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HEADLINERS

[UMass Amherst Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy Announces Plans to Retire at the End of June 2023](#)



UMass Amherst Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy, under whose leadership the commonwealth's flagship campus experienced a decade of unprecedented success and momentum, today announced that he will retire at the end of June 2023.

[Why Confronting Invasive Species Is One of the Best Ways to Prepare for Climate Change](#)



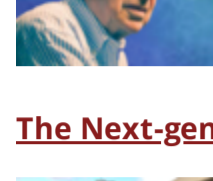
New research finds that the ecological effect of invasive species alone is comparable to the combined effects of invasives plus warming temperatures, drought or nitrogen deposition.

[Community-engagement Preventive Intervention Promotes Mental Health of Bhutanese Families in Western Massachusetts](#)



After years of working with Bhutanese community members in Western Massachusetts, a team led by Kalpana Poudel-Tandukar has developed a peer-led, family-centered preventive intervention to reduce stress, anxiety and depressive symptoms and promote mental health among immigrants in the U.S.

[UMass Amherst to Host 'Lester Grinspoon Reconsidered: Celebrating a Pioneer of Drug Policy and a Legacy of Social Change' Symposium](#)



"Lester Grinspoon Reconsidered: Celebrating a Pioneer of Drug Policy and a Legacy of Social Change" will take place at the University of Massachusetts Amherst on Friday, June 24.

[The Next-generation Lawnmower is a Sheep](#)



Called Sustainable EweMass, this remarkable collaboration with the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and Hadley Farm is testing out the possibility of transferring some of the University's lawn-mowing duties to the UMass sheep flock.

[Study Aims to Understand the Psychology that Threatens American Democracy](#)



Amid an unprecedented democratic decline in the U.S., a new report by Beyond Conflict, co-authored by social psychologist Linda Tropp, analyzes America's current social divides through the lens of social science to understand how threats shape our sense of identity, our feelings of belonging and our perceptions of status and power relations in society.

[2022 Chef Culinary Conference Back on UMass Amherst Campus, Welcomes Alice Waters, Jacques Pepin and Martin Yan](#)



The 28th annual Chef Culinary Conference is back in person and on the UMass Amherst campus June 5-10 after two years of virtual programing due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

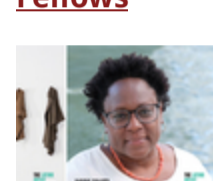
PEOPLE

[E. Cheryl Ponder Named Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advocacy, Inclusion and Support Programs for SACL](#)



Brandi Hephner LaBanc, vice chancellor of student affairs and campus life (SACL), has announced that E. Cheryl Ponder has joined SACL as the Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advocacy, Inclusion and Support Programs.

[Juana Valdés Named to Mellon and Ford Foundations' Second Cohort of Latinx Artist Fellows](#)



Juana Valdés, associate professor in the UMass Amherst Department of Art, is a recipient of the 2022 Latinx Artist Fellowship.

[Two Faculty Members Honored with 2022 Distinguished Community Engagement Awards](#)



The Provost's Office has selected two faculty winners for the 2022 Distinguished Community Engagement Awards.

[O'Neill Receives IACR Test-of-Time Award](#)



Adam O'Neill, assistant professor in the Manning College of Information and Computer Sciences, is one of three authors who recently received the Test-of-Time Award from the International Association for Cryptologic Research (IACR) for their paper "Deterministic and Efficiently Searchable Encryption," presented at the IACR Crypto 2007 conference.

[Neuroscientist Karine Fénelon Wins 2022 Armstrong Fund for Science Award](#)



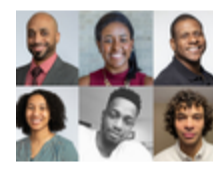
Neuroscientist Karine Fénelon, assistant professor of biology, has been chosen to receive the Armstrong Fund for Science at UMass Amherst's 2022 Award.

[First, Brun Receive ACM SIGSOFT Distinguished Paper Award for Automating Formal Verification](#)



Doctoral student Emily First and Professor Yuriy Brun of the Manning College of Information and Computer Sciences recently received a Distinguished Paper Award from the Association for Computing Machinery's special interest group on software engineering (ACM SIGSOFT).

[Kinesiology Graduate Students Awarded ACSM Leadership and Diversity Training Program Fellowships](#)



Six graduate students in the Department of Kinesiology have been awarded Leadership and Diversity Training Program fellowship awards by the American College of Sports Medicine.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

[DEFA Film Library to Host Virtual Summer Gallery](#)



From June 13 to July 22, the DEFA Film Library will present a Summer Gallery on Instagram, which will take a look at the making of Bernd Sahling's film "It'll Be OK."

[Volunteers Needed for Study on Athletic Shoes](#)



Researchers in the Department of Kinesiology are looking for participants for a study they are conducting in partnership with the OOFOS shoe company.

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