Mention that we’re starting a new year at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and thoughts turn to the fall semester. Students soon will be filling our schools again and we will be rolling out the red carpet with events like Welcome Month, which is described on the back page.

But students aren’t the only ones receiving red carpet treatment. UMB’s partners in Washington, D.C., and Annapolis are also being embraced thanks to our Office of Government and Community Affairs (GCA), in conjunction with protocol and special events, development, and key administrators and faculty.

UMB’s 2011-2016 strategic plan includes three government affairs goals:

• Identify, build, and strengthen the University’s relationships with elected and appointed officials at the federal level who will support achievement of the University’s mission.

• Continue building/enhancing relationships with state and local government officials.

• Raise visibility of University profile by providing expertise to federal, state, and local officials and key collaborators.

Under the direction of Kevin Kelly, JD, acting assistant vice president, and Rachel Tabakman, MA, government relations specialist, GCA is employing new strategies to meet those goals.

On June 5, UMB held a reception on Capitol Hill for alumni, the Maryland congressional delegation, and friends. I was joined by the deans and members of the leadership team as well as our guests. Individual schools had done similar D.C. events, but it was the first such effort as a University and I was pleased with the results. Reconnecting with alumni from the Maryland-D.C.-Virginia corridor was great, but we were also making contacts with people in such key areas as the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Homeland Security, and NASA.

GCA also is reaching out to our federal partners in D.C. with a monthly newsletter, the UMB Federal Spotlight. It highlights UMB achievements and federally funded research. Not only does it enhance University relationships with elected officials, it is one more way to promote UMB as an institution of experts who can provide congressional testimony or useful resources.

Bruce Jarrell, MD, FACS, our chief academic and research officer and senior vice president, routinely spends time in Washington to discuss issues with elected officials and staffers. Those interactions bring a degree of familiarity so members of the Maryland congressional delegation are comfortable calling us for input and analysis on key issues being discussed in Congress.

We also have started a quarterly series of briefings in the capital to bring UMB expertise to Capitol Hill. The kickoff event was held July 16 when Michael Greenberger, JD, director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security, CHHS policy analysts Christopher Webster, JD, and Markus Rauschecker, JD, and Thomas MacVittie, PhD, a professor of radiation oncology and pathology at the School of Medicine, held a briefing for congressional staff to answer the question “How Can UMB Help You Prepare for the Next Big Threat?”

Congressional staff who attended represented the Maryland delegation and key committees such as Senate Appropriations, Senate HELP (Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions), and Homeland Security.

Behind the scenes, Mr. Kelly and Ms. Tabakman are spending time building relationships. Internally, they established a Federal Affairs Working Group, which allows representatives from each of our schools and key departments to share ideas and help create a unified federal strategy for the University. Externally, on behalf of the University, they have collaborated with academic medical centers, such as Johns Hopkins, to advocate for increased federal research funding.

UMB changes also are coming in Annapolis. This election cycle has brought about a large turnover in membership within the Maryland General Assembly due to redistricting, retirements, and members seeking higher office. The GCA team is looking at different approaches to demonstrate to the new members how UMB is such an asset and resource for the state.

Thomas Jefferson once said, “The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.” I’m proud that UMB is reaching out to its federal and state officials in a new, exciting way.

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“Improving Preventive Care in High Risk Children With Asthma: Lessons Learned,” the writers of which include Melissa Bellin, PhD, MSW, associate professor at the School of Social Work; Mona Tsoukleris, PharmD, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science at the School of Pharmacy; and Mary Bollinger, DO, associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine, was published in the Journal of Asthma.

Founders Awards: The following faculty members will be honored at the Founders Week Gala on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore.

ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

James Gammie, MD
School of Medicine
Professor and chief of the Division of Cardiac Surgery

PUBLIC SERVANT OF THE YEAR

Karen Kauffman, PhD, CRNP, RN, FAAN
School of Nursing
Associate professor and chair, Department of Family and Community Health

RESEARCHERS OF THE YEAR

C. Daniel Mullins, PhD
School of Pharmacy
Professor and chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research

Robin Newhouse, PhD, RN, MS, NEA-BC, FAAN
School of Nursing
Professor and chair, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health
Co-director, Center for Health Outcomes Research

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Michael Reisch, PhD, MSW, MA
School of Social Work
Daniel Thursz Distinguished Professor of Social Justice

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Bohyun Kim, MA, MSLIS, associate director for library applications and knowledge systems at the Health Sciences and Human Services Library, was a panelist during the Top Tech Trends program at the American Library Association’s annual conference, held in Las Vegas during the summer. Kim spoke about biohackerspace and the DIYbio movement, and she made a presentation about learning with educational games in medicine and health care.

Peter J. Murray, PhD, chief information officer and vice president for information technology, addressed the Senior Administrative/Fiscal Officers Meeting of the Association of Academic Medical Centers, which was held in Baltimore. His talk addressed ensuring cybersecurity in academic medical centers.

Two staff members in the Southeastern/Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, made presentations at the Health Occupations Students of America National Leadership Conference, held in Orlando, Fla., in June. “Will Duct Tape Cure My Warts: Examining Complementary and Alternative Medicine and Locating the Evidence of Effectiveness” was presented by Tony Nguyen, MLIS, AHIP, outreach/communications coordinator. “We Can Haz Toxins: Resources From the National Library of Medicine” was delivered by Sheila Snow-Croft, MA, MLIS, public health coordinator.

“3D Printing: An Industrial Revolution,” written by Dale Prince, MA, MLS, AHIP, and published in the Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries, was ranked by “Infodocket,” the information and technology section of the Library Journal, as among the “top 10 ‘hot’ articles” in library and information science in June. Prince is the executive director of the Southeastern/Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Health Sciences and Human Services Library.
Valerie Rogers, PhD, RN, CNRNP, assistant professor at the School of Nursing, was awarded a $40,000 Biomedical Research Grant from the American Lung Association to study the mechanisms that cause symptoms of children’s asthma to worsen when coupled with sleep apnea. Rogers will team with Mary Bollinger, DO, associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the School of Medicine; Jeffrey Hasday, MD, and Steven Scharf, MD, PhD, professors in the medical school’s Department of Medicine; and Shijun Zhu, PhD, biostatistician at the School of Nursing.

Andrew Youngkin, MLIS, AHIP, emerging technologies/evaluation coordinator, Southeastern/Atlantic Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, presented two posters at the Medical Library Association’s annual meeting, held in Chicago in May.

Student Nancy An was named the 2014 American Dental Hygienists’ Association’s reporting student delegate.

The following faculty members participated in the American Dental Education Association’s Allied Dental Directors’ Conference, which was held in Philadelphia in June: Lisa Bress, RDH, MS ’94, assistant professor in the Division of Dental Hygiene, was a panelist during the presentation “Best Practices in Reaching Out to the Underserved Populations.” Jacquelyn Fried, RDH, MS, associate professor and director of interprofessional initiatives, presented the poster “Enhancing Student Learning With IPE and IPC.” Marion Manski, RDH, MS ’04, assistant professor in the Division of Dental Hygiene and director of dental hygiene, presented the poster “University of Maryland School of Dentistry, Dental Hygiene Students and Interprofessional Education in HIV; Involvement in the Institute of Human Virology’s JACQUES Initiative (JI), University of Maryland School of Medicine.”

William Hoffman, MAS, department administrator for the Department of Endodontics, Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry, co-presented the session “Faculty Funding Sources … From Inception to Close Out” during the National University Council of Research Administrators’ spring meeting in St. Pete Beach, Fla., in the spring.

Cynthia Idzik-Starr, DDS ’84, assistant professor in the Department of Oral-Maxillofacial Surgery, was named director of clinical affairs.

Faculty member Abraham Schneider, DDS, PhD, was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of Oncology and Diagnostic Sciences.

Patricia Tordik, DMD, professor and director of postgraduate endodontics in the Department of Endodontics, Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry, received a $25,000 education award from the American Association of Endodontists Foundation/DENTSPLY.

Supporting Maryland Broadband Outreach efforts, Center for Health and Homeland Security (CHHS) law and policy analysts Rachel Almaraz, JD ’14, J. Max Romanik, JD ’11, and Ben Yelin, JD ’13, and CHHS senior law and policy analysts Lori Romer Stone, JD ’04, and Christopher Webster, JD ’10, presented best practices in interoperability at events throughout Maryland this summer, including the Maryland Municipal League Convention, the Maryland State Firemen’s Association Convention, the Above Ground Level Media Conference, and the Maryland Emergency Management Association (MDEMA) Conference. CHHS staff
members including Preeti Emrick, JD, senior law and policy analyst, and Mehrab Karim, MBA, senior policy analyst, were asked to speak about their areas of expertise at the MDEMA Conference.

Ellen Cornelius, JD ’05, and Markus Rauschecker, JD ’06, adjunct faculty members at the law school and senior law and policy analysts at the Center for Health and Homeland Security, developed and delivered the cybersecurity portion of the seminar “Teaching Critical Infrastructure Protection” during the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s 16th Emergency Management Higher Education Symposium, which was held in Emmitsburg, Md., in June.

“Law and Justice Are Not Always the Same: Creating Community-Based Justice Forums for People Subjected to Intimate Partner Abuse,” written by Leigh Goodman, JD, professor, was published in the Florida State University Law Review. Goodman also participated in the National Science Foundation-National Institute of Justice workshop “How Can Intimate Partner Violence Be Prevented? A Workshop on Developing Effective Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Interventions,” held in Arlington, Va., in the spring.

“The Value of Soft Variables in Corporate Reorganizations,” written by Michele Harner, JD, professor and director of the Business Law Program, was published in the University of Illinois Law Review.

Trudy Henson, JD ’08, adjunct faculty member, was named the public health program manager at the Center for Health and Homeland Security. Henson was previously a senior law and policy analyst at the center.

Diane Hoffmann, JD, MS, professor and director of the Law and Health Care Program, was awarded the Jay Healey Health Law Teachers Award by the American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics.

“Prisoners and Habeas Privileges Under the Fourteenth Amendment,” written by Lee Kovarsky, JD, associate professor, was published in the Vanderbilt Law Review.

“In the Debt We Trust: The Unconstitutionality of Defaulting on American Financial Obligations, and the Political Implications of Their Perpetual Validity,” written by Zachary Ostro, JD ’13, was published in the Harvard Journal on Legislation.


Robert Percival, JD, MA, Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and director of the Environmental Law Program, received the Senior Distinguished Environmental Law Education Award from the International Union for Conservation of Nature Academy of Environmental Law. Percival also wrote “Opinion Analysis: Court’s Narrow Reading of Superfund’s Preemption Provision Leaves Victims of Toxic Exposure Without Legal Recourse,” which was published online by SCOTUSBlog.

“A Place for All at the Global Health Table: A Case Study About Creating an Interprofessional Global Health Project” and “Health Law Service — Learning Trip: A How-to Guide,” written by Virginia Rowthorn, JD, lecturer and managing director of the Law and Health Care Program, were published in the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics.

Winning Safer Workplaces: A Manual for State and Local Policy Reform, co-written by Rena Steinzor, JD, professor, was published by the Center for Progressive Reform. Steinzor was also a panelist during the conference “Criminal Law and the Administrative State: Defining and Enforcing Regulatory Crimes,” held in May in Washington, D.C.

Student Ping Xu received the Alumni Award of Excellence from the University of Delaware Alfred Lerner College of Business and Economics.
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

“Method of Treating Organophosphate Poisoning,” invented by husband and wife Edson Albuquerque, MD, PhD, professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health and head of the Division of Translational Toxicology, and Edna Pereira Albuquerque, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health, was issued a U.S. patent. The invention is co-owned by the U.S. Army.

The student-produced video “Short Coat” won third place among 32 entries in the University of South Carolina School of Medicine’s annual Memmys contest, which honors music videos about student life at health profession schools. Each winning school receives a cash award for its health sciences library. More than 25 University of Maryland medical students perform in “Short Coat,” which was written, arranged, and produced by Jeremy Bengson. The video can be seen at www.youtube.com/watch?v=r17Rm8X8AaY.

The World Health Organization appointed Maureen Black, PhD, John A. Scholl, MD, and Mary Louise Scholl, MD, Professor in Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, to the steering committee Lancet Series: Improving the Development of Young Children Through Integrated Interventions — A Vital Ingredient for Equity and Sustainable Development Post-2015.

“Reliability and Relatedness of Peak VO₂ Assessments During Body Weight Supported Treadmill Training and Arm Cycle Ergometry in Individuals With Chronic Motor Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury,” co-written by Kevin Chen, PhD, MPH, associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Center for Integrative Medicine, was published in the journal Spinal Cord. “Scientific Basis of Mind-Body Interventions,” also co-written by Chen, was published in Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Christopher D’Adamo, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and director of research at the Center for Integrative Medicine, participated in the panel discussion “The Changing Healthcare Landscape” during the 2014 annual meeting of the Y of Central Maryland.

The Physiological Genomics Group of the American Physical Society named Steven Fisher, MD, professor in the Department of Medicine, the winner of the 2014 Distinguished Service Award.

James Galen, PhD, professor in the Department of Medicine and the Center for Vaccine Development, is the primary inventor of “Microcin H47 Plasmid Selection System,” which was issued a U.S. patent. The invention pertains to bacterial expression systems that can be used in the development of vaccines. Galen is also the primary inventor of “Non-hemolytic Clya for Excretion of Proteins,” which was issued a European patent. The invention is a specialized protein export system used as the basis of a live-vector vaccine.

Robert Gallo, MD, Homer and Martha Gudelsky Distinguished Professor in Medicine and director of the Institute of Human Virology, received his 32nd honorary doctorate degree. The degree is from Marshall University in West Virginia.

Five faculty members from the Department of Emergency Medicine were appointed international ambassadors by the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). The ambassadors are liaisons between emergency medicine practitioners and the ACEP, and serve as representatives of the organization. The faculty members are Walid Hammad, MBChB, clinical assistant professor (deputy ambassador, Egypt); Jon Mark Hirshon, MD, PhD, MPH, associate professor (lead ambassador, Egypt); Terry Mulligan, DO, MPH, clinical associate professor (lead ambassador, Netherlands, Oman, European Society for Emergency Medicine; deputy ambassador, Poland); Veronica Pei, MD, MEd, assistant professor (lead ambassador, China); and Andrea Tenner, MD, MPH, assistant professor (lead ambassador, Tanzania).
Marcos Hsu, ND, LAc, acupuncture at the University of Maryland Center for Integrative Health and Healing (the clinical practice of the Center for Integrative Medicine), was quoted in the MedPage Today article “Arthritis Knee Pain Eased by Chinese Med.”

David Leeser, MD, associate professor in the Department of Surgery, won the Rappel for Kidney Health Committee All-Star Award for his role as revenue chair, in which he secured more than $15,000 in new corporate sponsorship for the National Kidney Foundation of Maryland. Leeser also personally raised more than $1,300 for the Rappel for Kidney Health event in Baltimore this summer.

Thomas MacVittie, PhD, professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, and his Preclinical Radiobiology Laboratory team in the Division of Translational Radiation Sciences, received a six-month, $1 million National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases-sponsored contract through RxBio to assess proprietary drug efficacy in a “Randomized, Blinded, Vehicle-Controlled, Assessment of Rx100 Administration on Survival in Rhesus Macaques Experiencing the Acute Gastrointestinal Syndrome Following Exposure to 12Gy Partial-Body Irradiation With 5% Bone Marrow Sparing (PBI/BM5).” MacVittie is the principal investigator.

Sandra Mooney, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics, received a five-year, $1,726,875 grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism for “Experimental Factors in Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.”

“Religious Attendance, Health-Promoting Lifestyle Behaviors, and Depressive Symptoms Among Koreans in the United Arab Emirates (UAE),” co-written by Michelle Pearce, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Center for Integrative Medicine, was accepted for publication in the Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health. Pearce also was quoted as an expert on meditation in the article “Meditation Gains Popularity as Means to Promote Mental, Physical Health,” which appeared in The Baltimore Sun.

Devinder Singh, MD, associate professor in the Department of Surgery, was named chair of the Maryland Board of Physicians.

Matthew Trudeau, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Physiology, received the Cranefield Award for his paper “Direct Interaction of eag Domains and Cyclic Nucleotide-Binding Homology Domains Regulate Deactivation Gating in hERG Channels,” which was published in the Journal of General Physiology. The award recognizes an outstanding journal article written by an independent young investigator.

Paul Welling, MD, professor in the Department of Physiology, received the Steven Hebert Award from the American Physiological Society and delivered the Steven Hebert Distinguished Lecture during the Experimental Biology Meeting, held in San Diego in the spring.

Claudia Witt, MD, MBA, professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Center for Integrative Medicine (CIM), and Brian Berman, MD, professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and CIM director, are among the co-writers of “Effectiveness Guidance Document (EGD) for Chinese Medicine Trials: A Consensus Document,” which was published in the journal Trials. “Mindfulness Intervention for Child Abuse Survivors: A 2.5-Year Follow-Up,” co-written by Berman, was published in the Journal of Clinical Psychology.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Careers in Nursing (NCIN) Scholarship Program awarded the School of Nursing its NCIN grant for the sixth consecutive time. Ten $10,000 scholarships will be awarded for the 2014-2015 academic year for newly admitted students in the Clinical Nurse Leader master’s degree option.

Eight students and faculty members — Irene Akande, MSN, MS, BSN ’05; Lauren Bently, MS ’12, RN; Valerie Dernetz, MA, BSN ’02, RN; Elizabeth Heetderks, ACNP; Marik Moen, MSN, MPH, RN; Linda Murray, MS ’84, CRNP-Ped; Christine Simon-Waterman, MSN, RN, CRNP; and Sharon Smith, MS, RN, OCN, CCRP, FNE — will receive financial assistance, leadership development, and networking support through the Jonas Center for Nursing and Veterans Healthcare Program, which aims to increase the number of doctoral prepared faculty and advanced practice nurses. The recipients will get a total of $10,000 from 2014-2016 for tuition and other academic costs.
Assistant professors Lynn Chen, PhD; Bridgite Gourley, DNP, CRNP; and Debra Scandris, PhD, CRNP, BC, and associate professor Catherine Kelleher, ScD, MPH, MSN, RN, were named 2014-2015 Dean’s Teaching Scholars. Through the scholarship program, which is funded by the dean and administered by the Institute for Educators in Teaching and Health Professions, the faculty members will receive funding for one-year research projects that evaluate teaching strategies and educational programs, or to help develop publications regarding teaching scholarship.

Kelly Flannery, PhD, RN, assistant professor, was named a member of the advisory board of the West Baltimore Health Enterprise Zone, which has a state grant focusing on improvement of cardiovascular health disparities.

Linda Hickman, PhD, RN, assistant professor, and Mary Eta Mills, ScD, RN, FAAN, professor, received two Nurse Support II grants from the Maryland Higher Education Commission. The funding, which totals nearly $500,000, allows continuation and expansion of efforts to increase student enrollment in Maryland nursing schools through enhanced access to clinical placements.

Brenda Windemuth, DNP, RN, CRNP, assistant professor, will receive the 2014 Research/Project Award from the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association during its annual conference in Orlando, Fla., in September. The honor recognizes the best research study and clinical project presented at the conference.

Kelly Flannery, PhD, RN

Nicole Brandt, PharmD, professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, received a three-year, $599,806 subcontract from Econometrica for “CMS MTM Program Improvement Contract: Develop Standards for Delivery and Documentation of MTM Services, Part D.” Brandt also was reappointed editor of the geropharmacology section of the Journal of Gerontological Nursing, and was named a clinical expert for the American Geriatrics Society’s 2015 Updated Beers Criteria and a pharmacy columnist for Caring for the Ages, the American Medical Directors Association’s newspaper.

Linda Hickman, PhD, RN

Richard Dalby, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and associate dean for academic affairs, and Lisa Lebovitz, JD, assistant dean for academic affairs and assessment, are co-recipients of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy’s 2014 Excellence in Assessment Award.

Joga Gobburu, PhD, MBA, professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, received a 17-month, $130,000 contract from Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals for “RBP7000 Modeling Report and Project.”

Peter Doshi, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, received a one-year, $90,000 contract from the British Medical Journal Publishing Group.

Thomas Dowling, PharmD, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, received a four-year, $1,487,270 contract from Mylan Pharmaceuticals for “Fasting Bioequivalence Study of Nilotinib Capsules.”

Student Brandy Garzel received a 2014-2015 National Institutes of Health Chemistry-Biology Interface Graduate Student Training Grant from the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.
Young Ah Goo, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a three-month, $20,000 contract from MedImmune for “Evaluation of Top-Down Mass Spectrometry Approaches for Intact Protein Analysis.”

A method to combat drug counterfeiting and reduce dispensing errors, invented by Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences faculty members Stephen Hoag, PhD, professor, and James Polli, PhD, Ralph F. Shangraw/Noxell Endowed Chair in Industrial Pharmacy and Pharmaceutics and co-principal investigator at the Center of Excellence in Regulatory Science and Innovation, was issued a U.S. patent.

Maureen Kane, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a six-month, $85,493 subcontract from Aeolus Pharmaceuticals for “Advanced Development of AEOL10150 as a Medical Countermeasure for Pulmonary Injury Associated With ARS and DEARE.”

Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science and associate dean of student affairs, received a two-year, $94,102 contract from Professional Pharmacy Services for “Professional Pharmacy Services Resident Training Agreement.” She also received a one-year, $29,066 contract from Sharpsburg Pharmacy for “Sharpsburg Pharmacy Resident Agreement,” and a one-year, $29,066 contract from Whitesell Pharmacy.

Joey Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, assistant professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science (PPS), was appointed to the American Pharmacists Association’s Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science 2014-2015 Communications Standing Committee with Brent Reed, PharmD, assistant professor in PPS. Reed also was named director of the School of Pharmacy’s Cardiology Pharmacy Residency Program.

Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, received a one-year, $67,813 contract from Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore for “FY15 Pain and Palliative Care Residency.” McPherson also was named the founding chair of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine’s Pharmacotherapy Special Interest Group, and was appointed to the Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group and the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization’s Part D Medication Relatedness National Working Group.

Eleanor Perfetto, PhD, MS, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, received a three-year, $200,000 contract from the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy for “CER Certificate Program.” Perfetto also was appointed to the Center for Medical Technology Policy’s board of directors.

Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, received a one-year, $324,642 contract from Baltimore Washington Medical Center for “Joint Clinical and Educational Collaboration.”

Gerald Rosen, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a one-year, $115,125 subcontract from the University of New Mexico for “Methamphetamine-induced Alterations in Brain Tissue Oxygenation.”

Bruce Stuart, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Health Services Research, received a six-month, $42,625 contract from the Lewin Group for “Analysis of the Medicare 5% Files for 2011.”

Peter Swaan, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences and associate dean for research and graduate education, received a 10-month, $25,039 subcontract from the University of Arizona for “Molecular Organization of the Organic Cation-Proton Exchanger, MATE1.”

James Trovato, PharmD, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, was re-elected to a one-year term as chair of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists’ House of Delegates.
Katherine Walker, PharmD, associate professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science, was appointed to the Maryland State Overdose Advisory Council.

Jia Bei Wang, PhD, professor in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, was named a standing member of the National Institutes of Health’s Surgery, Anesthesia, and Trauma Study Section for 2014-2020.

The following faculty and staff members were promoted: Haksoon Ahn, PhD, MA (research associate professor); Charlotte Bright, PhD, Nalini Negi, PhD, Tanya Sharpe, PhD, and Terry Shaw, PhD (associate professors with tenure); Matthew Conn (assistant dean for communications); Rebecca Davis, MSW (assistant director of the Social Work Community Outreach Service); and David Flinchaugh (associate dean for development and special assistant to the vice president for development).

Dean Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, and three other invited panelists discussed “Changing Frames and Expanding Partnerships to Promote Children’s Mental Health and Social/Emotional Wellbeing” during a U.S. Senate HELP Committee briefing.

“What I Learned Leading Fathering Groups for Federal Detainees,” written by Geoffrey Greif, PhD, MSW, professor, was published in the journal Reflections: Narratives of Professional Helping.


Michael Reisch, PhD, MSW, MA, Daniel Thursz Distinguished Professor of Social Justice, received the Lifetime Achievement in Social Work Education Award from the Council for Social Work Education. Reisch was recognized for his accomplishments in education as well as research, service, and practice.

Corey Shdaimah, PhD, LLM, associate professor and academic coordinator for the MSW/JD dual-degree program, made the peer-reviewed presentations “Elusive Support for U.S. Child Care” and “The Portrayal of Street-Based Sex Work in Very Young Girls” during the Law and Society Meetings in Minneapolis. Also, work by Shdaimah was published in the Children and Youth Services Review.
Join us for a month’s worth of on and off-campus activities, service opportunities, trips around Baltimore, networking, and more! Welcome Month is a time specially designed by Campus Life Services to say,

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