As we usher in 2016, and take some time for reflection and renewal, I’d like to share a few of my hopes for the year that’s just beginning.

**I hope for peace and justice in Baltimore.** Both will be tested this year, as trials continue for the officers charged in the death of Freddie Gray. Last spring, when we gathered to discuss the city’s history with race, I said that as painful as it was to have a light shone on the issues fueling the outrage and unrest — poverty, discrimination, disinvestment — it’s far more painful, far more damaging, to have no light shone on them at all.

The light is shining still. We have the chance to make something more than tragedy out of Mr. Gray’s death. It can be, as well, a catalyst for tough conversations about race and reconciliation and a platform for unified action to open opportunity to all.

**I hope for civility in our discourse.** We have a presidential election ahead of us this year, one more polarizing than any I can recall. We have tensions agitating our city and state, complex issues of policy and investment that test our worldview and speak to our character.

There will be too many opportunities for speech that insults rather than enlightens, that accuses rather than explains. I hope we choose words that show respect for the individuals expressing their convictions even as we struggle to understand the convictions themselves. What draws us tighter as a community isn’t our lockstep agreement with one another in all matters of belief and opinion; what draws us tighter is our ability to be civil even when agreement is impossible.

**I hope for rich dialogue across UMB about living our core value of diversity.** Our conversation last year about the life and death of Freddie Gray initiated a related conversation about race and opportunity at UMB, about experiences with bias and discrimination on campus and in the community. And that conversation, in turn, yielded recommendations for making UMB more equitable and inclusive, recommendations we’re acting on now.

We’ll continue these conversations with a series of forums exploring the American university’s relationship with race, ethnicity, and gender and the implications for equity and fairness at UMB.

I know that UMB is as strong as it is not despite our diversity but because of it. In the months ahead, I look forward to proving our strength — and celebrating our strength — with all of you.

**I hope for renewed investment in scientific discovery.** From fiscal year 2011 to 2014, federal research funding to U.S. universities (in real dollars) fell by more than 10 percent. This is the first three-year drop in funding since the National Science Foundation began tracking federal research outlays in the early 1970s.

I understand that the nation faces significant fiscal challenges. But I submit that the answer to these challenges isn’t to inhibit but to invest. Research and development undertaken at American universities yields the commercial technologies that seed — and speed — economic growth, that create jobs (and sometimes entire industries), that improve human health and well-being and advance the public good.

And so we must persuade policymakers that decimating research expenditures isn’t the path to prosperity, that the backbone of a competitive economy is a robust research enterprise that breeds innovation, and that UMB — home to such an enterprise — is a smart investment of federal dollars.

**I hope we’ll work together for an even greater UMB.** There are many grand challenges before us as a nation and a world, and many big ideas yet to be tried. There is daring work to be done, and I hope we’ll do it together.

Our biggest breakthroughs in health and human services often happen at the intersections — the intersection of schools and disciplines, investigators and institutions. It’s at these intersections where we find the fire of creativity and innovation. It’s where our work, scaffolding one another’s, accumulates to transformative scholarship.

This is why we dedicate ourselves to interprofessional education (IPE) and collaborative practice, why we seek new and deeper ways of working with each other on behalf of those we serve. Interprofessionalism reflects our commitment to the primacy of excellent patient and client care, and it’s this commitment that guides our efforts to implement an IPE model capable of revolutionizing care for all Marylanders.

I know that in our collaboration — with one another and with colleagues around the globe — we have the power to redesign the way we think about our greatest problems of science, policy, and practice and the way we imagine their solutions. I know that our eager partnership will substantially grow our institutional reach and reputation, and that our impact alone is but a fraction of our impact together.

**I hope we dream big.** Every day, we have the chance to shape and reshape our world, to make its people healthier and happier, to pursue truth and — always — to prioritize compassion. As we begin 2016, and rededicate ourselves to our work, I hope these are the causes we undertake as one University, because there is nothing worthier of our mutual effort.

I wish you a very Happy New Year!

Jay A. Perman, MD
President
UNIVERSITYWIDE

The Daily Record selected Tisa Silver Canady, MBA, director of financial education and wellness, Office of Student Financial Assistance and Education, and Robyn Gilden, PhD, RN, assistant professor, Department of Family and Community Health, School of Nursing, as among its 2015 Leading Women. Fifty women were chosen to recognize women in the state of Maryland, age 40 or younger, based on their professional experience, community involvement, and commitment to inspiring change. Canady also received the Committee of the Year Award from the Delaware-D.C.-Maryland Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators for outstanding contributions to the association as chair of the Electronic Services Committee during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Recipients of UMB’s 2016 Center for Global Education Initiatives (CGEI) Interprofessional Global Health Faculty Grants and the countries involved included:

Nadia Sam-Agudu, MD, School of Medicine, Nigeria

Agnes Ann Feemster, PharmD, School of Pharmacy, Egypt

Melissa McDiarmid, MD, MPH, School of Medicine, Gambia, with Joanna Gaitens, MSN, MPH, PhD, School of Medicine

Myaing Nyunt, MD, MPH, PhD, School of Medicine, Myanmar

David Riedel, MD, MPH, School of Medicine

Corey Shdaimah, PhD, LLM, LLB, School of Social Work, Israel, with Susan Leviton, JD, Carey School of Law, and Jane Lipscomb, PhD, RN, FAAN, School of Nursing

In this third year of the CGEI program, nine faculty members will lead six interprofessional global health projects in six countries. The projects involve 23 UMB students.

Towanna Isaac, a housekeeper in General Services, was named the December Employee of the Month for the courtesy she displays, the mentoring she provides, and for being a team player who serves as a role model for others.

Towanna Isaac accepts her Plaque from Dr. Perman.

M.J. Tooey, MLS, AHIP, FMLA, associate vice president, Academic Affairs, and executive director, Health Sciences and Human Services Library (HS/HSL); Bohyun Kim, MA, MSLIS, associate director, library applications and knowledge systems, HS/HSL; and Alexa Mayo, MLS, AHIP, associate director, services, HS/HSL, participated on panels at the annual meeting of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries.

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Resident Malek Alshehri, BDS, received a three-year, $6,000 research grant from the American College of Prosthodontics to study the effect of various microorganisms on dental materials.

Guadalupe Garcia, DMD, clinical assistant professor, served as president of the Maryland Section of the American College of Prosthodontists.

The following alumni/faculty were inducted into the International College of Dentists, the oldest dental honor society in the world: Edward Lee Ginsberg, DDS ’82, clinical assistant professor; Christopher Garrett Liang, DDS ’98, clinical assistant professor; and Patricia Meehan, DDS ’93, associate dean and clinical assistant professor.

Residents Peterson Huang, DMD, Dima Ghunaim, DDS, Jenin Yahya, DDS, and Priscilla Sia, BDS, were named diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics, an organization with the mission of certifying individuals who have demonstrated special knowledge and skills in prosthodontics.
Radi Masri, DDS, MS, PhD, assistant professor, and Division of Prosthodontics colleague Carl Driscoll, DMD, professor and director, postgraduate prosthodontics, published Clinical Applications of Digital Dental Technology, the first complete book on dental digital technology.

Sheryl Syme, RDH ’88, MS, associate professor, dental hygiene, was honored by the Mid-Atlantic Prevent Abuse and Neglect through Dental Awareness (P.A.N.D.A.) Coalition for her work to educate oral health professionals about detecting and reporting potential cases of abuse or neglect in their patients.

Resident Diane Vo, DDS, MS, has been named the recipient of the Tyman Research Award from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, which also awarded her a one-year, $4,000 research grant to study the adherence of S. mutans to lithium disilicate.

Resident Jenin Yahya, DDS, received a one-year, $6,000 grant from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics to evaluate the fit of ceramic crowns utilizing digital radiography.

Resident William “Max” Wahle, DDS, received a one-year, $5,000 scholarship from the Southeast Prosthodontic Association as well as a one-year, $3,900 research grant from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics to study the effect of forces on lateral set screws in implant restorations.

Students Ben Garmoe, Dan Kaprow, Erick Kim, and Morgan Thomas claimed first place for the National Trial Team at the 2015 Lone Star Classic, an invitation-only mock trial competition hosted by St. Mary’s University in San Antonio. Garmoe also won an individual award for Best Closing Argument. In addition, students Diana Griffin, Sean Harding, James Sheehan, and Emmitt Kellar placed second in the Buffalo-Niagara Mock Trial Competition.

Students from the Global Environmental Law Seminar presented the results of a study on the feasibility of adopting an environmental amendment to the Maryland State Constitution for the Ward Kershaw Environmental Symposium.

Leigh Goodmark, JD, professor, wrote the Baltimore Sun op-ed “Mandatory Domestic Violence Prosecution May Traumatize Victims.”

CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW

The American Bar Association (ABA) found that Maryland Carey Law placed eighth overall and fourth among public ABA-approved law schools in securing grants, contracts, and other external income during fiscal year 2013–14.
Sherrilyn Ifill, JD, professor, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Constitution Center. She is currently on leave serving as president and director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.

The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy and the Network for Public Health Law, under the leadership of Kathleen Hoke, JD, professor, has secured more than $1 million in grants for fiscal year 2016.

Paula Monopoli, JD, professor and founding director, Women, Leadership & Equality Program, collaborated with the International Women Insolvency Restructuring Confederation (IWIRC) Greater Maryland Network to bring together a distinguished panel of federal, state, and local judges to discuss the role of gender in judging and the characteristics of effective lawyering in the courtroom.

Michael Pappas, JD, MA, associate professor, and Sarah Everhart, JD, adjunct professor and legal specialist at the Agriculture Law Education Initiative (ALEI), part of the University of Maryland: MPowering the State program, organized and participated in ALEI’s first conference in Annapolis. It brought together Maryland farmers and conservationists for discussions with government officials, business executives, and policymakers. Pappas also wrote “Distributed, Nega-, and Reclaimed: Setting Expectations in the ‘New’ Resource Base,” which was published in the Pace Environmental Law Review.

Robert Percival, JD, MA, Robert F. Stanton Professor and director, Environmental Law Program, made two presentations to personnel from the Environmental Protection Department of Sichuan Province’s Heavy Metal Pollution Prevention and Supervision Program, who were visiting the University of Maryland, College Park. He also gave a lecture to the Environmental Politics and Policy class at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.


William Reynolds, JD, professor, presented “Art Law” to the Judicial Institute of Maryland in Annapolis.

Rena Steinzor, JD, professor, was honored as a Distinguished Visitor by the National Resources Law Institute at Lewis & Clark Law School. She spent three days attending classes, meeting with professors and students, and delivered the lecture “How White-Collar Criminal Enforcement Can Save the Environment.”

Dean Donald B. Tobin wrote “Citizens United and Taxable Entities: Will Taxable Entities Be The New Stealth Dark Money Campaign Organizations?” which was published in the Valparaiso University Law Review, and was invited to deliver the commentary “Effecting Change Through Law,” on Humanities Connection, broadcast of the Maryland Humanities Council, on WYPR-FM.

Claire M. Fraser, PhD, professor, Department of Medicine, and director, Institute for Genome Sciences, was awarded the Dean’s Endowed Professorship in the School of Medicine at an investiture ceremony at Westminster Hall. Fraser has played a seminal role in the sequencing and analysis of human, animal, plant, and microbial genomes. The endowment was possible because of the generosity of Robert E. Fischell, ScD, and Susan R. Fischell, longtime friends and supporters of the school and institute.
Dean and UMB Vice President for Medical Affairs E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, and University System of Maryland Chancellor Emeritus William E. Kirwan, PhD, were among the speakers at the investiture ceremony, attended by UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD.

Student Brian Johnson and Kelly Westlake, PhD, MSc, PT, assistant professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, received a two-year, $3,000 Qualtrics Behavioral Research Grant to support research to investigate how bimanual functional performance influences daily functional activities for individuals with stroke utilizing an online survey. Qualtrics software enables users to do many kinds of online data collection and analysis.

**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

Charon Burda, MS ’03, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP, assistant professor and director, psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner specialty, and Katherine Fornili, MPH, RN, CARN, assistant professor, presented posters and spoke at the International Society of Addiction Medicine 2015 Congress, held in Scotland in October. Fornili also presented a workshop and poster at the International Nurses Society on Addictions 39th Annual Educational Conference, held in Charlotte, N.C.

Marian Grant, DNP ’10, RN, CRNP, assistant professor, presented “Death of the Death Panels” at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation.

Linda L. Costa, PhD, BSN ’76, RN, NEA-BC, assistant professor, co-authored “Models of Discharge Care in Magnet(R) Hospitals,” for the *Journal of Nursing Administration*.

Susan Dorsey, PhD ’01, MS ’98, RN, FAAN, professor and chair, Department of Pain and Translational Symptom Science, co-authored “Advancing Symptom Science Through Use of Common Data Elements” for the *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*.

**SCHOOL OF PHARMACY**

Faculty members Meg Johantgen, PhD, RN, professor and assistant dean, PhD program; Kathryn Von Rueden, MS, RN, CNS-BC, FCCM, associate professor; Susan Dorsey, PhD ’01, RN, FAAN, professor and chair, Department of Pain and Translational Symptom Science; Cynthia Renn, PhD, MS ’98, RN, associate professor; and student Mari Griffieon, MS ’07, BSN ’04, RN, co-authored “Characteristics of Patients with Lower Extremity Trauma by Improved and Not Improved Pain During Hospitalization: A Pilot Study” for *Pain Management Nursing*.

William Cooper, MBA, senior associate dean, administration and finance, has been named chair-elect of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s Administration and Finance Special Interest Group.

During Hospitalization: A Pilot Study” for *Pain Management Nursing*. Von Rueden also was co-coordinator of the Advanced Critical Care and Emergency Nursing Conference, held in Las Vegas. She presented the following lectures: “Reclaiming Our (com) Passion,” “Patho to Protocols and More!” and “Acute Delirium: Is It Preventable?”

Assistant professors Veronica Njie-Carr, PhD, ACNS-BC, FWACN, and Hazel Jones-Parker, DNP ’12, CRNP, AACRN, presented a paper on the results of a study examining the determinants of sustainable engagement and retention in HIV care at the Association of Nurses in HIV Care Conference, recently held in Chicago. The study was funded by a Designated Research Initiative Fund award from the school’s Biology and Behavior Across the Lifespan Center of Excellence.
Bethany DiPaula, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, has been named a specialist member on the Board of Pharmacy Specialties’ Council on Psychiatric Pharmacy.

Randy Goldberg, RN, CSPI, a specialist in poison information at the Maryland Poison Center, received a 20-Year Service Award at the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology meeting in San Francisco.

Jeffrey Gonzales, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, received a Presidential Citation from the Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) for his contributions to the organization in 2015. He also was appointed to the Board of Directors of SCCM’s Baltimore chapter.

Stephen Hoag, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a one-year, $15,616 contract from Metrohm USA.

Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, and associate dean, student affairs, has been named the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists’ Advisor of the Year.

Alexander MacKerell, PhD, the Grollman-Glick Professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a nine-month, $195,840 grant from the University of Chicago for “Polarizable Force Field for Proteins and Lipids” and received a four-month, $55,677 contract from Pfizer for “Validation of the SSFEP and SILCS Computational Methodologies.”

C. Daniel Mullins, PhD, professor and chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, has been named a member of the BD4P Steering Committee of the Reagan-Udall Foundation for the Food and Drug Administration.

Francoise Pradel, PhD, professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, received a one-year, $190,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for “Strategic Prevention Framework—Partnerships for Success.”

Chanel Whittaker, PharmD, associate professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, has been appointed the 2015-16 chair of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists’ Pharmacy Educators and Research Council.

Lisa Berlin, PhD, associate professor, made an invited presentation to the Maryland State Department of Education’s Early Childhood Care and Education Research Forum.

Sarah Dababnah, PhD, assistant professor, co-authored the chapter “Disability, Social Exclusion, and Poverty” in the book Disability and Human Rights: Global Perspectives.
Student **Lisa Fedina** and **Bethany Backes, PhD ’15**, received the 2015 Graduate Student Paper Award from the American Society for Criminology, Division of Victimology, for a systematic review of research on campus sexual assault.

**Karen Hopkins**, PhD, associate professor, received a second award from the Annie E. Casey Foundation for workforce development. This one-year, $59,961 award will continue the development of a workforce of current and future human service professionals of color who are equipped with skills in Results-Based Accountability (RBA) and other performance management tools, and also will include the training of School of Social Work field education instructors and MSW students.

**Jennifer Swanberg**, PhD, professor, was honored at the Center for Work & Family 25th Anniversary Conference in Boston for her years of service to the center as a research fellow.

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**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COMMEMORATES DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. & BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**FEB. 3, 2016**

**NOON - 1:30 P.M.**

MSTF Auditorium | 685 W. Baltimore St.

*Light refreshments will be provided.*

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Former Chief Judge

**Robert M. Bell**

Event is free to UMB staff, faculty, and students, but registration is required by Jan. 30.

**REGISTER ONLINE:** umaryland.edu/mlk
Any pedestrian can become a victim of a crime. But those who are not paying full attention while they’re walking to and from class or work are especially vulnerable.

Need proof? In 2012, eight of the nine robberies on the UMB campus involved people talking on their cell phones. The trend continued in 2013, with five of the seven campus robberies involving cell phones. In 2014, half the 12 robberies on campus involved cell phones. And last year, two of four robberies through mid-December involved cell phones.

With the right information and actions, you can reduce your risk and improve your sense of personal safety. Aside from not talking and texting on your cell while walking, here are a few other things you can do to keep yourself safe.

1. USE CAUTION AT NIGHT
Avoid walking in dark, less-traveled areas. The shortest route is not always the best.

2. ELIMINATE THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE
Pay attention to people approaching you from the front and back. If you hear close footsteps behind you, don’t be afraid to take a quick glance over your shoulder.

3. EXERCISE CAUTION WITH STRANGERS
Criminals will often ask for directions or money in an attempt to invade your personal space prior to a crime. Remain cautious.

4. WALK WITH CONFIDENCE
Criminals look for easy targets before they attack. Look like you know where you are going, even if you do not.

5. KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
Identify safe areas you can go if you feel threatened. If you are being followed, go to a populated public place and call 911 (or 6-3333 if on campus).

6. PLAN YOUR ROUTE
Decide your safest route before exiting and then walk briskly with a sense of purpose.

“Paying attention to the task at hand and being aware of what’s happening around you can go a long way toward keeping you safe,” says Cpl. J.R. Jones, safety awareness officer in the Department of Public Safety. “If you see something suspicious, go to a safe place and notify the local law enforcement agency.”

— Sarah Reback