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**RICHARD DALBY, PhD**

*Associate Dean, Academic Affairs  
Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
School of Pharmacy*

Dalby received his BPharm from the University of Nottingham and his PhD from the University of Kentucky. In addition to his roles at the School of Pharmacy, he is a fellow of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists and a member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. His research interests include the formulation and evaluation of pressurized metered dose inhaler, dry powder, nebulizer, and nasal spray products; the development and evaluation of existing and proposed test methods for inhalation products; laboratory testing and patient evaluation of novel pulmonary and nasal delivery devices; and the design of patient education aids.

**ERIN GOLEMBEWSKI, PhD**

*Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School*

Golembewski received her BS in chemistry from Ursinus College and her PhD in pharmacology and experimental therapeutics from UMB. As senior associate dean of the Graduate School, she oversees MS and PhD students. She is also the principal investigator for the collaborative AGEP-T: PROMISE AGEP Maryland Transformation. She serves on a number of committees and organizations including the Northeastern Association of Graduate Schools.

**BARBARA GONTRUM, JD, MS**

*Associate Dean, Academic and Administrative Affairs  
Carey School of Law*

Gontrum, who joined the faculty in 1979 as library director, is responsible for the law school's curriculum, including faculty teaching assignments, course scheduling, hiring and evaluating adjunct faculty, working with

faculty to resolve student academic issues, and oversight of academic programs. This includes responsibility for development and implementation of the new Master of Science in Law (MSL) program, part of *MPowering the State*. Gontrum also has responsibility for administrative affairs including the budget and financial operations, submission of grant proposals, human resources, facilities, and web services. She represents the Carey School of Law on various UMB committees relating to academic and administrative affairs.

**SHANNON IDZIK, DNP, CRNP, FAANP**

*Associate Dean, DNP Program  
Associate Professor, Department of  
Organizational Systems and Adult Health  
School of Nursing*

After earning her bachelor's in nursing from York (Pa.) College in 1996, Idzik gained her master's (2003), post-master's certificate (2009), and Doctor of Nursing Practice (2010) at UMB and now is associate dean for the DNP program. "The DNP has sparked a renewed interest in doctoral education among nurses, which is critical to both our profession and the entire health care system," says Idzik.

She has been on the SON faculty since 2005 and has served as the program director for the Adult Gerontology NP program and then as director of the DNP program before rising to associate dean. She maintains a faculty practice as a nurse practitioner in the University of Maryland Medical Center Emergency Department and Preoperative Evaluation Center. She is active in the professional community, serving as a Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education site evaluator, an appointed member of Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission Physician Alignment and Engagement work group, and is leading recommendation No. 1 to remove scope of practice barriers for advanced practice nurses on the Maryland Action Coalition on the Future of Nursing.

**MEG JOHANTGEN, PhD, RN**

*Associate Dean, PhD Program  
Associate Professor, Department of  
Organizational Systems and Adult Health  
School of Nursing*

Johantgen has served as an evaluator at the UMB Center for the Genomics of Pain funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research and as a co-investigator on a study of nursing care for heart failure patients in 40 magnet hospitals funded through the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Recently she was among the co-authors of “Nurse Reported Patient Safety in Low-Resource Settings: A Cross-Sectional Study of MNCH Nurses in Nigeria,” which was published in *Applied Nursing Research*.

**JAMES KAPER, PhD**

*Professor and Chair, Department of  
Microbiology and Immunology  
Senior Associate Dean, Academic Affairs  
School of Medicine*

Kaper, a microbiologist, pioneered the development of vaccines against bacterial infections affecting some of the world’s most disadvantaged populations. He developed the first genetically modified cholera vaccine, made by removing the gene for cholera toxin from the bacteria *Vibrio cholerae*.

His research focuses on investigating the mechanisms by which bacteria such as *Vibrio cholerae* and *Escherichia coli* cause serious, even life-threatening, diarrhea. Explaining the importance of such work, he says, “Cholera, *E. coli*, and other bacteria are responsible for the deaths of millions of children in countries with poor sanitation and inadequate water supply.”

He has also been a mentor, training more than 60 PhD students and postdoctoral fellows. In the spring of 2014, Kaper assumed the role of

senior associate dean for academic affairs, in which he oversees medical and graduate student education, faculty promotion, and a wide range of academic and student activities.

**GAIL LEMAIRE, PhD, PMHCNS, CNL**

*Associate Dean, MS Program  
Associate Professor, Department of Family  
and Community Health  
School of Nursing*

Lemaire, a psychiatric mental health clinical nurse specialist and psychotherapist, has been a faculty member at SON since 2000. After serving as director of the Clinical Nurse Leader master’s option, she was named associate dean for the Master of Science program in January 2015. In this role, Lemaire is responsible for the development and implementation of the program’s policies and procedures. She also provides leadership in administration and program coordination, curriculum planning, student recruitment, advisement, and retention.

During her tenure at SON, Lemaire’s clinical specialty has been psychiatric mental health nursing. She has taught psychiatric nursing at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Lemaire’s research interests have focused on community-based psychiatric outcomes and women’s mental health.

**FLAVIUS R.W. LILLY, PhD, MA, MPH**

*Assistant Vice President, Academic  
and Student Affairs  
Senior Associate Dean, Graduate School*

Lilly worked in the health care industry for more than a decade in senior leadership roles. His focus was in community health improvement, quality care, and organizational development. In his current roles at UMB, he leads strategic initiatives in new professional master’s degree development and online learning. He also is responsible for providing

executive leadership to a broad range of student affairs services. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Wright State University, a Master of Public Health degree from Drexel University, a Master of Arts degree in applied sociology, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. His primary research interests are in the realm of health care improvement for individuals with severe mental illnesses.

**PATRICIA MEEHAN, DDS**

*Associate Dean, Academic Affairs  
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department  
of Periodontics  
School of Dentistry*

Meehan received her DDS degree from the school in 1993, as well as her certificate in periodontics in 1995. She practiced in Washington, D.C., until assuming a full-time position with the Department of Periodontics in 1997.

From 1997 to 2004, she taught full time in the Department of Periodontics, serving as co-course director for the year II periodontics course, General Practice Periodontics Supervisor, attending dentist at University Hospital's General Practice Residency, and co-directed the dental school's ethics courses and was a faculty provider for the University of Maryland Faculty Practice. In 2004 she assumed the role of director of admissions and subsequently served as assistant dean for admissions and recruitment. In addition to now serving as associate dean for academic affairs, Meehan teaches part time with the Department of Periodontics and is the SOD representative for the President's Diversity Advisory Council.

**MEGAN MEYER, PhD, MSW**

*Associate Dean, Academic Affairs  
and MSW Program  
Associate Professor  
School of Social Work*

Meyer has taught community organization and macro social work practice at the School of Social Work for 15 years. Her research and publications have been interdisciplinary, spanning the fields of social work, sociology, and political science. She has sought to examine the practices and challenges of building social capital and organizing for social change in economically distressed urban environments, with a special interest in the barriers to and practices to facilitate collaboration among community-based organizations and associations. She received PhD and MSW degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles.

**NINA TROCKY, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CCRA**

*Interim Associate Dean, Baccalaureate Program  
Assistant Professor, Organizational Systems  
and Adult Health  
School of Nursing*

Trocky, who has been a SON faculty member since 2006, served as the director of the RN-to-BSN program before being named interim associate dean for the baccalaureate program in October 2015. In her new role, Trocky stays abreast of and advises on a wide array of academic issues and policies impacting the baccalaureate program. She received her BSN at Temple University School of Allied Health, her MSN in community health at Catholic University, her DNP at Waynesburg University, and her post-master's teaching certificate from the SON.