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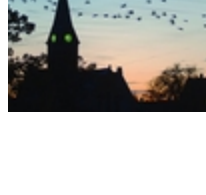
## HEADLINERS

### [Survivor's Bill of Rights Approved to Support and Empower Survivors of Sexual Assault](#)



On Wednesday, Dec. 15, a message from Associate Vice Chancellor and Title IX Coordinator Kerri Tillet was sent to faculty, staff and students stating that the adoption of a Survivor's Bill of Rights has been achieved.

### [UMass Amherst Decarbonization Collaboration Wins 'Leading by Example' Award from Massachusetts Dept. of Energy Resources](#)



A collaboration among UMass Amherst, UMass Dartmouth, UMass Lowell and Salem State University to work together to decarbonize each campus has been recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources with a "Leading By Example" (LBE) Award.

### [UMass Amherst to Offer Scholarships to 40 Students, Boosting Diversity in Data Science](#)



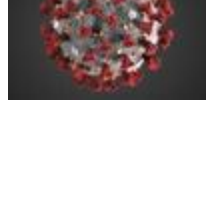
The Manning College of Information and Computer Sciences recently announced that it has received a \$1.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation to help expand access to high-quality data-science careers and research pathways for low-income, academically strong students.

### [Latest Toxic 100 and Greenhouse 100 Lists Name Top Air and Water Polluters, Climate Gas Emitters in the U.S.](#)



Researchers at the UMass Political Economy Research Institute recently published the newest editions of its lists of the top corporate air and water polluters and top greenhouse gas emitters in the United States, based on the most recent data available from the Environmental Protection Agency.

### [COVID-19 Update from the UMass Public Health Promotion Center Dec. 16](#)



The co-directors of the Public Health Promotion Center, Ann Becker and Jeffrey Hescoc, emailed students, faculty and staff on Thursday reminding them about booster shot requirements, COVID testing availability and positivity rates. This email was the final weekly message for the fall 2021 semester.

### [Thank You to the 2021 Campus Climate Survey Participants](#)



Chancellor Kumble R. Subbaswamy emailed the campus community on Thursday expressing his appreciation to those who completed the 2021 Campus Climate Survey and announcing responses are being analyzed and that a preliminary report will be available in April 2022.

### [Project Seeks to Improve Medication Adherence Among Vulnerable Populations with High Blood Pressure](#)



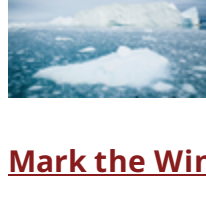
Susan J. Shaw is one of the lead investigators who have received a five-year, \$2.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to improve medication adherence among vulnerable populations with hypertension, or high blood pressure.

### [New Book Co-edited by UMass Journalism's Kathy Roberts Forde Examines How Journalism Helped Establish - and Oppose - Jim Crow](#)



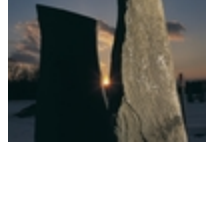
Kathy Roberts Forde and fellow journalism faculty member Razvan Sibii have contributed chapters to the collected edition exploring the efforts of Southern white and Northern Black presses following the Civil War.

### [Winter Is Coming: Researchers Uncover the Surprising Cause of the Little Ice Age](#)



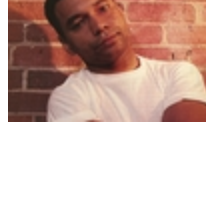
New research from UMass Amherst provides a novel answer to one of the persistent questions in historical climatology, environmental history and the earth sciences: what caused the Little Ice Age?

### [Mark the Winter Solstice at the UMass Amherst Sunwheel](#)



The public is invited to observe sunrise and sunset on the day of the winter solstice among the standing stones of the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Sunwheel on Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Heavy rain or snow will cancel the gatherings.

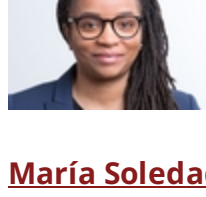
### [Papers of Benjamin LaGuer Acquired by UMass Amherst Libraries](#)



The UMass Amherst Libraries' Robert S. Cox Special Collections and University Archives Research Center has acquired the Benjamin LaGuer Papers. LaGuer, who passed away in November of 2020 at the age of 57, spent two-thirds of his life in prison in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, convicted of a crime which he steadfastly denied he committed.

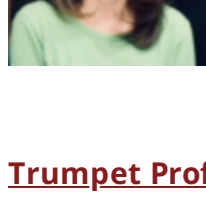
## PEOPLE

### [UMass President Marty Meehan appoints Nefertiti Walker as Presidential Advisor for Equity and Inclusion](#)



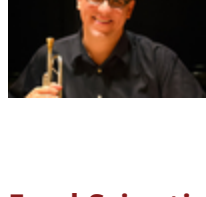
UMass President Marty Meehan announced at Wednesday's UMass Board of Trustees meeting that he has appointed Nefertiti Walker to serve as Presidential Advisor for Equity and Inclusion.

### [María Soledad Barbón Receives Honorable Mention for MLA's Scaglione Prize](#)



María Soledad Barbón, professor of comparative literature in the UMass Amherst department of languages, literatures and cultures, has been recognized by the Modern Language Association of America (MLA) for her book "Spanish Fascist Writing."

### [Trumpet Professor Eric Berlin Performs and Records Rouse Work with Albany Symphony](#)



On Saturday, Dec. 11, Professor Eric Berlin and the Albany Symphony performed Heimdall's Trumpet by late Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Christopher Rouse, which will also be recorded for a later release on Naxos Records.

### [Food Scientists Rank High in Updated Global Database](#)



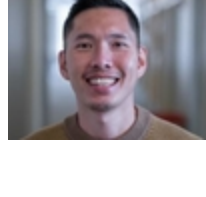
Six of the 12 UMass Amherst food science faculty members are ranked within the top 1.3% of their field in a publicly available, standardized global database, recently updated through 2020, which ranks scientists according to their citations and h-index.

### [Business Network for Offshore Wind Names Inaugural Ventus Award for William Heronemus](#)



One of the inaugural Ventus Awards presented by the Business Network for Offshore Wind on Tuesday, Nov. 18 during its first annual Ventus Awards Gala was named for William Heronemus.

### [Ong Contributes Essay to Global Collection Focused on Countering Disinformation](#)



Jonathan Corpus Ong, communication, has contributed one of five interdisciplinary essays to a new "Global Insights" collection, published by the National Endowment for Democracy and the International Forum for Democratic Studies, which spotlights innovative perspectives and new methods for countering disinformation.

### [Stephen Sireci Receives five-year, \\$3.8 Million Grant to Research Adult Numeracy](#)



Stephen Sireci, distinguished university professor, received a five-year, \$3.8 million grant from The Institute of Education Sciences for research on adult numeracy and digital literacy.

### [Warren Blumenfeld Publishes New Monograph Analyzing Gun Violence in the United States](#)



Warren Blumenfeld, education, recently published a new monograph analyzing gun violence from a progressive political perspective.

### [Ken LeBlond and Rizwan Ali Shinwari Publish Article in Ab-Original](#)



Ken LeBlond, UMass Donahue Institute's marketing communications manager, and Rizwan Ali Shinwari, visiting fellow in political science, co-authored a new article in Ab-Original: The Journal of Indigenous Studies and First Nations and First Peoples' Cultures.

### [Professor Emeritus David R. Evans, Publishes Retrospective on 50 years of the Center for International Education](#)



Professor emeritus David R. Evans, international education, published a chapter in Comparative and International Education: Leading Perspectives from the Field.

## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### [Update to Winter Break Calendar](#)



On Thursday, Bill Brady, vice chancellor and chief human resources officer, emailed staff outlining the details of the end-of-year campus closure week.

### [Campus Energy Reduction Plan Winter Intersession](#)



Physical Plant is implementing a plan to reduce energy consumption from the end of the fall semester on Dec. 18, 2021 through Jan. 24, 2022, before spring semester starts.

### [Inside UMass Semester Break Schedule](#)



This is the last Inside UMass email newsletter for the Fall 2021 semester. The newsletter will run on an abbreviated schedule for the semester break with the next newsletter being published on Thursday, Jan. 6.

### [Construction Detours on Mass. Ave., Lincoln Ave. will be in Place Starting Monday, Dec. 20](#)



Starting Monday, Dec. 20, construction fencing will be installed on the UMass Amherst campus around sections of Massachusetts Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and the full perimeter of Parking Lot 32 East.

### [The Secrets of the Lake: New Research Shows that Humans Settled the Faroe Islands Centuries Earlier Than Previously Thought](#)



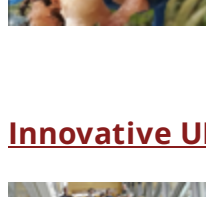
Sometime around 500 A.D., an unknown band of humans settled in the remote Faroe Islands, a small, rugged archipelago about midway between Norway and Iceland, some 200 miles northwest of Viking. This is a significant revision of the older consensus, which had Vikings peopling the Faroes around 850 A.D., and it was made possible by evidence dredged up from the bottom of a lake.

### [Vulture Bees Have A Taste for Meat](#)



Springtime: bees buzz from flower to flower, searching for nectar. But not these bees. The "vulture bee," a little-known tropical species, has evolved an extra tooth for biting flesh and a gut that more closely resembles that of carrion-loving birds.

### [Innovative UMass STEM Program Launches Its Largest, Most Diverse Cohort](#)



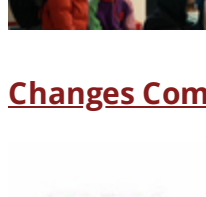
The Integrated Concentration in Science program, or iCons, recently launched its 12th cohort—the largest and most diverse in the program's history. All told, the cohort boasts 73 students from 25 majors, with 61% of students identifying as BIPOC.

### [Students from Boston Public Schools Explore STEM Futures at UMass Amherst](#)



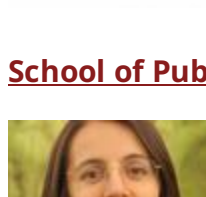
A group of students representing the inaugural cohort of the Digital Ready Living Learning Lab on the Mount Ida Campus of UMass Amherst visited the main campus in Amherst on Dec 1.

### [Changes Coming to Bus Schedule During Winter Break](#)



Starting Friday, Dec. 17, Pioneer Valley Transport Authority (PVTA) buses that service campus will be operating on a reduced schedule. The reduced schedule will continue through Monday, Jan. 24.

### [School of Public Policy Hosts Winter UN Sustainability Course](#)



The School of Public Policy is co-organizing the United Nations Global Sustainable Solutions Winter School 2022, a free workshop open to all UMass Amherst graduate students.

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