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## Upcoming Events

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- Book Exchange & Social  
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TBA
- WI Signature Event  
May 5
- Fight Invasive Plants  
May 18
- Hike at Lake Kittamaqundi  
June 6, 10 a.m.

## Message from the Director

In his classic book, *The Call of Service*, Robert Coles reminds us that a return to the academic setting is "...being brought back to the place where community service is being done..." (1993, p. 167). The Wisdom Institute invites you back in our own call for volunteers. The Latin root of the word "volunteer" is voluntas—a choice—we hope you will choose to support one of our three main service opportunities through active participation, donations of goods, and/or through financial gifts. As you decide the direction of your moral energy, we hope you will consider Retriever Essentials, ¡Adelante Latina!, and the McNair Scholars Program.

**Retriever Essentials:** Although the United States is one of the wealthiest nations in the world, we have a critical issue of food insecurity and ex-



*Fireworks at midnight at the Inner Harbor bring in the new year of 2018, viewed from the Center Club. Photo by Amy Davis, Baltimore Sun*

treme poverty. Literally, many people do not have enough food to eat, nor sufficient funds to secure basic items used in personal hygiene, grooming, and health maintenance. This is a common issue at colleges and universities across the country, including UMBC.

The primary goal of Retriever Essentials is that all students have enough healthy food and personal care items to sustain them in their studies. Retriever Essentials partners with local organizations to help refer UMBC members to access holistic support on- and off-campus. As an organization, Retriever Essentials exists through the support of UMBC students, faculty, and staff members—including alumni and retirees. Donations of food, toiletries, and feminine hygiene items may be dropped off on campus at several locations including Sherman Hall room 205, Admin, the Commons, the library, and the UMBC campus police station. Financial donations may be made through the University's giving site at <http://support.umbc.edu> by noting "Retriever Essentials" in the Other Designation field.

The Essential Space, the Free Store, is located in the RAC, room 235. Students may pick up food, toiletries, baby items, and even a warm coat from the Coat Closet. Everything is free and accommodations for home delivery are available on a case-by-case basis. To learn more about how to support Retriever Essentials contact:

[retrieveressentials@umbc.edu](mailto:retrieveressentials@umbc.edu).

**¡Adelante Latina!: ¡Adelante Latina!** Is a highly successful college preparatory program for low-income Baltimore City Latinas. One hundred percent of those students who complete the three-year program attend college and receive significant scholarships. Jack Sinnigen reports having worked with a student, Ashley, who came from Guatemala to the United States with her mother when she was five and graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute in 2018. She was accepted at UMBC as a Humanities Scholar and she graduated in May 2022.

Tutoring with ¡Adelante Latina! is extremely rewarding and a good fit for former faculty and staff. It allows tutors to continue to teach and to learn from the students, their families, and other tutors. Importantly, NO SPANISH IS NEEDED if you want to participate and tutor in this program.

The focus of the program is on reading comprehension, vocabulary expansion, and writing in English. Tutors meet with their students on Tuesday or Thursday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at Notre Dame University of Maryland throughout the school year. More information is available at <https://adelantelatinabaltimore.org>.

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The vision of the UMBC McNair Scholars program is “to enhance the knowledge, skills, and awareness of critical scholars as they navigate current structures while challenging oppressive systems within the academy.” To equip scholars with the knowledge necessary to handle the demands of higher education and the world at large, scholars are connected with those who have been on the journey and can provide testimonials. Thus, UMBC McNair graduating seniors are paired with members of the UMBC Wisdom Institute. McNair Scholars seeks more Wisdom Mentors to work with UMBC scholars.

The McNair Scholars mentoring component is structured around a holistic critical mentoring (HCM) framework. HCM is a network of power-dynamic-flipped, student-centered, reciprocal relationships. One of the tenets of HCM is to “invite mentees and mentors to collectively bring their culture and lived experiences to the mentoring relationship.” Wisdom mentoring pairings remind our scholars and Wisdom Mentors that they are not alone in their life’s journey. They learn from each other and gain insights based on one another’s lived experiences; wisdom is imparted from both the mentor and the mentee. The graduating seniors are preparing to enter the world as alums which brings a host of questions, concerns, fears, hopes, and dreams. Director Michael Hunt asks each retiree, “Will you impart your wisdom?” For more information refer to <https://mcnair.umbc.edu>.

No matter how you choose to make the world a better place, we hope you will consider giving back to UMBC through one of the efforts described here. There are other avenues where you can make a difference, and we are open to hearing from you about other opportunities as well. Collectively, we can continue to support our campus community in meaningful ways. We hope you will join us. 🌱

Diane Lee  
WI Director



*Bryce Canyon. Photograph by Bryan MacKay*

## Armchair Travel

Bryan MacKay

Our National Parks have been called “America’s Best Idea,” and I completely agree with that statement. Many of us who have retired enjoy visiting our national parks; if you haven’t yet, you might consider it. As retirees, we have the considerable advantage of being able to visit during “shoulder season,” spring and fall, when visitation is lower and weather is more pleasant than in the summer months. And to visit a national park, you don’t have to set up a tent and sleep with the bugs. Many of our signature national parks, like Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Glacier, have grand lodges located in the heart of the park, often at surprisingly affordable rates.

What’s the best bargain in the United States? The “America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Senior Pass,” commonly referred to as the “Senior Pass.” It costs \$80, is good for your lifetime, covers everyone in the car with you, and allows free admission to more than 2,000 venues around the United States. That includes National Parks, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and more. With one time, 7-day entry fees at popular national parks averaging around \$25, the Senior Pass is an incredible bargain. The Senior Pass (not the Annual

Senior Pass) may be purchased online, by mail, or at the entrance station as you arrive at a park.

National Parks are crowded (which is why I recommend shoulder season and weekday visits). In 2021, the more than 400 units administered by the National Park Service recorded almost 300 million visits. The most visited park? Blue Ridge Parkway in VA and NC! That’s because it’s primarily just a road (actually, I’ve never found the Parkway to be crowded – maybe just a little busy during leaf peeping season). Of the classic destination parks, Zion topped the list with 5 million visits, and Yellowstone and Grand Canyon were not far behind. The least visited? Gates of the Arctic in Alaska, with just 2,872 visitors in pandemic-reduced 2020. In the lower 48, Isle Royale in Michigan sees only an average of about 16,000 annually.

There are at present 63 National Parks (the remainder of the 400+ administered by the National Park Service are National Monuments, Seashores, Historic sites, etc.). The largest is Wrangell – St. Elias in Alaska, which is larger than nine states. The smallest is Gateway Arch in St. Louis, at 193 acres. Perhaps the most surprising is Hot Springs in Arkansas, where you can visit historic spas, and even get a treatment like in the spa’s heyday a century and more ago!

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So, what if you wanted to visit a National Park Service (NPS) administered site and still sleep in your own bed each night? Hampton Mansion in Timonium and Fort McHenry in downtown Baltimore are probably the closest. Many of the monuments in Washington, DC are also NPS destinations. The “cannonball” parks like Gettysburg, Harpers Ferry, and Antietam are all comfortable day trips for history buffs.

I recommend you consider visiting one of America’s national parks – be a part of America’s Best idea! 🍷

Have you visited a great location, toured a fun museum, or taken a lovely hike close to home? We want to hear about it. Consider writing a piece for the next Armchair Travel column. Please submit your entry or let us know if you have any questions at [wisdom.umbc.edu](http://wisdom.umbc.edu).

*Bryan MacKay is senior lecturer emeritus at UMBC where he taught for 33 years. He is also a double graduate (BS, 1973, MS, 1979). He and his wife Debi have visited all the 53 National Parks in the lower 48 states. He is the author of seven books, all published by Johns Hopkins Press, about nature and the outdoors in Maryland, including two about hiking, Hike Maryland and Baltimore Trails.*

## Updates from the Colleges: College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Colleagues,

We are part of such an exciting time at UMBC! I have only been in my official role as Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (CAHSS) since March, yet changes abound, and I’m stoked! Just this semester,



*Kimberly R. Moffitt, Ph.D. Photo by Author*

CAHSS has welcomed a new Associate Dean for Student Success, Dr. Ana Oskoz, who is a professor in the Department of Modern Languages, Linguistics, and Intercultural Communication. We have also enhanced our communications team in the College in hopes of elevating our digital presence and highlighting the great work of CAHSS, and of course, there is so much excellence for us

to talk about. Most recently, we released our inaugural issue of “Paw Prints,” the alumni newsletter for CAHSS graduates, to ensure we are (re)connecting with such an important part of our community. Also, we are in the midst of the University’s College Cup, which is an effort to generate participation of our alumni to give and exhibit their school spirit. (It’s also a chance to see me “hard at work” for CAHSS. I hope you enjoy the video on the website).

Additionally, CAHSS welcomed 10 new faculty members who will surely inspire and enhance our students’ learning experience. This year is also the largest first-time, first-year class of students for the University, as well as an increase in the number of CAHSS majors. It is important to note that

UMBC is one of only two University System of Maryland academic institutions to see an uptick in enrollment, which continues to speak to the great undergraduate teaching experience we offer here. Finally, our research expenditures grew above those of last year’s total. With the University’s recent change of Carnegie classification to Research I status, this will be an important data point for CAHSS, and all our doctoral programs have been instrumental in securing a seat at the table of 146 research institutions in the U.S.

Oh, this update could go on and on as there is much to share; but I do hope this brief summary assures you that you left UMBC in great hands. We are still working hard for our students, for each other, and our community.

In UMBC Spirit,

Kimberly R. Moffitt, Ph.D.  
Dean, CAHSS

## Hrabowski to Receive Public Welfare Medal

By Molly Galvin



The National Academy of Sciences is presenting its 2023 Public Welfare Medal to mathematician, educator, and higher education advocate Freeman A. Hrabowski, III for his outstanding leadership in transforming U.S. science education and increasing cultural diversity within the science workforce. The medal is the Academy’s most prestigious award, established in 1914 and presented annually to honor extraordinary use of science for the public good.

Previous recipients include **Anthony Fauci**, **Alan Alda**, **Neil deGrasse Tyson**, and **Bill and Melinda Gates**.

Read the rest of the article here: [nasonline.org](http://nasonline.org)

## Maverick and Friends



*Maverick is still looking for some friends. Do you know any? Photo courtesy of Diane Lee.*

No, your eyes do not deceive you. Maverick has one brown eye and one blue eye. He is part Husky and part Shepherd, and the different colors of his eyes reflect his genetic inheritance. Look closely. The little scar under one eye reflects a tussle with his “brother” that Maverick lost. Maverick and Gunner, a full bred Siberian Husky, were rescued at the same time. Gunner quickly asserted himself as the alpha dog and Maverick learned to follow Gunner’s lead, although he did test Gunner’s authority now and then. After all, his name is Maverick.

Maverick’s Corner has been renamed to reflect our desire for you to submit a photo of your pet for inclusion in the newsletter and on the Wisdom Institute website. It is now called Maverick and Friends. Please send a photo and the name of your pet through the website, [wisdom.umbc.edu](http://wisdom.umbc.edu). We look forward to meeting your pet, canine and otherwise!



*Kiba, granddog of Robert Deluty, wishes Maverick a happy and healthy 2023!. Photo by Robert Deluty*



*Ginger after spa day. Submitted by Marilyn Demorest*

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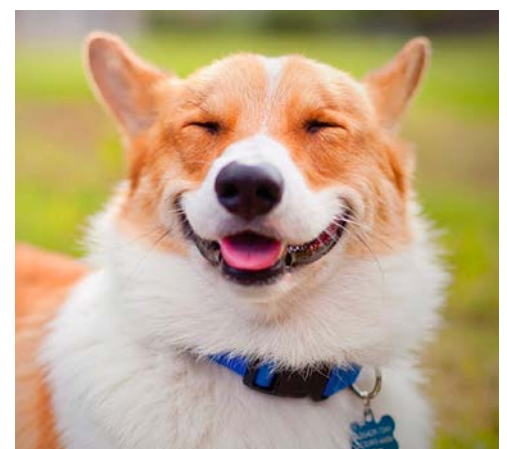
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*I'm ready for my close up Mr. DeVille!*

### Send Us Your Pictures!

Let us see your furry family members! Indeed, birds, fish, turtles, hamsters, rabbits, horses, and even felines are welcome! Share a short story as well. Tell us about your family members.

Visit [wisdom.umbc.edu](http://wisdom.umbc.edu)



## Scholars Corner

### The History of the Center for Art, Design, and Visual Culture

By Symmes Gardner



*"For all the World to See: Visual Culture and the Struggle for Civil Rights" (November 2012 – March 2013). Photo credit Marlayna Demond*

I came to UMBC in the winter of 1989 as the first staff member for a new visual arts gallery dedicated to contemporary art. Situated within UMBC's Visual Arts Department, this gallery space was to be known as the Fine Arts Gallery and would serve the community of the university as well as the general public. My previous work experience consisted of working in the exhibition departments of the National Gallery of Art and the Corcoran Gallery of Art. Both institutions held to highly compartmentalized and hierarchical systems in the research, development, and presentation of exhibitions and public programming.

My time at UMBC was to be entirely different from this model.

First and foremost, the major change for me was that the Fine Arts Gallery was organized fundamentally as an open laboratory for ideas and thematic concerns related to contemporary art and culture and strived to be as inclusive as possible. Perhaps this was a reflection of the gallery being situated on a campus that was primarily known for scientific research. Yet this laboratory model was also actively reflected in UMBC's Humanities and Social Sciences departments. Overall, after the Fine Arts Gallery developed its exhibition and public programming schedules, discussions and conversations with faculty members and staff from a variety of academic disciplines were encouraged and sought.

Out of this model came the idea of pursuing partnerships, educational in nature, both on and

off campus. Of special note was the opportunity I was given in the mid-90s by Dr. Daphne Harrison, then chair of Africana Studies, to assist her with organizing UMBC's Humanities Forum. Though based within the College of Arts and Humanities, Dr. Harrison's vision for Humanities Forum reached far and wide and always included a variety of speakers from the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Engineering. This experience, along with having the opportunity to work with Dr. Angela Moorjani, then chair of Modern Languages and Linguistics, and Dr. Joan Korenman, then chair of English, was pivotal in gaining a deep understanding of how effective partnerships could be developed as well as maintained. The Fine Arts Gallery's exposure to working with these three exemplary educators proved instrumental in shaping the future direction of its public



*Symmes Gardner introducing "For All the World to See." Photo credit Marlayna Demond*

programming and offered a path to its transition into the Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture (CADVC).

Perhaps the most important hire within the Fine Arts Gallery in the early 1990s and throughout its eventual expansion into the Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture was its Chief Curator and Research Professor, Dr. Maurice Berger. Dr. Berger's lifelong dedication to the examination of race and gender in the United States in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries instantly elevated the CADVC's exhibition programming to a national level. Exhibition projects such as *Ciphers of Identity* (1993), *Minimal Politics* (1996), *Adrian Piper: A Retrospective* (1999), *Fred Wilson: Objects and Installations, 1979 - 2000* (2001), *For All the World to See: Visual Culture*



*"Museum of the Old Colony: An Art Installation by Pablo Delano" (January – March 2020). Photo credit Marlayna Demond*

and the Struggle for Civil Rights (2009), and Pablo Delano: *Museum of the Old Colony* (2018) remain the corner-stone in the CADVC's reputation as a leader in the discussion of race and gender.

Dr. Berger's untimely death in 2020 from COVID-19 shortened an illustrious curatorial career. UMBC and especially the CADVC directly benefited from his unwavering commitment to the spirit of open dialogue and educational partnerships that only a university community can provide.

Throughout my time with the Fine Arts Gallery and the Center for Art, Design and Visual Culture, the CADVC continued to serve as a unique laboratory that utilizes the visual arts to educate us about contemporary culture. The issues and thematic concerns CADVC exhibitions present are instructive not only for the university's current student population but also for a much wider audience. They are intended to reignite our curiosity and belief in examination of the complexity of the world we live in now and how it can be transformed by our participation in it. 🐾

Learn more about CADVC programming at [cadvc.umbc.edu](http://cadvc.umbc.edu).



## Campus: Then and Now

Leslie Morgan



UMBC Circa 1981. Photograph by Leslie Morgan

In 1979, I began my first full-time academic job at a, then, little-known institution, UMBC. UMBC was just 12 years old and rapidly growing with increasing freshman classes and constant construction of new buildings. With a lot to learn about my duties, however, I paid very little attention to how the campus looked or felt.

Since my family and friends were spread around the country, I took a photo of the campus in 1981, featuring the Administration Building where I worked. At that time most of the social science departments, including mine, occupied that building. This choice may have been because most social scientists didn't need labs or special equipment to do our research. In fact, those departments took up more floors of the building than did the then modestly sized administration. But all of that, of course, was going to change!

Having recently rediscovered the 1981 photo, I was struck by how barren that part of the UMBC campus looked. Aside from the Administration Building, you can see the RAC and "ACIV" [now Sherman Hall]. The photo was taken on a weekend, and the Administration Parking Lot was nearly empty. The lot also lacked gates, a second level and the "pay to park" kiosks we see today. I was especially struck with how few trees appear in this section of the campus. At that time, relatively few trees resided inside the loop road, except for the woods by the Beuys Sculpture Park and some areas at the opposite end of campus.

With the recently found 1981 photo, I shot a 2022 comparison photo that shows an amazingly



UMBC Circa 2022. Photograph by Leslie Morgan

different campus. The 1981 "bare bones" campus had given way to a more inviting environment. We can't see Sherman Hall as well, because of ample trees in the area. There has been a major change in the number of trees, flowers and amenities like benches all across the campus. UMBC has also become active environmentally, including the use of multiple rain gardens to capture rainwater and minimize runoff. All of these additions make UMBC feel much more welcoming, as well as improving our environmental status.

Rediscovering the old photo of a part of the campus also reminded me that I have long thought of UMBC as "The Little Engine that Could." You may not know or remember that children's storybook. A small locomotive doubted that he could pull his heavy load up a steep hill like the larger locomotives in the yard. He was encouraged to try the task while chanting, "I think I can, I think I can, I think I can..." And, because he believed in himself, he was able to get up the high hill and achieve success.

While many of the physical aspects of UMBC's campus probably go unnoticed or are taken for granted as students, faculty, and staff rush through their busy days, we have witnessed the campus not just growing in buildings, people, and reputation, but also in its beauty. 🌱

*Dr. Leslie Morgan is a Professor Emerita in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Health Administration and Policy. She was Co-Director of the Doctoral Program in Gerontology.*



## Maryland Retirees Prescription Drug Update

By Kathy Miller

<https://wisdom.umbc.edu/prescription-drug-benefits/>

It's not over! We are still in court!

We are in discovery! Please share this information with a retiree or anyone who wants to help. As a result of the injunction granted by the court in *Fitch vs. State of Maryland*, there are no changes to the prescription coverage provided to Medicare-eligible retirees in 2023.

It's time to donate to the lawyer who saved your drug coverage for the last four years and continues to do so. Please pass this information on to a retiree. Put RX Drug Coverage in the memo line:

**Law Office of Deborah Hill, LLC**

**P.O. Box 465**

**Cockeysville MD 21030**

Thanks to everyone who has donated to the attorney so far. It is because of you that we still have the ability to keep the fight alive!

WI will continue to monitor the situation during the next legislative session and will forward information as it becomes available.

To join United We Matter, an organization fighting to defend the benefits of Maryland retirees, go to [www.unitedwematter.com](http://www.unitedwematter.com). Click the "Join Us" button to become a member or phone (443) 608-0866 for more information. Watch for a UWM in-person meeting in January or February. 🐾





## Creative Endeavors

### Wooden You Know It

By Sandy Parker



Sideboard. Photograph by Sandy Parker

I grew up in a household in which the use of tools to solve problems or to create things was non-existent. Later, when I was in the military, I found to my surprise a measure of satisfaction in figuring out how to use tools to create things. After leaving the military, and while in college and later in graduate school, I often used these skills to do apartment improvement projects for free or reduced rent and discovered a love for woodworking. Over the years I have put together the tools and, to some extent, the skills to do interesting work. The sideboard pictured here was based on an early 20th century piece by the brothers Charles and Henry Greene (their work is known as Greene and Greene) who were considered the premier designers of the American Craft and Style movement that built upon the Craft and Style movement that began in early 19th century Europe.

My piece is made from African mahogany with the ebony plugs, end and drawer strips, and mahogany drawer pulls all handcrafted. The only hardware in the piece are six screws that hold the top to the frame. I built it over the space of a few years and finally finished it during COVID.

More recently I have begun to experiment with breadboard designs. There is a certain serendipity to how these are produced so it would be unlikely that I could duplicate any one exactly. For the most part they are made from walnut, cherry, holly, and maple with other species used here and

there. The wavy white lines in the breadboard are 1/32" strips of holly.



Breadboard. Photograph by Sandy Parker

I find considerable pleasure in woodworking as it provides challenges, creativity, and perhaps more often than I care to admit, the opportunity for making mistakes. There is a reason for the oft quoted line: measure twice, cut once. 🙏

*Sandy Parker was a Professor in the Department of Geography and Environmental Systems (1980-2016) and served as Department Chair from 2005-2015.*

**Creative Endeavors:** This new feature in the Wisdom Institute newsletter will showcase projects of a creative nature. These can include visual arts such as paintings, sculptures, and photographs; written works such as poems and short stories; performing arts, such as theatrical and musical performances; decorative arts such as crafts and woodworking; and anything else one might consider creative. We invite members to share their creative endeavors via photograph, text, and/or a link to online access. A statement of up to 250 words may accompany the creative submission. Please submit inquiries or materials to [wisdominstitute@umbc.edu](mailto:wisdominstitute@umbc.edu).



Happy hour at the Erickson School. Photo by Leslie Morgan

## Past Events



Tim Topoleski performing. Photo by Leslie Morgan

During the fall, the WI has continued to offer opportunities for engagement, entertainment, and giving. Most of them were free!

Fall offerings included the following:

- A night out at the **Bowie Baysox Stadium**.
- The return of **Tim Topoleski** (drum roll please!), sharing his musical knowledge and performing with a focus on Canadian Music. Thank you, Tim!
- Also in October, the WI undertook its fourth collection of food, toiletries, and, in this collection, warm outerwear for **Retriever Essentials**. This event was held off campus at the Catonsville Park & Ride.
- The fall schedule was completed with the Wisdom Institute's second annual BYOB Holiday Happy Hour held at the Erickson School.

The WI's Program Committee is working on more opportunities for the coming spring season. Please visit the website, [wisdom.umbc.edu](http://wisdom.umbc.edu) and see what's scheduled under the "Engagement Opportunities" tab. Don't forget to suggest additional activities. We look forward to seeing you! 🙏



# Wisdom Institute Celebrates 5 Years of Community, Learning, Service & Fun!







## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need you!! The Wisdom Institute offers many opportunities for engagement, and we need your talents!



- **Join a committee:** We have openings on the Programming Committee, Service Committee, and Newsletter Committee.
- **Submit an article for the newsletter:**
  - Have a fun UMBC Story?
  - Have you been to an interesting place, or museum for Armchair Travel?
  - Have you read a good book or watched a great movie for Book Talks?
  - Have you participated in an interesting service project?
  - Have you worked on a creative project (sewing, painting, woodworking, poetry, or musical performance for the Creative Corner?
  - Have you been doing some interesting research that you would like to highlight in Scholar's Corner?
- **Lead an activity or suggest an event.**
- **Mentor a student.**
- **Donate to Retriever Essentials.**

Interested? We would love to have you join us! Contact us at [wisdom.umbc.edu](mailto:wisdom.umbc.edu).

## Wisdom Institute Congratulates Two of Our Members for Outstanding Recognition!



Please join us in congratulating:

Former Shriver Center director **Michele Wolff** who was selected for the Institutional Leadership Award by Transform Mid-Atlantic. Transform Mid-Atlantic is a membership association for institutions of higher education encouraging participation

in academic and co-curricular based public service and civic engagement programs.

<https://transformmidatlantic.org/tma-announces-2022-award-winners/>

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) launched the Freeman Hrabowski Scholars Program to help build a scientific workforce that more fully reflects our increasingly diverse country. The \$1.5 billion program honors UMBC President **Freeman A. Hrabowski, III** for his decades of leadership in growing and diversifying the pipeline of doctoral level researchers, most prominently through UMBC's Meyerhoff Scholars Program.



UMBC is an active member of the Association of Retirement Organizations in Higher Education (AROHE). This gives you access to their website, webinars, travel, newsletter, educational briefs, and more. Visit <https://www.arohe.org> and see all that AROHE offers you!



## Upcoming Wisdom Institute Events Spring 2023

For More Details or to Register, visit [wisdom.umbc.edu](http://wisdom.umbc.edu).

Under “Engagement Opportunities” you’ll find links to sign-up for these Upcoming Events



### February

#### **WI Lunch Bunch**

**February 22, 11:30 a.m.**

**Matthews 1600**

Bring your appetite [and your wallet!] and enjoy lunch and visiting with other retirees. Please register so that we can plan for space at the restaurant. It is located at 1600 Frederick Rd., Catonsville. View the menu: <https://matthews1600.net/menu/>

### March

#### **Book Exchange & Social**

**March 5, 2 p.m.**

**1002 Magruder Ave., Catonsville**

Bring a wrapped book you’ve read, enjoyed and are willing to share with another reader. We’ll enjoy hospitality at a member’s home, chat, enjoy refreshments and then we’ll follow a fun approach to pick [or steal!] a new book to take home and enjoy.

#### **UMBC Music Performance**

**Date and location to be announced**

Watch for an announcement of a UMBC musical event in April or May. Details will be shared on the WI website when the schedule is set.

### May

#### **Wisdon Institute Signature Event**

**May 5, 11 a.m.**

The day will begin with an informal reception followed by a luncheon. We are excited to host our luncheon speaker, **Dr. Valerie Sheares Ashby**, President of UMBC. Plans are underway for this exciting event. Stay tuned for additional information and sign-up information.

#### **Fight Invasive Plants**

**May 18, [May 19 rain date]**

Invasive plants encroach on our forests, yards and on the campus. Join a group to learn to identify some of the more serious invaders and how to fight them. Illustrated handouts will be available to take home. The meet-up location will be shared closer to the date.

### June

#### **Hike at Lake Kittamaqundi**

**June 6, 10 a.m. [June 7 rain date]**

Join a group to enjoy a morning hike around the man-made lake in the heart of Columbia, MD. The lake is located at 10221 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD 21044 [across from Columbia Mall]. Interested walkers can enjoy lunch together at a nearby eatery. We will send more details to those signed up closer to the event.





University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
1000 Hilltop Circle  
Sherman Hall 117  
Baltimore, MD 21250

# SAVE THE DATE!

Wisdom Institute's  
6th Annual Signature Event  
May 5, 2023

UMBC Campus,

Chesapeake Employers Insurance Arena

The day will begin with an informal reception followed by a luncheon. We are excited to host our luncheon speaker, **Dr. Valerie Sheares Ashby**, President of UMBC. Plans are underway for this exciting event. Stay tuned for additional information and sign-up information.

So, set aside the day and join former colleagues and reconnect with UMBC.

If you are not receiving Wisdom Institute emails, please sign up. Keep up-to-date on happenings and events! <https://wisdom.umbc.edu/contact-us/mailling-list-information-update-form/>