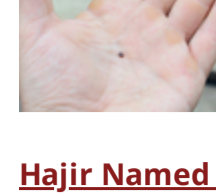


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## HEADLINERS

### [CDC Designates New England Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Diseases at UMass Amherst](#)



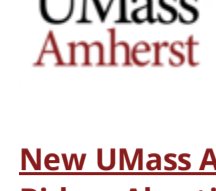
UMass Amherst has received a \$10 million, five-year award from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to create the New England Center of Excellence in Vector-Borne Diseases.

### [Hajir Named Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education at UMass Amherst](#)



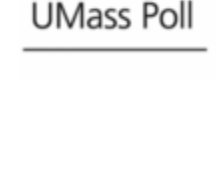
The Office of the Provost recently announced Farshid Hajir as the campus's next senior vice provost and dean of undergraduate education, filling a position that has been vacant since Carol Barr stepped down at the end of May. Hajir assumed office on June 23.

### [Update Related to Flexible Work](#)



Earlier this week, human resources released an update on the university's Modern Workplace Initiative and the effort to build a framework for hybrid and remote work.

### [New UMass Amherst Poll Gauges Massachusetts Residents' Views on Gun Control, Biden, Abortion, Economy, Gubernatorial Race and More](#)



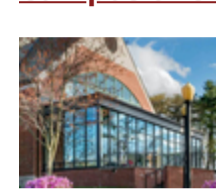
The political scientists behind the UMass Amherst Poll released the results of their latest survey of 1,000 Massachusetts residents between June 15 and 21, shining a light on the Bay State's views on gun control, President Joe Biden, support for reparations, the overturning of Roe v. Wade, the state economy and the upcoming gubernatorial race and more.

### [New Survey Conducted by UMass Amherst Human Security Lab Reveals Afghans' Views on Peace, Security, Governance and Human Rights](#)



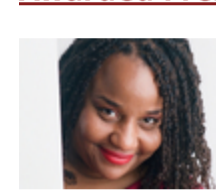
Preliminary results from a new public opinion survey in Afghanistan released this week by the UMass Amherst Human Security Lab detail Afghan views on peace, security, governance and human rights across gender, linguistic, political, educational, socio-economic, geographical and religious divides.

### [PepGen, Inc. Joins Innovation and Collaboration Space Community on Mount Ida Campus of UMass Amherst](#)



A Boston biotechnology company has joined the Innovation and Collaboration Space community on the Mount Ida Campus of UMass Amherst.

### [W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies Predoctoral Candidate Awarded Prestigious Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship](#)



Maya Cunningham, predoctoral candidate in the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, is one of 75 outstanding scholars to be named a 2022 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellow.

### [New Research Links Sixth-century Droughts to the Rise of Islam](#)



New research, the result of a 25-year collaboration, links the hard sciences, human sciences and humanities to highlight the role of climate in social change.

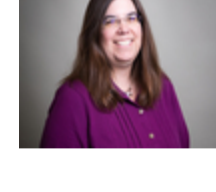
## PEOPLE

### [UMass Amherst Women Leaders Honored at HERS 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)



The 2022 Celebration of UMass Amherst HERS Women Leaders was held on May 20 to recognize the newest UMass Amherst HERS Leadership Institute cohort and the university's continued commitment to supporting diversity in leadership.

### [Jennifer Friedman Appointed Interim Dean of the Libraries](#)



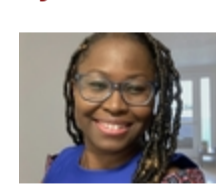
John McCarthy, provost and senior vice chancellor, in consultation with Tricia Serio, provost-elect, has appointed Jennifer Friedman, associate dean of research and learning in the Libraries, as interim dean of the Libraries for the month of July.

### [Mari Castañeda Attends Equity Leadership Conference as New Leadership Academy Fellow](#)



Mari Castañeda, dean of Commonwealth Honors College and professor of communication, attended the Summer Institute of the New Leadership Academy Fellows Program in Salt Lake City, Utah from June 6 through 10.

### [Ayande Awarded Margaret McNamara Education Grant](#)



Nutrition doctoral candidate Ruthfirst Ayande has been named a recipient of a Margaret McNamara Education Grant.

### [EHS Lab Members Receive Society of Toxicology Awards](#)



Four researchers working in the labs of environmental health sciences (EHS), faculty members Alexander Suvorov and Alicia Timme-Laragy, received Society of Toxicology awards at the organization's annual meeting held this spring in San Diego, California.

### [Helmer Recognized for Writing on Creating an Inclusive Syllabus](#)



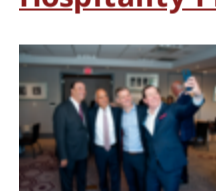
Kirsten Helmer, director of programming for diversity, equity and inclusion with the Center for Teaching and Learning, has been recognized by the Midwest Independent Publishers Association for a chapter she authored on "Six Principles of an Inclusive Syllabus Design."

### [Sally Campbell Galman Interviewed on Health Promotion Practice Podcast](#)



Sally Campbell Galman, professor of children, families, and schools, was interviewed on the latest episode of the Health Promotion Practice (HPP) Journal Podcast.

### [Hospitality Professionals Honored at Annual Awards Dinner](#)



The Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management in the Isenberg School of Business held its 2022 Annual Awards Dinner on May 17.

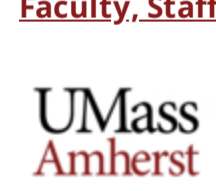
## WEEKLY BULLETIN

### [UMass Magazine Wins Gold Award from Council for Advancement and Support of Education](#)



The *UMass Magazine* summer and fall 2021 issues received a gold award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education in the global, not-for-profit association's annual Circle of Excellence Awards contest.

### [Faculty, Staff Prove Vital to UMassGives 2022](#)



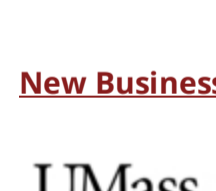
In addition to contributing 716 gifts during the 2022 UMassGives, faculty and staff members were active participants in UMassGives this year, with nearly 80 doing their own outreach to raise funds on behalf of their departments and programs.

### [UMass Amherst Libraries Migrate to New Library Services Platform June 30](#)



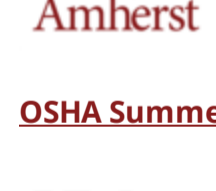
The Libraries will migrate back-end system operations from the current library system, ALEPH, to FOLIO at the end of June 2022.

### [New Business and Travel Expense Standard to Go Live July 1](#)



As announced in a campus-wide email on Monday, June 13, a new business and travel expense standard will go into effect on Friday, July 1.

### [OSHA Summer Summit Held with 400 Safety Professionals from Across the Country](#)



On June 22, UMass Amherst hosted the eighth annual Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Summer Summit virtually with nearly 400 environmental health and safety professionals attending from 42 states, Puerto Rico, Washington D.C. and Canada.

### [Seeking Volunteers to Participate in Study to Improve Wearable Activity Tracker Algorithms](#)



The Physical Activity and Health Lab at UMass Amherst is seeking healthy adults, 18 to 65 years old, for a study on activity monitors.

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