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**News and Media Relations**

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**Algorithms**

** Seeking Volunteers to Participate in Study to Improve Wearable Activity Tracker**

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.

**New Business and Travel Expense Standard to Go Live July 1**

The political scientists behind the UMass Amherst Poll released the results of the only online national poll conducted in the lead-up to the May 18, 2022, Massachusetts primary election. The poll found that while the state economy and the upcoming gubernatorial race and more.

**Faculty, Staff Prove Vital to UMassGives 2022**

The Libraries will migrate back-end system operations from the current environment to a new, secure infrastructure. This migration is part of a broader effort to improve the user experience and enhance security for Library staff and students.

**Education**

Sally Campbell Galman, professor of children, families, and schools, was interviewed on the Health Promotion Practice podcast for a discussion on “Six Principles of an Inclusive Syllabus Design.”

**Helmer Recognized for Writing on Creating an Inclusive Syllabus**

Kirsten Helmer, director of programming for diversity, equity and inclusion in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, was recognized by the Society of Toxicology for her publication, “Creating an Inclusive Syllabus,” in the Journal of Teaching in Nursing and Health Professions.

**Ayande Awarded Margaret McNamara Education Grant Fellow**

Nutrition doctoral candidate Ruthfirst Ayande has been named a recipient of a Margaret McNamara Education Grant, which supports students in obtaining a degree to improve their communities.

**Mari Castañeda Attends Equity Leadership Conference as New Leadership Academy Fellow**

Mari Castañeda, dean of Commonwealth Honors College and professor of political science, attended the Summer Institute of the New Leadership Academy cohort and the university’s continued commitment to supporting diversity in leadership.

**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.

**New Research Links Sixth-century Droughts to the Rise of Islam**

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**Awarded Prestigious Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship**

Maya Cunningham, predoctoral candidate in the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies, was awarded the W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies Predoctoral Candidate Fellowship.

**PepGen, Inc. Joins Innovation and Collaboration Space Community on Mount Ida**

A Boston biotechnology company has joined the Innovation and Collaboration Space community on Mount Ida to bring together faculty, students, and business to drive innovation and collaboration.

**Views on Peace, Security, Governance and Human Rights**

A new survey conducted by the UMass Amherst Human Security Lab reveals Afghans’ views on peace, security, governance and human rights.

**Update Related to Flexible Work**

The Office of the Provost recently announced that remote work will continue through the end of the summer and fall 2022. This decision, made in consultation with UMass Amherst’s unionized committees, was made considering sharing in leadership.

**Hajir Named Senior Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education at UMass**

The Office of the Provost recently announced Farshid Hajir as the campus’s new senior vice provost and dean of undergraduate education. Hajir assumed office on June 23.

**UMass Amherst CDC Designates New England Center of Excellence in Vector-borne Diseases at HEADLINERS**

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.

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