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## HEADLINERS

### [College of Nursing at UMass Amherst Receives \\$21.5 Million Gift from Elaine Nicpon Marieb Charitable Foundation](#)



UMass Amherst announced Thursday that it has received a gift of \$21.5 million from the Elaine Nicpon Marieb Charitable Foundation.

### [UMass Amherst Maintains Standing Among Top Public Universities, Ranked No. 26 by U.S. News and World Report](#)



2022 marks the eighth straight year that UMass has been ranked as a top public university.

### [UMass Amherst Infectious Disease Forecaster Gets Renewed Funding](#)



Biostatistician Nicholas Reich, who rose to national prominence for his COVID-19 pandemic forecasting leadership, has received a five-year, \$2.16 million grant renewal from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to continue advancing methods for real-time forecasting during infectious disease outbreaks.

### [Raymond Bradley and Team to Unravel the 'Last Great Arctic Mystery'](#)



Raymond Bradley, Distinguished Professor of geosciences, will lead a team of researchers to Peary Land, Greenland's northernmost region with one of the earth's harshest climates, to discover how humans settled and survived there beginning 4,500 years ago, thanks to a \$2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

### [Jaws: or, How an African Ray-finned Fish Is Helping to Rethink the Fundamentals of Evolution](#)



A family of fishes, called the cichlids, in Africa's Lake Malawi is helping researchers at the University of Massachusetts Amherst to refine our understanding of how evolution works.

### [MFA for Poets and Writers Presents the Fall '21 Visiting Writers Series](#)



The MFA for Poets and Writers is pleased to announce the Fall '21 Visiting Writers Series. This year's series features Santee Frazier, Sabina Murray, Peter Gizzi and Dinaw Mengestu.

### [Gathering at the UMass Amherst Sunwheel to Mark the Autumnal Equinox](#)



The public is invited to join astronomer Stephen Schneider among the standing stones of the campus Sunwheel to observe sunrise and sunset on Wednesday, Sept. 22 — the autumnal equinox.

## PEOPLE

### [Chen Collaborating on Next-Gen Battery Research](#)



Professor of mechanical and industrial engineering Wen Chen and his team will play a critical role in an ambitious multi-university/industry partnership to develop next-generation eco-friendly battery technology.

### [Brun Receives Amazon Research Award for Automated Formal Verification](#)



Professor Yuriy Brun of the College of Information and Computer Sciences is one of 26 recipients of a 2021 Amazon Research Award, which will fund his research on software formal verification via proof synthesis.

### [Wu Receives Award for 'Philanthropic Gap' Research](#)



Viviana Chiu Sik Wu, assistant professor in the School of Public Policy, has received an award in support of her research on the "philanthropic gap" in the U.S.

### [Peltier Appointed to WHO Technical Advisory Group on Global Air Pollution and Health](#)



Associate professor of environmental health sciences Richard Peltier has been appointed to the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Air Pollution and Health Technical Advisory Group.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### [Jason Stanley to Deliver UMass Philosophy Department's 2021 Matthews Lecture](#)



Philosopher and writer Jason Stanley will argue that the world faces a global fascist threat in his talk "Fascism as a Social Kind," in the Gary Matthews Memorial Lecture, presented by the philosophy department on Thursday, Oct. 14.

### [OFD Announces Fall Programming for Faculty](#)



The Office of Faculty Development (OFD) has announced their Fall 2021 semester schedule of programs and events. In accordance with the mission of OFD, this programming is designed to support all faculty at every career stage through workshops and resources.

### [UMass Sustainability Course Featured at Symposium](#)



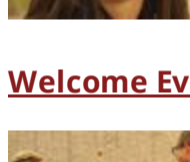
An innovative course co-developed by UMass Amherst was prominently featured at an international symposium on the environment and risk reduction.

### [Welcome Event for Employee Resource Groups to Take Place Sept. 21](#)



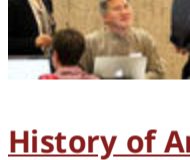
On Tuesday, Sep. 21 at 4 p.m., a welcome event will be held in the Campus Center Auditorium for UMass employees currently in or interested in joining an Employee Resource Group.

### [History of Art Department to Host 'I've Seen Trouble: Art Out of Dark Times,' The Mark Roskill Symposium 2021](#)



The history of art and architecture department is hosting the Mark Roskill Symposium on Saturday, Sept. 25, starting at 2:30 p.m. in the Integrated Learning Center S240.

### [The Massachusetts Review' Awarded Whiting Literary Magazine Prize](#)



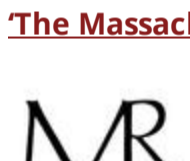
"The Massachusetts Review" is thrilled to announce that the magazine has been awarded the 2021 Whiting Literary Magazine Prize for journals with medium-budget. The total prize amounts to \$60,000.

### [Nominations Sought for Rising Researcher Student Awards](#)



Nominations are now open for the fall 2021 Rising Researcher student award program. The Rising Researcher award is designed to raise the profile of our most promising undergraduate students and to publicly acknowledge their excellent work.

### [Nominations Sought for Spotlight Scholar Awards](#)



Members of the campus community are invited to nominate a faculty member who has demonstrated academic quality and leadership to be the next Spotlight Scholar.

### [UMass Amherst Recognized by Arbor Day Foundation](#)



UMass Amherst was recently recognized by the Arbor Day Foundation as a 2020 Tree Campus High Education institution.

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