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October 2017

UMSON Global Health Returns From Brazil With Roadmap to Improve Conditions in Baltimore



Families caring for premature infants or children with pediatric cancer face many challenges. While they strive to help their children achieve optimal health outcomes, families from economically disadvantaged neighborhoods face additional social obstacles. This story is the same whether they reside in Brazil or in Baltimore. **Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD '11, MS '05, BSN '04, CRNP-Neonatal**, and three students in UMSON's Global Health Certificate program spent time in Rio de Janeiro this summer, attempting to better understand these issues. [Read more](#) .

Nursing Simulation Lab in Shady Grove Upgraded

School of Nursing students at the Universities at Shady Grove are enjoying major upgrades to the clinical simulation labs. The new and improved labs are allowing more students to gain critically important experience. [Read more.](#)



School Seeking Adjunct Professors and Preceptors

UMSON is seeking adjunct faculty members and preceptors. The School hires adjunct faculty members to provide clinical instruction to entry-level students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and the Clinical Nurse Leader master's option. UMSON is also seeking skilled, experienced preceptors to work with students as they complete their clinical requirements. [Learn more.](#)



EVENTS

Howard County Alumni Event
Wednesday, Oct. 11
5-7 p.m.
Union Jack's British Pub (Next to The Mall at Columbia)

Join **Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN**, for an alumni networking event. Make great connections and win fun door prizes. Free parking is available. [Email](#) or call 410-706-0674 to RSVP.

Student-Alumni Speed Networking
Tuesday, Oct. 24
5-7 p.m.
Universities at Shady Grove

Are you interested in participating in a student-alumni speed networking event at the Universities at Shady Grove? If you can help us with this career development program for UMSON BSN students, [email](#) Cynthia Sikorski or call 410-706-0674.

Baltimore County Alumni Event
Wednesday, Nov. 1
5-7 p.m.
The Valley Inn, 10501 Falls Road, Lutherville-Timonium, MD 21093

Join **Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN**, and **Carmel McComiskey, DNP '10, MS '96, CRNP, FAANP, FAAN**, University of Maryland School of Nursing Alumni Association president, for an alumni

networking event. Mingle with fellow alumni and enjoy the ambiance of this historic venue. Free parking is available. [Email](#) or call 410-706-0674 to RSVP.

Fourth Annual Interprofessional Forum on Ethics and Religion in Health Care

Tuesday, Nov. 7

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Southern Management Corporation Campus Center, UMB

During this conference, participants will examine what allows one person to succeed in overcoming addiction and another to continuously struggle. [Learn more.](#)

A Special Evening for UMB Alumni

Thursday, Nov. 9

6 p.m.

National Press Club, Washington D.C.

Join **UMB President Jay A. Perman, MD**, and *New York Times* columnist Frank Bruni, as they discuss politics and the media in the age of Trump. The evening begins with an alumni reception with a program to follow. [Register now.](#)

12th Annual Nurse Practitioner & Physician Assistant Clinical Conference

Wednesday, Nov. 29

7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

School of Nursing

UMSON alumni nurse practitioners are invited to attend the annual University of Maryland Medical School's Nurse Practitioner & Physician Assistant Clinical Conference. Raise the level of your practice from good to great after attending this exciting program. For more information [email](#) or call 410-328-6257. [Learn more.](#)

Save the Date: Reunion 2018

Friday, April 27-Saturday, April 28

School of Nursing

Save the dates for UMSON's All-Alumni Reunion with special recognition for milestone classes ending in 3 or 8. Stay tuned for more information. If interested in volunteering on your class's planning committee, [email](#) Cynthia Sikorski or call 410-706-0674.

ALUMNI NEWS & UPDATES

Cook Selected 2017 Johnson & Johnson Global Citizen Young Health Leader

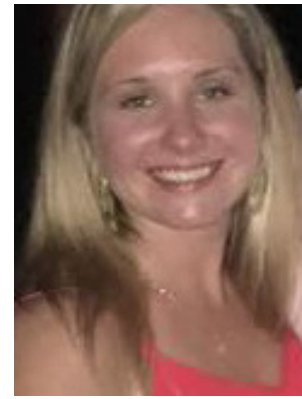
Cara Cook, MS '15, RN, AHN-BC, climate change program coordinator, Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, was chosen as a 2017 Johnson & Johnson Global Citizen Young Health Leader. She is being recognized for her work in increasing awareness and promoting action that addresses climate change as a health imperative among the nursing community.



Alumna O'Meara Promotes Stop the Bleeding National Campaign



Lindsay O'Meara, MS '10, was quoted in the [Carroll County Times](#) about how immediate responders -- often a layperson already on the scene -- can make a huge difference for someone who is bleeding while awaiting paramedics or other first responders to arrive. O'Meara explained that a workshop she offered to Carroll County Public Schools nurses is part of a Stop the Bleeding national effort, launched in support of the Obama administration's push for better preparedness in the face of mass casualty situations.



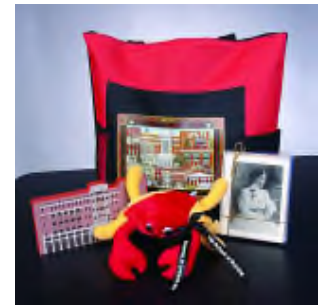
Trent-Adams Honored by American Academy of Nursing

Sylvia Trent-Adams, PhD, MS '99, RN, FAAN, former acting U.S. surgeon general, spoke today at The Leadership Luncheon during the American Academy of Nursing's 2017 Transforming Health, Driving Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. Additionally, Trent-Adams received the Red Cross Florence Nightingale Medal for her exceptional contributions in nursing, public health, and disaster response. [Read more.](#)



UMSON Spirit Merchandise Available Online

[UMSON spirit merchandise is available online.](#) Some items available for purchase include note cards with historical UMSON images, a plush crab in UMSON's school colors, and a spacious tote bag. The UMSON license plate frame will show your pride no matter where you travel in your car! For more information, [email](#) Lorrie Voytek or call 410-706-7640.



Career Resources for Alumni

UMSON students and alumni can access professional career services through the Student Success Center. Services include a job board, resume and cover letter writing workshops, interviewing skills workshops, mock interviews, and [online resources.](#)



Docents Needed for Living History Museum



The UMSON Living History Museum is seeking alumni volunteers to serve as docents. The museum is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the academic semesters. Docents are also needed for occasional special events, such as school tours and open houses for new and prospective students. Scheduling is flexible. If you would like to volunteer, [email](mailto:Cynthia.Sikorski@umson.edu) Cynthia Sikorski or call 410-706-0674. [Learn more about the museum.](#)



KUDOS

Assistant Professors **Charon Burda, DNP '16, MS '03, PMHCNS, PMHNP-BC, CARN-AP**, and **Karen Scheu, DNP '12, FNP-BC**, presented a simulated scenario titled "Incorporating Coordination of Care in a DNP Curriculum for Psychiatric and Family Nurse Practitioner Students" at the 10th Annual National DNP Conference in New Orleans in September. Their work modeled intradisciplinary collaboration in a study that will enhance nursing specialty collegiality in the future.

IN THE NEWS

Health care jobs dominate best jobs list

Shannon Idzik, DNP '10, MS '03, CRNP, FAANP, associate professor and associate dean for the DNP program, discusses the importance of improved quality of care and the increased need for nurses on all levels. [The Daily Record](#). Sept. 20.

Read more about [UMSON in the News](#).

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