

## Wink, Tara

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**To:** Hshsl-All Staff  
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Hello all –

This has been quite a week.

I am so tired of hatred and the ease of gun violence.

Dr. Jarrell and the Deans said it eloquently in their letter this afternoon.

It's so maddening we have to continuously issue statements condemning violence and prejudice, and demanding justice.

I read a commentary this week talking about how these events (Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, eight people in Atlanta and on and on) are just symptoms of the deeper systemic disease of racism. How do we change people's hearts?

1. Last week Tara posted that I had written 51 weekly messages however I think Alexa did one of those, so only 50. Gotta speak the truth!
2. I am pleased to announce that Jennifer Coffman is in the process of being hired as the Research and Education Librarian working with Andrea Shipper in the School of Medicine. She will be joining the Research and Information Services Division in mid-April.
3. On the sad side, Margaret Henderson, who we were hoping to hire as the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR) Librarian, has withdrawn from consideration. Her hiring was contingent on her husband getting a position in Baltimore. It didn't work out so it is back to the drawing board. Maybe the fifth time recruiting will be the charm. This has been a challenge.
4. The UMB Operations Committee has been meeting to identify challenges and questions around reopening UMB. As I have said before, there are more questions than there are answers. Right now I would guess, pending on things continuing to move well with COVID-19, we will be working on reopening and returning in a phased-in process over the summer, and to be ready for the fall.
5. Floors 3 and 4 will continue to be closed throughout the summer due to Grid construction on 3 and the Center for Faculty Teaching and Learning on 4.
6. The Citizen Science MOOC course is zipping along.
7. I worked on a document meant to inform our budget for next year however I have already been informed there will be cuts beyond our usual flat budget. Sigh.

On the news side:

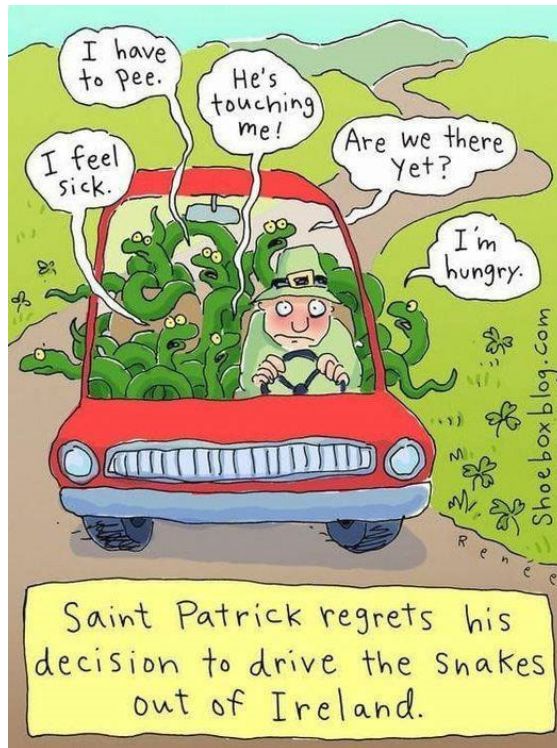
From NLM:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNLMOCP/bulletins/2c7e42a>

From the Grid:

<https://graduate.umaryland.edu/grid/>

Some belated humor for St. Patrick's Day:



And a bad library joke:

A chicken walks into a library and up to the desk.

"Buk", says the chicken. So the librarian gives him a book. The chicken leaves with the book and returns five minutes later. "Buk," he says. So the librarian gives him another book. This goes on about eight more times, until finally the librarian leaves the library and goes outside on break in back where there's a pond. The chicken is standing on the edge of the pond tossing the books to a frog on a lily pad. The chicken says "Buk, Buk" and the frog says "reddit, reddit".

I'll show myself out.

Stay safe and well.

Spring starts tomorrow – enjoy what looks like a great weekend!

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