

Intersession A: Societal Forces of Health & Disease

The Department of Family Medicine & Community Health played a leading role in this year's *Intersession A: Societal Forces of Health & Disease*, directed by Amber Cahill, PsyD, MPH.

We are grateful to the numerous faculty who generously shared their expertise, experiences, and wisdom with our fourth-year medical students. Their engagement helped bring to life the complex social, structural, and community factors that shape health and healthcare.

Family Medicine & Community Health faculty contributed to the following sessions:

- **What Can Physicians Do? Point-of-Care Strategies for Social Needs, Advocacy, and Disability Support**
Amber Cahill, PsyD, MPH; Linda Long, JD, PhD; Jeanne Cawse-Lucas, MD
- **Specialty-Specific Social Drivers of Health: Screening, Challenges, and Facilitators**
Christina Kim, MD; Nicole Curtis, LICSW; Trish Seymour, MD, MS
- **Impact of Mass Criminalization and the Criminal-Legal System on Health & Society**
Ekaterina Pivovarova, PhD; Laurel Banach, MD; Hugh Silk, MD, MPH
- **When Social Justice and Mandated Reporting Collide: Navigating Ethical Tensions in Clinical Care**
Philip Day, PhD; Amber Cahill, PsyD, MPH
- **Caring for Incarcerated Patients: Primary Care Within the Criminal-Legal System**
Patricia Ruze, MD
- **Preventing Incarceration Through Diversion Programs and Treatment Courts for Substance Use Disorders**
Ekaterina Pivovarova, PhD; Joseph Sawicki, PharmD
- **From Incarceration to Reentry: MOUD, Harm Reduction, and Continuity of Substance Use Care**
Pam Tsinteris, MD, MPH; Sharif Nankoe, MD, MPA, MA, FASAM (UMass Family Medicine alumni)
- **Mobile Health and Outreach for Individuals Impacted by Homelessness and the Criminal-Legal System**
Hugh Silk, MD, MPH
- **Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking in the United States**
Jennifer Bradford, MD, MPH
- **Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking Small Group Workshops: Navigating the Physical Exam & Signs of Violence**
Erik Garcia, MD
- **Sexual Exploitation & Human Trafficking Small Group Workshops: Trauma-Informed Conversations, Social Context & Social History**
Shannon McCleery, PsyD
- **Societal Forces of Health & Disease Journal Club**
Kathleen Barry, MD; Shannon McCleery, PsyD
- **Vertical Integration Activities: Giving Back to the UMass Academic Community**
Trish Seymour, MD, MS

Family medicine has long been at the forefront of caring for individuals and communities affected by social and structural inequities. The breadth of faculty engagement in *Intersession A* reflects our department's commitment to addressing the real-world factors that shape health and healthcare outcomes. Through leadership in education, mentorship, and community-engaged teaching, FMCH is helping prepare the next generation of physicians, regardless of specialty, to recognize, understand, and respond to the societal forces that impact the lives of their patients.