

# the PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEBRUARY 2024



## UMB'S COMPREHENSIVE COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Did you know that the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) remains one of the safest areas in downtown Baltimore?

The University takes a proactive approach to ensure the well-being of our community members through various safety measures including training opportunities for individuals to learn how to keep themselves and others safe. I'm committed to providing a safe and secure environment for UMB's students, faculty, staff, and visitors.



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AMONG ITS MANY SAFETY INITIATIVES, UMB POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY COLLABORATES WITH PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION TO GIVE NEW STUDENTS A TOUR OF CAMPUS.

I highly encourage you to complete the online Emergency Preparedness Training so you are ready to act if faced with danger, such as a building fire, severe weather, or an active shooter. The 15-minute training can be found [at this link](#). ↗

One of the key aspects of UMB's commitment to safety is our robust security infrastructure. The University maintains the Office of Emergency Management as well as a dedicated Police and Public Safety department that works tirelessly to patrol the campus, respond to emergencies, and collaborate with local law enforcement agencies.

UMB Police and Public Safety is committed to UMB's core values and values-based policing. Its presence contributes to a visible and reassuring atmosphere, deterring criminal activity and ensuring a swift response in case of incidents. Not only that, but our police department also has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies and the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement for professional excellence in public safety. It also has won state, national, and even international awards for its progressive, community-oriented approach to policing.

What eventually became the UMB Police Department (UMBPD) began in 1948 with security officers, and Maryland Senate Bill 251 in 1975 created the University of Maryland Police Force. Today, UMBPD employs more than 80 police officers, more than 90 security officers, and 20 support staff. New police officers go through 750 hours of rigorous training at the police academy, 240 hours of field training, 18 hours of annual in-service training, and annual firearms qualifications, as mandated by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Each year, UMB publishes its Clery Security and Fire Safety Report that includes three years' worth of information, including crime statistics, security measures, UMBPD's law enforcement authority, where students should go to report crimes, crime prevention programs, and resources for students and employees. This report is published by Oct. 1 and sent to all members of the UMB community by email as a letter from the chief of police. Prospective students can get a hard copy of the report from the Pine Street Police Station at 214 N. Pine St. or view it online [at this link](#). ↗

The latest Clery report shows promising trends. When we look at crime since 2019, we see steep decreases in robberies, burglaries, and motor thefts. You also can see the log of incidents for the past 60 days [at this link](#). ↗

UMB's commitment to a safe campus environment extends beyond crime prevention. The University invests in maintaining well-lit and well-maintained spaces, ensuring that the physical environment contributes to a sense of security. The campus is equipped with security cameras, emergency call boxes, classroom active shooter door locks, and other technological measures that enhance overall safety.

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UMB places a strong emphasis on safety through community engagement and education as well. The University regularly conducts safety awareness programs, training sessions, and workshops to educate students, faculty, and staff on best practices for personal safety. I hope that you will take an active role in being prepared and check out our trainings [at this link](#). 📄

The trainings include Basic Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.), a free 10-hour, hands-on course designed to emphasize confidence and self-discipline while developing and enhancing self-defense options; Advanced R.A.D.; Emergency Preparedness Training; Active Assailant Preparedness Training; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Automated External Defibrillator; Stop the Bleed; and Fire Extinguisher Training.

UMB also offers Safe Walk and Safe Ride as a public safety service. Learn more [at this link](#). 📄

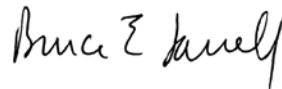
Campus safety and security is a team effort. I want you to take advantage of the services and trainings offered to you, as well as

to be aware of your surroundings when walking around campus. UMBPD publishes safety updates regularly, so look out for those in your email inbox.

Being out and about, enjoying a bit of fresh air between classes or meetings, grabbing lunch at Lexington Market — all contribute to the vibrancy and safety of UMB, as well.

This is a great place to be — and a very safe place, too!

Sincerely,



Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS  
PRESIDENT

*Read about UMB's 2023 crime statistics on [Pages 14-15](#).*

## PRESIDENT'S PANEL *on* POLITICS AND POLICY

### SPEAKER SERIES

The President's Panel on Politics and Policy is a speaker series examining issues important to the University of Maryland, Baltimore community including health and higher education policy, federal budget priorities, and civil rights and social justice.



### “Don’t Believe the Hype: Cities Are Alive and Well”

*A Conversation with*

**GREG LINDSAY**

Expert on Globalization, Urbanization, and Innovation

**FEB. 22, 2024 | 8:30 A.M.**

**SMC CAMPUS CENTER**, Elm Ballrooms  
Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m.

To register,  
scan the  
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# WELCOME TO UMB!

NEW HIRES: JANUARY 2024

## UMB

Chinwendu Carter, Staff  
Matthew Cassani, Staff  
Joel Hawk, Staff  
Angana Kanbid, Staff  
Daryl Moore, Staff  
Special Murray, Staff  
Sherill Osborne, Staff  
Lawrence Pettis, Staff  
Shantell Powell, Staff  
Ayesha Rajan, Staff  
Vinoth Rajendran, Staff  
Holda Ramos da Silva, Staff  
Camiah Rice, Staff  
Jennifer Rutters, Staff  
Ashley Salinas, Staff  
Robert Sanford, Staff  
Christina Stegman, Staff  
Patrice Thompson, Staff  
Hannah Young, Staff

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Carol Anderson, Faculty  
Charles Dai, Trainee  
Henry Khachaturian, Faculty  
Sunipa Majumdar, Staff  
Swarna Lakshmi Raman, Trainee  
Pedro Santana Sales Lauria, Trainee

## GRADUATE SCHOOL

Robin Fencel, Faculty  
Haley Jacobs, Faculty  
Fahren Nipple, Faculty  
Iyabo Obasanjo, Faculty  
Suzanna Shafi, Faculty

## FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW

Sharon Beth Bronheim, Faculty  
Teresa Carnell, Faculty  
Adil Daudi, Faculty  
Paul Fioravanti, Faculty  
Rajiv Goel, Faculty  
Emily Nothstein, Faculty  
Aaron Rabinowitz, Faculty  
Denise Shaffer, Faculty  
John Sharifi, Faculty

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Omar Ahmad, Faculty  
Sophia Ali, Faculty  
Sheila Maria Alvarez-Fernandez, Trainee  
Cheryl Anderson, Staff  
Anam Anjum, Trainee  
Alexander Becker, Staff  
Genevieve Beninati, Staff  
Samantha Benton, Staff  
Katibeth Blalock, Staff  
Kerri Bouchard, Staff  
Jennifer Coleman, Staff  
Dominique Culley, Staff  
Dawnmarie Ezzo, Staff  
Umer Farooq, Faculty  
Karinda Felton, Staff  
Morgan Fique, Staff  
Yinghua Fu, Trainee  
Patricia Gamez De Levy, Faculty  
Valerie Greisman, Staff  
Niya Jones, Faculty  
Victoria Kutnik, Staff  
Jennifer Lefevre, Trainee  
Colleen Lynch, Trainee  
Jibran Malik, Faculty  
Victor Matusak, Staff  
Ventura McLee, Staff  
Miriam Michael, Faculty

Roxann Nottingham, Staff  
Raymond Opher, Staff  
Taofeek Kunle Owonikoko, Faculty  
Juliana Paton, Staff  
Sivasubramanian Ramani, Trainee  
James Reed, Staff  
Paul Renn, Staff  
Rachel Reoli, Faculty  
Ian Rivera, Staff  
Ibrahim Saleh, Trainee  
Pooja Soneja, Staff  
Adrienne Swindle, Staff  
Kunio Tanaka, Trainee  
Makena Trout, Staff  
Melissa Vyfhuis, Faculty  
Jasmine Wu, Staff  
Melissa Zarger, Staff  
Rui Zhang, Staff

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

Lauren Anderson, Staff  
Kary Atkinson, Faculty  
Shannon Bolden, Faculty  
Jessica Brown, Faculty  
Chrystal Chan Talley, Faculty  
Deborah Chapa, Faculty  
Abigail Cooper, Faculty  
Jennifer Costello, Faculty  
Crystalyn Fallin, Faculty  
Vera Garnett, Faculty  
Marne Harker, Faculty  
Darlene Harris, Staff  
Mary Johantgen, Faculty  
Heather Johnson, Faculty  
Pamela Maslen, Faculty  
Daphna Morgan, Faculty  
Kadryne Morgan, Faculty  
Jasmine Owdley, Staff  
Sun Young Park, Faculty  
Meca Pryce, Faculty

Elizabeth Reilly, Staff  
Evelyn Santos, Faculty  
Sabrina Smallwood-Mason, Faculty  
Ebony Stokes-Watkins, Faculty  
Jessica Sullivan, Faculty  
Keiara Williams, Faculty  
Janice Wilson, Faculty  
Jiayi Wu, Faculty  
Sarah Yawn, Faculty

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Mark Bickley, Staff  
DeJuan Butler, Staff  
Reuben Don, Staff  
Keith Freel, Staff  
Roshan Kondapalli, Staff  
Caitlin Meurer, Staff  
Destony Stamper, Staff  
Bich Ngoc Tran, Staff

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Ashley Archie, Faculty  
Kenneth Batson, Staff  
Markco Brown, Staff  
Rosetta Fitzgerald, Staff  
Kiayra Ingram, Faculty  
Lenna Jawdat, Faculty  
Jessica Libowitz, Staff  
Chana Lockerman, Faculty  
Tre'Shaun Oliver, Staff  
Melody Ricks, Staff  
Rachel Sage, Faculty  
Jennifer Serico, Faculty  
Lisa Shanty, Faculty  
Matthew Sims, Faculty  
Laurn Smith, Staff

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# LAURELS

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## UNIVERSITYWIDE



PETER H. HENDERSON

**Peter H. Henderson, PhD, MPP**, senior policy advisor to the president, was among the co-authors of “The Resilient University:

How Purpose and Inclusion Drive Student Success,” which was published by Johns Hopkins University Press on Jan. 9.

**Christine Nieman Hislop, MSLIS**, data education librarian, Region 1 of the Network of the National Library of Medicine, Health Sciences and Human Services Library, was among the co-authors of “A Problem Shared Is a Community Created: Recommendations for Cross-Institutional Collaborations,” which was published in the *Journal of eScience Librarianship*.



BRUCE E. JARRELL

**Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS**, president, was named to *The Daily Record's* Power 100 List, which spotlights leaders from academia, business,

government, and other institutions who play key roles in the culture, lifestyle, civic conversations, and economic fortunes of Maryland.



DEBRA RUFFIN

**Debra Ruffin**, custodian, Department of Environmental Services, was named UMB's Employee of the Month of December for providing

high-quality housekeeping services at the BioPark and Community Engagement Center and consistently reflecting the University's core values in her interactions with co-workers and visitors.

## SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY



GUILHERME AROSSI

**Guilherme Arossi, DDS, MSc, PhD**, clinical assistant professor, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, wrote “Mastering Biomimetic CAD/CAM Restorations

When Direct Posterior Composite Falls Short: A Case Report,” which was published in *General Dentistry*.



LISA BRESS



THOMAS OATES

**Lisa Bress, RDH, MS**, division chief and clinical associate professor, Dental Hygiene Program, and **Thomas**

**Oates, DMD, PhD**, professor and chair, Department of Advanced Oral Sciences and Therapeutics, received \$200,000 from the CareQuest Institute for Oral Health to support Year 3 of a statewide diverse prenatal and postpartum advisory board.

**Adam Eisner, DDS**, clinical instructor, Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, and **Jeffery Price, DDS, MS**, clinical professor and director of oral radiology, were inducted into the American College of Dentists.



ROBERT K. ERNST

**Robert K. Ernst, PhD**, the Dr. Paul and Mrs. Jean Corcoran Endowed Professor and chair, Department of Microbial Pathogenesis, and colleagues received

a \$9,448,080 grant from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to develop the adjuvant potential of BECC470, a rationally designed and engineered TLR4-based ligand, and evaluate it for preclinical testing with three immunogenic vaccine antigens from Influenza A, *S. aureus*, and *P. aeruginosa*.

**Cailin Gollubier, RDH**, clinical instructor, Dental Hygiene Program, wrote “Senior Students' Attitudes Towards Mental Health Screenings in Dental Settings,” which was accepted for poster presentation at the 2024 International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research/American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research/Canadian

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Association for Dental Research  
General Session and Exhibition.



MARK MACEK



CHRISTINA PLATIA



DEBORAH  
RODRIGUEZ

**Mark Macek, DDS, DrPH,** assistant dean for curriculum innovation and scholarship and professor, Department of Dental

Public Health; **Christina Platia, DDS,** clinical assistant professor and director of general practice, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry; and **Deborah Rodriguez, DDS,** clinical assistant professor, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, were inducted into the International College of Dentists.



MARY ANNE MELO

**Mary Anne Melo, DDS, MSc, PhD, FADM, FACD,** clinical professor and chair, Department of Comprehensive Dentistry, wrote “Magnetic-Based Photosensitizer

to Improve the Efficiency of Antimicrobial Photodynamic Therapy Against Mature Dental Caries-Related Biofilms,” which was published in *MedComm – Biomaterials and Applications*.



ABRAHAM  
SCHNEIDER

**Abraham Schneider, DDS, PhD,** associate professor and director, Dental Biomedical Sciences PhD Program, Department of Oncology

and Diagnostic Sciences, was elected to represent the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) on the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research AADOCR Publications Committee for the 2024-2027 period.

## GRADUATE SCHOOL



ISABELL MAY

**Isabell May, PhD,** program director, Science Communication, and director, UMB Writing Center, was selected to participate in the Teach

Access Fellowship Program, which engages educators and administrators in creating purposeful communities of action for teaching and advocating for accessibility.



JENNY OWENS

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

among the co-authors of “Promoting Access to Care: Health-Related Social Needs as a Right and Not a Privilege,” which was published in *Advances in Neonatal Care*.

## CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW



PETER DANCHIN

**Peter Danchin, JD,** professor and associate dean, research and faculty development, co-organized and presented “The Role of International

Law in the Rise of Populism” at the “International Law and Institutions in an Era of Populism: The South African Experience” workshop at the University of Cape Town on Dec. 5-6.

**Marc DeSimone, JD,** lecturer of law and director, Moot Court Program, was appointed by Gov. Wes Moore to serve as a judge on the Baltimore County Circuit Court.



DEBORAH EISENBERG

**Deborah Eisenberg, JD,** vice dean and professor, was among the co-authors of “What Matters to Employment Attorneys When Considering

Online or In-Person Mediation?” which was published in *Alternatives to the High Cost of Litigation* on Oct. 27.

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KATHRYN FREY-BALTER

**Kathryn Frey-Balter, JD**, professor of the practice and interim director, Lawyering Program, was recognized as a Maryland Carey Law Teacher of the Year at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 4-6.



DAN GOLDBERG

**Dan Goldberg, JD**, professor, wrote “Reimagining a U.S. Corporate Tax Increase as a Supplemental Subtraction VAT,” which was published in *Florida Tax Review* on Dec. 4.

**Leigh Goodmark, JD**, professor and director, Clinical Law Program, co-authored “Discretion and Credibility, Dignity and Mercy: The Case of PT, a Criminalized Survivor,” which was published in the *Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society* on Nov. 21.



MARK GRABER

**Mark Graber, JD**, professor, wrote “Rise and Repeat: The President and Presidency Are Covered by Section Three: The Basics,” which was published on the “Balkinization” blog on Dec. 10.

**Kathleen Hoke, JD**, professor and director, Network for Public Health Law-Eastern Region, was quoted in “Lawyers for Church Abuse Survivors

Set to Defend Maryland’s Child Victims Act,” which was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on Dec. 6.



RUSSELL MCCLAIN

**Russell McClain, JD**, professor and associate dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion, received the Section on Academic Support 2023 Legacy Award

at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 4-6.



PAULA MONOPOLI

**Paula Monopoli, JD**, professor and founding director, Women, Leadership, and Equality Program, was recognized as a Maryland Carey Law Teacher of the Year

at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 4-6.



ROBERT PERCIVAL

**Robert Percival, JD**, professor and director, Environmental Law Program, was quoted in “A Saudi-Backed League Is Challenging the Status

Quo of the MMA World,” which was published on National Public Radio’s website on Dec. 4.

**Michael Pinard, JD**, professor and faculty director, Gibson-Banks Center for Race and the Law, received the Michael A. Olivas Award for

Outstanding Leadership in Diversity and Mentoring in the Legal Academy at the Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 4-6.



MICHAEL PINARD



AMANDA PUSTILNIK

**Amanda Pustilnik, JD**, professor, was quoted in “Alum’s \$10 Million Gift to Goucher Comes with a Clouded Connection,” which was published in *The Baltimore Sun* on Dec. 7.



NATALIE RAM

**Natalie Ram, JD**, professor, was among the co-authors of “Constitutional Confidentiality,” which was published in *Washington and Lee Law Review*.



JEFF SOVERN

**Jeff Sovern, JD**, professor, was among the co-authors of “You’re Giving Away Your Rights in Those Online Contracts You Don’t Read,” which was published

in *The Baltimore Sun* on Jan. 1.

**Jeff Trueman, JD**, adjunct professor, wrote “The Importance of Efficiency in Mediation,” which was published in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* on Dec. 26.

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## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

**Jason Adler, MD**, clinical assistant professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, presented “Hitting the Ground Running in January: Key 2024 Reimbursement Updates” at the Colorado College of Emergency Physicians Leadership Summit in Beaver Creek, Colo., on Nov. 7 and at the Georgia ACEP Leadership and Advocacy Conference in Greensboro, Ga., on Nov. 30.

**Omer Awan, MD**, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was the last author of “Disability in Radiology,” which was published online ahead of print in *Academic Radiology*.



LINDA CHANG

**Linda Chang, MD, MS**, professor; **Christine Cloak, PhD**, assistant professor; **Eric Cunningham**, senior research analyst; and **Thomas**

**Ernst, PhD, MS**, professor, all in the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, were among the co-authors of “Glutamate Measurements Using Edited MRS,” which was published online ahead of print in *Magnetic Resonance in Medicine*.

**Howard Dubowitz, MBChB, MS, FAAP**, and **Susan Feigelman, MD, FAAP**, both professors, Department of Pediatrics, were among the co-authors of “The Initial Medical Assessment of Possible Child Sexual Abuse: History, History, History,” which was published in *Academic Pediatrics*.



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 ranked No. 196 in the United States among Top Female Scientists for 2023 by *Research.com*.

**Allison Gibbs**, research specialist; **Eduardo Bento de Faria, DVM**, research associate; **Sarah Triesler**, research specialist; and **Andrew Zodda**, quality assurance program director, all in the Department of Radiation Oncology, were among the co-authors of “Pharmacokinetics and Biodistribution of 16,16 Dimethyl Prostaglandin E2 in Non-Irradiated and Irradiated Mice and Non-Irradiated Non-Human Primates,” which was published online ahead of print in *Radiation Research*.

**Barbara Juarez, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Neurobiology, was among the co-authors of “Current Status and Future Strategies for Advancing Functional Circuit Mapping *In Vivo*,” which was published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*.

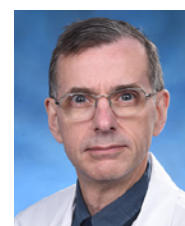
**Sarah Lee, MD**, instructor, Department of Emergency Medicine, was interviewed for “Why You Feel More Aches and Pains in the Cold Weather — And What You Can Do About It,” which was published on Fox News’ website.

**Muhammad Mohiuddin, MBBS**, professor, Department of Surgery, and director, Program in

Cardiac Xenotransplantation, was elected to serve as president of the International Xenotransplantation Association through 2025.



MUHAMMAD MOHIUDDIN



ADAM PUCHE

**Adam Puche, PhD**, professor and vice chair, Department of Neurobiology, was recognized as Outstanding Mentor at the 46th Annual Medical Student Research Day on Nov. 29.



ROBERT ROWLAND

**Robert Rowland, PT, DPT**, assistant professor, Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science, was among the co-authors of “Use of Point-of-Care Ultrasound for an Achilles Tendon Rupture in an Army Pilot,” which was published in the *Journal of Orthopaedic & Sports Physical Therapy*.



CHARLES WHITE

**Charles White, MD**, professor, Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, was the last author of “Identification of Mitral Valve Prolapse on Non-Electrocardiography-Gated Enhanced

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Chest Computed Tomography,” which was published online ahead of print in the *Journal of Thoracic Imaging*.

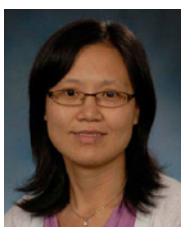


THELMA WRIGHT

**Thelma Wright, MD, JD, MBA**, associate professor and vice chair for perioperative and chronic pain management services,

Department of Anesthesiology,

was appointed to the American Society of Anesthesiology Committee on Expert Witness Testimony and Review.



JIACHEN ZHUO

**Jiachen Zhuo, PhD; Prashant Raghavan, MD; Steven Roys, MS; Xiao Liang, PhD; Rosy Njonkou Tchoquessi; and Chandler Sours Rhodes, PhD**, all in the Department

of Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, and **Neeraj Badjatia, MD, MS**, Department of Neurology, were among the co-authors of “Automatic Quantification of Enlarged Perivascular Space in Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury Using Super-Resolution of T2-Weighted Images,” which was published online ahead of print in the *Journal of Neurotrauma*.

## SCHOOL OF NURSING

Six Bachelor of Science in Nursing December 2023 graduates — **Camille Baechler, Keefe Bautista, Wendy Bonilla, Hope Li, Sakeenah Nasser, and Sherry Rollins** — were accepted into Leadership U, the

National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA) Honor Society. All are members of the University of Maryland Association of Nursing Students, which is the UMSON at Shady Grove chapter of NSNA.



AMEERA CHAKRAVATHY

**Ameera Chakravathy, PhD '22, RN, ACNP-BC, FNP-BC**, assistant professor and director, Doctor of Nursing Practice Adult-Gerontology Acute

Care Nurse Practitioner specialty, was appointed to the State Board of Nursing by Gov. Wes Moore for a term that runs until 2027.



LUANA COLLOCA

**Luana Colloca, MD, PhD, MS, MPower Professor** and director, Placebo Beyond Opinions Center, and colleagues received a UMMC/UMB Innovation

Challenge Award of \$25,000 for “Impact of Virtual Reality on Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy Pain: A Pilot Study.”



YVETTE CONYERS

**Yvette Conyers, DNP, RN, FNP-C, CTN-B, CFCN, CFCS**, assistant professor and associate dean for equity, diversity, and inclusion, was the keynote

speaker at the Rochester Black Nurses Association Scholarship and Awards Brunch on Dec. 2 in Rochester, N.Y.



IAN KLECKNER

**Ian Kleckner, PhD, MPH**, associate professor and director, SYNAPSE Center, received a one-year, \$15,000 UMNursing grant, a joint venture between

UMSON and the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC), for “Phase 1 Feasibility Testing of Serious Illness Conversation Guide in Patients and Intimate Partner Dyads Living with Advanced Cancer.”

**Cory Stephens, DNP, MSN, RN, NI-BC, CPHIMS, FHIMSS**, assistant professor, will co-present “Dynamic Duo: The Clinical Nurse Specialist and the Informatics Nurse Specialist Creating a High Reliability Organization” at the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists 2024 Annual Conference in New Orleans in March.

## SCHOOL OF PHARMACY



SHENEIL BLACK

**Sheneil Black**, graduate student, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a Genetech-Meyerhoff Graduate Fellowship.



ALLISON DUNN

**Allison Dunn, PharmD, MS**, research assistant professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and



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Health Outcomes Research, received a two-year, \$191,824 contract from Gilead Sciences Inc., for “Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.”

**Emily Heil, PharmD, MS, BCIDP, BCPS, AAHIVP**, professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, was named a fellow of the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists and appointed to the Infectious Diseases Society of America’s Guidance on the Treatment of Antimicrobial Resistant Gram-Negative Infections Panel.



AZIZA FRANK

**Aziza Frank**, graduate student, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received a Genetech-Meyerhoff Graduate Fellowship.



LAUREN HYNICKA

**Lauren Hynicka, PharmD, BCPS**, associate professor, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, received a one-year, \$426,141

contract from the Maryland Department of Health for “The HCV and High-Cost Low-Volume Medication Review Program.”



CHAD JOHNSON

**Chad Johnson, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and co-director, Graduate Studies in Medical Cannabis

Program, was appointed to the Governor’s Advisory Board on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis by Gov. Wes Moore.



SAMUEL KRUG

**Samuel Krug**, graduate student, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, received the Conference MVP Award for his role as programming chair for

the oSTEM Conference in Anaheim, Calif., in November.

**Paul Solinsky, PharmD, BCACP, AE-C**, advanced practice pharmacist, Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, is a member of a transitional care team at the University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center that received the Circle of Honor distinction from the Maryland Patient Safety Center.

## SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK



VASHTI ADAMS

**Vashti Adams, MSW, PhD** student, wrote “Validation of the Modified Weight Bias Internalization Scale (WBIS-M) Among First-Generation Asian Immigrants,” which was published in *Health and Social Work* on Dec. 1.

**Kerri Evans, PhD, LCSW**, associate professor, was among the co-authors of “Relationships, Parental Involvement,

and Community Support: Differences in School Environment for Boys and Girls in Rural Guatemala,” which was published in *Equity in Education and Society*.



KERRI EVANS



ALEXIS GUETHLER

**Alexis Guethler**, instructional designer, IDEA Team, was invited to present her fully integrated approach to mixed methods research at the Association for Educational Communications and Technology Conference and the Online Learning Consortium Accelerate Conference.



YAO WANG



SARAH DABABNAH

**Yao Wang, MSW, PhD** candidate, and **Sarah Dababnah, PhD, MPH, MSW**, associate professor, were among the co-authors of “Lessons Learned from a Statewide Needs Assessment of Asian American Families of Children with Developmental Disabilities,” which was published in the *International Journal of Developmental Disabilities*.

## MILESTONE ISSUE OF '1807' FEATURES NEARLY 70 ARTISTS

The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Council for the Arts & Culture is pleased to announce that the much-anticipated milestone fifth issue of *1807: An Art & Literary Journal* has been published and is available for your enjoyment. The UMB journal continues to grow in popularity and creative content, and this issue continues the tradition of showcasing art produced by the talented UMB community.



The latest journal features over 80 pages containing artwork and narrative by nearly 70 artists and writers. Selected from more than 300 submissions, the art featured in this issue includes the categories of writing, visual art (such as painting, illustration, drawing, digital art), photography, and varied art (such as sculpture, textiles, clay, metal, glass, wood, and jewelry). Published artists include students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members, and University of Maryland Medical Center partners, and artists from every UMB school are featured again this year.

To celebrate the fifth anniversary, this issue features a unique fold-out cover that results in a 29-inch panoramic photo depicting a night scene overlooking the Baltimore Inner Harbor and colorfully lit buildings in the background. The photograph, “Raining in Baltimore,” was captured by Andrew C. Judd, MD, a 2012 University of Maryland School of Medicine alumnus who ventured to Federal Hill Park and took the shot as a thunderstorm moved into the area in October 2017.

The expansive inside cover shows the four previous *1807* covers, details how the journal has inspired outdoor galleries on UMB’s campus that showcase art from the first three issues, and recounts the gold-medal honor that the fourth issue was awarded in the Collegiate Advertising Awards competition.

Jennifer B. Litchman, MA, senior vice president for external relations and founder and chair of the Council for the Arts & Culture, said, “This art and literary journal illustrates perfectly the goal of the arts council — to celebrate the creative talents of the University community, thereby raising awareness of the connection between the arts and sciences. *1807* gives us a platform to share the stunning artistic talent within UMB with the community at-large, and to celebrate that these artists are far more than the jobs they do each day.”

In her foreword, Litchman also shared, in reference to our five senses, “I hope that as you hold this journal in your hands, you enjoy the *smell* of fresh print, you *feel* the smoothness of the cover and the inside pages, you *hear* the words of the writers as you read their work, you *see* the talent of your colleagues on these pages, and you have perhaps a new appreciation for your *taste* in art.”

UMB President Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, also shared his excitement about the issue.

“This milestone publication stands as a testament to the creativity and talent flourishing within our community, and it is with great enthusiasm that we celebrate its continued success,” Jarrell wrote in his foreword. “These journals have elevated UMB’s artistic landscape through five impressive years of art, literature, and creative expression. Here’s to many more years of inspiring imagination and fostering artistic talent through *1807* in the extended UMB community.”

— Dana Rampolla

*Download, order a printed copy, or look through an online version of 1807 at [this link](#).* 📄

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UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE CELEBRATES

# WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

FIFTH ANNUAL UMBRELLA SYMPOSIUM:

## *Reimagine the Possibilities*

This year's event features a daylong symposium designed to invite attendees to reimagine what's possible for their life and leadership. There will be two keynote speakers, workshops, and a social hour.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. | SMC Campus Center



### MORNING KEYNOTE: A FIRESIDE CHAT

**Tisha S. Edwards, JD '01, MSW '00**  
*Secretary of Appointments,  
Office of Maryland Gov. Wes Moore*



### AFTERNOON KEYNOTE: A FIRESIDE CHAT

**Shanna Hocking**  
*Founder/CEO, Hocking  
Leadership, LLC, and author,  
"One Bold Move A Day:  
Meaningful Actions Women Can  
Take to Fulfill Their Leadership  
and Career Potential"*

## BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS



### "Your Strengths Are Your Super Power"

**Ronicka Briscoe, PhD,  
MPA, MS**  
*Executive Coach, Winning  
on the Road, LLC*



### "Finding Your Confidence (And Not Letting the Brushback Pitch Take You Out of the Game)"

**Kerri Phillips, PhD, MSE**  
*Air and Missile Defense  
Sector Chief Scientist, Johns  
Hopkins University Applied  
Physics Laboratory*



### "Embrace Your Curiosities and Experience More Joy: How Identifying and Indulging Your Curiosities Promotes More Joyful Living"

**Vanessa Carroll, MS**  
*Nonprofit Leadership  
Consultant*



### "Introverted Leadership"

**M.J. Tooley, MLS, AHIP,  
FMLA**  
*Retired Associate Vice  
Provost and Retired Dean,  
Health Sciences and Human  
Services Library, University  
of Maryland, Baltimore*

## AFTERNOON WORKSHOP



### "Taking Care of You: Self- Care Strategies for Mind, Body, and Heart"

**Kathy Flaminio, MSW, LGSW,  
E-RYT 200**  
*Founder/CEO, Move Mindfully*

### UMBRELLA DONATION DRIVE

Help support the UMB Student Pantry by donating unopened packages of period products. Donation bins will be available at the SMC Campus Center during the event.

# EQUITY AND JUSTICE

FEBRUARY 2024

## UMSOM'S NOVAK SERVING ON MARYLAND COMMISSION ON LGBTQIA+ AFFAIRS

Wendy Novak, MS, is concerned about the rise in discrimination against members of the LGBTQ+ community, so she's doing something about it. Novak, a research administrator at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), applied for and received an appointment to serve on the Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs.

"I have observed an increase in fear of 'others' and a willingness to be openly hateful of certain identity groups in the last 10 years," said Novak, who works in UMSOM's Division of Cardiovascular Medicine. "In addition, our K-12 public schools are under scrutiny by parent groups that had not previously been involved. Groups using 'parents' rights' as a justification for the exclusion of minority groups have gained power over the last few years.

"In my county, board of education meetings that were previously ignored have become a battleground over LGBTQIA+ inclusion. Parents had started paying attention and attending the meetings over concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic but now have transitioned to pushing an anti-LGBTQIA+ agenda."

The 21-member commission is tasked with assessing challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community in Maryland, advocating for more inclusive policies, and working to end discriminatory practices in the state.

Novak brings her experiences as a mother of three to the commission as well as a 20-year administrative work history at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (2004-2012) and UMSOM (2012-present). She also has gained knowledge and skills from receiving a graduate certificate in intercultural leadership from the University of Maryland Graduate School and her pursuit of a degree in the school's Master of Science in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Leadership (MS-DEIL) program. She expects to complete the 31-credit program in December. *(Read more about the program [at this link](#). 🗨️)*

In the past few years, she has advocated for the support and affirmation of LGBTQ+ persons in public schools by learning

about county, state, and federal laws and guidelines, writing and speaking to boards of education, and speaking in favor of supportive legislation to the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate.

In her application to the commission, Novak wrote, "The challenges facing our LGBTQIA+ community are complex and layered. In addition to harassment in schools, they are more likely to experience intimate partner and sexual violence. There is still much work to be done in the legal system to make sure the laws are just."

Novak, who was appointed to a three-year term, says her experience in the MS-DEIL program is proving valuable in her role on the commission and has helped her better understand communications between cultures and how to improve conflict management.

"The courses require substantial interaction with the other students, which has been helpful in understanding how identities are developed and change over time," she said. "I am learning about the historical impact of public policies on the experiences of racial, ethnic, and cultural groups. The program is giving me the tools to be a more effective advocate and the skills needed to assess challenges and provide recommendations and best practices for LGBTQIA+ inclusion."

Courtney J. Jones Carney, DPA, MBA, program director, Intercultural Leadership Graduate Certificate and MS-DEIL, Graduate School, is proud of Novak's dedication to LGBTQ+ inclusion and advocacy.

"Exacting statewide change through participation on invaluable commissions such as the Maryland Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs is in direct alignment with the call to informed action that is embedded in the MS-DEIL program," Jones Carney said. "It is my hope that as a commissioner, Wendy will be able to combine her passion and knowledge to influence statewide policies and practices that have long-term positive impacts on LGBTQIA+ communities."

— Lou Cortina



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WENDY NOVAK IS A RESEARCH ADMINISTRATOR AT THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND A STUDENT IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL'S MS IN DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION LEADERSHIP PROGRAM.

Your response **matters!**

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY

FOSTERING BELONGING | EMBRACING DIVERSITY | EMPOWERING CHANGE

You can help improve the learning environment at the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) by taking the Student Experience Survey. Student responses from previous experience surveys helped establish the UMB Student Pantry and update the gender-inclusive restroom signage across campus. This year, what positive change will you impact?

Check your email inbox for a link to the survey, which will be open from **Feb. 27 to March 15**.



Scan the QR code  
to learn more



### PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

## Transportation Listening Sessions

The Transportation Working Group is seeking feedback from students, faculty, and staff on how we can improve our programs to better serve the UMB community. We want to hear about your experiences traveling to, from, and around campus and how we can improve your commute.

### IN-PERSON LISTENING SESSIONS

**Tuesday, Feb. 13**

Session I: 10 to 11:30 a.m. | Session II: 1 to 2:30 p.m.  
SMC Campus Center, Elm Ballrooms

### VIRTUAL LISTENING SESSION

**Wednesday, Feb. 14**

10:30 a.m. to noon

For questions, contact [jcoolahan@umaryland.edu](mailto:jcoolahan@umaryland.edu).

Scan the  
QR code  
to register  
to attend.



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# POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

FEBRUARY 2024

## POLICING STRATEGIES WORKING AS CRIME REMAINS LOW AT UMB

University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) Police and Public Safety’s data-driven, community-oriented policing strategies continued to prove effective in 2023. UMB remains one of the safest places in downtown Baltimore to live, work, learn, and visit.

Preliminary crime data for 2023 shows a modest decline in overall crimes that occurred on UMB’s campus. Crimes that occurred off campus or at the University of Maryland Medical Center are not included in the report.

No one should ever be the victim of a crime. Even as crime remains low, UMB Police and Public Safety continually evaluates new and innovative ways to prevent crime on campus. This article, along with the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, provides transparent crime data, contextualizes what these statistics mean, and suggests ways in which the UMB community can help to reduce crime on campus.

Even as nationwide vehicle thefts rose by more than 1,000 percent since 2020, just three vehicles were stolen at UMB. Police and Public Safety partnered with Hyundai Motor America to receive wheel locks to prevent vehicle thefts.

“These wheel locks can provide peace of mind,” said Thomas Leone, MSL, assistant vice president for public safety and chief of police. “Kia and Hyundai thefts have skyrocketed because of a social media video. Our team wants to help you keep you and your property safe.”

The department is hosting giveaway events with the Community Engagement Center and the SMC Campus Center for anyone who would like to receive a free wheel lock. Wheel locks also can be obtained by contacting Quartermaster Ariel Turner at [aturner@police.umaryland.edu](mailto:aturner@police.umaryland.edu).

Property theft declined at UMB in 2023. Vehicle break-ins made up more than one-third of all thefts at UMB last year. Vehicles parked inside UMB parking garages were less likely to be broken into versus those parked on the street. Based on police reports of vehicle break-ins (see *Vehicle Break-Ins chart on Page 15*):

### CRIMES PER 1,000 PEOPLE

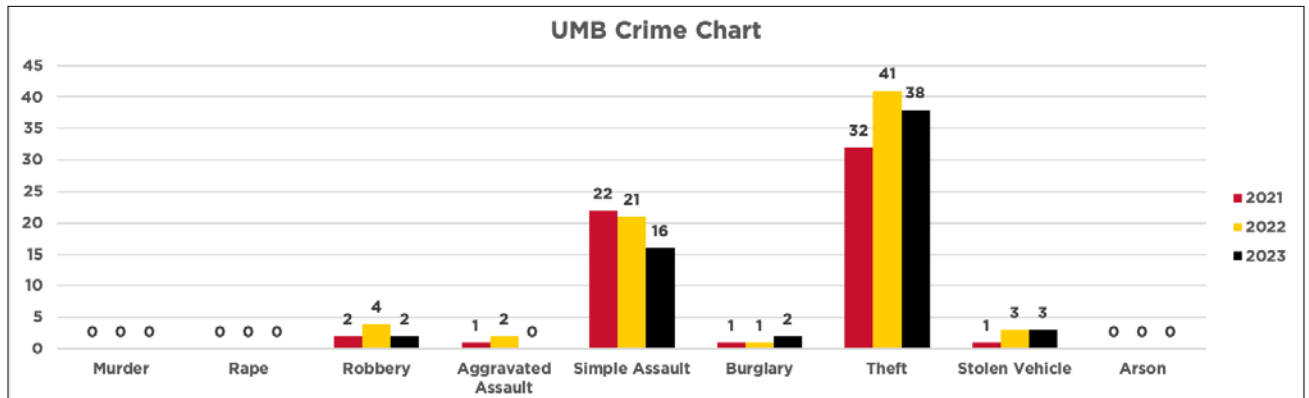
CRIME	UMB	BALTIMORE CITY
Thefts	2.7	17.1
Stolen Vehicles	0.2	18.9
Robberies	0.1	4.8
Aggravated Assault	0.0	9.8
Total Property Crime	3.1	50.1
Total Violent Crime	1.2	18.6
<b>TOTAL CRIME</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>68.0</b>

- Three had valuable items in view inside the vehicle.
- Five left the vehicle unlocked or windows down.
- Six reported a broken window and stolen property, but it was not clear if the items were in view.
- Five reported nothing taken, but a vehicle window was broken (*not listed as a theft*).

Bicycle and scooter thefts make up 40 percent of all theft on campus (see *Thefts chart on Page 15*). Bicycles should be securely locked to a bike rack using a u-lock through the rear wheel and bicycle frame, as well as a cable or u-lock through the front wheel. Properly securing a bicycle or using a bike cage can reduce or even eliminate the chance of a bicycle being stolen. Bicycles also should be taken home each day and not be left secured to racks for days or weeks at a time.

“It only takes a moment to secure your valuables, whether it’s your bike, wallet, or cellphone,” Leone said. “We’re all so busy, rushing around and answering emails on the go. That email isn’t worth putting your safety at risk.”

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Simple assault is defined as an unlawful physical attack with no weapon nor serious injury. Most cases at UMB are among people who know one another.

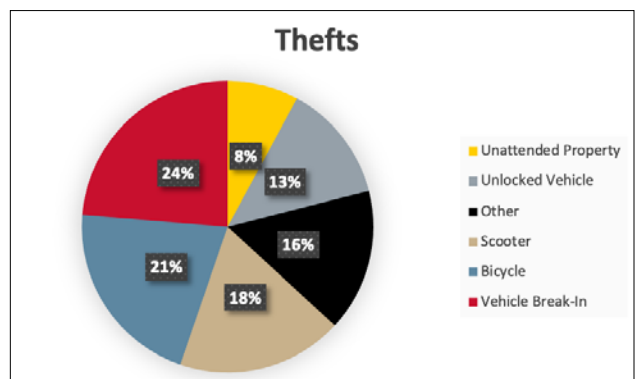
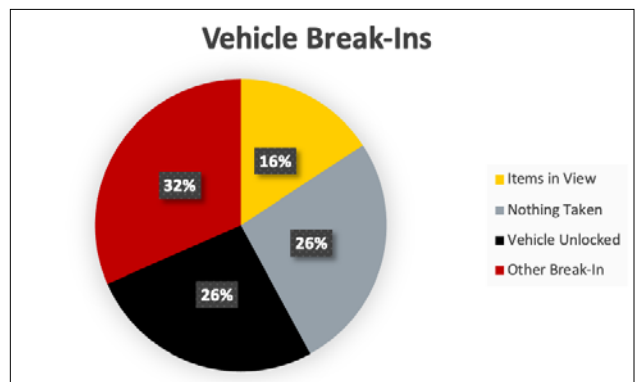
UMB has a zero-tolerance philosophy for threats and acts of aggression or violence. Before an argument escalates, resources are available. Workplace Mediation Service is available for employees. Students can reach out to Student Affairs or the Student Counseling Center. Threatening, aggressive, or violent behavior should be reported to UMB Police and Public Safety at 410-706-6882 (6-6882 from an on-campus phone). In an emergency, always call 911.

UMB Police and Public Safety offers resources throughout the year for students and employees:

- Basic Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) Training is offered beginning March 26.
- Safe Walk is available 24/7 on campus by calling 410-706-6882 (6-6882 from an on-campus phone).
- Safe Ride is available from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. on campus and in surrounding neighborhoods. Request a ride through the Mobile UMB app.
- Comfort K9 Poe provides comfort and stress relief, especially during busy exams and project deadlines.
- Information is available year-round through our social media channels, monthly public safety newsletter, and website at [umaryland.edu/police](http://umaryland.edu/police).

“For our community to thrive, they have to feel safe,” Leone said. “UMB has so many amazing programs and resources. Our goal at Police and Public Safety is to provide the safe place here at UMB for you to become your best self.”

— Carin Cardella



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## **WHERE WILL MY GIFT GO?**

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