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HEADLINERS

[Nationwide Search for New UMass Amherst Chancellor Launched](#)



The University of Massachusetts Board of Trustees has officially launched a nationwide search for a new UMass Amherst chancellor.

[UMass Amherst Establishes Partnership with Ukraine's Kyiv School of Economics](#)



UMass Amherst has signed a series of memoranda of agreement with the Kyiv School of Economics to assist students and scholars affected by Russia's war with Ukraine.

[Survey Shows that UMass Amherst Class of 2021 Finding Success After Graduation](#)



Eighty-seven percent of the UMass Amherst undergraduate Class of 2021 are employed, in military service, continuing their education or gaining additional life experience through volunteer opportunities.

[How Do Galaxies Evolve? A UMass Amherst Undergrad May Have Provided the Missing Link](#)



A UMass Amherst undergraduate student has contributed significant work regarding the growth of stars and black holes, providing key insight into how they are linked.

[Research Examines Effects of Embryonic Exposure to Environmental Pollutants on Risk of Diabetes](#)



Environmental health scientist Alicia Timme-Laragy is studying how embryonic exposure to certain common pollutants may put people at risk for diabetes later in life.

[Implicit Bias and Concern About Appearing Racist Predict Teachers' Reluctance to Discuss Race and Racism in the Classroom](#)



Across the U.S., K-12 public school teachers face significant psychological barriers to discussing issues of race and racism with their students, according to new research by Linda Tropp.

[Wine-drinkers of the World Rejoice! New Research, Led by UMass Amherst, Finds Key to Billion-Dollar Problem](#)



Recently, an international cohort of researchers, led by UMass Amherst, announced a previously unknown mechanism that is deployed by a group of pathogenic fungi working in concert and which are responsible for the death of the grapevines. Thankfully, it would seem that a fairly easy, cost-effective solution may be on the horizon.

[The Bitter Truth: The Taste of Some Medications Depends on Variations in Bitter Receptor Genes](#)



Sensory scientist Alissa Nolden's new research, published in a special Nutrigenomics issue of *Frontiers in Genetics*, shows that the degree of bitterness for two common antibiotics relates to genetic differences in people's TAS2R bitter taste receptors.

[How to Turn Muscle into A Protein Factory for Advanced Gene Therapy](#)



In a major new development in the quest to develop better gene therapies with which to treat a host of diseases, researchers at UMass Amherst and UMass Chan Medical School recently announced that they have mapped the expression and maturation of the protein alpha-1 antitrypsin (AAT) with unprecedented clarity.

[Lost In Translation: A New Approach to AI Navigates World Literature](#)



English readers of digital foreign-language novels have long despaired over the poor quality of translation, especially when the original versions were published in a non-Romance language and written with a high-literary sensibility. But this may soon change, thanks to an \$822,365 grant awarded to Mohit Iyyer.

[UMass Amherst Emerges as Offshore Wind Workforce Training Leader with Newest Grant Award](#)



The Baker-Polito Administration and the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center recently announced that a team led by UMass Extension professor Dwayne Breger at UMass Amherst has been selected to receive \$220,000 in grant funding to support the growth of the UMass Clean Energy Extension's Offshore Wind Professional Certificate Program.

[New Survey from the UMass Amherst Human Security Lab Shows Majority of Ukrainians Want to End Travel Ban](#)



The Ukrainian government's declaration of martial law on March 8, including a restriction on men 18-60 from leaving the country, has separated families, trapped college students and other non-residents inside Ukraine who had come home for short visits, and also affected the freedom of movement of transgender women.

PEOPLE

[Chancellor's Leadership Fellowships Awarded to Dingo, Kleinman and Rahhal](#)



The Office of Faculty Development is pleased to announce that faculty members Rebecca Dingo, Ken Kleinman and Tammy Rahhal have been awarded Chancellor's Leadership Fellowships for the 2022-23 academic year.

[Researchers Receive Grant to Expand Their Mental Health Intervention Program for Refugees](#)



Kalpna Poudel-Tandukar and Krishna C. Poudel have been awarded a grant from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts Foundation to replicate a refugee well-being program for displaced people from Ukraine and Afghanistan who have recently resettled in Hampden County.

[Office of Equity and Inclusion Adds Two New Staff Members to Lead Education and Engagement Initiatives](#)



Alaina Macaulay joins the Office of Equity and Inclusion as senior director for inclusion and strategic engagement while Penn Pritchard has been named education and development manager.

[Kelsey Whipple Receives Promising Professor Award](#)



The Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication has named Kelsey Whipple, assistant professor of journalism, a 2022 Promising Professor.

[Nicole Melton Receives Grant to Study How to Make College Ice Hockey More Inclusive](#)



A \$25,000 grant from the Carnegie Initiative to study how to make college ice hockey more inclusive and accepting has been awarded to Nicole Melton, associate professor and associate department chair of the Mark H. McCormack Department of Sport Management.

['Journalism and Jim Crow,' Edited by Kathy Roberts Forde, Named 2022 Tankard Book Award Finalist](#)



Presented by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, the Tankard Book Award recognizes the most outstanding book in journalism, and the authors whose work embodies excellence in research, writing and creativity.

[New Book by Isenberg's Alan Robinson Shows How Ideas from Front-line Workers Can Radically Improve Government](#)



For 'Practical Innovation in Government,' Alan Robinson and his co-author conducted a six-year, five-country study of 77 government organizations to find that the predominant private-sector approaches to improvement don't work well in the public sector, while practices that are rare in the private sector prove highly effective.

[Daniel Gordon Publishes 'What Is Academic Freedom? A Century of Debate, 1915-Present'](#)



Daniel Gordon, history, has recently published a book, "What Is Academic Freedom? A Century of Debate, 1915-Present," from Routledge Press, which is available for free online.

[Gülru Çakmak, Jennifer Heuer Co-edit H-France Salon Special Issue on Race and Representation](#)



In the wake of widespread calls to decolonize institutional narratives of cultural heritage, HFA's Gülru Çakmak and Jennifer Heuer served as editors for a special issue of the online journal titled "Rethinking Race and Representation in Art History and Material Culture of the Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Francosphere."

[Student Innovator Team MicrobeBlaster Receives E-Team Grant from VentureWell](#)



MicrobeBlaster, a startup founded by four female undergraduate students at UMass Amherst, recently received a VentureWell E-Team Grant in recognition of the potential of their invention to create a positive social, health or environmental impact.

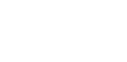
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[New Open-access Book on Microplastic Pollution Highlights the Need for Better Science and Management](#)



In "Microplastic in the Environment: Pattern and Process," editor Michael S. Bank, senior scientist at Norway's Institute of Marine Research and professor of extraordinary contaminants and complex systems at UMass Amherst, tackles an extraordinarily complex problem that has recently come to popular attention: the problem of microplastics.

[3Daughters Named Best Startup at Massachusetts Life Sciences Innovation Day](#)



UMass Amherst Institute for Applied Life Sciences' startup company 3Daughters was named Best Startup at the 15th annual Massachusetts Life Sciences Innovation Day in Boston on July 21.

[DEFA Film Library Adding 21 New Films to Collection DEFA Available to Stream on Kanopy with UMass Library Login](#)



Among the highlights of the latest additions to the catalog is Roland Gräf's 1988 biopic "Fallada – The Last Chapter," about German novelist Hans Fallada, whose books were recently rediscovered and published in the U.S. by Melville House and became bestsellers.

[Lunch on the Lawn for Staff Scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 25](#)



All staff are invited to enjoy a free lunch on Haigis Mall on Thursday, Aug. 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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