PharmD, BCPS, assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named UMSOP's 2023

American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Teacher of the Year.

Catherine Ladipo, graduate student, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a Genentech Meyerhoff Fellowship.



CHEROKEE LAYSON-WOLF

Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, BCACP, FAPhA, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was voted UMSOP's

alternate delegate to the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Haeyoung Lee, PharmD, MS, student, Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Graduate Program, received the program's 2023 Harris Zuckerman Scholarship.

Tsung-Ying Lee, MS, and Sarah Tanveer, MS, both students in the Pharmaceutical Health Services Research Graduate Program, received the program's 2023 Donald O. Fedder Memorial Fellowship.

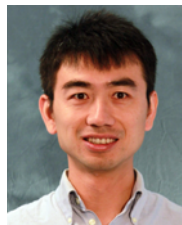


SARAH MICHEL

Sarah Michel, PhD, professor and chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and associate dean for graduate programs, was named

interim dean of UMSOP.

Fadia Shaya, PhD, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, and executive director, Behavioral Health Resources and Technical Assistance Program, received a three-month, \$30,000 contract from the Maryland Department of Health's Medical Cannabis Commission for "Formative Research on Adult Use (Recreational) Cannabis Consumer Education Materials."



FENGTIAN XUE

Fengtian Xue, PhD, associate professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was voted president-elect of UMSOP's

Faculty Assembly. He also received a two-year, \$405,563 grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism for "ALDH2 inhibitors for the Treatment of AUD" and a one-year, \$49,999 contract from the Department of Veteran Affairs for "Improving the Membrane Permeability of LIPG Inhibitors."

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

UMSSW's **Center for Restorative Change** received a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to partner with Coppin State University and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County to recruit, train, and place 105 social workers from diverse backgrounds that reflect the communities, identities, ethnicities, abilities, and cultures of students in Central Maryland's high-need Lead Educational Agencies over the next five years.

Richard Barth, PhD, professor, was among the co-authors of a paper that was published in *Child Maltreatment* and examines child abuse reporting, substantiation, and out-of-home placement rates from 2005 through 2019.



JEN CANAPP

Jen Canapp, academic services specialist, PhD Program, was named UMB's April Employee of the Month for her efforts to support students from the application

process to graduation as well as faculty members.

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WENDY SHAIJA



YOONZIE CHUNG

Sarah Dababnah, PhD, associate professor; **Wendy Shaia, PhD**, clinical associate professor; **Yoonzie Chung**, PhD student, and colleagues from the School of Medicine co-authored “Pilot Trial of a Peer-to-Peer Psychoeducational Intervention for Parents of Black Children Awaiting a Developmental

Evaluation,” which was published in the *Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics*.



ALICIA CASTANEDA HATFIELD

George Mason University. Hatfield’s research interests lie at the nexus of public policy, qualitative methods, and women experiencing homelessness.

Alicia Castaneda Hatfield, PhD student, was accepted to the Summer Institute in Anti-Racist and Decolonizing Research Methods, which will be held at



COREY SHDAIMAH

were among the co-authors of a paper that was published in *Anti-Trafficking Review Special Issue: Home and Homelessness* and explores the meanings of housing in the context of court-affiliated prostitution diversion programs in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Corey Shdaimah, PhD, the Daniel Thursz Distinguished Professor of Social Justice, and **Nancy Franke** and **Todd Becker**, both doctoral students,

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JUNE EPISODE

Inspiring Words from UMB Commencement

Commencement is a time for celebration and inspiration for new graduates ready to change the world. In this episode, co-hosts Dana Rampolla and Charles Schelle share their personal favorite speeches from this year’s University of Maryland, Baltimore graduation ceremonies, including addresses by U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin and former Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh.

Episode dropped June 2.

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LOIDA LEWIS: A STORY OF LOVE, LEADERSHIP, AND PERSEVERANCE

“This museum is a celebration of excellence. And it’s a celebration of a family,” Maryland Gov. Wes Moore told a full house in the auditorium of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in Baltimore on May 10. Moore and Baltimore civic, business, and cultural leaders were invited by the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) to a night honoring Loida Lewis, chair and CEO of TLC Beatrice, LLC, and now author of the new book, “Why Should Guys Have All the Fun?”

The book’s title itself is an homage to her late husband Reginald Lewis’ iconic business memoir, “Why Should White Guys Have All the Fun?” His book told how the Wall Street titan built a business empire — Beatrice International — and became the wealthiest Black man in America. Her story expands the narrative of their lives, exploring Loida Lewis’ life from her upbringing in the Philippines to her rise as a tough immigration lawyer in New York, and goes deeply into the Lewises’ whirlwind romance and the immense challenges she faced after Reginald’s untimely death at the age of 50 in 1993. Most of all, “Why Should Guys Have All the Fun?” shows how grit and faith together can overcome anything.

“Those of you who have her book, it’s got some interesting passages in it,” UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, told the audience. “One really stuck out in my mind because it reminded me so much of UMB.”

Jarrell explained that Lewis’ work for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service put her face to face with people who didn’t have a lawyer or many resources and couldn’t navigate the federal bureaucracy. “And the point that drove home to me was that those were the ones she really paid attention to, because those were the ones that nobody else would pay attention to. The staff attorneys, the other ones wanted to take care of the higher profile or the ones with an attorney, and ‘Auntie’ Loida took care of those

people, the people in need. You know who they are, they’re the people that get left out.”

Moore, a friend of the Lewis family, also explained why the book resonated with him. “She talks about the people who need support and mentorship and the people who she has guided and helped throughout her life. One of those people is my mom,” Moore said. “Because years ago, when she first had a chance to meet my mom, and she first had a chance to hear her story, that bond became immediate. And that bond became unbreakable.



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FROM LEFT, BRUCE JARRELL, LOIDA LEWIS, AND LUKE COOPER TOOK PART IN THE MAY 10 EVENT AT THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

“I cannot tell you enough how much your example still continues to mean to her. Because what you showed is an ability to know that even when all things seem dark, that if you just push hard, the light is ahead. And that the legacy that you’re building is one that all people can and will be proud of.”

For much of the evening, the audience was treated to a discussion with Lewis led by UMB Distinguished President’s Scholar Luke T. Cooper, JD, MBA. At one point, Cooper asked Lewis to apply her experience to the challenges facing entrepreneurs

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GOV. WES MOORE (ABOVE) SAID OF LOIDA LEWIS: "WHAT YOU SHOWED IS AN ABILITY TO KNOW THAT EVEN WHEN ALL THINGS SEEM DARK, THAT IF YOU JUST PUSH HARD, THE LIGHT IS AHEAD."

— particularly Black and women entrepreneurs — today in Baltimore. "There are a lot of people in this city, Auntie Loida, that are doing their very best. We've got 1,500 women-owned businesses in the city that are undercapitalized," he said. "Baltimore brings in roughly \$300 million-plus in venture capital every year. Not even 1 percent of that goes to Black entrepreneurs in this city. What do you say to them?"

"Slavery is the original sin of the United States," Lewis said. "And racism still exists, discrimination, prejudice. And so, it is up to people who have power. And I'm so glad that our governor is the first Black governor of Maryland. Yes. But in the end, it's people who have power."

Lewis went on to explain how her husband used his great talent to overcome the challenges facing a prospective law student in 1965. The Rockefeller Foundation sponsored 80 students from historically Black colleges and universities to attend an eight-week summer program at Harvard University. Lewis so impressed the school that he was asked by the law dean to enroll that fall without even applying.

"So, I want to fast-forward to today," Cooper said. "We have 4,000-plus boards, corporate boards out there, and less than 10 percent of them are represented by women, less than 5 percent of them are represented by women of color. In the wake of George Floyd, corporations made a big commitment. They said they were

INSIGHTS FROM LOIDA LEWIS

Questions from the audience yielded powerful insights from Loida Lewis during the UMB-sponsored May 10 event at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture:

How to climb the corporate ladder: "Take a mentor, look into the organization where you are, and see who is, more or less, a rising star or being listened to, and then maybe invite him for coffee."

How to be an effective leader: "It's very important to have a goal. Because if you don't have a goal, how will people follow you?"

Act ethically: "Obedience to a code of ethics. Because if you start to make hanky-panky, ... do something illegal, you are going to get the consequences. That's in personal life and business life."

Don't worry about fitting in: "I am Filipina, I speak with an accent, but it never bothered me. In other words, you accept yourself as you are."

Be positive: "Don't look for discrimination, because you will find it. But if you look for beauty, you'll find it. You look for positiveness, you'll find that. Yes, there is prejudice and racism and evil in this world. So, your own sense will say, 'Avoid, there's danger there.' If you trip, live true to yourself. So, don't worry, set your goal and you'll get there."

— Alex Likowski

going to give maybe \$100 billion, \$50 billion to various causes around racial equality. That has not happened. Why do you think that's not happened?"

"Because after they said that, we who are involved just quieted down," Lewis replied. "There is no news follow-up. And even organizations that are not-for-profit, even Black companies, Latino, are not demanding it. So, I'm just saying, if you don't demand, they will not listen. The squeaky wheel gets the oil. And there's no squeaky wheel."

— Alex Likowski

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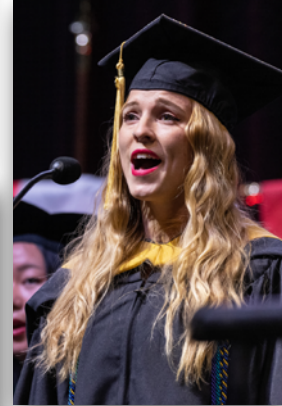
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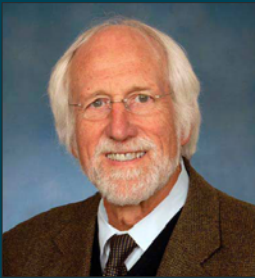
UMB's seven schools celebrated the Class of 2023 with graduation ceremonies that included the Universitywide commencement at Chesapeake Employers Insurance Arena. You can read stories, see photos, and watch videos on UMB's commencement website [at this link](#). ↗

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Distinguished University Professors

The University of Maryland, Baltimore and President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, congratulate the 2023 Distinguished University Professors, who will be honored and receive their medals Sept. 14 at UMB's second annual Convocation:



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OUTLINING A VISION FOR HEALTH CARE ON THE EASTERN SHORE



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UMB PRESIDENT BRUCE JARRELL (LEFT) AND HIS LONGTIME FRIEND, LAWRENCE HAYMAN, SPOKE ABOUT EASTERN SHORE HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES IN FRONT OF AN ARTIST'S RENDERING OF A NEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER TO BE BUILT IN TALBOT COUNTY.

On April 21, UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, and leaders from the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) shared ambitious plans to improve the quality of health care in five counties on Maryland's Eastern Shore known collectively as the mid-Shore.

"You may be asking yourself, 'I said, University of Maryland, Baltimore?' And yep, you're right. Baltimore's in the name. But Maryland's in the name, too," Jarrell told a group that gathered in Cambridge. "I want to let you all know that while I'm sitting in that chair, at least, that this side of the [Chesapeake] Bay is really important to me, and I want to see things happen over here."

Standing close by Jarrell that evening was a childhood friend, Lawrence Hayman. The two grew up in neighboring towns in Caroline County, Goldsboro and Greensboro, in the 1950s and '60s. In high school, they ran cross country together and were teammates on the North Carolina County High School basketball team. But after graduation, they took different paths. Jarrell went off to college and became a physician, surgeon, and educator. Hayman started a trucking company, now a national leader in frozen and refrigerated transport. In later years, the two reconnected, both still committed to the Eastern Shore.

"We got to talking, and Lawrence wanted to do something," Jarrell said. Hayman was determined to make a bequest of \$18 million to UMB to improve the health of Shore residents, and Jarrell, who had just become president of Maryland's public health, law, and human services university, was in a position to make Hayman's dream a reality.

"He didn't want to do it for me or for UMB. He wanted to do it for the Shore," Jarrell said. "He kept saying, 'Bruce, I want the money to stay on the Shore. Bruce, I want the money to help students and to help health care on this mid-Shore area to get the highest quality you could get.' He had a clear vision in mind."

The site chosen to lay out the plans for the Eastern Shore initiative — the historic Phillips Packing House — also held special meaning to Jarrell.

"I worked in a plant just like this, just up the road a ways, canning tomatoes. There were canning factories on every small town on the Shore, up until about 1968. And then they sort of disappeared," Jarrell said. "But there was something else in every little town that I remember. In my town, Goldsboro, Dr. [George] Silver was there. In Greensboro, some of you will remember Dr. [Charles] Stonesifer, who was the GP [general practitioner] there. If you went into his office at 1 a.m., the waiting room was full and he really worked unbelievable hours."

Although the presence of so many community health providers on the Shore has diminished, the health challenges have not, Jarrell added. "I came back to visit the Caroline County Health Department, pre-COVID. And I was astounded to see the health statistics for the state. They had every county listed. There was Baltimore City down at the bottom. And at the time, right next to that was Caroline County. That was my county. How could that be down there? But, of course, if you continue to look, you see a lot of Shore counties on that list," he said.

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Those statistics represent something very important that's missing from many Shore communities, said UMMS President and CEO Mohan Suntha, MD, MBA.

"I always say we start with a lesson my father taught me a long time ago, and that is through the lens of health care — that a healthy person has many wishes in life, a sick person has but one," he said. "And if you believe that, you understand that being able to access high-quality health care in your community is fundamental to how people think about health and happiness and resources that exist within communities."

UMMS delivers more than a quarter of all hospital-based health care in the state, including at two hospitals, two freestanding emergency departments, and numerous care locations operating under the banner of UM Shore Regional Health. The system is committed, Suntha said, to "reimagining health care delivery" in this rural area and is preparing to invest even more to improve health outcomes.

Suntha pointed to an artist's rendering of a new, \$550 million, state-of-the-art regional medical center to be built just outside of Easton in Talbot County. The impact, he said, will go beyond

health care, bolstering the community's overall sense of well-being while also creating economic and educational opportunities.

Suntha and Jarrell also emphasized the need for talented and committed health care workers and outlined several strategies to address the situation. The University is already engaging with state legislators to work with local school districts to encourage and guide students into higher education and careers in health care.

Jarrell also outlined plans to have medical students and students from other health and human services tracks spend time on the Shore, in clinical rotations and residencies. The effectiveness of that approach was made clear in one study that showed 60 percent of physician assistants who performed clinical rotations in Easton stayed to work in the area after graduation.

"And I have no doubt that that would apply to nursing, to pharmacy. And can you imagine a law student clerking with a judge over here on the Eastern Shore?" he asked, adding jokingly, "They have judges over here, OK. And don't you think that would be a phenomenal opportunity? And don't you think that would attract people to come back?"

— Alex Likowski

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HEALTH EDUCATION CRITICAL AMID RECREATIONAL CANNABIS LEGALIZATION

Come July 1, recreational cannabis will be legal in Maryland, allowing those over 21 years old to purchase and use the substance without a medical card. But even with the upcoming changes, the need for medical cannabis — and the experts who study it — still greatly remains.

On April 26, at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP), the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission (MMCC) — which was established in 2013 by the Maryland General Assembly — held what is likely to be its final meeting as the public body is dissolved and the state's new cannabis administration takes over.

And while a separate entity outside of UMSOP, MMCC has held a partnership with the school and its pioneering MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics, which was the first graduate program in the United States dedicated to the study of medical cannabis. The school's relationship with MMCC began in 2018, said Leah Sera, PharmD, MA, BCPS, co-director of the Graduate Studies in Medical Cannabis program and an associate professor in the Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research.

The MS program has a community of almost 400 alumni, and more than 300 students are currently enrolled, she added.

“Maryland is entering a new phase of cannabis use and access. And I know that education is going to play a vital role in ensuring not only the continuation of a robust medical program here in Maryland, but the successful rollout of nonmedical cannabis use here in the state,” Sera said. “Our MS and certificate programs give our students — who are clinicians, scientists, public health professionals, educators, advocates, and entrepreneurs — a scientific foundation for the medical use of cannabis and the development of well-informed cannabis policies. Our students are trailblazers who are already moving the industry forward in Maryland and around the United States and the world.”

UMSOP and MMCC have shared the same goal, Sera added, of ensuring that there are safeguards and protections in place around medical cannabis.

For UMSOP graduate Jacquie Cohen Roth, MS '21, a member of the program's first graduating class, the need for experts trained like her is greater now than ever.

Cohen Roth is the founder and CEO of CannabizMD, a medical cannabis industry platform empowering industry professionals to deliver quality patient care and client service, and the nonprofit

Tea Pad, a professional-level networking group for the cannabis industry. She also is an adjunct faculty member in UMSOP's MS program, where she teaches state and federal laws and policies.

“I think the critical need moving forward with this adult use industry is public health education,” Cohen Roth said. “Overarching, our health care providers have not been educated.”



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“OUR MS AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS GIVE OUR STUDENTS ... A SCIENTIFIC FOUNDATION FOR THE MEDICAL USE OF CANNABIS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF WELL-INFORMED CANNABIS POLICIES,” SAYS LEAH SERA, CO-DIRECTOR OF THE GRADUATE STUDIES IN MEDICAL CANNABIS PROGRAM AT THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY.

Cohen Roth said there are 6 million certified medical cannabis patients across the United States now and, if you include the illicit market, 100 percent of America has access to cannabis in some form. A majority of states now have a medical cannabis program as well.

“And meanwhile, less than 9 percent of medical schools in the U.S. include [cannabis education] in their curriculum. So, there's this void that I'm focused on helping fill,” she added.

— Emily Chappell

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